

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of January, 2004 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: Good afternoon. Welcome to the Council meeting. Eric, could you open the meeting please?

(Meeting opened by Vanderburgh County Chief Deputy Sheriff Eric Williams)

Bill Fluty: Thank you. Madam Secretary, could I have a roll call?

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

Bill Fluty: Thank you. Could you please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Bill Fluty: The Chair would now entertain motions for the president of the Vanderburgh County Council.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, at this time I would nominate Ed Bassemier.

Councilmember Wortman: I would like to send that motion.

Bill Fluty: Madam Secretary, could I have a roll call vote please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

Bill Fluty: Thank you. Congratulations, Ed.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to thank everyone for your vote of confidence. Appreciate it. I'll get organized here.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

President Bassemier: The Chair would now entertain a motion for vice president.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move for Councilman Winnecke.

President Bassemier: I have a motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Wortman: I'll second it.

President Bassemier: Okay. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL ATTORNEY

President Bassemier: Thank you. Okay, at this time we need to make our legal appointment and I'd like to recommend to reappoint Jeff Ahlers as our Council attorney and would entertain a motion to that effect please.

Councilmember Raben: I'd like to make a motion to continue with Jeff Ahlers as our legal representation.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben? Yes.

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND FINANCE CHAIRPERSONS

President Bassemier: And, as president, I'd like to appoint Councilman Curt Wortman as our personnel chairman and Councilman Jim Raben as our finance chairman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
NOVEMBER 26, 2003 SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2003 REGULAR MEETING**

President Bassemier: Now I need a motion for the approval of the minutes of the November 26th, 2003 special meeting and also December the 3rd, 2003 regular meeting. Need a motion and a second.

Councilmember Wortman: I make that motion for approval.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Bassemier: And Mr. Raben seconded. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes. It passes 7-0.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Okay, now we'll get into our appropriation ordinance and I will now turn it over to our finance chairman, Mr. Raben.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first on the agenda is Reassessment for County Auditor account 2490-1020-1990 and account 2490-1020-1900 FICA for a total of \$10,066. I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Bassemier: Got 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1020-1990	Extra Help	9,350.00	9,350.00
2490-1020-1900	FICA	716.00	716.00
Total		10,066.00	10,066.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR
REASSESSMENT/ARMSTRONG
REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT
REASSESSMENT/PIGEON

REASSESSMENT/PTABOA
REASSESSMENT/CENTER
REASSESSMENT/PERRY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, as we go through these, if no one objects I'm going

to go ahead and take the balance of these at once, as one. We did have an opportunity, these are the same budgets that we approved in August during our budget hearings, so we have actually taken an official vote on these once. So with that being said, if no one objects I'm going to move on to County Assessor/Reassessment in the amount of \$127,705; PTABOA in the amount of \$35,073; Armstrong/Reassessment \$1,938; Center/Reassessment \$26,710; Knight/Reassessment \$44,604; Perry/Reassessment \$12,612; Pigeon/Reassessment \$38,140, and I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll second it.

President Bassemier: Got 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: This would just more or less be a wash, Mr. Chairman, I think is what it amounts to.

President Bassemier: That's right.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you. I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1090-1990	Extra Help	11,400.00	11,400.00
2490-1090-1900	FICA	873.00	873.00
2490-1090-3530	Contractual Services	115,432.00	115,432.00
Total		127,705.00	127,705.00

REASSESSMENT/PTABOA		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1091-1180	PTABOA Member	14,400.00	14,400.00
2490-1091-1900	FICA	1,523.00	1,523.00
2490-1091-1990	Extra Help	5,500.00	5,500.00
2490-1091-3310	Training	2,850.00	2,850.00
2490-1091-3530	Contractual Services	10,800.00	10,800.00
Total		35,073.00	35,073.00

REASSESSMENT/ARMSTRONG		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1100-1990	Extra Help	1,800.00	1,800.00
2490-1100-1900	FICA	138.00	138.00
Total		1,938.00	1,938.00

REASSESSMENT/CENTER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1110-1990	Extra Help	17,380.00	17,380.00
2490-1110-1900	FICA	1,330.00	1,330.00
2490-1110-3310	Training	7,000.00	7,000.00
2490-1110-3380	Photo/Blue Prints	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		26,710.00	26,710.00

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1130-1990	Extra Help	27,500.00	27,500.00
2490-1130-1900	FICA	2,104.00	2,104.00
2490-1130-3310	Training	3,500.00	3,500.00
2490-1130-3530	Contractual Services	9,500.00	9,500.00
2490-1130-3540	Maintenance Contract	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		44,604.00	44,604.00

REASSESSMENT/PERRY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1140-1990	Extra Help	11,000.00	11,000.00
2490-1140-1900	FICA	842.00	842.00
2490-1140-3310	Training	770.00	770.00
Total		12,612.00	12,612.00

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1150-1990	Extra Help	34,500.00	34,500.00
2490-1150-1900	FICA	2,640.00	2,640.00

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2490-1150-3310	Training	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		38,140.00	38,140.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PERRY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Perry/Reassessment, this is a new one, account 2492-1140-3600 Rent in the amount of \$324. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: We've got 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/PERRY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1140-3600	Rent	324.00	324.00
Total		324.00	324.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Substance Abuse Council, account 3280-2990 in the amount of \$10,000, 3280-3951 Treatment in the amount of \$10,000, 3280-3952 Prevention in the amount of \$10,000, 3280-3953 Law Enforcement for \$10,000, for a total appropriation request of \$40,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3280-2990	Discretionary	10,000.00	10,000.00
3280-3951	Treatment	10,000.00	10,000.00
3280-3952	Prevention	10,000.00	10,000.00
3280-3953	Law Enforcement	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total		40,000.00	40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CIRCUIT COURT

CIRCUIT CT. SUPP. ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now for transfers, Circuit Court account 1360-1250-1360 in the amount of \$1,200, account 1360-1980 in the amount of \$2,242 to be transferred to account 1360-1220-1360 Probation Officer, for a total of \$3,442. Supplemental Adult Probation account 2600-1320-2600 Secretary in the amount of \$2,757, account 2600-1980 Other Pay in the amount of \$4,027 to account 2600-1350-2600 Probation Counselor in the amount of \$5,118, and account 2600-1610 Assistant Chief Stipend in the amount of \$1,666. I'd like to make that in the form of

a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-1250-1360	Receptionist/Prob. Sec	1,200.00	1,200.00
1360-1980	Other Pay	2,242.00	2,242.00
To: 1360-1220-1360	Probation Officer	3,442.00	3,442.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: I'd like to clear something up. Jim, I think that's supposed to be read into as Probation...what, Sandie? Typist instead of Probation Counselor, on that 2600-1350-2600.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll amend my motion for 2600-1350-2600 to read Typist Counselor or Probation Typist, if my seconder will amend...

Councilmember Wortman: And I'll amend mine.

Councilmember Raben: Well then we need to move to reopen, and I'll move that we

reopen the late transfer for Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation.

President Bassemier: And Mr. Hoy seconds it. Everybody in favor say aye to reopen.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: It's opened. Okay, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'd like to move that account 2600-1350-2600 transfer for the amount of \$5,118 should read Probation Typist.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: I got a second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT/SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2600-1320-2600	Secretary	2,757.00	2,757.00
2600-1980	Other Pay	4,027.00	4,027.00
To: 2600-1350-2600	Probation Counselor	5,118.00	5,118.00
2600-1610	Asst. Chief Stipend	1,666.00	1,666.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LATE TRANSFER

ELECTION OFFICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under the Election Office, at this time I'm going to call Marsha Abell to the podium. I had some changes coming in, but I understand that there are now maybe some other changes.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, we did get – we just encumbered everything we could because we didn't know what it was going to cost us to redo the Election Office for the new equipment. We have an estimate, that 4210 for Office Furniture is for installation of all new shelves and that will hold. It came in at \$4,280. The Repair to Buildings & Grounds at \$19,600, they're having to rewire. All of the machines have to be plugged in but David Rector called this morning and said the wiring will be \$7,500. Now we still have phone lines that have to come out of that. They have to put two phone lines in for the election equipment company to be able to dial in and repair any issues that occur on the machines, but I don't think that's going to cost anywhere near as much as the electrical so I would think you could reduce that \$19,600. I'd say you could reduce it down to \$14,000 pretty easy. And you had intended to reduce the rent somewhat.

Councilmember Raben: Rent in the amount of, set it in at \$3,200, which would be a \$5,450 reduction.

Marsha Abell: Okay. You know if we can use government owned buildings, we don't have to pay for those. I don't know which ones we're going to be able to use because we've got to go through the ADA thing this year but that's okay because if it changes, I can come back and let you know later. And the only other thing that we've got, we do have to have \$800 to pay Kinder Moving & Storage because they had to move the election equipment into the Election Office. It was unloaded at The Centre because they can't get semi's into this building and had to be brought over from the Centre to the Election Office.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and what line had you intended to pay that \$800 from? I can put it back into...

Marsha Abell: Yeah, it was supposed to – we could have left it under Contractual Services. We probably need to put it back under that.

Councilmember Raben: We're going to be reducing Contractual Services by a substantial amount so you'll simply pay out of that balance.

Marsha Abell: Just as long as I've got enough –

Councilmember Raben: That really doesn't concern us today.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'm going to move that account 1210-3530 Contractual Services be set in at \$43,950, transferred to account 1210-3600 Rent in the amount of \$3,200, 1210-3630 Equipment Lease & Rental \$1,500, 1210-3550 Repair to Building & Grounds \$14,000, and 1210-4210 Office Furniture in the amount as listed \$25,250, for a total transfer request in the amount of \$43,950.

Councilmember Sutton: The amount on the Contractual was how much again?

Councilmember Raben: \$43,950.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: What was the total?

Councilmember Raben: \$43,950.

President Bassemier: For all of them, does that all add up? Jim, would you re-add all that to make sure that adds up? I'm getting a different figure.

Councilmember Raben: I can do that. Does anyone have a calculator? Okay, I've got my naught plus naught right. It's \$43,950.

President Bassemier: Okay. I have a motion – I need a second.

Councilmember Hoy: I seconded.

President Bassemier: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Marsha, I'm going to have a question for you after we do the roll call. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1210-3530	Contractual Services	55,000.00	43,950.00

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To: 1210-3600	Rent	8,650.00	3,200.00
1210-3630	Equip Lease & Rental	1,500.00	1,500.00
1210-3550	Repair to Bldg & Grounds	19,600.00	14,000.00
1210-4210	Office Furniture	25,250.00	25,250.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Jim, Amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Sutton: Just a second, Mr. President, I had a question for Marsha before we move on to the next area while we're kind of talking on this subject. Marsha, this equipment that we are getting, as far as storage and space for the equipment, what do you have in mind for where it will be and do we have enough? Do we have adequate space to accommodate this equipment here or that's going to be coming in?

Marsha Abell: We will have now. The new shelving, we've got shelving in the Election Office where we have all the election equipment now. Unfortunately, it was not the right size and we couldn't use it for this old stuff. So this new stuff that's being built in, the \$4,200 for the new equipment, it's tight but it all got in there. We had a design company come in that's selling us the equipment and had them draw up the design to make sure that it all fit in there.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so where is this going to be located?

Marsha Abell: In the Election Office, the front part is where the office work is done. Right behind that is a big storage area where we've always kept the election equipment and it's going to be in the same place.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, now in terms of the – I guess in terms of the agreements and everything that we have on this equipment, refresh me just a little bit in terms of if we have problems with it or something and the type of warranties or guarantees that we've got on this equipment because, you know, obviously, over the years a number of people will be handling the equipment and all.

Marsha Abell: Well, the contract included them coming in and doing it. That was part of the contract and that was written in for each of the years for the five years as we pay it out. Then at the end of that you'll have to renegotiate the contract.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Thank you.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

President Bassemier: Okay, Mr. Raben, the amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, ladies and gentlemen, everyone's been given a two-page copy of amendments to be made to the Salary Ordinance in regards to the appropriations and transfers today. I'm just going to simply move that these be entered in and made part of our minutes and save everybody hearing me have to read them out. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes. It passes 7-0.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">GRAHAM PACKAGING 2003 COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE</p>

President Bassemier: Getting into old business, I need a motion to approve the Graham Packaging 2003 county tax abatement, that they're in compliance. Can I have a motion and a second to that please?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would hope someone from Graham is here. We asked that someone from Graham be here to talk to us about why they are not in compliance.

President Bassemier: Okay, do you want to get it on the floor first and then –

Councilmember Raben: It's not for a vote.

President Bassemier: Okay, hold on a second. Counselor, I thought it was.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I was just going to state just to remind everyone since its been a year or two since we've had compliance hearings, the standard that's involved statutorily that you're considering at this hearing and what you're to determine today

in this hearing on both the Graham Packaging and the Temme Mold, is to determine whether the property owner has made reasonable efforts to substantially comply with the statement of benefits and whether any failure to substantially comply was caused by factors beyond their control as a property owner. So if you find that either of these two entities is not in compliance, there will need to be a motion as to specifically stating why you find that they are not in compliance with the statement of benefits and that it was beyond their control as a – or was not beyond their control as a property owner, and then you would have to move to then terminate the abatement or to make a motion that you either find them substantially in compliance or that, you know, it was factors beyond their control and continue the abatement.

Councilmember Winnecke: And could we not also hear the explanations from both firms today and take it under advisement, and consider action at next month's meeting?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I mean, I guess if you want to do that you could.

President Bassemier: First you'd just like to hear it, is that your recommendation? Go ahead, sir, please state your name.

Jeff Lombard: My name is Jeff Lombard, I'm the plant manager out there at the Vanderburgh Industrial Park facility. I did want to just take a second and recognize Mike McGarrah, who is representing Mead Johnson today, in the back row today. The main reason the head count issue is 61 employees, the reason we're short of that, we're actually at 45 right now, is because of delays by our number one customer, Mead Johnson. And we just did not have the sales to support bringing in more individuals into the plant. We have brought in supplemental business to compensate as best we could. We actually installed another production line, a million and a half dollar production line into the plant to help out and to get as many individuals into the plant as we could. But since the first posting of 34 individuals, we are now at 45. So by the end of this year we hope to be at 50 to 55.

President Bassemier: Questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Lombard, at what point would you project being at the 61 figure that was initially projected?

Jeff Lombard: There is a possibility, however small, that it could happen at the end of this year, third or fourth quarter, but realistically, it's going to be next year, early in the first quarter of next year.

Councilmember Winnecke: Could you be a little more specific in terms of the dynamics between your major customer, what's going on with them and what's precluded you from getting to this number?

Jeff Lombard: Okay, I've got six production lines in the facility, five of which are dedicated to Mead Johnson. Right now I am running two and a half plus we've brought some other business in for Unilever out of Owensboro, a different process, but a substantial amount of our sales is all Mead Johnson. And the delays were, I don't know that I want to get into the details of why that – I'd rather not speak for Mead Johnson, I guess is what I am saying.

Councilmember Winnecke: Could, is it McGary?

Mike McGarrah: McGarrah.

President Bassemier: Could you come forward please? Would you also state your name and who you are with?

Mike McGarrah: Yes. Mike McGarrah, Senior Supply Manager for Mead Johnson.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm wondering if you could, a couple of things, first explain to the Council what you contract Graham to do and what dynamics have been involved for them to not be at the level they projected they would be when they sought the tax abatement.

Mike McGarrah: Okay, we have a project that goes back a couple of years. When we conceived the project, the anticipated completion date was the first quarter of '03. Graham Packaging was selected as a supplier to Mead Johnson for one of the primary components. It's a new package, a new system. It hasn't been launched and it hasn't been announced to the market so I'm limited as to what I can and would be able to say. But because it's new to us, it's new to Graham, it's new to a couple of the other suppliers putting it together, we ran into some significant technical issues late last year. We worked through those and thought we had it in April of this year, thereabouts mid-year, started back up for qualification activities, encountered additional problems of a technical nature not related to the first problem. We've worked through those now and we are producing commercial product on a steady basis. So we are fully qualified and we are producing. We're not at 100% of our output yet but we're fast approaching that.

Councilmember Winnecke: So, I guess I want to make sure I understand all the delays and technical challenges you've had, so right now you're producing the product that you initially contracted Graham to produce for you although it's not been announced or not been rolled out?

Mike McGarrah: It's a new package form, is what it is. And we have been qualifying the package and the packaging system for this past year. Its taken that long. And it is roughly nine to twelve months behind schedule as a result of that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Could you explain what qualifying means?

Mike McGarrah: Qualifying means basically running the product under production/commercial conditions and going through the various evaluations and so forth necessary to make sure we've got a package that has full integrity. It's a sterile package or it's a commercially sterile package and so it's been a number of small runs which then become production runs. There are incubations once we've sterilized the product we incubate it to evaluate it. Just a number of things and it's all done through our R & D groups and so forth. It's a protocol that's developed quite extensively and so forth. And when I say qualify, it's not only qualifying the package and the system, it's also qualifying the packaging lines, because it's a totally new facility for us.

Councilmember Winnecke: And so, again, to sort of – where are you in its life and to get fully ramped up?

Mike McGarrah: The product and the package and the equipment are now qualified and where we are now, we're ramping up, we've starting making commercial product and this may not be the exact date, but thereabouts, started making commercial product in September. We currently are making product that's being stockpiled for the launch announcement. So we currently are making and have been for several months, have been making the finished product that will be going out in the field.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll ask one more question and then I'll be quiet for other folks. Mr. Lombard, again, you project by the end of '04 you'll employ between 50 and 55?

Jeff Lombard: That's correct.

Councilmember Winnecke: And you're at 45 now?

Jeff Lombard: That's correct.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thanks, Mr. President.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to ask you, Mr. Lombard, regarding your production if you were at capacity, you mentioned that you had taken on an additional vendor, at maximum capacity, how much of a percentage of your business line is driven say by Mead Johnson?

Jeff Lombard: Eighty percent.

Councilmember Sutton: How is that in line with say, maybe your other locations? Is that pretty much a similar mix or ratio between the number of vendors? Is it generally, if you can give me some idea there?

Jeff Lombard: I guess I don't...

Councilmember Sutton: For the locations that you may have –

Jeff Lombard: This particular plant is dedicated really to Mead Johnson where other plants have, you know, other suppliers and what have you. But this plant was built specifically for this project.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I'll just say it. Is there any thought about diversifying your product line?

Jeff Lombard: Yes, there is and we have. We've actually put some Welch's business on one of the Mead Johnson lines. Believe me, we want to keep these lines and utilize them better than they are right now. We are doing everything we can to bring other business into the Evansville facility. We have to (inaudible). But we have to be careful that Mead Johnson, as they come on line, that we have the available production time.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, as well, you indicated that you anticipate that production should increase if this product line begins at the schedule that you anticipate for this year. Is it possible, Mr. President, that we could get maybe an update on when that actually does occur and when you do see maybe what we had anticipated as far as the number of employees, when that does get to that – you said 50 to 55, you're thinking at least by year end? Can you keep us abreast of that?

Jeff Lombard: Sure.

Councilmember Sutton: Say at least midyear point, about where you stand rather than maybe waiting all the way until about this time next year before we'd get any more information about how you're performing?

Jeff Lombard: Certainly.

President Bassemier: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Two questions, you projected 61 employees, you're looking at 55, do you hope to achieve the 61 eventually?

Jeff Lombard: Yes. Achieve or even exceed. We've got some other opportunities that we're looking at even this year with General Mills and two other customers that would put us above that 61 number.

Councilmember Hoy: My second question is for you, sir, you were saying that by the end of the year you're going to be up to about 55 and things are going well, do you concur on that because you're going to be the –

Mike McGarrah: Yeah, I think all indications are we feel that that's a valid statement.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Bassemier: Anybody else?

Councilmember Raben: I would just like to make one comment and its, maybe so you're clear why you're here today and the questions, you know, the key element to granting tax abatement is for the sake of new jobs, new manufacturing jobs. So, you know, when we see on paper that we're only at 56% of what you stated you would be at this time, we get a little nervous about that because there's some of us that, you know, go out on a limb to grant these abatements under the assumption that you'll be everything you say you are. So I think, again, we're going to revisit this, I guess, next month and make a determination at that point whether to continue on but I would say that we do have an opportunity again a year from now to go through compliance reviews and we're going to need to be where we say we're going to be next year, for sure. Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: I have one last question, Mr. Lombard, do you have a calculation of what the economic impact would be if the county discontinued the abatement?

Jeff Lombard: No, don't. I mean, we put the full extent – is that what you're asking? Yes, it's about three quarters of a million.

(Inaudible)

Jeff Lombard: Yes.

President Bassemier: Mr. Raben? Finance Chairman, what do you recommend here? Do you want to defer this until next month and come back?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah. That's what I think everyone's intent was is to revisit this next month. We're already voted that the other, outside of one more, was in compliance. So we'll take this issue up next month.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: I've got a comment real quick. You know, I'm in proximity of my business that I can keep, I mean, to try and find out whatever bits of infor-

mation I can and the only thing I'll say about this project, because I think those of us who were privy to this information knew that this was a Bristol-Myers/Mead Johnson project and that they were bringing this company in to create a product that was going to be a special product. And I think there have been some glitches and some different things. And in talking to some individuals, and they're not giving me any more information than they are allowed to give, but I think it's obvious to see that Graham Packaging was brought in for really one major purpose and that was to service Bristol-Myers, an account that they thought would fill up that whole facility. And it looks like it's going to be that way, but because of the techniques that they're doing, they have to get these kinks out. So, I mean, I think it's a good idea to revisit this, but I think that obviously Bristol has a vested interest to make sure that this thing goes properly. And once it does, we're not going to have these employee issues, I can tell you from what I've gathered.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Tornatta, I think with the information that we'll get, then we'll have that assurance. You know, I would like to think that all the commitments that were made and committed to by this Council by generating tax abatement, that they will hold true to those commitments.

Councilmember Raben: I might, Rob Schaefer is here from the Department of Metropolitan Development, and he is requesting of us to, in fact, go ahead and vote on this particular one today. So if everyone is comfortable with that, Mr. Chairman, you'll have to make that call.

President Bassemier: I think we can, but I'm kind of getting a doubt that what I'm hearing, that we're going to vote against this today. I mean, you know, it seems like we need more – I hear we want to defer it for another month. So if we vote today and – I know it's your all's pleasure so whatever you want to do, I'll entertain a motion to defer it or make a motion to –

Rob Schaefer: Could I say –

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, could you tell us what their –

Rob Schaefer: From what I understand, they're in compliance because what has happened is basically out of their hands. It's not of their doing what happened, why the jobs have not reached what they believed they would because of the fact that Mead Johnson's production started way later than what they thought. I don't see how you can say that they're not in compliance.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Schaefer, I beg to differ with you.

Rob Schaefer: Oh, it's not my opinion, it's what I read –

Councilmember Sutton: If you say on a piece of paper that you are going to do one thing and something else happens, whether it was the fault or a variety of other factors that caused you to fall short, ultimately, if your name is on that paper, you're the one that's chiefly responsible for it. Now as a business owner, you have to do whatever you have to do to try to make that. And we understand that there are some contingencies that have happened here and I think through our discussions and the questions that we've had, we just want to get a comfortable sense and feel that there's adequate progress being made toward those. And there's been some explanations given. But, ultimately, the company, it's not Bristol-Myers or Mead Johnson that received the tax abatement, it's Graham Packaging that received that.

Rob Schaefer: I guess my point was just the interpretation of what the state code says, is that someone is in compliance if it is out of their control. So it was not, in my opinion, in their control that this delay occurred. That's what my opinion is.

Councilmember Raben: Could I make a recommendation here?

President Bassemier: Yes, sir, go ahead.

Councilmember Raben: This is January. I would recommend that we go ahead and vote on this today. It would be my recommendation that we would approve it at this point and we'll have an opportunity to go through the compliance review again 12 months from now and if we feel that they're in substantial gains in the employment levels, then we'll take corrective action. But we could extend this, for sure, through 2004 in light of the problems that they've had and with hopes that we'll be closer to that 61.

President Bassemier: Is that in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Raben: That, yeah, I can make that in the form of a motion.

President Bassemier: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Bassemier: And I have a second by Troy. Anymore discussion? Go ahead, Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: I would just ask if it's possible to get a quarterly report as we go through this year to see how you're doing.

President Bassemier: Is that a possibility?

Jeff Lombard: Yeah, that's fine. We can do that.

Jeff Ahlers: If I could just understand, is the motion on the floor that Graham Packaging, the property owner, has made reasonable efforts to substantially comply with the statement of benefits? Is that the motion?

Councilmember Raben: That is the motion.

Jeff Ahlers: And that the abatement would continue?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Bassemier: That they're in compliance. I have a motion and I have a second. Anymore discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: With the understanding that we'll get those reports from Graham Packaging. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes. It passes, 5-2.

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

President Bassemier: Thank you all very much.

(Tape changed)

<p style="text-align: center;">TEMME MOLD 2003 COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE</p>
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President Bassemier: Is there anybody here from Temme Mold Company for the 2003 county tax abatement compliance? Gentlemen, if you'll please state your name and titles and...

Ken Temme: Ken Temme, I owned the building that Temme Mold was occupying.

President Bassemier: Yes sir. And your name, sir?

Chris Hopple: My name is Chris Hopple, I'm vice president and shareholder of Temme Mold & Engineering.

President Bassemier: Okay, sir. Any questions for these gentlemen?

Councilmember Raben: I can begin. I understand and know that you're currently, right now your business is closed, correct?

Ken Temme: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: One thing about their type of business, the entire tool and die industry is somewhat depressed, to say the least. I serve on the Southwest Regional Development Commission and I know that they've formed a committee to work with – and one of you gentlemen may be on it –

Chris Hopple: I was on it.

Councilmember Raben: Oh. But to work with the entire tool and die industry here

locally because of similar problems just as they have faced. So this is unique from the standpoint that this is a business that's already shut down, you know, in relationship to the business we just had before us. So that's all I have –

President Bassemier: Definitely they're not in compliance then.

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry? You're right. I mean, with regards to are they employing anybody today? No, they're not. But does this fall into the category of beyond their control? I would say, yes, it does.

President Bassemier: Jim, that's what I was getting at.

Councilmember Raben: And they're certainly not drawing revenue from that facility. I mean, its not like it's a better situation for them than it is for us, so, you know, everybody needs to consider all of that.

President Bassemier: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: What's the reason for the depression in the tool and die market? Does it have to do with trade agreements or what?

Ken Temme: Well, the depression in the tool and die market, of course, I can speak especially for the mold making industry, not so much for the die makers, but with the new world market now, the competition is really terrific and the Chinese are cutting into us. They're paying a dollar an hour and, of course, we're paying 20 to 25 dollars an hour. And they have no benefits and they don't have to comply with rules and regulations, the environment, and so on. We do. And so its just really difficult to compete with those fellows. And they're doing a real good job. And its not that they have an inferior tool at all, and companies are wise enough to go over there and avail themselves of their abilities. And to have their tools built in this country, they wouldn't be just too sharp. And you can see it coming and I think its going to happen more and more all the time, as more and more mold shops close down. And the risk is just too great for the reward. And you just have to back away from it right now. I've been in this for 55 years. I started, I saw the tool and die industry begin in the job shops and now I'm seeing it fade away.

Councilmember Hoy: And the truth of the matter is the beneficiaries of this arrangement in trade will not be the Chinese workers making that little money, the beneficiaries will be American based multinationals who are only interested in the bottom line. And someday that will get us in the bottom side.

President Bassemier: Sir, do you have any idea when you might be in operation again?

Ken Temme: Well, I'm 74 years old. I'm afraid I won't be in operation again. I've sold the building and Chris had the –

Chris Hopple: All I can say to that is that all of our employees except two have gained employment in other occupations. I think maybe two or three of them stayed in the mold industry and at this point, this doesn't look like a short-lived problem. I think we just have to monitor the industry and make that determination as it presents itself.

President Bassemier: Okay, thank you, sir. Mr. Schaefer, would you take the podium please? I'd like to hear your – are you saying they're in compliance, too,

according to your state regulations?

Rob Schaefer: This is, from what I understand, Temme Mold, the equipment abatement is over. So we really don't have to do anything on that. From what I understand, it started in '97 and it was a five year abatement, so it probably ended in 2002. Temme Investment, which is the real estate property, was a ten year abatement, it started in '97, so its still in effect. The gentlemen sold the property, so in my view, the abatement should be taken off of the property because it no longer applies to that new taxpayer.

Councilmember Sutton: Rob, how long has that been in place with the new owners that have been receiving this –

Rob Schaefer: The property was just sold –

Ken Temme: About August or September –

Rob Schaefer: – August or September of last year.

Councilmember Raben: I will make a motion – do we need a motion, then...

President Bassemier: To say they're not in compliance?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I would go ahead a make a motion so that its clear in the record and I guess you might state with your motion, you know, that what your reasons are that they're not in substantial compliance with the statements of benefit and the substantial compliance was not caused by factors beyond their control as a property owner, and that you move to terminate the abatement. If that's your motion it needs to be stated that way to terminate, I would say, or state your factors or your reason for – I think on the record, since this is a hearing, we need to state the basis of termination. That's the test.

Councilmember Raben: I guess I have one question before we make this motion. This abatement wasn't part of the sale, was it? I mean, the sale didn't hinge around the abatement? Okay.

Ken Temme: As far as I know, it didn't. I wasn't asked what the taxes were, perhaps the gentleman that bought it from me did, but that wasn't discussed.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, Mr. President, at this time I'm going to make a motion then that we cease the abatement for Temme Mold and Tool for the reasons that they are no longer in compliance, its beyond their control to get back into compliance, and at this time would like to end the abatement for the property tax.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Bassemier: Mr. Sutton, did you second it? Who, Troy?

Councilmember Sutton: I have a question but Troy seconded it.

President Bassemier: Okay, I got a second. Discussion, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Maybe this is more of a question for Mr. Ahlers. Since our abatement was with Temme, wouldn't that – since the business is no longer in operation, wouldn't that abatement have terminated when they ceased operation?

I mean, --

Jeff Ahlers: Well, that's a good question and in all honestly, I think that may be a reasonable conclusion, but without researching it, I would hate to state that as the conclusion you should go by. I mean, I would suggest that if you want -- that if it is the majority of this body wants to make sure that it is terminated, I'd go ahead and pass a motion to do that rather than assume that, if that's what you want to do. I can look into that, but as we sit here today, I can't tell you as to whether or not the property is transferred to a new owner, if that automatically terminates the abatement.

Councilmember Sutton: And I guess I wouldn't want the new owner to receive something that they have not been entitled to receive. If we could look at that and see if there are one, some tax issues related to that, and if that termination of the business, when were you guys actually officially closed? I know you said in August is when the new owners --

Ken Temme: I think they auctioned off the machinery in July, right, Chris?

Chris Hopple: No, our close date was June 1st and then we had the auction July 15th, and then the building sold about August 1st.

Jeff Ahlers: And I'll be happy to look into that, Mr. Sutton, depending upon what the outcome of the motion is today. If the motion is to terminate on the basis that they're not in substantial compliance, and obviously based on the hearing testimony, they're not going to be getting back into business for Temme Mold itself, that was granted the abatement, and that's passed to terminated it, then that's going to for sure end it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm just wondering if we should make that motion retroactive back to when they actually closed the business rather than effective now.

Jeff Ahlers: You can try to make that motion. I'm not sure that we can do that retroactively unless I find that by operation of law, it automatically ceased back then, and I can get with the Auditor and everyone and determine whether or not that automatically occurred, then it could. Otherwise, I'm not sure that we can retroactively do that, but I'll look into it.

Councilmember Sutton: If you could, please.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion, I have a second. Any more discussion? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I've known those gentlemen; they've tried everything they could to salvage that and save it. But this is all the areas, tool and die shops are having problems, they're just falling to the wayside, one after another, and they're going overseas, but they run a very efficient organization and this is a comment from other organizations. So it wasn't their fault, but just one of those things.

President Bassemier: Okay, and we're sorry we have to do this. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Thank you, gentlemen.

<p style="text-align: center;">AZTECA MILLING, L.P. PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT AND/OR REHABILITATION OF PROPERTY AND FOR ACQUISITION OF MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT 15700 HIGHWAY 41 NORTH</p>

President Bassemier: Okay, under old business, C, I need a motion for the Preliminary Resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council Declaring an Economic Revitalization Area for Tax Abatement for Redevelopment and/or Rehabilitation of Property and for Acquisition of Manufacturing Equipment Located at 15700 Highway 41 North, known as Azteca Milling, L.P. Do I have a motion for that?

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion, I have a second. Is there any discussion on this issue? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)

<p>COUNTY RECORDER REPORT OF 2003 INCOME</p>

President Bassemier: Under new business, does the County Recorder have any more on her report of her 2003 income?

Betty Knight Smith: I'd like to thank you for letting me speak in front of you today –

President Bassemier: And I know you'd like to give your name.

Betty Knight Smith: Betty Knight Smith, and I'm the Vanderburgh County Recorder.

President Bassemier: Thank you, ma'am.

Betty Knight Smith: I want to announce that I'm very proud, it was a record-breaking year. My office recorded 58,640 documents plus 731 UCC's. I gave you a report and if you'll look back on it, turned in \$856,280.20 to the County General Fund. The Surveyor's account was \$44,950; the Recorder's account is \$371,762. And I would like to bring your attention to the \$194,297 in copies. That's a lot different than 37,000 and 47,000. Those counters have been well worth their money. If you look back over, you'll see the documents that have been recorded. The deeds, 9,505, 28,146 mortgages and liens, releases is 23,861, UCC's was 731, the other miscellaneous is 5,128, and then copies is 194,297. I want to make you aware, though, that I think this is probably one of the biggest years because of the interest rate. I hope we continue but I'm afraid we won't because its beginning to go down now. But we've done this with just a little bit of part time help without asking for more help. So if you'll look at the totals from the years for the last ten years, you can see there's quite a bit of difference. I've got a good staff. Thank you.

President Bassemier: And thank you, Betty, fantastic job. Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Betty, its always good to hear. We have very few offices that actually generate income to the county. We have a lot of expense lines in the county, and so its always good news to hear the income coming in.

President Bassemier: Thank you, again.

2004 AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE

President Bassemier: Okay, I need a motion to approve the 2004 amended Salary Ordinance. Can I have a motion please and a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and I do have a second? Curt? Okay, thank you. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT OF LIAISONS

President Bassemier: Okay, moving to the appointment of our liaisons. Sarah passed out your assignments and are there any questions on your assignments? Okay, thank you.

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

President Bassemier: Okay, and then I'm going to move on to the appointment of a personnel administrative committee, and I'll read those in for the record. We already named Curt Wortman as our County Council Personnel Chairman; Jim Raben, County Council Finance Chairman; Royce Sutton as our County Council minority party representative; Judge Wayne Trockman for the county judge representative; Suzanne Crouch for County Commissioner representative; Al Folz, Republican elected county officeholder; Betty Knight-Smith as our Democrat elected county officeholder; Doug Brown, Executive classification representative; Major Steve Woodall POLE classification representative; Wallace Corbitt PAT classification representative and Gayle Hochstetler as our COMOT classification representative, and Sandie Deig as our County Council Executive Assistant, Sarah Nunn for our County Council Secretary, Jeffrey Ahlers for our County Council Attorney, and Tim Deisher for our Job Study Consultant.

APPOINTMENT TO ABC BOARD

President Bassemier: For appointment to our ABC Board, I'd like to make a recommendation that we appoint Frank Daugul to that ABC Board. Can I have a motion and a second to that effect?

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

President Bassemier: Okay, I'll name some other County Council appointments. There's a few we need to vote on. The first one, in your packet you all received some recommendations from six of our assessors, our township assessors, and on their recommendation I'm going to recommend that we appoint Chris Stuard and also Evelyn Lannert to the Board of Review. Can I have a motion and a second on that? And I'll repeat myself, that this is on their recommendation. Do I hear a motion to that effect?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'll motion.

President Bassemier: You make a motion? Okay, do I have a second? Okay. It dies. So somebody else would like to make a motion or a recommendation?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion for Khris Seger and Councilman Phil Hoy.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: Okay, Khris Seger and Mr. Hoy. Okay, I have a motion and who was the second? Mr. Winnecke. Okay, any discussion on that?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, do we need to take those both at the same time or can we take those individually?

Councilmember Raben: The motion is for the –

President Bassemier: I was going to say, the motion is for both of them, so, Troy, if – do you agree to that? Stay as is?

Councilmember Raben: Let the motion stand.

President Bassemier: Let the motion stand. Sorry, Troy. Okay, let me ask one more time, is there any discussion? Let me ask you, I know you recommended Mr. Hoy. Now this is a question for legal counsel, that's a paying board so can two, holding office on a County Council, can Mr. Hoy serve on this board since it's a paying board?

Councilmember Raben: I'll say this, the statute for the PTABOA allows for one county employee.

Councilmember Sutton: The Area Plan Commission is a paying board and Councilman Wortman serves on that one.

Jeff Ahlers: I don't think that's a lucrative office. If it turns out, I'll check that after the meeting, if it's a problem, I'll notify everybody and –

Councilmember Raben: And the statute allows for one county employee –

Jeff Ahlers: – but I don't think that constitutes a lucrative office.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion and a second.

Jeff Ahlers: Now –

President Bassemier: I'm sorry.

(Inaudible)

President Bassemier: Okay, and these other two choices are good recommendations also. As I mentioned, I was going along with the recommendations from the other assessors and I 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: No. And that carries 5-1.

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Hoy abstained from voting and Councilmember Bassemier opposed)

President Bassemier: Okay, on the other appointments, do I need to read all of these in, Counselor?

Jeff Ahlers: You either need to read them in or make sure everybody has a copy and make it as an exhibit. I would suggest just going ahead and you probably ought to go ahead and read them in and take a motion, and just pass them all at once.

President Bassemier: Okay, I'll read them in. Okay, we've covered Frank Daugul, Curt Wortman is Area – is that okay with you guys? Go ahead and read them all in and if there's any discussion, is that okay? You tell me to hold one out, okay? You want to look at them now or tell me to give you a few minutes or take about a minute

to look them over and see if there's any of them you want to hold out separately? There is one I'd like to hold out and that's our – I haven't got word back yet and that's at Area Plan Commission. Curt Wortman is one of them and the other one, I've got a couple of people interested in that Area Plan, so I'd like to recommend that that one hold off until our next meeting if that's okay. Okay, I'm going to entertain a motion to approve the rest of these here County Council appointments: Curt Wortman, Area Plan Commission; Pamela Gallagher, Building Authority Board of Trustees; Bob Swallows, Burdette Park Advisory Board; of course – do we have anybody on the Burdette Park Advisory Board besides Bob Swallows?

Sandie Deig: No, Royce is going to get me that name.

President Bassemier: Oh, Royce is going to get – okay. We'll leave that one open. Central Dispatch, Bill Meisler; Gloria Altman, Convention & Visitors Bureau Board; David Dunn, Convention & Visitors Bureau Board; Phil Hoy, Data Processing Board; Joe Harrison, Sr., Economic Development Commission Evansville; --

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, Mr. President, if you look to the right, we really only need to address the ones that expire –

President Bassemier: That's right. So far I've hit them all, haven't I? Yeah, you're right, I've got – we're okay so far except it looks like Pam, until we get down to John Koehler. I think we're okay, aren't we, 12/31?

Sandie Deig: No, these people are up for the appointments.

President Bassemier: Yeah, these are people who are up, you know, I've got them all except these down here. John Koehler, see there's his second – starting down with John Koehler, we've got about four no's that they're not up until February. One's up in September and the other one is up in September 2005. I'll read them down. I think I've got them listed. Let's see, Gloria Altman is up; David Dunn, okay I recommend him, I named him. Phil Hoy, Data Processing; Joe Harrison, Sr., that one is okay. Al Umbach, I recommend him; Lloyd Winnecke, EUTS Policy Committee; Sandra Shauntee, Human Relations Board; Jim Raben, Jail Overcrowding Assessment Committee; Royce Sutton, Jail Overcrowding Assessment Committee; Sam – no he's not up. Ted DeVries, Library Board of Trustees; Bob Musgrave, Museum Board; I don't have to on Phil, none. Curt Wortman to the Solid Waste Board; --

Councilmember Raben: You do need to reappoint Phil Bruner and Phil Hoy. Those just don't have an expiration on those terms. They're till the day they die.

President Bassemier: Okay, Phil Bruner and Phil Hoy, I was going to ask that, Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Advisory Committee; Robert Dillow, Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Authority; John Stoll, Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Authority; and Troy Tornatta, the West Side Improvement. Did I miss somebody?

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Winnecke, did you have a question?

President Bassemier: Okay, their's expired, we're supposed to – so I'll make a motion to approve the one's I've listed. Are we okay on that? Where are we off on it?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I think that sounds fine. Okay, and those are your appointments as president, so we don't need to vote on those.

President Bassemier: Well, I didn't know. I just wanted to keep it all up just in case anybody has anything to say about it.

Councilmember Raben: No, some of them –

Jeff Ahlers: I think you vote on those.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, they do need to be voted on.

President Bassemier: Some of them are mine, one of them, and I just thought the Central Dispatch, I think that was mine, but I'd like to entertain a motion to approve my recommendations.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Bassemier: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF 2004 MEETING DATES

President Bassemier: Okay, Sandie also passed out the approval of the 2004 County Council meeting dates. So everybody have a copy of that? We don't need to read those in, do we? Good.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU STAFF COMPENSATION
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President Bassemier: Councilman Raben, I'm going to ask you, under new business, what are you recommending on that Convention & Visitors Bureau staff compensation? I've heard some want to defer it or were you –

Councilmember Raben: Well, we have the director, Marilee Fowler in the audience and Bev, are you board president this year? And Bev Oswald, the board president. I think we need to allow them to come to the mic.

President Bassemier: Want to come forward? Bev, state your name.

Bev Oswald: Bev Oswald, president of the board of the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Marilee Fowler: Marilee Fowler, Executive Director of the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

President Bassemier: Okay, can you tell us why you're before us today?

Bev Oswald: Is this the mic that's causing all the problems?

President Bassemier: Probably so.

Bev Oswald: Okay, we're here to talk about the salary compensation. Our budget that we proposed in June, after we do evaluations which are done at the end of the year, we actually have an increase of \$1,329 in compensation, which is .04, less than a half percent higher. But we don't fall under the county's salary ordinance, so we have flexibility in our salary increases. So our budget is actually a thousand dollars increase over what was approved in June. So our salaries are actually \$1,329 more than what was presented to you in June, total. And we do present that, and we prepare it in May, present it in June and we do the evaluations in December.

President Bassemier: I think the way I understand it is, the county set in a percent, whatever that was, a 3%, and you decided you needed to go ahead and give your employees a little bit more than a 3%?

Bev Oswald: That is correct. We do not fall under the salary ordinance of the county and our employees are not county employees. You approve our budget, but we don't do our reviews and evaluations because they can – we may have one employee that can get a higher percentage and one that gets a zero increase.

Councilmember Raben: Actually what they did, if I'm not mistaken, you went towards more of an incentive based salary increase where they go through annual reviews and its based on performance.

Bev Oswald: That's correct.

Councilmember Raben: Now whether or not the reviews are fair, we lean on the board that they're accurate and everyone's being treated fairly.

Bev Oswald: And I'm going to have Marilee pass out some information about the Convention Bureau. In 2002, we had 27,000 room nights. In 2003, we booked 51,210 room nights, an increase of 91.3%. We had over 103,000 visitors and conventions in Evansville in 2003. Its really outstanding what the increase that this

staff has done in the last couple years. Its exciting. The direct economic impact of the Convention & Visitors Bureau and these convention figures to the city of Evansville and the community is \$13,000,000 for last year, for 2003.

Councilmember Raben: Bev, one thing we don't have unless I'm overlooking it, do we have the employees and what their pay increases?

Bev Oswald: I think you've had that in the past, I'm pretty sure that's been presented to you. It was presented as part of the budget.

Councilmember Raben: It was?

Bev Oswald: Yes. I don't have a sheet for everyone.

President Bassemier: I've got a little problem. I'm not too sure, you're saying that we approve your budget but we don't have a say over your salaries, is that what you're saying?

Bev Oswald: You can approve the budget for the salaries, you have approval of our budget. We are not under the salary ordinance that the county is. Our employees are not county employees. And in 1998 we elected to get out of the insurance program. And in the past they were part of the salary ordinance. We felt that it was important to be able to do an evaluation on the way an employee performed. Its not a typical entity, the Convention & Visitors Bureau. So we do it on performance. So someone might get a 5% increase, somebody might get a zero percent increase.

President Bassemier: But yet you're here asking us to approve this, if we have no control over it, why are –

Bev Oswald: You just have to approve the budget.

President Bassemier: Oh, I see.

Bev Oswald: I mean, our budget – and overall, our budget, we're under budget. We're kind of a hybrid agency. We're city and county. The County Council approves our overall budget.

President Bassemier: But that's why you're here because the salaries put you over our budget that we approve –

Bev Oswald: Right, that you approved in June and then we did the evaluations in December.

President Bassemier: I'm sorry, could you hold that thought a minute? We've got to change the tape.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Hoy: What happened, and I believe you decided in the year 1998, we had a long discussion in this body about this because prior to that, the Convention & Visitors Bureau was under the salary ordinance and under our insurance plan, and in order to change that, the County Council had to vote for that to change. So that's the history on what happened.

President Bassemier: I remember.

Councilmember Hoy: But at this point, and then we gave them flexibility within the boundaries of the budget we voted on in August. And they're asking for –

President Bassemier: Yeah, and I'm not saying –

Councilmember Hoy: – increase in that budget is what they're asking for.

Bev Oswald: Correct.

President Bassemier: And I'm not saying that your people don't deserve it, but I'm just trying to think, we've got a lot of people that's out here in our... you know, that we, that do follow...they need raises, too.

Bev Oswald: Right, and as I said, we don't do the reviews until the end of the year so it's really difficult when you submit a budget and you put it together in May and you do the reviews for analysis at the end of the year, to be exactly accurate on what that's going to be. I mean, and we're within a half of a percent, less than a half of a percent.

Councilmember Winnecke: I just had a – how does the \$1,329 spread out over the staff there?

Bev Oswald: I can't answer that off the top of my head.

Marilee Fowler: Its across the board.

Councilmember Winnecke: Do you have an idea of – I mean, did one person get a five or a six, did you have a zero, or...

Bev Oswald: I can't tell you right off the top of my head.

Marilee Fowler: Well, what we projected this year really is pretty much a three percent across the board. It fluctuates very little, but some of those numbers were just not in accurately.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just say that – I mean, I would generally agree with the principle of holding to a hard line 3%. I would agree with whoever said it's a hybrid is really right. I mean, this is one of the few organizations in county government that is out selling our community. And in the true sales-based culture, people are incented and rewarded based on their ability to sell. In this case, they're selling conventions, so for \$1,329, I don't have a problem with it.

Councilmember Raben: I might just for clarification, too, there is at least one other budget in the county similar to this whereas we vote on a bottom line and really take the salaries that the employees get as a lump sum, and you'll be pleased to know that's the airport.

President Bassemier: I knew you was going to (inaudible)

Bev Oswald: Its similar to the airport, yeah.

President Bassemier: Yeah, but I've got to add on the airport, that they do hold it to whatever the county decides to give their employees, they hold it to theirs, too.

Councilmember Raben: Not on director and some of those.

Bev Oswald: Well, we'll make sure we try to do that and we should make sure its at 3%. That's how we budgeted it at three, and we were .04 percent higher.

President Bassemier: Okay. What's you all's pleasure? Anymore discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? And how much extra was it? A thousand and –

Councilmember Winnecke: \$1,329.

President Bassemier: Okay, that won't break us, but –

Councilmember Tornatta: But how many more rooms did you sell this year?

Bev Oswald: In 2003, we had 51,210 compared to 27,000, so 91.3%.

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, there's been some good news here but I think that's good news when you can hear you did that and if we're only compensating, I know its three percent, if we compensate them that much, that's good. Thank you.

President Bassemier: Betty, would you like to –

Betty Knight Smith: Betty Knight Smith, and I just wanted to tell you that the combat challenge with the fire department is nationwide and it's a national thing. We've been to Anaheim, we've been to Florida and we have got them coming to Evansville this September, which will bring a lot of people in here because there will be firemen from all over the country competing.

President Bassemier: Bless their hearts.

Betty Knight Smith: And I brought the information back to Marilee and she's pursued it and they are coming in September, so that will bring thousands of people to Evansville.

President Bassemier: And I don't – I'm sorry, anybody else?

Councilmember Tornatta: I was just going to say, you have 175 room nights that night, is that obviously going to go up for the fire fighters?

Bev Oswald: Sure.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, that was –

Marilee Fowler: That will be in '04, so yes, the numbers we project '04 to be a very good year. Many of the events still haven't got signed contracts that have made a verbal commitment, so we don't list those until we know the contracts are signed.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else? I don't really have a problem with it, myself, I was just thinking that, you know, I didn't want to send them – we don't want to hurt anybody else's feelings because they deserve incentive pays, too, the other people that work here in the Civic Center or whatever. So I have a motion and a

second asking for a roll call vote please.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I might just add before we vote, the Auditor reminds us that you will need to file an appropriation request just for paperwork.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Okay, it passes.

Bev Oswald: Thank you very much.

President Bassemier: You're quite welcome.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU SOCCER COMPLEX
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President Bassemier: Okay, moving on. Anybody else? Thanks.

Marilee Fowler: The next item is us, also.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Marilee Fowler: This is soccer.

President Bassemier: Okay, this is Convention & Visitors Bureau soccer complex. Okay, you are next. Okay, are you asking for more money now?

Marilee Fowler: Well, that's what we're here to do to talk about that as well. As you probably may have seen in the media, the city came back to us for some additional funds to finish that complex. The fields are in, but the lights are not finished, the concession stands, the restrooms are not finished, so they are wanting this money up front to make this complete. And our commitment was over five years with installments over that period. So what they are wanting is to go out, for the CVB to go out and take a loan of about \$975,000 so they'll have the money to finish the complex, which is about a hundred and some thousand dollars more than our initial commitment to this project because of interest costs. So these payments will not be – affect our budget in this year, in 2004. It will be spread out probably in five, six and seven, and I've got an analysis here if you'd like to take a look at that. But it will increase our commitment to that project to about \$1,629,000 and our original commitment was \$1,475,000. We think this is important. We've got a show place out there. It needs to be finished for us to go out and really bring in some major soccer tournaments. There are already 14 requests for tournaments this year as early as February, but to do it and do it right, it needs to be completed. So the board, our board has voted to make that commitment for that additional hundred plus thousand dollars, but I wanted to bring it before you because in years to come, it will affect our budget and we wanted you to be aware that we'd like to make this commitment and to have your support to move forward with it.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion and a second.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, the comment that I would make is that this project is – since we're able to do this and they're able to do this, that project is too far down the road not to finish it properly.

President Bassemier: I agree.

Councilmember Sutton: Is there a budget for the project? I mean, --

Marilee Fowler: If you look under the top column, where the years start, 2003, 2004, and move down. Its about the second line item under 2003.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, this is the budget for the Convention Bureau, I mean, the total soccer complex budget.

Marilee Fowler: This is our commitment to the soccer complex. It's well over \$4,000,000. Our commitment is about 1.6 million. But what this is, is an analysis of that Tourism Capital Development Fund. Right now, 2% goes to that project and this is how –

Bev Oswald: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess my question is the sources of the funds that they are using to pay for the project and how much each of these sources are providing toward this. I mean, I know you have the information based on what you are requesting here for that complex, but the total cost on the project is how much, did you say?

Marilee Fowler: It's well over \$4,000,000, and the other money is coming from the

city, but the request that we made for them to do this artificial field and to light six of the fields and to have permanent bleachers was substantially more. So that's why they are short in having the funds to finish with the restrooms and the concessions and they need that money up front.

Councilmember Raben: According to this, your total commitment is \$1.6 million dollars.

Marilee Fowler: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: And this is a place where, to be honest with you, the city could have used some of the Aztar money towards this and I wish they would, but I know they're not going to. As you all know, I'm not a believer in corporate welfare, and that's exactly what they're going to do with that money. I can't stop that but I can help make this go and they're not going to do it. I wish they would. Some other things they're not going to do, I wish they would also.

Bev Oswald: And the project is too far along to not let it get completed.

Councilmember Hoy: I mean, I'm not going to take out my feelings about city decisions on this project.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, who actually owns the soccer field? Does the city own it and manage it –

Marilee Fowler: The city will own it and manage it. That is correct.

Councilmember Sutton: And revenue generated from that complex, obviously, there's a great deal of interest, goes where?

Marilee Fowler: My understanding, it goes back to the general fund.

Councilmember Sutton: Had you guys considered a loan to them rather than an outright grant?

Marilee Fowler: They never asked for a loan and I don't know that we ever considered it.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, because you guys have extended yourselves – I mean, this is an awful lot that you have – it's a very worthy project and you have stepped up to the plate in a very strong way in support of this.

Marilee Fowler: We feel it is money well spent not only for our community and our children, but for what it will bring in from outside, so we think its money well spent and to get it finished, they wanted to make that commitment.

Councilmember Sutton: And I don't disagree. I think it is good money spent, but I think the additional amount, I mean, there are some other sources and we kind of keep going to the same well because you guys will get other requests from other things that come down and whatever decision is made here, dollars are placed for this project, that means that's something else that you won't be able to fund.

Marilee Fowler: Exactly.

Bev Oswald: I think they thought we were the most expedient –

Councilmember Sutton: What do you guys think?

Councilmember Winnecke: I think someone said it best: this thing is too far down the road to not complete in a...

Bev Oswald: Timely.

Councilmember Winnecke: – timely manner. It will be a crown jewel for this community.

Bev Oswald: It will be, yeah.

President Bassemier: I'm sorry we have to borrow the money.

Councilmember Winnecke: Many –

Bev Oswald: Pardon?

President Bassemier: I'm just sorry you had to borrow the money.

Bev Oswald: So are we–

President Bassemier: Because there's other funds out there, you know.

Bev Oswald: We didn't plan on that.

Councilmember Tornatta: What portion of this, and maybe this was answered, will the city repay? What portion of this that –

Marilee Fowler: There's no part of this last payment that they'll repay. We'll be the ones making the payment.

Bev Oswald: They requested money from the Capital Development Fund, which is to help with –

Councilmember Tornatta: Why can't we – if we're going to front this money, why can't we put something to get it back from the city?

Councilmember Hoy: The answer to that is because the city is in as bad a jam as we are financially, and the second answer, Mr. Tornatta, is that the outgoing mayor and the incoming mayor are going to put that almost \$10,000,000 someplace else. And as I said before, I disagree with where they're going to put that money but I can't control that, and I'm a County Councilman, and I'm not going to let my being peeved, which is a mild word for how I really feel, stand in the way of this project. And no, we're not going to get paid back for it, we're just going to eat it and go ahead.

Councilmember Winnecke: The community will get paid back, though. I mean, I think this is a project where we have to look at what the big picture is for the community.

Bev Oswald: Yeah, as Marilee said, we've already had 14 requests for next year for tournaments, so there will be a lot more.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, one quick thing before they leave the podium, we're giving this, I know annually, and I recall, I raised the issue about a year ago,

I don't really remember what conclusion was ever drawn from it but everyone was given a copy from the County Treasurer's Office, delinquent innkeeper's tax from various hotels within the county. One of them, the Ramada Inn, Limited has delinquent innkeeper's tax dating back as far as March of 2000. Jeff, do you recall, I thought we looked into this a year or two ago about what types of controls or what we can do as a county to get these taxes in, be it board up their doors or shut them down or what have you, but –

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, in fact, I'm not so sure that, wasn't action taken either by the County Attorney or your attorney, Mr. Schopmeyer? I mean, I think some actual lawsuits were filed, wasn't there?

Bev Oswald: With one particular entity, we did file a lawsuit with a substantial amount of taxes. When we get that information, we don't know how many room nights or what they owe, but that they are delinquent by that length of time. And as he mentioned, one company is almost three years. We don't know the amount, the only thing we can do and in talking to the county, the Convention Bureau actually filed suit in the past. We would have to file suit against Ramada, Limited.

Councilmember Raben: Let me ask you this, in any of our printed materials that you hand out, like Ramada Inn, Limited that hasn't paid in three –

Bev Oswald: We don't put them in.

Councilmember Raben: They're not in.

Bev Oswald: They're not in.

Marilee Fowler: As a matter of fact, I wrote him a letter probably in early November and said if his taxes were not caught up to date by the middle of December when we get ready to print our '04 publications, he would not be included and I did not hear back from him. So he has been omitted from everything.

Bev Oswald: But we really need a stronger position than that because just to say you're not going to be in our materials, then that's not enough to let them not pay their taxes, I think.

Councilmember Raben: Could you, at your next board meeting, address this once again and I think we probably need to get the County Attorney involved along with –

Bev Oswald: We have that on our – yeah, our attorney, yeah. We have it on our agenda to do because we have to –

Councilmember Raben: Not just your attorney, the County Attorney.

Bev Oswald: Okay, sure. Yeah, I think that makes sense because we don't – other than writing them letters, the only thing we can do is file suit and if their corporation is defunct we don't have really anything to stand on.

Jeff Ahlers: You might be able to go ahead, though, if you get a judgement for the lien on the – they can put a lien on the real estate. And then, I don't know, who collects the taxes? Does the Treasurer collect them?

Bev Oswald: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: That was the only reason I suggested the involvement of possibly the County Attorney along with your attorney, just because since the Treasurer's Office could be involved, that might be additional assistance for you and there may be mechanisms that they can use to put on liens and such, you know, tax liens on the real estate so that eventually if they go to sell the property, you will get your money.

Bev Oswald: Right, that's what we need to do.

Jeff Ahlers: Or you can foreclose on it, I guess, if its worth your time to do so.

Bev Oswald: We would like to ask -- if we could get support on this soccer complex.

Councilmember Hoy: We've got a motion on the floor for the soccer complex.

President Bassemier: Is there a motion and a second? Any more questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I think we ought to kick it around a while, but I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

President Bassemier: Thank you all, 6-1 favor.

<p>JOINT RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACES AND ADMINISTRATION OF HAVA FUNDS</p>
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President Bassemier: Now I need a motion to approve a joint resolution concerning the accessibility of polling places and administration of the Help America Vote Act

funds. I need a motion and a second on that, is that right? You guys have to earn your –

Councilmember Hoy: I move to get it on the floor.

President Bassemier: Okay, I've got a motion, do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: And I'll second Phil's motion.

President Bassemier: Second, who do we need, Marsha, here? As you know, the Commissioners already approved their part.

Councilmember Hoy: The voting places have to be acceptable.

President Bassemier: Right. I understand, too, there's reimbursement to that. We get that, whatever it costs, we'll get it back.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second on the floor, so –

President Bassemier: Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I don't think there is.

President Bassemier: Everybody okay? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: 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 Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: I will now entertain a motion to adjourn unless somebody has something to say.

Councilmember Raben: One quick item. You missed item J, and I will give everybody an update on that. Neither Commissioner Mosby nor Fanello could attend the meeting today, but item J addresses some of our concerns that we expressed last month about the energy savings contract and the fact that it was a ten year commitment. Councilman Mosby was going to call me back actually today, but I hadn't heard back from him, and give us a list of dates when he would be available, or Catherine will be available to sit down with two or three Councilmembers and go back through it. So hopefully, I'll get that call in the next few days and contact two or three members.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else have anything to say before we adjourn? I'll make a motion to adjourn, do I have a second on that?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a second. Adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Ed Bassemier

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of February, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everyone to the February 4th, 2004 County Council meeting. Attendance roll call please.

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

(Councilmember Tornatta arrived just after attendance taken)

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2004**

President Bassemier: I need a motion for the approval of the minutes of January 7th, 2004.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I got 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Bassemier: Now we'll go into our appropriation ordinance and I'll turn it over to our Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda is the Jail account 1051-1950-1051 Teamster Educational Fund in the amount of \$7,648, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1950-1051	Teamsters Educ. Fund	7,648.00	7,648.00
Total		7,648.00	7,648.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Mr. President, Circuit Court account 1360-4250 Miscellaneous Equipment, I'm going to set this in at zero with an explanation.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Okay, sir.

Councilmember Raben: And the judge and his assistant have been notified, but we are asking that they come back next month and submit this out of the COIT Windfall. Because of the state in regards to certifying our budget, they're not going to be able to, until we get the final okay from the state, they're not going to be able to spend the money if we appropriate it today out of the General Fund, so in order to get them their funds quicker, if they reapply for COIT they'll be able to use it March – the first week of March. And the judge, I think they're comfortable with –

Carl Heldt: That's fine, Mr. Chairman, we'll be happy to do that.

President Bassemier: Okay, well great. Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is this is a case where he could possibly go ahead and get the ball rolling?

Councilmember Raben: Well, that's up to him. He's probably got a vendor that is going to want payment –

Carl Heldt: No, we'll go ahead and refile it this month and I assume it will be heard at the end of this month then.

Councilmember Raben: It will be heard at the end of this month and then approved--

Carl Heldt: Act on it the first of March?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Bassemier: That's correct.

Councilmember Raben: And you'll be able to spend it the very next day.

Carl Heldt: We'll be ready to go.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, you'll be able to talk to them and they'll be able to

get the thing – I guess what I’m saying is, if they know they’re getting paid at that point, could they start getting the ball rolling and get the process moving?

Carl Heldt: I assume they’re going to want some contracts signed and such as that, and then I’ll call them tomorrow and we’ll get going on it.

Councilmember Tornatta: If they’re going to want a contract signed they’re going to need to go to the Commissioners, is that right?

Carl Heldt: I don’t think so. Not for – I think I can do it myself.

Councilmember Sutton: Hold on just a minute here. I know we want to move forward with the process, but I think its been pretty clear that unless the money is actually there and appropriated, we wouldn’t want to sign off on any contract.

Carl Heldt: I’m not going to make any commitments.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Carl Heldt: I’m not going to make any commitments until you all have made your decision.

Councilmember Sutton: I just don’t want to get in a –

Carl Heldt: No, don’t worry about that. I think we’ll have time after March to get this thing done.

Councilmember Hoy: We don’t want a judge in trouble with the law.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion and I have a second. Any more discussion? Roll call vote please to set that in at zero.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-4250	Miscellaneous Equip.	30,000.00	0.00
Total		30,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Reassessment funds, first under County Assessor, Extra Help in the amount of \$3,028, FICA in the amount of 232, for a total of \$3,260. I'll move approval.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1090-1990	Extra Help	3,028.00	3,028.00
2490-1090-1900	FICA	232.00	232.00
Total		3,260.00	3,260.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

President Bassemier: Okay, Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Councilmember Raben: Convention & Visitors Bureau, account 3570-1110-3570, 3570-1140-3570, 3570-1150-3570, 3570-1170-3570 and account 3570-1180-3570 for a total request of \$3,842, I will move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: My only problem with this is that, you know, these were wages we cut loose from the Salary Ordinance and going above that 3% bothers me a little, but I will vote yes on this, but I think, you know, I'm worried that what we felt might happen a few years ago is beginning to happen and we might want to take another look at it.

President Bassemier: Okay, in all fairness, you want to state your name?

Marilee Fowler: I'm Marilee Fowler with the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau. This happened a couple of years ago so we're just trying to get it in line and all the salaries were within 3% this budget, but I had to get them corrected so that your records and our records reflect the same. The understanding is, we will go with whatever the county appropriates for wage increases when we do the '05 budget and if we can have the freedom then to allocate it depending upon their goals and objectives of each of the staff people, is what I'd like to ask. So it will be within the guidelines but it may be that we allocate it differently instead of giving everybody a straight 3% across the board.

Councilmember Hoy: But did these not last year go above the three? I mean, isn't that what we're dealing with really?

Marilee Fowler: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: And that's the part that –

Marilee Fowler: Right, that will not happen. I guarantee it.

Councilmember Hoy: Because that is bothering me.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else?

Councilmember Raben: Any other questions?

President Bassemier: Okay, I got 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3570-1110-3570	Executive Director	1,957.00	1,957.00
3570-1140-3570	Executive Assistant	294.00	294.00
3570-1150-3570	Comm. Coordinator	326.00	326.00
3570-1170-3570	Sales Exec. II	336.00	336.00
3570-1180-3570	Director of Sales	929.00	929.00
Total		3,842.00	3,842.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Okay, moving to Transfers.

REPEAL REQUEST

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to take the repeal and then we'll take the Transfers as one lump.

President Bassemier: Alright, sir.

Councilmember Raben: 3570-1130-3570 and 3570-1160-3570 repeal from Convention & Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$2,535, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. I don't think there will be any questions or any argument on that. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3570-1130-3570	Serv/Leisure Sales	181.00	181.00
3570-1160-3570	Office Assistant	2,354.00	2,354.00
Total		2,535.00	2,535.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CLERK
AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Next for Transfers, we have County Clerk account 1010-1380-1010 and account 1010-1550-1010 to account 1010-1990 Extra Help in the amount of \$3,288. County Auditor from account 1020-1130-1020 to account number 1020-1970 for a total transfer of \$7,488. I will move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I've got a motion and a second. Any questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1380-1010	Deputy Clerk/Misd.	2,096.00	2,096.00
1010-1550-1010	Cntr. Clerk/Cir. & Sup.	1,192.00	1,192.00
To: 1010-1990	Extra Help	3,288.00	3,288.00

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-1130-1020	Admin. First Deputy	7,488.00	7,488.00
To: 1020-1970	Temp. Replacement	7,488.00	7,488.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Bassemier: Now amendments to the Salary Ordinance, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, there are several of them. In fact, there's three pages of amendments to the Salary Ordinance. I am going to just simply move that this document be entered in, made part of the minutes.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Got a motion and a second. Everybody approves, raise your right hand and say aye.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Okay, now we know. No doubt about it.

<p style="text-align: center;">AZTECA MILLING 15700 HIGHWAY 41 NORTH PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION</p>
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President Bassemier: Okay, going into old business, last month we voted on a resolution. We need to make an amendment to it because we didn't set in a time, so we need a motion to approve an amendment to the preliminary resolution for Azteca Milling L.P. located at 15700 Highway 41 North, set length of deduction for abatement to be set in for ten years. Do I have a motion please?

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Okay, roll call vote on that please.

Councilmember Hoy: You're not going to have discussion on that?

President Bassemier: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: A couple of remarks I'd like to make since I'm known as Doctor No on tax abatement. I went to the Internet, we're looking at a corporation here that is a 1.8 almost two billion dollar a year corporation, their gross profit last year was almost 689 million dollars. They're going to spend about 15 million, they're wanting 50,000 a year from us in ten years, roughly that's what it's going to average out, half a million dollars. And I'm bothered by that because I think a company like this would build this whether they got the half million or not. I don't think that stands in the way of building. That's my first point. The second point has to do with the study I handed to you and it's a document I've been working on for the Evansville Coalition for the Homeless, I'm on their subcommittee, on what's called a living wage. Some of these jobs at Azteca will only pay \$10 an hour and the first page gives you a study of what a single person would earn at 10 bucks an hour with the tax deductions for social security, federal tax, Indiana state tax and so on, and then with deductions for housing costs, utilities and car payment. And I figured that car payment, by the way, on an actual car payment of someone I know who makes \$10 an hour, has a nice used car, and they can afford that barely. And a single person could conceivably live on that. When you turn to page two, a single parent with two children in no way, and that's the study on page two, could live on that. And page three gives you a study of what a single parent with two kids would need to make in this county to get by, and that's 14 bucks an hour. So when I study things like this and get on committees like this, and then when I deliver meals every Wednesday as my wife and I do to shut ins and I see the terrible, shabby housing in our core city, I don't wonder why those houses aren't fixed up. I do not wonder why some people, they're all senior citizens, by the way, live in the kind of conditions they live in. And this is going to be my last year to bring this up, so I wanted to bring it to your attention again, because I think at some point, at some place in this country of ours, someone needs to start saying no to what I consider to be corporate welfare. We used to have a terrible slang term about women on welfare, we called them welfare queens, and it was really not a very nice thing to say and I hate to bring it up in this discussion. But the welfare queens today are people who live in fine houses, make lots of money and they're heads of corporations who are rich enough not to ask for our handout. Thank you very much.

President Bassemier: Okay, thank you, Mr. Hoy. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)

President Bassemier: Okay, that passed 6-1.

<p>AZTECA MILLING 15700 HIGHWAY 41 NORTH CONFIRMING RESOLUTION</p>

President Bassemier: Okay, this is the second reading. Need a motion to approve the confirming resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council confirming the declaration of an economic revitalization area for property located at 15700 Highway 41 North known as Azteca Milling, L.P., to be set in for ten years.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and need a second.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Bassemier: Any discussion? Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)

COUNTY COUNCIL BOARD APPOINTMENTS
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President Bassemier: Okay, we need to go into County Council board appointments. I understand some have declined because of other commitments. I need to ask Sandie something a minute. Okay, my recommendations are: Burdette Park Advisory Board, I think, Royce, you're going to get somebody for us on the –

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I will bring that name in March.

President Bassemier: Okay, thank you, sir. I'd like to make a recommendation to serve on the Economic Development Commission, Todd Tucker; Human Relations Board, Barb Witte; and M/WBE Utilization Board Ellis Redd and Kathy Decker. I'd like to make that as a recommend –

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll move that those appointments be made.

Councilmember Raben: And I'll second that motion.

President Bassemier: Okay, can I have a roll call vote please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Okay, thank you.

FILING DEADLINE FOR MARCH 3, 2004 COUNCIL MEETING
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President Bassemier: Under new business, set filing date for March 3rd, 2004 Council meeting for February 12th, 2004, I'd like to ask Sandie to send out a memo on that. Okay, Sandie?

REVISED EMPLOYMENT CHANGE FORM

President Bassemier: Under new business, approval of the revised employment change form. Do all of you have this form? This form was made up by Ms. Deig. And the way I understand it, since we're no longer buying anybody out this is a good way for us to keep a paper trail going and so are there any questions on this form? Sandie, it looks like a very good form, its –

Councilmember Wortman: I'd make a motion for approval –

President Bassemier: I need a motion and a second on –

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: Okay, and Mr. Hoy seconded. So any discussions on this form? Yeah, its very good. As you all know, we're not buying anybody out anymore so we need a paper trail on this and as soon as Sandie gets a pink slip or something she can keep track of all this. Is this correct, Sandie? Anything else you need to add?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Bassemier: Okay, it will keep us out of trouble. Okay, we have a motion and a second. Anymore discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Run this (Inaudible). Is this just for this form?

Councilmember Tornatta: You're not getting a pink slip.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, when I see pink slips on my desk, you know, in an industry that this isn't a very kind –

Councilmember Hoy: Yours comes from 170,000 people.

Councilmember Sutton: Just wanted to make sure this didn't apply from the public side, so it looks fine to me. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I think I need to change sides again. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: I knew I should never have put two bankers side by side.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, just real quick before you adjourn. There's a couple of young gentlemen here in the audience from North High School that are here to – or Central, I'm sorry, see us in action today. So I wanted to recognize them in the audience and invite them to the podium if they had anything they wanted to say to this County Council. Got any complaints you need to bring to our attention?

President Bassemier: You're making history today. Do you want to come and give your name? You don't have to say anything if you don't want to. You want to come up and give us your name and what – you said Central High School.

Councilmember Tornatta: Get it in the minutes.

Councilmember Raben: Are you also from Central?

President Bassemier: Why don't you all come up here. We've got time.

Councilmember Raben: And I apologize. I saw them when I walked in and spoke with them, I didn't see the two ladies.

Councilmember Tornatta: Before they get up there, thank the Building Authority for getting our name plates taken care of. Put that on the record because it looks a lot nicer and no more banging.

President Bassemier: Sir, your name is? And what high school and what grade are you in? And what you're studying? Anything you want to tell us?

Sean Gates: Sean Gates, senior at Central High School.

President Bassemier: Are you planning on going to college?

Sean Gates: Yeah, I'm going to Texas.

Councilmember Sutton: Don't wear that green in here again. You'll get called a North High Huskie again.

Thomas Basham: My name is Thomas Basham. I go to Central High School. I plan on going to IU for college and study athletic training.

President Bassemier: Do you play any sports or anything?

Thomas Basham: I wrestle and play football and run track.

President Bassemier: Good, I'm glad you're on three. That's great, wonderful.

Councilmember Hoy: You go to a great school, by the way.

Sarah Price: I'm Sarah Price, I go to North High School and I'm planning on going to USI for nursing.

President Bassemier: Okay, great, thanks.

Katie Adler: I'm Katie Adler and I go to North High School, and I plan on going to USI for nursing.

President Bassemier: And what year are you in, ma'am?

Katie Adler: I'm a senior.

President Bassemier: You're a senior. Thank you all for coming. I appreciate it.

Councilmember Sutton: Do you guys need our signature on something?
(Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Councilmember Wortman: I might ask them, would you be interested in running for office later on?

Councilmember Hoy: One of us is retiring, one of us older guys, this year, and one of these days my son over here, --

Councilmember Tornatta: I think they're both retiring, aren't they?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: Yes sir?

Councilmember Hoy: I was asked to speak at a business and women's club the other night about the voting machines, and Mr. Pete Swaim, you know, was demonstrating that machine, and it is very important that that be done because there is some reluctance on the part of some folks to use that touch voting, so I bring that to your attention and we need to make sure that people get comfortable with that. The second thing I bring to your attention, you might want to write this down, is a website called Black Box Voting, all together as you know on websites, .com. There have been some problems as I have pointed out, you know, with some of these machines, and there is some legislation pending in the congress that will require that there be a paper trail. That's why I inquired of the gentleman from ES & S last time to see if those machines would accommodate a printer, and they will. But we, as a Council, need to be aware of this and watch that as it goes through, because while they will accommodate the printers, we will be looking for the money to buy the printers so that there is a paper trail. Because I think that may well become legislation. You know, we're dealing with the public's trust in the voting system and that's very crucial, you know, in a democracy. So you might want to look that up and read some of the stuff that's on there. I will spare you that today. Thank you.

President Bassemier: I tell you, I see somebody else out there, Al Lindsey, he's a friend of mine, Evansville Fire Department, and we've worked several years together and he's interested in getting into government again. So anyway, that's all I better say.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you know any stories about Bassemier?

Councilmember Winnecke: I do have just one more - we seem to be having a moment of frivolity, which is rare on this floor. I would remind everyone that on Valentine's night, the Really Big Show at The Centre, Councilman Tornatta and I will be participating and we encourage everyone to come out. It supports a great cause, Evansville Arc, and a good time will be had by all.

Councilmember Sutton: And as we understand, you guys are going to give us a preview today.

Councilmember Raben: Hey Royce, aren't you interested in a show of hands of everybody that was invited to participate in that? Nobody called me, Lloyd. Hey, I may be one terrific singer and you don't even know it.

Councilmember Winnecke: I was not the casting director.

Councilmember Hoy: I was in it last year and involved the mayor, the then mayor, and the president of the Council with my little magic trick, but they've got Illusionist Baggett this year to take my place.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? You're right, Lloyd. You took a good picture in the paper, too. You did a good job. I need a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Okay.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Ed Bassemier

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd day of March, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everybody to the March 3rd, 2004 County Council meeting. Attendance roll call, please.

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

President Bassemier: Would everybody please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2004**

President Bassemier: I need a motion to approve the minutes of February 4th, 2004.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Bassemier: Now we'll get into our appropriations and I'll turn the floor over to our Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda today is Superior Court account 1370-1760-1370 in the amount of \$1,278. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1760-1370	Clerical Asst. Sec'y.	1,278.00	1,278.00
Total		1,278.00	1,278.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Highway, account 2010-2580 Calcium & Chloride in the amount of \$50,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-2580	Calcium & Chloride	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total		50,000.00	50,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR
REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR
REASSESSMENT/UNION TWP. ASSESSOR

President Bassemier: Reassessment.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under Reassessment Funds we have the County Assessor 2490-1090-1910 for \$514; Knight Township Assessor account 2490-1130-1910 \$135; and Union Township Assessor 2490-1170-1910 \$9, and I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1090-1910	PERF	514.00	514.00
Total		514.00	514.00

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1130-1910	PERF	135.00	135.00
Total		135.00	135.00

REASSESSMENT/UNION TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1170-1910	PERF	9.00	9.00
Total		9.00	9.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, last week there was some concerns as to the request for LEPC. Is there anyone – oh okay, could you step to the podium please?

Lewis Austin: My name is Lewis Austin, I'm Chairman of the Vanderburgh County Local Emergency Planning Commission or the LEPC. We made an appropriation in the amount of \$12,000 to cover funding for reimbursement for hazardous material training, first responder training that's being conducted at the St. Mary's Hospital and Deaconess Hospital in conjunction with the new Homeland Security. What happened, after 911, the first responders used to be police, fire and ambulance, and they expanded now to include the Health department, public works, which is a road department, hospital ER staff, and the county emergency management, and that's

why we are conducting training with hospitals and all emergency responders through the county and city are attending. We're appropriating, we're looking at approximately 150 to 180 persons will attend the training by the end of May.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: We'll also be reimbursed by the state for this?

Lewis Austin: Every year we do a reimbursement. Last year we funded \$12,000 for the city of Evansville Fire Department hazmat team, and then we do a reimbursement back to the state. And so far we have gotten 100% reimbursement for all the requests we have made in the past.

Councilmember Raben: Of those 180 plus, are those all city/county employees?

Lewis Austin: No, we'll have employees from the emergency rooms of both hospitals. We have members of the airport fire department, county fire department, city fire department, the sheriff's department, county health, they've all been invited to attend, so we're trying to get all of them. We have them daytime and in the evenings four sessions per week each month. We started last month, be another one in April, another one in May. So its three sessions. The first session was an overview, eight hour class, basically. Then we're going to do a hands-on practical and then the final exercise will be where we have a mock drill to make sure that everything goes together with our plan and at the hospitals for decon.

Councilmember Hoy: And this workshop is a mandate under the Homeland Security?

Lewis Austin: That's correct.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I have no further questions.

President Bassemier: Anybody else have any questions? Is there a motion made yet?

Councilmember Raben: No, I'll make the motion now. I'll move that we approve 2861-3310 Training in the amount of \$12,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: And I have a second by Mr. Hoy. Any more discussion on this? Thank you. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

LEPC		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2861-3310	Training	12,000.00	12,000.00
Total		12,000.00	12,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Lewis Austin: Thank you.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Mr. Austin.

COIT WINDFALL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under COIT Windfall, account 4131-4265 Miscellaneous Equipment in the amount of \$30,000, and everyone recalls that's to fund the Court Technology for Circuit Court.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and I have a second by Mr. Wortman. 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 Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

COIT WINDFALL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4131-4265	Misc. Equipment	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total		30,000.00	30,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Bassemier: Now move into the transfers.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

SUPERIOR COURT
CLERK (LATE)
JAIL(LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now for the transfers. Mr. President, I’m going to take them together. We have Superior Court in the amount of \$1,000; the Jail in the amount of \$2,000; and the Circuit Court in the amount of \$1,151. I’ll move approval of all three.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: County Clerk, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: County Clerk, I’m sorry.

President Bassemier: We knew what you meant. I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Who was the seconder?

President Bassemier: Phil, did you second that?

Councilmember Hoy: Curt did.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:1370-2600	Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 1370-3947	Pauper Transcripts	1,000.00	1,000.00

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1570-1010	Counter Clerk	451.00	451.00
1010-1590-1010	Ticket Clerk Misd/Traf.	104.00	104.00
1010-1680-1010	Deputy Clerk/Misd.	596.00	596.00
To: 1010-1990	Extra Help	1,151.00	1,151.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:1051-2300	Uniforms	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1051-1850	Union Overtime	2,000.00	2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we have amendments to the Salary Ordinance. First, on Superior Court, I make a motion to amend salary line 1370-1760 Clerical Assistant Secretary as previously adopted. The current employee is a COMOT V Step II, with an annual salary of \$27,624. Jail, I'll move to amend salary line 1051-1850 Union Overtime as previously adopted. County Clerk, salary line 1010-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: And a second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL BURDETTE PARK BOARD APPOINTMENT

President Bassemier: Under old business, County Council board appointment, that's Burdette Park. Royce, did you –

Councilmember Sutton: No, the person who I thought would, won't. So we're still on the search.

President Bassemier: Okay.

FILING DEADLINE FOR APRIL 7, 2004 MEETING

President Bassemier: New business. Filing date for the April 7, 2004 meeting will be March 12th, 2004.

ACS COMPUTER SERVICES UPDATE

President Bassemier: Moving on, ACS Computer Services update. Please state your name and occupation please.

Tim VanCleave: Good afternoon. Tim VanCleave with Computer Services. The purpose for being here today, I believe inside of your packets with some informational items is a slide presentation that was presented to the Data Processing Review Board last week with regard to the progress in redesigning the city and the county website. We've also made this presentation to the County Commissioners as well as the City Council, and are here today to give the same update to this board. With that, as you know, we provide several services for the county, one of which is the web services and we have been asked to redesign the website from its present state into one that is a little more user friendly, that provides the constituency better navigation and the ability for the county to update content more easily. And with that, our project goal is obviously to in essence replace the existing site with a new site that meets those basic outlines. And as you see on page 2 of the handout, you can see the site goals of what we hope to accomplish with this redesign. In order to accomplish this, the Data Processing Review Board selected six individuals from the city and the county to review several proposals of organizations that could provide this type of a project goal as well as meet the site goals. And that subcommittee, if you will, selected Vision Internet to be that partner with ACS. Vision Internet has quite a bit of experience in local government. They have set up over 35 local government sites, which I believe is more than any of the other organizations that had presented to that subcommittee. So they come to us with good experience. And there are some examples, as small

as they are, within that to kind of give you an idea of the type of sites that they have produced for other local communities. To accomplish some of those goals very quickly, a certain group of modules that Vision Internet can provide was selected, and those modules are listed there. I'm not going to take the time today to read through those. I'm sure everyone can read those items on there. But it will give a fairly quick turn around, but provide a lot of the items that people have been asking for and making comment with regards to. To accomplish this, Vision Internet has a six stage process that they utilize. The first two phases, the vision and the concept phases are what we are considering part of the planning phase. The remaining four phases, design, development, Q/A and testing, and the actual launch of the new site are all part of what we will be labeling as the implementation phase. On page four you can see a little better breakdown of the different stages as they label them. The vision stage, which we've already completed, was to gather information, was the primary reason for that stage and we accomplished that through surveys and a kick off meeting that was held last week. The second stage, which is the final part of the planning stages, is to organize and finalize the planning for the navigation of the site and how the information will be placed into the site so that we have a consistent look and feel across the different city and county pages as we develop those. Stage three is where we begin implementation. They will do a graphic survey to take a look and see what type of graphics, meaning pictures of Evansville, emblems, and those type of items that will be inserted into the different sites for a more down home, if you will, look and feel, because one of the comments that we've had about the site is that there are pictures out there that have nothing to do with the city of Evansville or Vanderburgh County. So that will be, I think, an important part to getting something that looks more and reflects more of the city and the county to not just the local community, but to the community outside of Vanderburgh County. Stage four is where they will finish up the final coding and move quickly into stage five which will be the testing and training phase, in which each county office will have the ability, that will be participating in the new website, to identify their content authors. And with this new site, they will be able to control the content so when an elected official is ready for new content to go out there, instead of developing that, sending it to a third party to have that updated and then trying to figure out when that happens, it will be almost real time. As that content author makes that change, it will appear on the site at that point. With that, then we will launch after everyone is trained on how to use that and it is tested, we will then launch the new site. And as you can see on page 7, its kind of small but aggressive time line that we would be launching the new site on Monday, June 28, if we stay on the current schedule. But of course the most important thing that we need is direction from the city and the county. So you are the most important part to making this a successful site for the community, as well as something that reflects positively upon the county government. I know Sandie has let us know that you are very interested in developing a better presence on the site and I'm looking forward to starting to gather all that information and getting it ready to go into the new site as well as something that we can also start to offer possibly even sooner, is localized email addresses so that you can start transacting business. And if that is something that this body is interested in moving towards, we can certainly coordinate that through either Sandie or you can contact our office. But if there are any ideas that you come up with, you can either email me or we've also set up an email site called New Site at vanderburghgov.org that you can jot down any ideas, send them, and then we can put those into a common format as we move into the conclusion of the planning stage here over the next couple three weeks. And with that, are there any questions?

President Bassemier: Any questions for Tim? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Tim, I agree, we do need to update our site. Sometimes they get a little stale and sometimes they don't necessarily provide the amount of information that's available to the citizenry out there. But as we look at the site, most people outside of Vanderburgh County don't think of Vanderburgh – when they think of this local area, they think of Evansville, so to find the Vanderburgh County sites, what links will this be attached to, the Vanderburgh County end of it?

Tim VanCleave: The URL is vanderburghgov.org and the current design will be a unified city and county. But that is still being discussed as part of the planning phase as to whether the city has their own site as well as the county having their own site. The recommendation that we've heard from city and county office representatives is that a lot of the constituency does not necessarily know who is providing their business. As you know, there are some county residents that use city water hookups and waste disposal. And there are some city people that use county to pay property taxes. And a lot of people don't know where to go to get that information. So that is one thing that we are trying to address through the navigation is trying to help people find the services that they are looking for, not necessarily as our current site is, you have to know that you want the County Treasurer's office to address tax information. With this new site, we're hoping that somebody, regardless if they're looking at the city or the county site, can say I want to pay property taxes and find that they need to be at the County Treasurer's page.

Councilmember Sutton: And that's probably even more valuable and useful for the visitors to the site when they can be linked directly to a particular service or an area based upon a topic rather than having to know who does each particular function. Is this site, I mean, I know the Chamber has in the past had links to the government site. Are we intending to link with the Chamber as well for people who are wanting to know about Evansville and they go to the Chamber site first? Would this be an option for them to then navigate over to this way?

Tim VanCleave: If the Chamber would do that, yes. Normally, we do not go out and seek other sites to put a link from their site to ours. We have had some requests such as the Visitors Bureau to place a link on the city and county site to get to them. And then many times, they do link back to that. And with this design process, anybody that is out there that already has a link will not lose that link because the URL and the addressing that the Internet utilizes will stay the same.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess what I'm thinking is from the person that's outside of Evansville, who wants to know about this city and this county. They may go the Chamber site first, they may find themselves going to the Evansville site, but somehow or another, they key areas like your Chamber, like your schools, somehow or another there needs to be a way in which people are directed maybe to some of those sites. It'd be a good, cooperative way so that people wouldn't have to try to come up with all these different ideas of what all these website names are, but they've got some quick links that readily connect them to the key points about information here in this community. I mean, I don't know if that's just me thinking this way, I don't know what you guys may think along that line?

Tim VanCleave: We can certainly try to contact some of those type of organizations but this is where even this body and their contacts within those organizations can make that recommendation to them, because we cannot force them to utilize this URL but we can certainly make contacts and make those requests.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, it looks like on here that the city and the county are

on this site and, I mean, a drop down list. If you hit that with all the entities that would be under that would be nice, and other than that, if they could do it all on one, and not getting into consolidation now, but you know, saying that they would be both on one would be nice. I think it would help out a lot and just have one site that people could go to and get all of their information as opposed to we have to have a site or the city has to have a site. I'm sure we can work that out.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, the fact is, when it comes to certain items, there is no difference between city and county anyway. We have a unified school system and a unified library system and a unified health system and there's a long list. That's why this needs to be, and I think that's, you know, I'm on the Data Board so this is my second time around on the presentation, and I think you're on the right track but I think these links are important.

President Bassemier: Any other questions of Tim? Thank you, Tim. Appreciate it.

Tim VanCleave: Thank you for your time.

Councilmember Sutton: Tim, one other that I thought of, Convention & Visitors Bureau would be another one, a good one to add on.

Tim VanCleave: Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, and then they would be linking to things that people would be interested in automatically, that would be good. So you'd find out how to get there and all that, what the admission cost is.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Tim.

JOB STUDY CONSULTING SERVICE

President Bassemier: If I remember, last week Mr. Sutton asked Mr. Wortman to get some information about this here new job study consulting service. Do you have the information for us?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, everybody has got it on their desk, on that. I'd like to refer to the state statute that the funds must be in place before the contract is awarded and I am just curious if the funds are in place is what I'm curious about. And then, you know, they've got a consultant line of \$15,750 but that's for David Griffith, he performs that. And then we've got a contractual service, but there's only \$1,500 in that. So I'm kind of curious about that. And then also, I'm going to refer it to the Department of Labor is now in the process of reviewing exempt and non-exempt status of full-time employees and have issued a statement saying this study will be done by the end of March 2004. So we've got duplications here. To me, its strictly just continually wasting taxpayers' money, and I don't understand that. That's beyond belief for me.

President Bassemier: I guess the question I'm going to ask is, I know we're duplicating services here, we've really got a very good, my own personal opinion, we already have a very good, outstanding consultant team already on the job study. I know when I chaired that board for two years in a row, I think we moved right along and we gave a lot of decent upgrades, and I think over the last five years we've heard from about or we made changes, we've updated or we heard 186 employees in that period of time. Am I correct on that, Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: That's right.

President Bassemier: And I'm just thinking, you know, with the new jail and everything, I know we're not going to cut any of these peoples' salaries if they come back and tell us that they shouldn't be paying that much. And another thing, if they come back and tell us that they deserve a different description, which would mean a pay raise, where are we going to get this money at? I mean, we've got the jail, we've got some situations that's going to face us here in the near future that I don't know where we're going to get the money from. And as Mr. Wortman stated, if I understand correctly, we've only got what, \$1,500 in one of those – what fund was that?

Councilmember Wortman: Contractual services.

President Bassemier: Yeah, so I'm not sure where we're going to find this money at. Has anybody got an opinion on this? Does anybody know where they're going to get this money at to pay this consulting team? Curt?

Councilmember Wortman: No, not unless somebody found a money tree somewhere. I haven't found one.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I don't have a clue. I can't speak for them but I do know that, Troy, was it you that made mention last week that you may have some insight on it? Were you able to get any questions answered?

Councilmember Tornatta: I think that might have been Mr. Sutton, not to throw the burden on him, but I was dealing with the judge's issue with the court situation –

Councilmember Raben: Had either of you had an opportunity to speak with them?

Councilmember Sutton: I did try to make contact with them and we missed each other, but the information I did get, really along the lines of what we've got here today, probably when we talk about our job study process its often probably more reactive to an issue, a concern that arises with a particular employee whether it is step increases, whether its changes in just their status, and I guess as I understand from a very general standpoint, what is occurring here is an overall look to see that the job descriptions that certain offices have, and they are named on the front of this, that they match the specific responsibilities that those people are carrying out at this time. And I guess there's been quite some time since the jobs have been actually reviewed to see if what their job description is, actually matches with their duties. And this firm is to look at them to see if there is an appropriate match. And if not, make the recommendations, not a decision, but recommendations on what should be done, which will then come to job study on our end on what those recommendations ought to be.

Councilmember Raben: I guess my concern with that is, you're correct, a large percentage of the time we do deal with step increases and things of that nature, but throughout the entire county and in practically every office or every department, we have gone through and made changes in regards to a person's responsibilities to their job. Job descriptions are changed in several offices every year. And the job study, while it may not be the lion's share of what the job study committee's responsibilities are, it's a pretty high percentage of them. I know the Clerk's office, what was it, two or three years ago, maybe around that area, practically that whole office, all the job responsibilities were reviewed and changes were made. So I

agree with Councilman Wortman and Councilman Bassemier, this is truly a duplication of services. You know, we do have a team of professionals that are paid a retainer to take care of these responsibilities. And to make a long story short, at the end of the day they're still going to have to come back through the same committee. Whatever the findings are by Irwin & Scheele still have to come back through the same job study committee. So it is double work and double expense. So I think we do need an explanation and what the true intent is behind this.

Councilmember Sutton: So we're saying that we want them to I guess we're talking about 86 employees, 47 positions, are you recommending that they would go in, since the request is to look at these positions, that the firm that we're working with now, would go in and evaluate these positions?

Councilmember Raben: I would say yes. I think the first steps that need to have taken place is one, I think the Commissioners probably should have come to this body because we're the real stakeholders in seeing these changes through. Councilman Bassemier addressed pay, you know, whether it be pay reductions or pay increases, again, the buck stops here. We have to make those determinations as to whether or not any of that comes down. So I think what they need to do is put the brakes on whatever the project is and they need to come in here and better explain to us what exactly they want to do. And again, you know, they can go through these exercises and we still have to do it again. The changes still have to be made at our desk.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, they aren't requesting any – I mean, from what I've seen up to this point, there hasn't been any dollars requested of this body. There haven't been any changes recommended in any job descriptions, no changes --

Councilmember Raben: There's \$17,000 or \$16,000 that is part of this contract.

Councilmember Sutton: But none of that is going directly to a county employee that is a result of a change in their status, something, somewhere or another, whereas when the Clerk went through their process, when they got through evaluating their employees, their positions, we did have some requests and I think that there, ultimately there could be, we don't know, but there could be some requests along that line.

Councilmember Raben: What I do understand is right now, they're wanting to spend 16 or \$17,000 to do this. I do understand that. And you're right, we don't know exactly if they're going to come to us with a bunch of requests to reduce people's pay or they're going to come back to us with a bunch of requests to increase people's pay. But none the less, that is our responsibility as County Councilmen, and that is the responsibility of our county job study committee. So they still need to come in with us and tell the story. I mean, we need to make that determination as to whether or not any of this takes place. And I think that's Councilman Wortman's point and Councilman Bassemier's point.

Councilmember Sutton: When is the last time job study has met? I mean, I can't recall a meeting of the job study committee in quite some time. I mean, if this is a request that is coming through, I mean, obviously, these are --

Councilmember Raben: Again, that's just it. I don't think they've came to anybody with these requests. And I don't know, Sandie, right now, how many requests do

we have?

Sandie Deig: I have two on file and the Commissioners have not made any requests or submitted any applications for review for jobs.

President Bassemier: And you've got to remember, I think I mentioned this a while ago, in the last five years, we've reviewed 186 different jobs in the last five years. I know that one year I think I had about 11 that one year I was chairman.

Councilmember Sutton: 186 last year?

President Bassemier: No, we've heard 186 – we've reviewed 186 different jobs in the last five years.

Councilmember Raben: Not 186 meetings.

Councilmember Sutton: I know, I've been on that committee and I haven't been at 186 meetings.

Councilmember Raben: And I'll tell you, I have chaired that committee, –

President Bassemier: 186 employees we've reviewed in the last five years.

Councilmember Raben: I've chaired that committee. I haven't in several years. I couldn't even tell you how long ago its been, but I know you really, you form meetings as needed. I mean, you know, again, there's only two requests right now, you know, so there will probably be a need by April or May. There's probably going to be a need for a meeting and then again probably right prior to budget session, and then probably one in the fall. But I mean, there's not a need for them to meet unless the requests are there.

Councilmember Sutton: And that's exactly my point that it's a reactive committee based upon requests that come through. This here is based upon a proactive approach and evaluating to see if things are – I see a difference here. And if there is a need for a change, then they would go through the job study committee and say hey, this position in so and so department is out of line and needs to be readjusted, not at the right grade, job study, what's your, you know, this is what we're recommending, what do you think, what would you like to do with this measure? I don't think from this here, that there's going to be one dime allocated to any employee as a result at the end of this until the job study decides otherwise.

Councilmember Raben: Again, let them come in and make their point.

President Bassemier: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, what Mr. Sutton says is true. I have a notion that the Commissioners probably have this money in their budget someplace, maybe not, because we allocate a good deal of money to them. They may be able to go ahead with this. My questions, and if they can, they can. I may not agree with it and I'm not sure that I do. But my questions have to do with Soil & Water Conservation District, I chair that board, and that board has a mandate from the state and from the federal government to operate. You know, we're a sworn body. And recently we've reviewed and rewritten both job descriptions of those two employees and the second one is Veterans Services, and I don't know, but I'm wondering if those job

descriptions might not well be mandated by the state rather than locally. And I have a notion that Weights & Measures might also be mandated by the state of Indiana since they operate under state regulations and guidelines. So those would all have to be taken into account, all three of those because two of them I'm sure of are not just local, but they have connections to, strong connections to state government.

President Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

Councilmember Wortman: I'm kind of curious here, the Commissioners, I hope we're not falling into the trap of consolidation, a step forward with that. That kind of bothers me.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm not following you, Councilman Wortman. Can you kind of explain what you mean there? What do you mean?

Councilmember Wortman: Well, they're just going out and trying to go around everybody here the way it looks, as they've done before, and consolidation is the talk of the town now, and I think they might be taking the lead. And, of course, I'm definitely against consolidation regardless, see.

Councilmember Sutton: I haven't heard the city mentioned in any of this discussion so I'm just trying to draw the connection between what you believe is a consolidation move in evaluating employees. Maybe I'm just a little slow in catching this, but I'm not seeing the connection there.

Councilmember Raben: I think what he's referring to is last week there was mention made, and I think I'm right on this, I think Councilman Tornatta had mentioned that this could possibly be part of a joint effort with the city on their efficiency study, which the efficiency study, I guess, you know, the bottom line is at some point it will address where areas can be consolidated. And if, in fact, this is part of the efficiency study, I'm not trying to put words in your mouth, but I think that's –

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, let's turn this a different direction. Let's say that it could be the fiscal responsibility of a leader to make sure that their business is running correctly and in this case, if the Commissioners are doing it not to consolidate, but to try to make sure that the people that are on the job are doing it the way its supposed to be done and the mode it's supposed to be done, and for the most efficiency of the county, then they'd be on the tip of their game. And, I mean, I think that's, from what I've talked to David and Catherine, that's more or less where they're going with that. Its not a consolidation effort, its more of an effort to be a leader and come through and show that they are efficient with what they're doing and stand behind it that way. Its easy to stand behind when you're making a right decision.

Councilmember Hoy: Did all three Commissioners agree on this or is this a split decision?

President Bassemier: Mr. Hoy, would you –

Councilmember Hoy: Tape change?

(Tape changed)

President Bassemier: Okay, Mr. Hoy, go ahead, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: No, Mr. Wortman says it was two to one and I wanted to clarify that. What I'm feeling is something that I have felt many times sitting in this seat and that is we have a lack of communication between the two bodies and once again we're having something laid on our desks which is, I think, our responsibility and there's been no consultation. And we get it both ways as Councilmen. We're criticized when we don't appropriate money, we're criticized when we're not on top of things, but we have a lot of things proposed that never come before us first. I wish this had. I think it would have made it run more smoothly if it had been discussed in here.

President Bassemier: You know, if you look at the contract, it kind of says they're going to contact the same people that serves on the job study, so you know, who knows more than the people who serve on the job study? They're just going to get it secondhand because you've got to remember who is serving on this job study. There's a departmental head on every department or a rep, so I mean, you know, its –

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Wortman, if you would be in charge of getting them in here, you're their liaison. If you would be in charge of drafting a letter and just asking –

Councilmember Wortman: I can draft a letter because they just don't want to communicate with me. So maybe I can draft a letter.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I mean, I don't know that that's true. I've heard contrary to that, but they have staff in there that would take your request and respect you in such a manner to get that handled.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I'll make a motion that, as a body, we request that they come and discuss this with us, and bring information in so that the invitation is from all of us.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that request.

President Bassemier: I have a second. Let's take a roll call vote on that. I think that's very important. We've got a lot of unanswered questions here.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Sutton: Hold on. What are we voting on here?

Councilmember Hoy: My motion is to, as a body, to follow up on what Mr. Tornatta said, that as a body we invite the Commissioners to come discuss this with us, that's all.

Councilmember Sutton: And we've got to take a vote to do that? I mean, that's what we've got a liaison for, I mean –

Councilmember Hoy: Well, it's a vote –

Councilmember Sutton: Several department heads were in here for other things. We don't need a vote to invite them to get in here. Somebody needs to maybe pick up a phone and call or –

Councilmember Tornatta: I think you just need –

Councilmember Hoy: Are you ready for my response or are you just going to keep talking?

President Bassemier: Everybody in favor raise your hand, however you want to do it. I think it's –

Councilmember Hoy: No, I'd like to respond to Mr. Sutton. The reason I said that is because if it is true or it appears to be that there is some tension between Mr. Wortman and the Commissioners, I would like for the Commissioners to know that all of us would like to have this discussion. That's the only reason for the motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: And my other thought is if there is tension between the two parties, could we not switch that around? I mean, Mr. President, that's directed maybe to you, if maybe somebody else then would need to take that role and switch a role. If there is any tension for whatever reason, I mean, we need communication here and if there's not an easy flow between these two individuals, then we might just switch that around and if somebody else experiences it, well then we know that there's a truer problem. But there might not be at all.

President Bassemier: Well, right now, I think Mr. Wortman, I've known him for years, he does a good job.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll get hold of them and have them present here.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, that's the answer we need right there.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll get around it one way or another.

Councilmember Sutton: We had a lot of questions last week –

President Bassemier: We've got a motion on the floor, how do you want to do this? Second, Jim, got the second. Okay, now you want to – okay, we still have some discussion. Royce, did you want to say something?

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to say, we've had a lengthy discussion about this last week and then this week. I mean, in between last week and this week, I mean, you're the liaison, Councilman Wortman, did you make phone calls and they didn't return your phone calls? Did you go by there and they didn't respond to you?

Councilmember Wortman: I'll make a personal appearance.

Councilmember Sutton: No, I mean, in between last week and this week, I mean, did they not return your calls or something?

Councilmember Wortman: I didn't make any. No, because I just got the information. That's what you requested, see, or the Council requested and I just got the information.

President Bassemier: I just want to make sure everybody is on the same page here. I'm going to call for a roll call vote on that motion and second.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes, so I hope to see them.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Wortman: Are you going to recognize all the young whipper snappers out there?

President Bassemier: Yeah, I'm going to recognize them. Troy?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I've got a few things before we kind of wrap up and recognize people in the audience. I passed around, if anybody didn't get it, its really a couple of thoughts, but it talks about when you get down to it, some of the things that we deal with every day, tax abatements, the effects that certain companies that come in have on jobs, and just some things to reflect on as Council people. I'll give it to anybody that wants it, but just read through that. It kind of puts in perspective on sometimes what we think is so grandiose at first, and to get a job or group of jobs in here might actually bite us in the end, so we need to just take a look at that. It's a short deal. I think Mr. Raben has the longer version of it, but that's a shortened deal to tell you there. The second thing, we're going to be getting some figures on what the Building Authority is going to have probably in the next couple of months so brace yourself for what this court cost is going to do and we all need to consider what's getting ready to come down the pipe. The third thing, I had mentioned last week that really I thought that the Building Authority, we could maybe get them to upgrade this room and look at the ELMO system and really make this very much more user friendly. Today we've had two or three issues that the audience should have been a part of but they didn't have the paperwork in front of them because there wasn't enough copies made so they could see kind of what we're going over and the different stuff. So one of the things that Sandie helped me out with, I appreciate this, is a follow up. In a month, Area Plan Commission, Board of Public Safety, Board of Public Works, Board of Zoning Appeals, City Council meets four times, County Council meets two times, EUTS policy committee, Levee Board, Parks Board, and then, of course, the County Council and Personnel &

Finance, that's when we meet twice, PTABOA meets, the Sheriff tax sale, Tax sale surplus property, and then the budget meetings for the County Council. That's a list of just some of the ones that are scheduled in here on a monthly basis. So all of those actually would utilize that system and really it would be nice that the audience could be a part of that if they had that system working. So just following up on that a little bit. Thanks for your time.

President Bassemier: Royce?

Councilmember Sutton: One more thing, Mr. President, there is something I wanted to get in your hands. But it was a topic of discussion we had a little while back ago, and this is a letter I want to read to you,

"Dear County Councilmembers,

I was before you late last year about a city/county office of disability services. Since that time, I also have Mayor Weinzapfel on board. He, along with the City Council and County Commissioners, have appointed representatives to the exploratory committee examining the ODS idea. I would like to ask if the County Council would also like to appoint a representative to the exploratory committee. Besides myself (who is Rob Kerney) I have three other people with disabilities: a parent of a child with a disability, two service providers and three government representatives. We are searching for a person with a hearing impairment. Once you have an appointment, our representatives for our committee will begin meeting soon."

So he wanted to be here for the meeting but he's teaching a class, but that's from Rob Kerney, and he wanted us to take this under consideration. So I'm going to give this to you.

President Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

Councilmember Raben: Royce, I have a question. Are they looking for a Council person to serve as a representative or are they looking for us to make an appointment for someone?

Councilmember Sutton: They're looking for an appointment to this particular board.

Councilmember Hoy: Somebody that is hearing impaired, right?

President Bassemier: Curt (Inaudible).

Councilmember Sutton: That's the preference that they're looking for. It doesn't necessarily have to be, but that's their – that was not me. I didn't say that.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, you might ask that all of us between now and our next official meeting, anyone that may have someone in mind that would like the opportunity to serve on that. Royce, you may already have somebody in mind, I don't know.

Councilmember Sutton: I really don't, that's why I wanted to make sure that – I really don't.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, would it be fair to ask that we bring our recommendations in at our next official meeting?

President Bassemier: Yeah, that would be –

Councilmember Raben: Is 30 days enough?

Councilmember Sutton: It should be, yeah.

President Bassemier: Before we adjourn, I'd like to recognize a group out there, high school students. Would you all come forward? Let's get you on the record (inaudible – microphone not turned on) I think you all are from Central High School's Government class. I'd like for you to come forward and give your name and what grade you're in and if you want to say something about yourself.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, while they are coming up, I know some of them were needing copies of our agenda to take back to turn in. Does everyone have a copy?

President Bassemier: We'll get you some copies. Go ahead and we'll sign them for you.

Councilmember Raben: Who needs copies?

Sandie Deig: How many do we need?

Councilmember Raben: Just two?

President Bassemier: So you all can say in 2004, March 3rd, you're on the record in a County Council meeting. Please come forward please and state your name, your high school and what grade you're in, sir.

Brady Kell: Brady Kell, I'm a senior at Central.

President Bassemier: And where are you going to college?

Brady Kell: Actually, I'm joining the Army.

Teri Lukeman: Would you mind having them sign their name so that –

President Bassemier: Yeah, that would be fine. Sir, before you leave, sign your name so she can get the correct spelling of your name.

Kyle Asay: Kyle Asay, Central High School senior. I'll be attending USI in the fall.

President Bassemier: Good, good. Thank you, sir.

Kennedy Rose: Kennedy Rose, I'm also a senior at Central High School and I'm probably going to go to USI.

President Bassemier: Well good, good.

Daniel Robinson: Daniel Robinson, Central senior. I'm not actually sure what I'm going to do after high school, but I'll probably go to work for my dad.

President Bassemier: Okay. Do you play any sports, Dan?

Daniel Robinson: Yeah, I'm a wrestler.

President Bassemier: Yeah, you look like a wrestler. Okay.

Kyle Sweeney: My name is Kyle Sweeney, I'm a senior at Central and I'm probably going to go to USI.

President Bassemier: Good.

Ryan Titzer: My name is Ryan Titzer, I'm a senior at Central and I'll probably be going to Purdue.

President Bassemier: Great, great.

Steven Joseph: I'm Steven Joseph, and I'm a senior at Central High School. I'll probably be attending Vincennes University.

President Bassemier: Okay, good. Thank you, sir.

Hannah Martin: I'm Hannah Martin, I'm a senior at Central High School and I'll be attending Indiana University.

President Bassemier: Well, thank you, ma'am.

Brittney Ritter: I'm Brittney Ritter, I'm a senior at Central High School. I'll be attending USI.

President Bassemier: Thank you, ma'am.

Mitch Helfert: My name is Mitch Helfert, I'm a senior at Central and I'll probably be going to Ivy Tech.

President Bassemier: Ivy Tech, well, good. Thank you.

Ryan Wilhite: Ryan Wilhite, I'm a senior at Central and I'll be attending USI.

President Bassemier: Thank you. Is that everybody? Thank you very much for coming and we appreciate that.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I guess we're probably ready to adjourn at this point.

President Bassemier: Okay, do we have a motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Thank you.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Ed Bassemier

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of April, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everyone to the April 7th, 2004 County Council meeting. Attendance roll call please.

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

President Bassemier: Would everybody please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Bassemier: Before we get started, over the weekend we lost a wonderful person and an excellent police officer. Would everyone please bow a few minutes in memory of Major Tom Wallis?

(A moment of silence was observed)

President Bassemier: Thank you. We're going to miss him. Mr. Hoy, did you have something you'd like to say? Troy, is there anything you'd like to say before we get started?

Councilmember Tornatta: Just to tie into that for the families in the explosion and everybody around the explosion that happened is big as well, so...

President Bassemier: It has been a tragic weekend, it saddens all of us. Okay, and one other thing, Mr. Raben, finance chairman, would you come up here a minute please? Now it's your turn. This is kind of late coming, but we all want to kind of give you a little plaque here for a job well done last year as president. You kept us all in line and kept us all honest and great job. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you very much.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2004**

President Bassemier: Okay, I'd like to have a motion for the approval of the minutes for March 3rd, 2004.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Now we'll go into appropriations and I'll now turn it over to our finance chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. I guess I was called to the front. I did want to echo a few of your comments on the death of Major Wallis. You know, one of the perks to sitting up here is the relationships and the people that you meet, not only here, but a lot of them in this room, and he was one that most of us will always cherish. And I think a pat on the back also should go out towards the Sheriff's Department, the men and women that have worked beside him that is just something. The two days that I saw how tall and proud they stood, you know, for not only him but his friends and family, and I think they deserve a pat on the back

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, moving right along, County Auditor, 1020-3530 Contractual Services, \$20,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

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AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-3530	Contractual Services	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Sheriff 1050-1130-0210 Investigative \$10,000, 1050-1130-0020, 1050-1130-0021, 1050-1130-0024, 1050-1130-0030, 1050-1130-0031, and 1050-1130-0098 for a total appropriation of \$10,084. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Bassemier: We have 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0210	Investigative Trans.	10,000.00	10,000.00
1050-1130-0020	Sergeant	14.00	14.00
1050-1130-0021	Sergeant	14.00	14.00
1050-1130-0024	Sergeant	14.00	14.00
1050-1130-0030	Sergeant	14.00	14.00
1050-1130-0031	Patrolman	14.00	14.00
1050-1130-0098	Patrolman	14.00	14.00
Total		10,084.00	10,084.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under Jail we have Union Overtime in the amount of \$10,000, Uniforms in the amount of \$2,000, for a total request of \$12,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and I have a second by Mr. Winnecke. Discussion? Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman? I would hope that we try to hold this Union Overtime down as much as we can. That's my comment.

President Bassemier: Okay, that's your comment to hold it down. Okay. Eric is taking note of that. Okay, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1850	Union Overtime	10,000.00	10,000.00
1051-2300	Uniforms	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		12,000.00	12,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Co-op Extension Services, Contractual Services in the amount of \$1,210. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I had a question last week about this particular request and this discussion about this extra amount came up, oh, probably about three years ago and then again about five years ago on this amount. And there's a formula that Purdue uses to decide how much a particular match may be. Now that doesn't mean that we have to match that up fully up to that amount, but still, they will go ahead and compensate what that position is supposed to be compensated for. So the question I had last week was related to whether this was an amount that we had already committed to or whether this was an amount that in the past that Purdue had picked up the additional amount. And I guess as I understand, this amount would actually have been an amount that Purdue would have picked up and not the county

would have picked up. So if we spend this, these are dollars that, like I said, actually that Purdue could actually allocate toward this rather than coming out of our dollars.

Councilmember Tornatta: They won't. This will come out of their budget one way or the other.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, in the past that's the way we have done this. In fact, its come up on several different occasions.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm their liaison. I called and asked those same questions, but unfortunately, Purdue is setting a limit of what they are going to pay and that's throughout all the extensions, and this is the number that we lack from the budgeted number that they set. And they're behind our budget time. So we're getting a number that we think is supposed to be set in and then the actual number comes from Purdue. So this is just short of what we budgeted.

Councilmember Raben: But to Royce's point, I think it was brought up as recently as last August during our budget session.

Councilmember Tornatta: They're on a different budget cycle, I think that's what the whole problem is. Any problem that we've ever had with different operations has always been just because they're trying to budget what they think the bar is going to be set and in this case, they set it too low.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Hoy, do you remember this discussion that we had about this? And I know its back a ways, but you were around back then, I believe, when we first began to kind of debate this and I think actually Bettye Lou Jerrel was actually on the Council when we first began discussions on this issue.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't remember enough detail to comment. I know we had the discussions but its not – my computer isn't bringing that up, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: We've had a few things pass by in the meantime.

Councilmember Hoy: Normally, I remember those kind of discussions, but I don't remember the details.

Councilmember Sutton: Sandie, do you have any information that might be helpful in terms of shedding some light on this?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Sutton: '98, six years ago. You're good.

Councilmember Tornatta: Her computer is working fine.

Councilmember Sutton: Think and it shall be given. Not ask, but think. Let's see, where do I start here? Larry –

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you want to move to Area Plan?

Councilmember Raben: We already have a motion on the floor.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, I think Troy is right. They always submit their budget and then Purdue sometimes has to come up and match it and if they do, they do, and if they don't, they don't.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, they submit what they think it's going to be and Purdue puts out what they think its going to be for our budget. Then once Purdue gets kicked in and started, then they get the actual numbers and then that's when they submit it to the 4-H extension.

Councilmember Wortman: I think that's always been the procedure.

Councilmember Tornatta: And what they'll have to do, they'll have to take this out of one of their budget lines if we don't supply it. We talked about that when we were in budget hearings, I do believe, because I go over their budget with them.

Councilmember Raben: This kind of goes back to at what point is enough, enough? How much can the local entities like ourselves pick up?

Councilmember Tornatta: I understand and that's something a legislator has to have maybe some contact with the Purdue extension because they won't –

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Sutton, I would consider amending my motion to defer this.

Councilmember Sutton: I think maybe we ought to if just to give ourselves ample time to really give consideration to this and I hate for us to not allocate the money and we need to or to allocate the money and we don't have to. If that would be your pleasure, that would probably be the appropriate thing.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'm going to withdraw my motion.

President Bassemier: Curt, you seconded it. Is that okay with you?

Councilmember Wortman: I guess I can.

Councilmember Raben: Now I'd like to make a motion that Co-op Extension Service line 1230-3530 be deferred.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any more discussion on that? Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Hoy: Just one thing if we –

President Bassemier: I'm trying to move this along.

Councilmember Hoy: I know and I'm trying to hold you up. Not really, I just think that it would be helpful to all of us if those minutes are helpful, then we might need a copy of that.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion and a second to defer it. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-3530	Contractual Services	1,210.00	Deferred
Total		1,210.00	Deferred

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Area Plan 1240-4250 Miscellaneous Equipment in the amount of \$1,450.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second by Mr. Sutton, is that right?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Bassemier: Okay, any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-4250	Misc. Equipment	1,450.00	1,450.00
Total		1,450.00	1,450.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Cum Bridge, 2030-4411 in the amount of \$15,000, I move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4411	Golden Rule Rd. Br. 700	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total		15,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CCD/COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, CCD account 2031-1300-4230 Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$125,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and I have a second by Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on this? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I'd like to ask how this is going to affect the piggyback style on prices?

Councilmember Sutton: The what?

Councilmember Wortman: Like they always do it in the fall of the year with that other \$125,000, and how will this here appropriation – will you do it now and get the same price for the vehicles or will we have to wait?

Eric Williams: Chief Deputy Eric Williams, Sheriff's Office. We buy those on the back of the Indiana State Police's QPA, which is good for the year. The problem we run into is because we have to have the brown and tan vehicles, they have a build date of May 16, that's the last day that they'll build those cars until next year, so the price is the same regardless of when we order them through the year.

Councilmember Wortman: I wanted to check that, thank you.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else?

Councilmember Sutton: And we're getting how many vehicles, Chief Deputy?

Eric Williams: Right now the plan is, with the original allotment from CCD and then this, that should put us ten new vehicles in the fleet, which is what we have talked about for the last six or seven years now.

Councilmember Raben: If you recall, I'm trying to remember exactly how it was said, but I think last – in August for this fiscal year budget, there was a request for like 125 out of General Fund and 125 out of CCD, and we zeroed out the General Fund and said take it all out of CCD.

Eric Williams: That’s correct, and the Commissioners have been agreeable to that.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, and the good thing is we’ll get a steady flow of replacing the cars rather than trying to replace them all at one time.

Eric Williams: The system has worked very well.

Councilmember Wortman: We don’t want to give you too many cars with the price of gas now, so –

Eric Williams: That is the next issue that we’ll be facing here in short order.

President Bassemier: Okay, thank you, sir. Okay, anybody else? I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CCD/COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1300-4230	Motor Vehicles	125,000.00	125,000.00
Total		125,000.00	125,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, we’ve got several requests, 2620-1100-2620, 2620-1110-2620, 2620-1190-2620, 2620-1200-2620, 2620-1220-2620, 2620-1230-2620, 2620-1900, 2620-1910, for a total request of \$15,144. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: I know this is just maybe kind of a question that if, maybe if someone from Superior Court maybe could respond to, and I guess as we're looking at this, what is mandated by the state –

President Bassemier: Judge, can you come forward please?

Councilmember Sutton: As is mandated by the state, and you guys don't have any particular control on this, I don't know if the relationships or the discussions you've had with other counties and how they are addressing this, because some of them, with their financial situations across the state, I would imagine this really puts a hardship on the number of counties –

Terry Dietsch: Yes, and it has for years. And we are caught between the minimum salary schedule by the judicial conference, and that was by virtue of legislation enacted by the state legislature. And we are caught between our own salary schedule here in Vanderburgh County with the various step raises and also the incremental percentage raises each year by the Council, and therefore, we have some people who are under the minimum, and some people who are over the minimum. And we're going to have to reconcile those. To complicate the matter further, the anniversary date of when step raises kick in is different than the minimum salary schedule from the state as opposed to our own anniversary dates on step raises. If we have a person with a step raise in 2004 and that kicks in in fiscal 2005, January, if you have a step raise on the state portion, that kicks in on the anniversary date regardless of when it is. Ms. Deig and I discussed this originally and I think maybe Mr. Wortman, I'm not sure, and we discussed the possibility of well, what happens to the people who are over. And I think we each had the same initial reaction, well, those people simply won't get a raise. Well, I thought about that, and a couple of things were called to my attention. I don't think that you can treat people differently under our county step schedule or job study schedule than any other people in the county. These things eventually will work, I think, work themselves out. It's just that we're going to have to make this transition for fiscal 2005 and its going to cause Ms. Deig a lot of trouble and its going to cause us a lot of trouble and it's going to cause the Auditor a lot of trouble. But yes, there was enabling legislation that allowed the judicial conference to establish those minimum wages and we have to comply with them. But, your initial question, what about the smaller counties? Well, there have been a couple of lawsuits and they were not going to pay and the Supreme Court, the last case in 1997 says yes, you are going to pay. And that's why, the last time, the other week, last week when I presented this, I suggested that if we really needed to discuss this, I'm perfectly willing to discuss this with the Council and I'll have all the data for you so that you can take a look at it and show you exactly where we are and what I think this means for fiscal 2005. Does that answer your question, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Hoy: Sounds like a mandate to me.

Terry Dietsch: It is what some people refer to as an unfunded mandate. Its legislation passed by the state legislature directing the judicial conference to establish minimum probation officer salaries that must be complied with by the various counties in the state. And that's no different than unfunded mandates we get from the federal government all the time.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, I think Judge Dietsch commented that he'd like to meet to discuss this before the budget process.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, I thought we had essentially agreed on that.

Councilmember Wortman: I think Mr. Winnecke and Mr. Raben and maybe Troy or Mr. Hoy might –

Terry Dietsch: Like I said, I'm perfectly happy to meet with all of you. We've done that on occasion but its so difficult to coordinate everyone's schedule. But whatever you would like, I will do.

Councilmember Raben: Well, there's probably not any need to meet. This takes care of the situation, it carries it forward from this day on, so –

Terry Dietsch: But I would like to meet with Ms. Deig certainly, and maybe you, Mr. Raben, to make certain we agree on the particulars of what's going to happen during fiscal 2005, if we're going to have things kick in and how that's going to be handled.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, that's the real, the issue is really for 2005. This takes care of this year.

Councilmember Raben: But I think its clear that they're paid their increase the first pay period after their anniversary date, right?

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, on the state schedule, right. It starts on their anniversary date. If their anniversary date say for ten years is March the 12th, that's when it starts. Under our schedule, if their anniversary date is March the 12th, the raise kicks in the following January the 1st, I believe.

Councilmember Raben: Unless it falls January 1 though the 31st.

Terry Dietsch: Right. But see, when the legislation was enacted, I don't know whether there was any discussion about what counties, if any, had a job study that involved step raises, I have no idea whether that was discussed.

Councilmember Wortman: I'd make a call and kind of confer with other counties and see what their procedures –

Terry Dietsch: But surely we are not the only county that has been the subject of a job study, I wouldn't think.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, thank you, Judge.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion and a second. Any more questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

**SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL
ADULT PROBATION**

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2620-1100-2620	Chief Probation Ofcr.	4,029.00	4,029.00
2620-1110-2620	Probation Officer	3,950.00	3,950.00
2620-1190-2620	Probation Officer	1,776.00	1,776.00
2620-1200-2620	Probation Officer	925.00	925.00
2620-1220-2620	Probation Officer	650.00	650.00
2620-1230-2620	Probation Officer	2,356.00	2,356.00
2620-1900	FICA	1,047.00	1,047.00
2620-1910	PERF	411.00	411.00
Total		15,144.00	15,144.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next under Emergency 911 account 3290-3892. This is the ongoing Project 42 contract in the amount of \$83,407. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second by Mr. Winnecke. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3290-3892	C. D. Project 42	83,407.00	83,407.00
Total		83,407.00	83,407.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Legal Aid/United Way 4290-3530 and 4290-3990 for a total request of \$11,582, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: We have a motion and a second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: We discussed this last week, Mr. President, and I'm the liaison to Legal Aid Society, and this is a normal action we take every year, but I did ask the Director, Ms. Hartig, to come if there are any questions.

President Bassemier: Anybody got any questions? Okay, I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-3530	Contractual Services	2,400.00	2,400.00
4290-3990	Miscellaneous	9,182.00	9,182.00
Total		11,582.00	11,582.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Sue Hartig: Thank you.

President Bassemier: You're welcome, Sue.

GENERAL FUND REPEAL

AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next we have repeals under the County Auditor in the amount of \$20,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-1390-1020	TIF/Tax Sale Clerk	4,400.00	4,400.00
1020-1300-1020	Transfer Clerk	1,100.00	1,100.00
1020-1310-1020	Administrative Sec.	5,600.00	5,600.00
1020-1420-1020	Bookkeeper II	500.00	500.00
1020-1970	Temp. Replacement	7,488.00	7,488.00
1020-1910	PERF	912.00	912.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Transfers, first is Cum Bridge \$1,200 from the Marx Road Culvert to Training in the amount of \$12,000. Next is Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation \$185 from the Probation Officer line to Unemployment and that's it for transfers. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: We have a motion and a second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Roll call vote please on those two.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben, would you repeat the transfer amount for Cum Bridge please?

Councilmember Raben: \$1,200.

President Bassemier: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4727	Marx Rd. Culvert #934	1,200.00	1,200.00
To: 2030-3310	Training	1,200.00	1,200.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2600-1240-2600	Probation Officer	185.00	185.00
To: 2600-1930	Unemployment	185.00	185.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE
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President Bassemier: Amendment to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first is the Sheriff’s Department, amend salary line 1050–0210 Investigative Transcriptionist, set the salary in at \$31,288, current employee is a PAT IV, Step 4. Amend salary ordinance lines as follows: 1050-0020 Sergeant in the amount of \$46,479; 1050-0021 Sergeant in the amount of \$47,205; 1050-0024 Sergeant in the amount of \$49,118; 1050-0030 Sergeant at \$46,505; 1050-0031 Patrolman at \$39,308; 1050-0098 Patrolman in the amount of \$40,655. Under Jail, amend salary line 1051-1850 Union Overtime as previously adopted. Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, amend salary lines as follows 2620-1100 Probation Officer \$11,016; 2620-1110 Probation Officer at \$6,040; 2620-1190 Probation Officer at \$3,866; 2620-1200 Probation Officer at \$3,591; 2620-1220 Probation Officer in at \$3,316; and 2620-1230 Probation Officer at \$5,022. That’s

it for the amendments, I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Okay, that passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENT TO BURDETTE PARK

President Bassemier: Going into Old Business, County Council board appointment, I assume that's still Burdette Park. Still working on that, I know.

Councilmember Sutton: I should have brought that to you. I don't have it today.

President Bassemier: We know you're working on it, Royce. It's hard, sometimes to fill these boards.

WAGGONER, IRWIN & SCHEELE CONTRACT

President Bassemier: Okay, the second item under old business, if you all remember on March 3rd, we all voted to send a letter to the Commissioner's President, Catherine Fanello, to appear here at our County Council meeting, this

April 7th meeting or have some rep, somebody or one of the Commissioners as a rep here in reference to that Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele contract. Is there anybody from the Commissioner's office out there? We've got some questions we'd like to ask you.

Councilmember Tornatta: I was in contact with Commissioner Fanello and Commissioner Mosby. Commissioner Mosby has duties today with work. Unfortunately, it's a part-time position, but Commissioner Fanello also has – its tax time and she's knee deep in that. She said if you, as the President, would set up a time because I don't think, Curt, you got in touch with them, did you?

Curt Wortman: Yeah, we did give them a letter.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, well, we had talked last meeting that you were going to call them and try and set something up, but anyway she said if somebody wanted to set a meeting up, she said she's got everything ready to go over, but just with tax time right now, she was going to be unable to be here.

President Bassemier: Well, I tell you what, I'm really disappointed. We sent a letter out March 4th to her right after we voted on it and we sent her another letter March 19th. I'm just really disappointed. I know there are some questions we needed to ask her: what funds that this money is going to come out to pay this and like I said, they had plenty of notice and it was all set up. I prefer not to meet with her and a couple more. That's why it was all set up so we could all hear it the same way, you know.

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't know that a private meeting is out of the ordinary for doing business.

President Bassemier: Well, –

Councilmember Tornatta: And they gave an invitation to set up that meeting to talk about anything you needed to talk about.

President Bassemier: Well, I tell you what, what I'd like to do is, I'd like to, if it's okay with you all's permission, to ask Sandie to draft up another letter and ask them to appear before us next month. I know there are some important questions. I'd like maybe somebody to make a motion like we did last month or March 3rd, make a motion. I think we all need to talk to them. There's three Commissioners and for two of them to say they are tied up. Like I said, I'm very disappointed, we've got some very good questions to ask them, I'm sure, or else we wouldn't have all voted – all seven of us for her or them to appear, so I'm asking now to ask them to appear next month. That gives them another 30 days. Can I have a motion to that effect and a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would make that motion. I would concur with your observation. I mean, I think it's an issue that the public, it needs to be discussed in a public forum. If the Commissioners opt to have private meetings prior to that, that's fine, there's nothing wrong with that. But I think there are enough questions on enough fronts that it warrants an explanation in a Council meeting, so I make that motion.

President Bassemier: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a second by Curt. Anybody else want to discuss it a little more? And the reason why I didn't want to meet privately with them, because you all asked me as the Council President that we all voted for them to be here. All fairness to them, I was asked to have a special meeting with them ahead of time, but I'm sorry, you all requested –

Councilmember Tornatta: We asked that we make contact with them. They sent a letter back saying that they would meet in private session to go over any questions and talk about anything. And you know, if it behooves you to get it in an open meeting, they have Commissioner meetings every Monday.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the other thing –

Councilmember Winnecke: Pardon me, that's true, but you know, I don't think, we have the questions, I don't think we need to go to them in their meeting to ask questions. We asked – I think the questions are very legitimate. I don't think there's anything wrong with them, but I don't think its incumbent upon one or seven of us to go to their meeting to ask the questions. We asked for one of three to come to our meeting and answer questions that should be pretty easy to answer. I mean, I don't see, frankly, I understand the scheduling problems, I mean, that's fine. But I don't see the big deal about asking one of them to be here.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, my question last month and my question still remains, we have a liaison to that office, that's you, Councilman Wortman. Someone pick up a telephone and call somebody instead of sending a cold letter and say be here at a certain time. Call the person and ask them what time are you available? Which of our meetings can you make? If we keep asking for meetings or asking them to come appear before us, which it would be fine to have them appear before us, why not just have a conversation and find out when that time could be rather than saying be here at the last of the month or the first of the month when it may or may not work, and take it from there? I mean, I have full faith and confidence that whoever makes the contact will get them here, but do we really need to have a vote and a resolution and all this to send a letter or make contact? I mean, that's just a part of being a Councilmember and having liaison appointments is making contact with the department heads that you have chief responsibility for, so why not do that?

President Bassemier: Well, I was just, like I said, going back, as the president, the motion was made, I'll kind of refresh everybody's memory: Councilman Hoy: "Mr. President, I'll make a motion that, as a body, we request that they come and discuss this with us and bring information so that the invitation is from all of us." Councilman Raben: "I send that request." I stand corrected, though, I thought all seven of us – one of us must have not been here. This motion passed unanimously by six/zero. And I was just asking, now are we changing that now? We don't want them to come here? You just want two of us to hear our side and come back? I think it –

Councilmember Sutton: I'm saying its fine to have them here, that's fine. But somebody pick up a telephone and call.

President Bassemier: Well, Mr. Wortman, you made the call.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, I went over there and delivered a personal letter

to each Commissioner. I've got a paper trail that way. I can go over there and talk about maybe they would be there and maybe they not, see, but I can call them if that's what your wish is.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm just saying if we want them here, I mean, when I want to meet with somebody, I usually don't depend on snail mail to get to them. You know, I'll pick up a phone or might send them an e-mail. But just pick up the phone. I think that might be the better way to find out what their schedule is, whether David is at the fire house or whether Catherine is – just pick up the phone and find out what schedule will work so they can come.

President Bassemier: Well, I'm just kind of thinking, well, we have a motion and a second for them to appear next month. We'll give them 30 more days to work it into their schedule and then if they're not here next month, they're not interested. So I have a motion and a second, so –

Councilmember Raben: I can promise you they'll be here eventually. They're going to need us at some point.

President Bassemier: So anymore discussion on this?

Councilmember Raben: They're here when they do need something, so surely they can appear when they don't for us one time.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, you've got a motion on the floor to send another letter. Does somebody want to make a phone call, I guess that's maybe my last appeal?

Councilmember Wortman: I'll make a call and personally contact all three of them.

Councilmember Tornatta: Wait a minute – now we've got you on the minutes saying that the last time we met, and I asked you a question right up front. You're the liaison, you'll get in touch with them, and we said that was fine. Now I did make contact with them as well to talk to them, just in case there was a hole in the rug there. But I'm just saying that you're saying you're going to do that again, so if you're going to do it, let's make a true contact to get that going or let somebody else – assign somebody else to that.

President Bassemier: Well, I tell you what, there was two letters sent to them. One was sent on March the 3rd and I sent one on March the 19th.

Councilmember Tornatta: Did you get one back?

President Bassemier: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, so there is correspondence?

President Bassemier: Yes. Let me ask you, did you say Mr. Mosby, what was his reason why he couldn't be here today?

Councilmember Tornatta: He said he had a business conflict.

President Bassemier: Oh, a business conflict. Okay. Thank you. Okay, a motion and a second. Roll call vote please for them to appear here at the next – what is

the next date?

Sandie Deig: May 5th.

President Bassemier: May 5th, at the May 5th meeting. I have a motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Hoy: One more question. I assume this is going to pass but, Mr. Wortman, you are going to make a phone call, too, right, so we're going to contact them two ways?

Councilmember Wortman: That's right.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: If a phone call is going to be made, I'm all for it. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I might add to that, that I will personally talk to them instead of a phone call. I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes. Thank you.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT INNKEEPERS TAX
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President Bassemier: Okay, under new business, we've got a presentation on a pilot program for the state concerning taxing information. Who is going to – Cheryl, Z. And before you all get started we're going to change the tape.

(Tape changed)

President Bassemier: Okay, we can begin. Please state your name and what office for the record please.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President? Z, real quick before you begin your presentation, you were so kind as to supply us with some more information that is part of the Innkeeper's Tax. One again, it's a report of delinquencies, and I know I've brought this up periodically every year. We still have, as an example, Ramada Inn Limited that's got taxes going back four years now that have not been paid. I had asked before if it was possible to involve maybe one of the judges or the Sheriff's Department. I see when things get like this, it's time to put chains on the front doors or something until people pony up the money. You know, everyone else is responsible for paying taxes on time. Has there been any more thought given to that?

Z Tuley: This is Z Tuley with the Vanderburgh County Treasurer's Office. I wholeheartedly agree with you. I've been discussing that with Marilee Fowler. That money directly affects the Visitors & Convention Bureau. If they ask me to step in and do something about it, I do. Typically speaking, they try to work out some kind of payment arrangement. I don't know this gentleman's situation. I do believe that the Visitors & Conventions Bureau does. The County Council, the Commissioners and the Mayor all get a copy of that because you all have appointments to that board. They also have their own attorney, so I don't step on their toes and venture into areas that I am not informed enough about to know what the situation is. I do know that we do have a situation on one delinquency, the hotel is now closed. Apparently, it had not been leasing rooms enough to even stay open. He is making payments through some kind of payment arrangement that they made. I don't know the details of the arrangement, but I do report to them the money that's paid.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and I understand that. I'm certainly not blaming you for this. Its been brought up and I didn't know if there were any discussions that ever took place outside of that. But I would be interested in finding out what it took to give you the controls to go after these people. I really, I mean, to depend on the Convention & Visitors Bureau, which is –

Z Tuley: Well, it's the board, to which you have appointments over.

Councilmember Raben: Or a board with no governing authority. I mean, they don't have the authority to chain somebody's door up. That's my point. We need to get you the controls to be able to set forth and have that done whether its through an order by a judge or the Sheriff or whoever.

Z Tuley: I'm willing to work with the board. I don't know that they haven't already made some kind of an arrangement. If that would be the case, I would be happy to seek out a method of collection.

Councilmember Hoy: Chief Deputy Williams is here. Do you have any comment on that, Chief Deputy?

Eric Williams: Chief Deputy Williams, Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office is happy to do whatever is within the law in collecting delinquent taxes with a tax warrant or whatever. As you know, there are other delinquent taxes in this county that we made a pitch to you all during budget time to get a person on board to be able to collect those taxes. It's a common problem in all the different taxing areas. But we'll do whatever we can within the law.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, wouldn't that be a court process to go through before they take action?

Z Tuley: The law reads that the Innkeeper's Tax is the personal responsibility of the hotel owner. It is a personal debt and so, therefore, we can go after him personally, the owner of the hotel.

Councilmember Wortman: You'll have to go to court, though, wouldn't you?

Z Tuley: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: I'm trying to think of it as simple as I can. You know, if it was something as simple as an order from the judge giving them 30 days to pay or their doors are locked up. I don't know what's possible in this case. But again, if you would look into it and –

Z Tuley: Well, what I would suggest is that you guide your board appointees to either do something through their own attorney or decide in a meeting that they want the County Treasurer to handle it with the County Attorney, and we can take that route.

Councilmember Hoy: I want to rephrase my question to Chief Deputy Williams. What would it take from whom to get a deputy out there to collect these taxes? Do you know?

Eric Williams: In that particular case, we would require some order from a court of jurisdiction issuing some kind of writ of assistance for us to go out and collect the money.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think this is a very good area. I mean, obviously, we are the fiscal body for the county and we want to be sure that everyone has an equal share of the load here, but I do want to I guess caution us to a certain degree that since there's probably more than one entity that's delinquent, that we wouldn't want to just pinpoint one. We probably ought to give some thought to maybe how this process is handled on the personal property side and apply it over to this side after the taxes have been delinquent over a certain period of time and then certain actions are taken, and apply that to this same type of tax so that we can be diligent in our effort to collect those taxes from everybody and they don't get four years in arrears.

Z Tuley: What I have asked for, back in the fall when meeting with the Indiana County Treasurer's Association attorney, I have asked that a new law be put forth that will allow me to tie the hands of those hotels that have a liquor permit. And if those owners have a liquor permit, I do not issue a liquor permit to anyone who is delinquent on their real estate or personal property. As it is written right now, there is not an allowance for me to hold up a liquor permit due to Innkeeper's not having been paid. Because in the law its written, yes, it's the responsibility of the business, but it is also the personal responsibility of that owner.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, since we need to move ahead and I'm liaison to the Convention & Visitors Bureau, I would be happy, if you wish, –

Z Tuley: And mine.

Councilmember Hoy: Huh?

Z Tuley: And mine.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I'm the Treasurer's liaison, one of my easier jobs, thank you. I would be happy to call Ms. Fowler and Mr. Schopmeyer, who is their lawyer, and see if they have some ways to proceed on this.

Z Tuley: Its now Krista Lockyear.

Councilmember Hoy: Huh?

Z Tuley: Its now Krista Lockyear.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, it is? You miss one meeting and you miss a lot. Okay, I'll call her if that sounds like it will get us off the dime.

Z Tuley: I am hoping that we get that law passed. That will solve a whole lot.

Councilmember Tornatta: And if I looked at that sheet right, some of the taxes are from a period back and they just need to be collected. Obviously in doing this, we want to keep these places in business, we don't want to take their business from them because we like the taxes they're bringing in. So we want to try and work something out and have somebody –

Z Tuley: And the employment they generate.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's right.

Z Tuley: So typically, there is a deal of – I don't mean to say a deal, an arrangement worked out in some fashion for some kind of payment arrangement –

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, and I think that's important because too many times we think that you need to go in there and just bang down doors and start taking stuff and that's, I don't think, as a county that that's where we want to be. We want to help these businesses keep going and keep flourishing and bringing in taxes. Because I looked at, and a couple of them are behind in 2001. Well, they're up to date right now and they just need to make those up. We need to impress upon them that they need to pay some money in and get that ball rolling. But we want to keep them in business to keep that money coming in as well.

Z Tuley: That's right. You cut off their income and then they're not able to generate.

Councilmember Raben: And again, a court order, I'm not advocating we go out there and board up doors, but a court order stating that that is the next step. Give them a period of 30 or 60 days to get caught up.

Councilmember Hoy: They did collect the taxes when they rented the room and usually most of us, when we get taxes like that, if we're wise, we pay them then.

Z Tuley: The question is how many rooms did they rent, and that comes from them.

Councilmember Hoy: That's right. But if you let that accumulate and fester, then you get problems.

Z Tuley: If the County Council would like for me to start proceeding in that area, if you would submit that to me in writing, we will start down that road.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I'll call them.

Z Tuley: Okay, so I'll hear back from you? Okay. Oh, I have this for the County Attorney.

President Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Z Tuley: I think you'll be able to hear me.

President Bassemier: No, she won't.

Z Tuley: Are you sure with my –

President Bassemier: We won't watch your hand shake.

HOUSE BILL 1005 PILOT PROGRAM

Z Tuley: Okay, back in January this House Bill 1005 was brought before the House Ways & Means Committee and this law asked that there be additional tax information provided to the taxpayer with their tax statement. The House Ways & Means Committee approved for this bill to be handled in a pilot program which the state does provide reimbursement of expenditures. After some testimony I did volunteer as the Vanderburgh County Treasurer to include Vanderburgh County in this pilot program. To my right, along with your name and your mailing address, there is the property address and the township in which it lies, this is one through four on your sample form. I have given you my tax bill, I really wanted to give you your information but we're not up to that place in time yet, so we had to pull my information and manipulate the form and actually plug it in. On tables five through seven, we have simplified a very complex calculation which starts with your assessed value minus your deductions, and gives you a net AV. The net AV times your township rate gives the gross tax amount due. Your property tax replacement credit, your homestead credit if applicable is subtracted from the gross tax giving you the total of your property taxes owed for the year. Tables eight through thirteen spells out each taxing unit and their rate. This will show you in dollars and cents how much each unit and which unit is receiving from your tax dollars. This is based on the property that you own for that tax code. Tables seventeen through twenty-one shows the rate in dollar values of any applicable deductions that you have received and/or that you have applied for. That is so important that everybody understand that some of these exemptions must be applied for. None of them are automatic. The back of this document, which you see to my far right, is the explanation of each table as I have discussed it with you. The assessed values are pulled from the County Assessor's file and the tax rates and exemptions are pulled from the Auditor/Treasurer's tax system. The legislators also determined that with this detailed explanation of your tax breakdown, that they wanted you to have further information about your exemptions. So there is an exemption area on here along with the Auditor's phone number and his website. The Auditor is the one who is the person who accepts the exemption requests and his office is the one that handles them and his office is the one that determines whether or not you qualify

for those exemptions. Below that you will find information on the appeals process. The appeals process is handled by the County Assessor. Both of those areas will have their websites on them. I am not qualified to answer questions about the exemption area or the Assessor's area. That would be for either the Auditor or the Assessor to do. What I want you to know from me is that I'm pleased with this form and I hope that you all are as well. This is an opportunity for us to reveal the leadership capabilities that we have here in Vanderburgh County. This is a pilot project which allows the Treasurer to design this form rather than have it dictated by Indianapolis. This form will be nested as if this was your tax bill, this form here, this will actually come in the mail folded in together, and they call that nesting. And then your address will show on the window envelope area so there's no way for you to take out your tax bill without having access to this form. I am the first Treasurer to complete this pilot program and I am very pleased that this gives Vanderburgh County taxpayers the opportunity to voice their opinion first and also to have input in how the form is designed. As president-elect of the Indiana County Treasurer's Association, I want to know how the taxpayers feel so I can report back to my constituents. If you will note, at the top of this form I do have that I do want the taxpayers' comments. I do want them in writing. I don't feel like that phone call conversations will carry much validity with the House Ways & Means when I go back and report. And listed on this form right below that comment, I do have my mailing address. I do have my website address on there. I would prefer that taxpayers submit their comments in writing to me and have them mailed to the office. I will accept them through e-mail but I'm hoping that's not the majority. As we go into the tax collection season, I don't want my e-mail to be overburdened with a lot of comments about the form in there and run the risk of some kind of potential tax question getting overlooked. And with that, I'm going to let the County Assessor take over for the share that she is most knowledgeable about.

Cheryl Musgrave: Thank you. Cheryl Musgrave, the County Assessor. It's been my real pleasure to work with Z Tuley, the Treasurer on this. I'm very happy about this statement and normally the mailing of a tax bill doesn't bring up cause to celebrate, but I think the taxpayers in Vanderburgh County have reason to celebrate this year. They, for the first time, they will be receiving nearly all the information that they need to understand the tax bill on one sheet of paper. They will clearly understand how much of their bill goes to support the various units. I think that is something that most taxpayers do not currently understand. As Z mentioned, the concept of this form was the subject of legislation in the 2004 session and has now become law. We are both here today to ask that you adopt a resolution designating Vanderburgh County as volunteering for the pilot project. With the passage of this resolution, we will be able to receive reimbursement for our expenses. The expenses for this project for the technical side are coming out of my budget. My staff and I and technical assistant have put in many, many long hours developing this form as has Z Tuley in reviewing and further developing the form. We've had contact with Treasurers and the Association of Indiana Counties, other Treasurers state-wide. Z will, of course, be mailing these out. Her date is to mail the bills before the end of the month. The postage is being borne by the Commissioners. The legislation is a little unclear as to how much reimbursement we will need but it is absolutely clear that we need this resolution in order to be definitely in line for that reimbursement. I've been very proud to be a team member along with Z and Bill to develop this form. We hope that by creating and mailing this form a year early that we will set the standard for the state's adopted form. This form is going to be mandatory two years from now for all counties; pilot counties will do it next year. We're doing it a year early in order to drive the content and design of the form. We think that we have been able to create a form far more informative and

taxpayer friendly than perhaps other state forms that we have seen in the past and in addition, we know that we can establish a base cost for the development of this form and the types of information needed to fill it out that will be of assistance to the state in setting their budget for reimbursement and to other counties when they go to develop this, they will have some knowledge of what it cost Vanderburgh County to do this. We are also setting up a website which all of our Assessor, Treasurer and Auditor sites will link to. This will become a searchable database and you will be able to go on and see your own, search for your own, search for neighboring properties and begin that comparison process that we in the Assessors office getting the phone calls so very often: My house is just like the man's next door, why is my tax bill different? And as Assessor, the first thing I will look at is the assessed valuation. And in this example here, you will see that last year's AV and this year's AV is exactly the same, while last year's tax bill and this year's tax bill are different. When someone calls me saying why did my tax bill go up, I will draw up this form on the site, direct them to the site, examine that and know that the assessment was not the problem. I'll be able to read down the form and perhaps come up with some other idea. Maybe they dropped an exemption. And I will be able to direct them to the department most capable of answering their question or begin the process of sorting out the problem. They're not all that easy. Z, did you want to talk about the Form 11?

Z Tuley: I'm sorry, I forgot all about it.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay. We knew that we here in Vanderburgh County were able to accomplish this and we built upon our accomplishments last year. If you will remember, last year was a reassessment year and we had to mail out Form 11's to all eighty - ninety thousand parcels, and we made the decision to include additional information on the Form 11, what your bill was last year and what it is this year. This key piece of information, which every township except Center Township included on their Form 11's, caused the greater acceptance of the process, the reassessment process here in Vanderburgh County because you could see that while the assessment almost doubled, the tax bill went down or went up just a (inaudible – speaker turned away from the microphone). Most people, had they received a doubling assessment, would have presumed that their tax bill would have also doubled and that is what happened in many, many counties around the state, particularly Marion where everyone received their notice, no one knew what the tax rate was, no one knew what their bill was, and I know that Bill and Z and I concur in thinking that the roll out of the information in Marion County was so bad, that that is partly what caused, or in great part, what caused this huge reaction by the legislature, which resulted in the mandatory creation of this form. We knew we could do this...we know we can do this. We have proved it. We are doing it for very little cost and the affect on our taxpayers will be one I think of empowerment. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I've got a question. What happens to, do taxpayers that pay taxes through escrow, will they receive an explanation form like this, too?

Z Tuley: Yes, they will. They will also be receiving their bill because if you look through House Bill 1005, it says that every taxpayer for every tax code number, they will receive that form along with their bill. In the past I did not print those bills. We slapped them on a CD-ROM and shipped them off to the mortgage company. This year, because of the way the law is written, it must come with their bill. With their bill would be sent to the mortgage company and so we are having to print these

bills. On those bills, if a mortgage company has requested a duplicate, it will be stamped and it will say so. Right on the coupon it will say duplicate sent to mortgage company. That does not say that the mortgage company will pay it. It just says that a duplicate was sent there. And we will still do the whole package for like your bank, Fifth/Third. We would put all of Fifth/Third mortgages on and send them off – on CD-ROM just like normal.

Councilmember Winnecke: So if I pay through escrow, what I get at home is a copy of my tax bill, which normally would have just gone to the mortgage company and I get this explanation. But the mortgage company gets everything it needs in order to pay taxes in a timely fashion?

Z Tuley: Correct.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I got it.

Z Tuley: And the mortgage company will get it in the same fashion that they always did.

Councilmember Winnecke: Great. Thank you. This is very helpful.

Z Tuley: Good. I want that in writing.

Councilmember Hoy: You asked for a resolution from us. I so move, Mr. President, that we have a resolution drafted.

Cheryl Musgrave: Would you take a look at that, Mr. Ahlers, and make sure that the wording doesn't require an ordinance? Do you have the page marked? The House Bill that she handed you?

Jeff Ahlers: Oh, the House Bill. I thought you were talking about the resolution.

Cheryl Musgrave: Yeah, its defined in the House Bill. I'm sorry, I don't have it right here.

Z Tuley: I do have it on my desk, so I can bring it –

Cheryl Musgrave: Would you make your motion for the resolution required in House Bill 1005?

Councilmember Hoy: I will make my resolution for the one that's required in House Bill, what?

Cheryl Musgrave: 1005.

Councilmember Hoy: 1005, thank you.

Z Tuley: I'm certain it says ordinance.

Jeff Ahlers: Do you know where it is? I mean, there isn't a resolution in there.

Z Tuley: No, there's a one sheet form. I got it off of the Access Internet. There's a one sheet form that clearly states that you either have to be designated or your county has to adopt an ordinance. And if the county adopts an ordinance, you're

automatically in.

Jeff Ahlers: Can we do this at the next meeting or does this need to be done now?

Z Tuley: Well, it depends on how quickly you want your reimbursement. I would suppose that that may have something to do with it because they won't reimburse without the ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Z, if this is the form –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Cheryl Musgrave: Would you please make the motion, though, this week because we're afraid that before your next meeting –

Jeff Ahlers: Are you talking about an ordinance or a resolution?

Cheryl Musgrave: That's what she's not certain about.

Jeff Ahlers: I mean, this is the first I've seen of this. I'll be happy to look into it.

Councilmember Raben: I think we ought to defer this –

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, can I just say this –

Councilmember Winnecke: Why don't we offer a resolution that we think fits the bill and if it turns out that we need an ordinance, we can do that next month.

Cheryl Musgrave: And I would support that given the fact that these will be mailed out before your next meeting. And we want to make sure that the state understands that you authorized the inclusion of them so that there's no dispute about a reimbursement when that time comes.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, that's fine. You can go ahead and pass a resolution and an ordinance, you know, we'd probably need to advertise and I need Ms. Tuley, I guess, to give me whatever form resolution that you say you received, because I don't see that in my packet. So I don't know if its in there or not, but if you could shoot me over another one, FAX it to me or something.

Z Tuley: Sorry, on the Internet it was a separate entity and I have it in my office. I even forwarded it to the DLGF.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, well, if you just want to FAX that to me or email it to me, however you want to do it, that's fine.

President Bassemier: How do you want to word that, you want to adopt a resolution adopting the pilot program – how do you want to word this?

Councilmember Hoy: My motion is that we prepare a resolution supporting House Bill 1005 and that, as a Council, we support the sending of this statement with our tax bills. Does that cover it?

Cheryl Musgrave: I think so.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a second by Mr. Wortman. Anymore discussion (inaudible – microphone not turned on) No discussion, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Teri Lukeman: When you get the resolution are you going to have the president sign it then? Is that a document you're going to have him sign?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I guess I've got to see what it is first before I say what we're going to do.

Teri Lukeman: Will you just make sure we get a copy of it for the record then?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: I've got a question, just a question aside, Ms. Musgrave. On the appeals process, how is that coming as far as where are we at in numbers on getting them satisfied?

Cheryl Musgrave: I do not have those numbers on the top of my head. I'm sorry, would you like me to give you a report?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I'd like to know something because its to my understanding that we're to pay somewhere in the neighborhood of four percent

interest on all those unsatisfied and I guess I'd just like to kind of know where those are and –

Cheryl Musgrave: I'd be happy to get you a copy of the report.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and is there – I mean, is there any way that those can be handled before the filing date – I mean, before the bills are mailed out so we don't incur a lot of interest expense?

Cheryl Musgrave: We're handling as many as we can with the staff that we were given.

Councilmember Hoy: As a member of that board, we handled probably close to 150 at the last meeting and we're trying our best to keep that on track. That, I can tell you, is not an easy job but its moving. We have about 22,000 –

Cheryl Musgrave: Twenty-two hundred, not thousand.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I said – I'm sorry –

Cheryl Musgrave: You said 22,000.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I said 2,000 some odd. About 2,200. No, not 22,000. Twenty-two hundred left to do.

Councilmember Tornatta: Of those, can you also tell me which one of those have been worked out with the Township Assessor?

Cheryl Musgrave: I can only tell you which ones have been returned to us, not whether or not there was an agreement or not.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I've had some people call up and just say we've already worked this out with the Township Assessor, why are we going in front of the Board of Appeals? And I didn't have a good answer for them.

Cheryl Musgrave: As a legislative liaison for the County Assessors, I don't have a good answer for you either. The legislature chose to insert an additional step in the appeals process this year for the first time, that step going to the township and then going back to the board. I feel that they should have either ended it there or they shouldn't have added that step. But I'm afraid that the whole entire appeals process is a subject of statute and we have to follow it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Because in return, that's going to cost us quite a bit of money where some of them should already have been satisfied.

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, as I explained to you last year when I came before you three times to ask for additional staff, that was your trade-off. Get them done fast and don't pay interest, get them done slow and pay interest.

Councilmember Tornatta: My last question, technical support, you had something about technical support, is that through ACS?

Cheryl Musgrave: No sir. The technical support is through Kathy McCarter, thank you for bringing that up, Kathy McCarter of McCarter, Incorporated – and I'll stop

talking.

(Tape changed)

Cheryl Musgrave: Not only did this require data from multiple sources to create this document, but we were very fortunate indeed to have Miss McCarter available to us this year. The sole person in ACS who handles the Treasurer/Auditor side of the tax system suffered a health setback that kept him away from the office for – and he's still away – for nearly two months during *the* critical period and the slack for that was picked up mainly by Miss McCarter. Miss McCarter was the one who helped develop the Form 11 last year which caused the exceptional acceptance of our reassessment numbers. So I feel that, for two years in a row, the assistance of McCarter & Associates has pretty much saved the day for Vanderburgh County's tax bills.

Councilmember Tornatta: How is that contract worked with her?

Cheryl Musgrave: It's hourly.

Councilmember Tornatta: Pardon?

Cheryl Musgrave: It's an hourly basis.

Councilmember Tornatta: Hourly basis?

Cheryl Musgrave: Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that approved by the Commissioners?

Cheryl Musgrave: It is not a contract. It is an hourly service not requiring a contract.

Councilmember Tornatta: I didn't know we could do that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Any time in any of our budgets, there are a lot of officeholders that have a contractual services or something to that effect, and it's at the discretion of the officeholder to spend the money from that line as he or she deems fit.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I just never have been able to – we go through this budget wise, I cannot keep track of what we're spending for Miss McCarter's agency, and sometimes I just wonder how that works. How she slides in under the radar sometimes without a contract and other people have to go through a contract.

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, happily, for two years in a row, you have money to budget thanks to Miss McCarter's efforts. Appreciate it.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President –

President Bassemier: Jeff is checking is checking on something.

Councilmember Hoy: We have at least one student here. Are you a student back there, sir? We have a couple of students. We always like to recognize them.

President Bassemier: Okay, can we do one more thing and then –

Councilmember Hoy: Sure, I just noticed and kept thinking they probably were –

President Bassemier: What about this resolution?

<p style="text-align: center;">PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING HOMESTEAD CREDIT</p>

Teri Lukeman: You need to give the Auditor's Office permission to advertise for the Homestead credit.

President Bassemier: Okay. We do this every year, I will entertain a motion to give permission to advertise the Homestead Tax Credit and we vote on this every year but we need to give them permission to advertise it.

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

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: Got a second by Mr. Hoy. Everybody in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted in favor)

President Bassemier: Opposed?

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Okay, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: There are a couple of students that I think –

President Bassemier: Yeah, I don't know what high school they're from. Guys, want to come up here please? If you would, give us your name, and what high school, and maybe your future plans, and why you're here today or whatever. You've got the floor.

Erik Washington: My name is Erik Washington. I'm a senior, I go to Central High School. I'm here because I've got a Government class. I know you probably know Mr. Beadles, Dennis Beadles.

President Bassemier: Yes sir.

Erik Washington: Yeah, that's why I'm here, to sit here and watch you all talk.

President Bassemier: Okay, well thank you. You planning on going to college, I guess?

Erik Washington: Yeah, and trying to play sports at least.

President Bassemier: Good, well thank you. I guess we need to sign our agenda for you. Do we need to sign anything to prove you were here?

Erik Washington: Yes.

President Bassemier: Okay. Sir, your name please?

Robert Hill: My name is Robert Hill, I go to Central High School, same class, Mr. Beadles' Government class is why I'm here. I do plan to go to USI after I graduate but I don't know what I'm going to be studying.

President Bassemier: Okay, well thank you. I can sign that. Thank you, Mr. Hoy. Mr. Raben, anything you want to add?

Councilmember Raben: No sir, Mr. President, I think – are we set to adjourn?

Jeff Ahlers: Hold on.

President Bassemier: Oh, the resolution.

Jeff Ahlers: I just have a comment. We just received these documents from Ms. Tuley with this House Enrolled Act. It appears that what its going to require is an ordinance is going to have to be passed and furnished to the Department of Local Finance. Obviously, at this point, that's going to have to be done at the next meeting. What Miss Tuley tells me is that she said the cost is going to be incurred beforehand. So I'll go ahead and have something drafted up for the next meeting but I just want you all to understand that having had this just presented, you know, I haven't read this bill, I trust that it says what she says it does, but, you know, understand that the cost is going to be incurred beforehand. And I suppose, like anything with government, there's no guarantees. So I'm just telling you that for what its worth. That's where we are.

President Bassemier: What's you all's pleasure?

Councilmember Raben: I'd say we need to proceed. I think the form is extremely necessary. I think its probably the best tool we've had to explain to the taxpayer what every dollar that we collect from them goes towards. So if we run the risk of not getting reimbursement, I still think it's needed, it's a much needed tool to get them that information.

President Bassemier: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Okay, you want to sign it, right?

Jeff Ahlers: This appears to say, too, that its for property taxes due and payable after December 31, 2004. Are you sure that's going to apply then to –

Z Tuley: This is Z Tuley, Vanderburgh County Treasurer, again. Can I address that as being that Vanderburgh County last year was only one of two counties that got their tax bills out on time. At the present time we have 14 counties out there that still have not billed for 2003 and they did not want to put any undue pressure on any of the counties to do this pilot program when they're still trying to play catch up from the reassessment because they haven't billed yet. But the DLGF, through much communication which I would be happy to submit to you through email, never objected to Vanderburgh County going ahead with this in 2004. Since we were one of the counties that billed on time we, in effect, have business as usual here in this county with no delays except for the budget cuts. But we didn't have any reason not to go ahead and do it.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, one of the things I need for you to do is this House Bill that you've given me that's like 56 pages long, some of its related to this issue, some of its related to a lot of other things, you know how House Bills are?

Z Tuley: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: If you could give me a specific reference as to what –

Z Tuley: I gave you a copy of the LSA report and I highlighted the section that addresses property tax only, its in your packet. And I highlighted –

Jeff Ahlers: Are you sure its in my packet?

Z Tuley: It's a brief paragraph.

Sandie Deig: Its on your desk.

Councilmember Hoy: Do we need a motion on this as well, Mr. President, do you think?

Jeff Ahlers: Its not referencing to me in the bill. I'm just saying I've got a 56 page bill – I've got to look at the specific provision to draft an ordinance and I'm just saying this relates –

Z Tuley: I will request that from the DLGF.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay.

Z Tuley: I will do that and I have given you her email on that comment section where she was very pleased with what she had seen so far, but she was not able to make it today. She wouldn't be –

President Bassemier: You'll work it out and everything?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I mean, I'll get with her. I'm just saying, well, we just got this information and we're going to have to look and get – we're going to have to get the specific part of the bill that you're referring to and we'll draft an ordinance.

President Bassemier: Okay, motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Ed Bassemier

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 5, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of May, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everyone to the May 5th, 2004 County Council meeting. Attendance roll call please.

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

President Bassemier: Would everybody please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Bassemier: I need a motion for approval of the minutes from April 7.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

TREASURER

President Bassemier: Now we'll get into the appropriation ordinance and I'll turn everything over to our Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First, before we get directly into the appropriations, I wanted to first thank all the offices, officeholders, department heads that prepared a list of additional appropriations that they find necessary that they'll be coming back to us over the course of the balance of this year. Again, I want to thank them for getting those in to us in a timely manner. And I guess everyone has had an opportunity to look it and they see that, you know, if all requests are granted, that we'd be digging ourselves in quite a hole, so I'll move on. First on the agenda today, Mr. President, is County Treasurer, account 1030-1200-1030, 1030-1900, 1030-1910 in the amount of \$797. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President 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 Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-1200-1030	Counter/Posting Clerk	704.00	704.00
1030-1900	FICA	54.00	54.00
1030-1910	PERF	39.00	39.00
Total		797.00	797.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Sheriff’s Department, 1050-1130-0114, that has been withdrawn. I’ll move that that be set in at zero and the Sheriff has put in for a late transfer which we will deal with after the appropriations.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Bassemier: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0114	Major	20,000.00	0.00
Total		20,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, under Jail, I'm going to make this in two motions. First, account 1051-1130-0339 down through 1051-1950-1051, move that those be set in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

Councilmember Raben: We'll take the Medical line next.

Councilmember Sutton: Are we in discussion phase yet?

Councilmember Raben: We're in discussion, yes.

President Bassemier: Who was the second?

Councilmember Winnecke: I was.

Councilmember Sutton: The request was for six detention officers there. Is there a thought, a plan, because obviously, we know that we need to do something at some point in time with those positions. What's the thought process of the plan to give the lead time we need to get those positions in place?

Councilmember Raben: Well, and its not just my intent, but from speaking to many others on Council, I would recommend that we revisit this again in August during our budget hearings, and again possibly in September when we have a better picture on what our unappropriated balance is going to be. You know, I think if possible, we need to try to put as many people in place at some point this year, that would be my intent.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I know they have put in a lot of time in gathering the information through the study that made us several recommendations based on the facility as it will be, the new jail facility, and I think as much as possible, I think that the efforts have been gone through to try to narrow that down even from what is recommended from the study. And I think what was shared with us last week was the lead time required to train – to adequately train the staffing that's going to be required out there so that's why I wanted to hear maybe what the plan was on that. If the intent is to wait until budget time to address this, then we're talking about the possibility of, if we're doing something, any positions being in place the earliest would be January. Well, the dollars in place in January, but actually hiring the positions, posting and all that process he needs to go through with training, you are really pressing that pretty far down the list of things for next year. So just as we're talking about, give some thought, I'm thinking that we really probably need to revisit this a little bit earlier than maybe budget time and really look at doing something this year. Recognizing we do have some limited resources available to us, we're going to have to narrow and cut back on some things but this is obviously an area we've already invested 35 million dollars in, we surely don't want to short it on the staffing side of this.

Councilmember Tornatta: And they're talking about, though, revisiting the opportunity to do it in September as opposed to waiting for the budget.

Councilmember Raben: Right. And its probably not going to be feasible to look at all six in September, but hopefully, you know, if we're tight enough with the funds here, there will be limited funds available, I'm sure, but you know, maybe we can insert one or two or three people for the balance of the fourth quarter of this year and they can begin the process, you know, and hopefully in January add more personnel at that point. And again, I'm open to any other comments that any other Council people have on this issue, but that's my intent.

President Bassemier: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Go ahead, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to just say, I mean, I know we can't do probably six right now, I mean, given the number of requests we've got on our desks just today, but I really would like to see us at least do two today. I guess that's more so what I was kind of thinking. At least get us at least started in the process because we all, like I say, we know its coming anyway.

President Bassemier: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I have two questions. We have \$980,540 in the Cumulative Capital Development fund. I don't know if any of that is pledged yet or needed for some budget. My understanding, – the first question I have is, have we pledged the money, the second question is to our legal counsel, I'm trying to keep you busy, Mr. Ahlers, as you know. But seriously, my understanding of that fund is that it can be used, in addition to construction and repair, it can be used for public safety. As I recall, we used that fund a few years ago to fund the prover for Weights & Measures because the prover, which checks the fuel at the airport, touched on a safety issue. The weight of an airplane is a safety issue and we were able to appropriate money from that fund for that piece of equipment. That might be a source, I don't know. If you would check that, I'd appreciate it. I don't want to vote on this today. I want to look at our options.

Councilmember Raben: I might, and I apologize, not knowing this question was going to come up, but its my understanding that currently right now, the energy savings contract is coming out of that, which the debt service on that is like \$450,000 a year. There is another project that some of that has been earmarked for, if someone remembers what that is. I don't offhand, but there was a second project.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm not real sure but I know that we've got the project to look at in the Civic Center. I mean, the Civic Center project is one that's coming up as far as a construction project for capital development. So, I mean, that's coming down the road, too, so I'd hesitate to pledge a lot of funds from that account.

Councilmember Hoy: I agree with you, it's just that it would seem to me, at this point the jail would come first. I know that project and I know that there's more to that project than just revamping the former Health Department quarters because there are some thoughts about revamping the whole ex-jail. And you're looking at a lot of money.

Councilmember Tornatta: How about a question to the Sheriff's office on approximately...this might be vague, –

Brad Ellsworth: So will my answer.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, right, that's fine.

Brad Ellsworth: Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff.

Councilmember Tornatta: What is the time line on implementing these folks into the new jail and is there going to be computer systems they can work on at this time or what procedures, I guess what I'm trying to figure out is the drop dead date when we get some of these people on. I know you say its six months ago, but you know the situation we're in.

Brad Ellsworth: Right. Absolutely. I'm in tune with the situation. What we look at is why we're asking now and like I said, I don't make these numbers up. It comes from information from the experts that we hire as well as people that have been through this situation before and built jails. St. Joe County is an excellent example, they built an 800 bed jail and said this was the staffing needs and they said we'll give ten a year for three years out and they didn't give any, and the jail sat vacant for eight months before they could open it and they got adequate staffing. We're looking at, like I said, nothing in the current jail is going to be used. It's going to be touch screen systems, new computer systems and all that, as well as security type things. And, like I said, we have to go through scenarios, I can envision these – everyone going through, including the current employees, for at least months while we're still running that jail, you know, its not like we can stop and take them all over there and train them all in one or two days and then run them back, so its going to take several months to train them. I'm talking about just the hard equipment when we start getting a pod open out there and we start getting the computer systems set up. We've picked a lot of that stuff out so they are probably programming that possibly now, as we speak. So we'll have units like that available, but until we get that pod built its going to be impossible to actually go out there and run scenarios and that. But until that time, the reason its critical now, say we did go with six, when they come in there is a learning curve for them, training before I can move the six people back out to take their place. Those six go through at least, you know, three or four months of training to be comfortable before I could then feel comfortable pulling six veterans out and putting them on this transition team. You know, could we do it with five or four, I mean, we could start with that, its just a number. I guess my question is, and I agree with Councilman Sutton, we're going to need a plan because my most conservative number is 34 new hires and we're talking about six, you know, Al Bennett & Associates says 66, I guess we need to know if we're going to open this facility, are we going to get 34, 24, 22? I can't open a facility, and I won't open a facility that's not ready to be opened. It wouldn't be fair. It wouldn't be fair to the employees, if we can't do it for the safety and security. So we're going to have to meet. I've funneled a ton of information to you all, and what we received, it's been brought to countless meetings, so we even needed to go beyond the six and talk about the six, and what we're going to do to staff this new facility. Its going to be double the size, double the inmates. I can't do it with less employees, and I can't do it with the current number of employees. So we need to think past the six. That's immediate, but –

Councilmember Tornatta: Two things. When are they talking about you being able to enter the jail?

Brad Ellsworth: Right now, and the agent told us yesterday that they were a little bit ahead of schedule, so if everything goes right and the weather permitting, to September of 2005.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: So that's what we're going to do the 2005 budget based on, if this thing opens.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, and that equipment is in place at that – I mean, at what time do they say – do you have a time line when the equipment is in place at that – I mean, at what time do they say, do you have a time line when the equipment is in place and when that's –

Brad Ellsworth: I don't have that information in front of me. When I can actually get a model or a mockup of that and bring it down here for training or get a pod to train in –

Councilmember Tornatta: And at some point we did talk about this jail should be more efficient so hopefully we can look to – I know we're going to have to add workers but we might not necessarily have to add as many as what we're –

Brad Ellsworth: Well, we're not doubling – you know, we're doubling the amount of beds. At least we're not doubling the amount of employees. Its an efficient jail and its an easy to run jail, but it's the way jails are being built now with more supervision than a linear, bull-pen type facility. So it does require more people stations and positions. And then, of course, the relief factor, you know, we do that. And they keep telling us our relief factor is low and Chief and I are trying to be as conservative as we can on that.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, what would you think about this idea? You know, obviously, we've been talking about this whole jail process for quite some time and some of the information stays with us, some of its probably, you know, disappeared and the study has been put together, we really haven't had a chance to really talk about that, perhaps maybe at our next month Council meeting, if we could have a presentation maybe from the Sheriff's office that really lays out what they are looking for, for this facility, what the needs are, so that we can really see that and hear from them and really begin in our minds to crystalize what the plan ought to be or what it can be for the county. And we have other groups and whatever come in and make presentations for things but we've never really had a presentation before Council.

President Bassemier: Well, whatever is your all's pleasure, but I guess I'm one of the oldest ones, I'm probably the only one in this room that's been through a transition from an old jail to a new jail. And I know, back in '69, it took us 30 days to train in a new facility even though it was a 263 bed facility, and I really, personally, feel like we're way ahead of the game. I know the experts say that – I'm not disagreeing that we don't need any training in a new facility, but over at the jail here now, we didn't open the doors until about 30 days in advance. Sheriff Riney was the Sheriff back then, he had us all go over and we played like it was open and we had cards instead of prisoners and we just worked through the system for about 30 days. And we've got to remember, when we open this new facility, it won't be all brand new guys because the Sheriff will add some of his old timers and work in with the new, so I really think we're way ahead of the game. It's a year and a half away and you want to hire new deputies, and we're not using simulators or anything, so they're just going to train in an old facility until the new facility gets there. That's my own personal opinion, but if you want the Sheriff to have – you know, get together and speak before us, right now we don't have any money left. I think the requests for the rest of the year from everybody was about three million dollars. We don't have any

money to put two deputies on, or two detention officers. But if you guys want to have the Sheriff come and, if its your pleasure, to come and give a speech on the plan to open this new facility when it won't be here for a year and a half, that's up to you guys.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, that's a good thought process, but it doesn't cost us anything to hear a presentation. I mean, we don't have to spend a dime, don't have to make any appropriation to hear about what the –

President Bassemier: And I agree with you but I think its going to take, I mean, there's going to be a lot of time from the time he gives his presentation until we open the jail, and a lot is going to change before now and the time we open it and I know the Sheriff's time is valuable. You guys' time is very valuable. So do you all want to have – its up to you guys.

Councilmember Tornatta: The only thing I want to say is, is I really hate to mention it and get anybody into another group, but it might not be bad to have a three person group that filters in with the Sheriff's office, and I know we have liaisons, but maybe this would be more heads to put together, but a group that kind of goes along and finds out all these parts, brings it back to the Council, I mean, we can have a full blow out projection deal, but maybe we can also have a group of three that would get together and talk about timing and get some of the things organized.

Brad Ellsworth: I guess one thing I'd ask him, with all due respect, Councilman Bassemier, I appreciate when you worked in the jail, but I would ask that the rest of the Council not compare opening this to a jail 30 years ago. If you'd call jails that were built more recently in the last five to ten years and get their plans as opposed to this one when we were with 3 X 5 cards and that, it's a whole new ball game. And like I said, with all due respect to you and your years on, I would ask that we – and I can get a list of those that are open and what they had to go through in the last ten years. And like I said, this isn't stuff I make up, these are things that the ACA and the AJA that tell us how to do it correctly. Like I said, we didn't make this stuff up and 30 years ago is not a fair comparison, I don't think.

President Bassemier: Its probably more – its going to be a lot more efficient now, I'm just saying. It was probably harder back then than it will be now since we've got everything so sophisticated and the technology now will be more simple than what we did 30 years ago. But all due respect to you, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: Yeah. What do you want to do on this, Phil?

Councilmember Hoy: I like the idea of having you come and make a presentation and I also like linking that, Mr. Tornatta, with your idea. I think both of them would be a good idea, to have a small group meet with the Sheriff and also have the Sheriff make a presentation here. And I'll tell you why I say that, –

President Bassemier: Okay, you want to –

Councilmember Wortman: The only thing I've got to say, if we don't have the money, there isn't no use to getting excited right now until we know we've got the money to supply one or two or whatever we're going to do. We're going to have to wait a while because we don't know what we're going to have. We've got so many bills coming up here, and so many projects, we may not be able to fund any.

President Bassemier: That's true, but if we want to keep the doors open, the information coming in at all times, it won't hurt. So, Troy, it was your idea, did you want to go ahead and be one that serves on this three group and –

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I'll do that and pick another two on the committee and we'll report back.

President Bassemier: That will be fine. Is that okay with everybody? I'm sorry. Okay. Is that okay? You'll just get, later on after our meeting in the next week or so, –

Councilmember Tornatta: Before next week we'll come up and get some meetings going.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would think the Finance Chair absolutely needs to be on that.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's fine.

Brad Ellsworth: Is that going to be a multiple person committee or just one person?

Councilmember Tornatta: It will be three.

Brad Ellsworth: I was going to say, if you do one person, give me somebody who everybody trusts that is going to bring back good information so –

Councilmember Tornatta: That's why we have three.

President Bassemier: Well, I really trust all the Councilmembers to bring back – Troy, why don't I just pick right now and just get it over with so we can get started. And actually, you're wanting to do it and, Jim, you're Finance Chairman, kind of like you're –

Councilmember Raben: Ed, I can. I tell you, quite honestly, I've participated in a lot of meetings with the Sheriff and his Chief over these issues. I'm pretty familiar with the whole concept. It might be best that some others are given the same opportunity and maybe they'll have a better understanding, but as Finance Chairman, if I need to be, I'll be there.

President Bassemier: And I tell you what, why don't you two get together and you decide on your third one since we've got one from each party here to be fair, like the Sheriff says, and I tell you what, it's going to be open and other Councilmembers can sit in on if we want to, right? Tell us where we meet?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, –

President Bassemier: Not more than –

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, right. Okay, we'll come up with something the next meeting.

President Bassemier: Okay, moving right along.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President –

Councilmember Winnecke: There is a motion and a second on the floor.

President Bassemier: Read back the motion.

Teri Lukeman: The motion was to set in lines 1051-1130-0339 through 1051-1950-1051 at zero.

President Bassemier: All set in at zero. And we had a motion and a second.

Teri Lukeman: Yes.

President Bassemier: Anymore discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Should we defer this as opposed to setting it at zero? Because we kind of said something about somebody not coming back for these issues.

Councilmember Sutton: Once its denied.

Councilmember Raben: Once its deferred its set in at zero. I mean, there is – there has been a question for a number of years as to whether or not in fact you do have to take final action at this meeting. And did we not find at some point over the past several years that to defer simply meant –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Raben: And that could have even been before your time. It could have been Joe Harrison, Jr.

Jeff Ahlers: It might have been. I don't recall that. I mean, I think that we had direction whenever Ms. Crouch was the Auditor that from her perspective in terms of, I guess, clearing the deck, so to speak, that you would start anew and they would just, I think what we had done was to set it in at zero and then they would re-file because it needs to be re-advertised rather than having this hanging out there, as I recall it being the issue. And maybe I'm wrong, maybe somebody else recalls better. I don't remember there being particularly necessarily a legal –

Councilmember Raben: And I'm fine deferring it. It doesn't matter. Mr. President, in fact, I'll amend my motion to defer account 1051-1130-0339 through 1051-1950-1051.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll amend my second.

President Bassemier: Okay. Everybody in favor of that say aye.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Jeff Ahlers: It will still need to be re-advertised and you kind of end up with the same thing, you're right. I mean, you know, its got to come back so it just depends on how you want to do it.

Councilmember Raben: It isn't quite as striking a blow when you say defer as to zero. Maybe that's what it is, it's a mind set. Okay, Mr. President, next is –

President Bassemier: We need to vote.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I thought we just voted.

Councilmember Winnecke: To change it.

President Bassemier: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: No.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1130-0339	Detention Officer	14,703.00	Deferred
1051-1130-0340	Detention Officer	14,703.00	Deferred
1051-1130-0341	Detention Officer	14,703.00	Deferred
1051-1130-0342	Detention Officer	14,703.00	Deferred
1051-1130-0343	Detention Officer	14,703.00	Deferred
1051-1130-0344	Detention Officer	14,703.00	Deferred
1051-1900	FICA	6,749.00	Deferred
1051-1910	PERF	4,852.00	Deferred
1051-1950-1051	Teamsters Educ. Fund	156.00	Deferred
Total		99,975.00	Deferred

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

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, 1051-2240 Medical, Mr. President, at this time I'm going to move that that be set in at \$100,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: Set in at \$100,000. Who seconded?

Councilmember Hoy: I did.

President Bassemier: Okay. Any discussion on that?

Councilmember Winnecke: I have a question. The line above it, was that included in the deferment?

President Bassemier: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I'm sorry.

President Bassemier: Roll call vote please to set it in at \$100,000.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2240	Medical	165,000.00	100,000.00
Total		165,000.00	100,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, the Prosecutor. We have a request in the amount of \$7,602, which are lines 1080-1190-1080 through 1080-1910. I'll move approval.

President Bassemier: Do I have a –

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: Got a second, Mr. Winnecke. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1190-1080	Deputy	5,330.00	5,330.00
1080-1340-1080	Subpoena Clerk	1,358.00	1,358.00
1080-1900	FICA	512.00	512.00
1080-1910	PERF	402.00	402.00
Total		7,602.00	7,602.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Co-op Extension Service, 1230-3530 in the amount of \$1,210. I'll move approval.

President Bassemier: Need a second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: Second by Mr. Winnecke. Any discussion on that? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes. It passes 6-1.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-3530	Contractual Services	1,210.00	1,210.00
Total		1,210.00	1,210.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Commissioners, 1300-3050 in the amount of \$800,000; 1300-3870 Computer Facility Management in the amount of \$43,750, for a total request of \$843,750, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: This is for clarification on this, Facility Management, that rate of \$75,000 was for the year. This actually doesn't take effect until June 1, so that's the correct figure.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Sutton: Just a second. I had a question I was going to ask. We had a pretty lengthy discussion about this subject last week and I know we expressed an

interest in talking with Judge Niemeier and seeing if there would be some alternatives. I didn't know if anyone had gotten any feedback from –

Councilmember Raben: In fact, I did. I know Councilman Tornatta did. I met with him and he is making some changes. He's been able to negotiate with the Office of Family & Children as far as some of the cost for housing juveniles that are not housed in secured facilities can come out of their funds today. And that's going to be a significant savings over the course of the year and, in fact, this \$800,000 will probably get us close, although we may be looking at another couple hundred thousand for the balance of the year but this will do what we need to do this year, I'm very hopeful.

Councilmember Sutton: This year?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	1,579,000.00	800,000.00
1300-3870	Comp. Facility Mgmt.	75,000.00	43,750.00
Total		1,654,000.00	843,750.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Community Corrections 1361-1140-1361 through 1361-1850, for a total request of \$36,309. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1140-1361	Clerk	1,314.00	1,314.00
1361-1240-1361	Correction Ofc. Supv.	3,090.00	3,090.00
1361-1310-1361	Correction Officer	2,040.00	2,040.00
1361-1560-1361	Case Manager	2,365.00	2,365.00
1361-1850	Union Overtime	27,500.00	27,500.00
Total		36,309.00	36,309.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Superior Court 1370-3994 in the amount of \$7,379, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3994	Special/Matching Grant	7,379.00	7,379.00
Total		7,379.00	7,379.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services 1371-4210, I'll move –

Councilmember Tornatta: Defer.

Councilmember Raben: I was going to set it in at zero, but okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: And we're checking on some numbers on possibly going different directions so he gave me the right to defer that while we're in –

President Bassemier: For information purposes – are you through, Troy?

Councilmember Raben: Let me finish the motion. The motion is to, and be kinder to defer.

President Bassemier: Set in at zero, right? Okay, any discussion? I was told that there is a typewriter in Bill Fluty's office. You've got a nice one, good one, that you don't mind parting with it and there's also a good typewriter down in the basement from the Prosecutor's office. It's in good shape. Food for thought.

Councilmember Tornatta: And I'm sure that they could use that for now. What we're looking for is to try and get some things situated so they can get everything automated on computers and that way everybody, all the counselors – right now, the counselors can't tap in to all the clients that they have and its very inefficient in that capacity. They're as efficient as they can be right now but they've run the office the same way for the past 27 years and technology has moved along and we need to get them on board.

President Bassemier: You feel like what you've seen so far, you can get him completely, 100% away from the typewriters?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

President Bassemier: Okay. Great. We've got a motion and a second to set it in at zero?

Councilmember Tornatta: That's with the Council's approval at the time when they come in with –

Councilmember Raben: Next Troy is going to move to get them off the chisenbop on to calculators.

Councilmember Tornatta: The abacus, they're throwing them out tomorrow.

President Bassemier: That will kind of confuse Curt. Okay, we ready? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1371-4210	Office Furniture	2,400.00	Deferred
Total		2,400.00	Deferred

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Cum Bridge 2030-3930 Other Contractual in the amount of \$125,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion on that? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-3930	Other Contractual	125,000.00	125,000.00
Total		125,000.00	125,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last Mr. President, County Health Department 2130-1500-2130 through 2130-3000, for a total request of \$34,505, I will move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Hold on. How do they come about? Is this accrued money or this money that --

Councilmember Raben: This is money out of their fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: Out of their fund? Okay.

President Bassemier: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2130-1500-2130	Health Educ/OARR	3,748.00	3,748.00
2130-1900	FICA	287.00	287.00
2130-1910	PERF	207.00	207.00

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2130-3000	Bond & Insurance	30,263.00	30,263.00
Total		34,505.00	34,505.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we have a transfer for the Sheriff’s department and that’s the \$20,000 that we dealt with earlier, I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and I have a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: I’ll go along with this, my only question about it is, I saw in the future appropriations, the Sheriff is going to be looking for \$40,000 gas money and I’ll vote for this but I think we need to be aware of the fact that these are funds that could be used towards that gas money, too, because I think the price is going to continue to go up. And that’s a reality we’re going to have to face among some other realties, but I’ll take a risk.

Councilmember Tornatta: Councilman Hoy, I think this is cleaner and the only reason I say that, I don’t necessarily, its tough to say that we’re going to take care of a Major’s position in this capacity. We’re going to give them the \$20,000 out of the General Fund to take care of that loss so they can hire somebody.

Councilmember Hoy: I wasn’t going to say this, but I’ll just give you my full opinion on this and that is, if I were in working for the Sheriff’s department and I was told that within a short period of time I would move to a higher level, and I had to wait till that buy-out was done, I think I would be real willing to wait for that better job for that better pay. And I’m just looking at every place that we can save money and we can stretch the dollars. But that’s not an unheard of thing. The other thing is, if we do this buy-out and do it this way, I think there are about 20 other departments that may want to come in here and ask us for the same thing and that worries me. So that’s what bothers me about it. I just think its, you know, really sad about this man’s death, that’s not an issue here at all, its just that I think someone could wait a while and that position was filled by someone who did not have that rank before. But we’re not obligated, I don’t think, to do that and I don’t think we’re in danger of anything legal.

Councilmember Tornatta: And that’s the only point I was going to make. There was an opportunity for somebody to come out with a legal if that position didn’t work out, and if we’re kind of skating on thin ice letting somebody move into the position, there could be a legal issue that somebody says that I should be paid for that amount if there was a fallout. And I think that’s all you protect when you look at these issues. And that’s the only thing I looked at, is legally, you could be bound by that through the contract.

Councilmember Hoy: I think we’re only bound to have three Majors and, you know, I’m not a lawyer, I think our legal counsel might shed some light on that. Again, I’m not against this person being paid eventually, I just think that its another place we need to be careful. Its not a terrible amount of money but it also has a precedent

connected with it because there are some other officeholders who might ask for the same thing and they'll be here. You guys know that.

President Bassemier: Hold that thought. I'm sorry. I want to add something before we vote on that. Change the tape first.

(Tape changed)

President Bassemier: You know, Mr. Hoy, I think you made some good points. There are other offices that they need some new people, too. They're working short-handed, too. And I've given this a lot of thought: do I want to vote for this? We're kind of short of funds right now. I mean, it's really tight, but when I read this here explanation for a request it says to cover major's buyout and to allow a new hire. The Sheriff's department has had some, you know, bad luck the last month. We lost two fine officers so, like you said, \$20,000, you know, in a way it's a lot but on the other side, I think he really needs it. So I'm going to support it, too. So anymore discussion before we vote on this? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm going to go ahead and vote no because I feel very strongly.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0007	Lieutenant	20,000.00	20,000.00
To: 1050-1130-0114	Major	20,000.00	20,000.00

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

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Now under the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance, first, Mr. President, we have the County Treasurer. I move that we amend salary line 1030-1200 Posting Clerk as previously adopted. The current employee is a COMOT III, Step 3 with an annual salary of \$24,213. Under Sheriff, I move that we amend salary line 1050-0114 as the transfer previously approved. Prosecutor, I move that we amend salary line 1080-1190 Deputy Prosecutor as previously adopted. The current employee will be classified as Executive II/Step 3 with an annual salary of \$55,186 and I also move that we amend salary line 1080-1340 Subpoena Clerk as previously approved. The current employee will be classified as COMOT IV/Step 1 with an annual salary of \$24,183. Community Corrections, I move that we amend salary line 1361-1140 Clerk as previously adopted. The current employee is a COMOT V/Step III with an annual salary of \$28,339. That's a correction. Next I move that we amend salary line 1361-1240 Correction Officer Supervisor as previously approved. The increase is due to cross training as per the union contract. And along with that, line 1361-1310, again, that increase is due to the cross training. And again, that's per the union contract. I also move that we amend the Salary Ordinance line 1361-1560 Case Manager as previously approved. The current employee is a PAT IV/Step 5 with an annual salary of \$36,875. And line 1361-1850 Union Overtime as previously approved. Under the Health Department, salary line 2130-1500 Health Educator/OARR as appropriation previously adopted. The current employee will be classified as a PAT V/Step 4 with an annual salary of \$39,604. And last is a correction for the Election Office and that is, I move to amend Exhibit H of the 2004 Salary Ordinance. All part-time election employees to be paid at a rate of \$8 per hour. It was listed incorrectly in the 2004 Salary Ordinance. That is it, Mr. President, and again, that's in the form of a motion.

President Bassemier: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: Second. Any discussion on that? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>EXTENSION OF INNKEEPERS TAX FUNDING FOR OPERATION COSTS AT THE CENTRE</p>

Councilmember Raben: Were you moving on to old business?

President Bassemier: Whatever you want. I can, but have you've got something you want to say, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: I'll take it up during old business.

President Bassemier: Okay, do we have anything in old business? Anybody want to bring up anything?

Councilmember Raben: I do. Everyone was given a letter from John Bolton which is the general manager for SMG, which manages not just our Centre, but they manage the stadium. And the letter is recommending that the Convention & Visitors Bureau lobby to extend the two cents on their six that is contributed towards The Centre to offset the operating deficit. I know this topic has been brought up in this room recently. I would like to reaffirm the need to overture the legislature to extend that. I think this expires in 2005. Everyone knows the time dilemmas on dealing with the state at that level. I would like to see this body pass a resolution, again, requesting the resolution be written to the Convention & Visitors Bureau board asking them to help ensure that that tax is extended. Again, we've talked enough today about the financial woes that we're faced with and I can't see us getting on the hook for an additional \$675,000 annually when the funds that are collected for Innkeeper's Tax should be used to offset that Centre.

President Bassemier: So you're asking for a resolution be drawn up?

Councilmember Tornatta: Now that's through December 31st of 2005? Is this early or is this right on time to get this going?

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, we'd have to start lobbying the legislature immediately so it would be an issue in the 2005 legislature. So I think its right on time.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Bassemier: So you want to make that in a motion for a resolution to be drawn up and –

Councilmember Raben: That's what my request is, yes sir.

President Bassemier: Okay, and do we have a second on that?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll second that.

President Bassemier: And I got a second by Lloyd Winnecke. Counselor, you got any questions on anything?

Jeff Ahlers: I can get with Mr. Raben if you want to get more specific language or exactly what it is you want to do, that's fine. Or if anybody else wants to offer comments, that's fine. I assume its pretty straight forward, you just wanted to increase it two cents to go toward the deficit, right?

Councilmember Raben: Just as it is today. It goes to offset utilities and some other operating lines within that budget.

Councilmember Winnecke: The Food & Beverage Tax goes at this point to pay off the bonds.

Councilmember Raben: You know, that's a large project that we committed to on behalf of the convention business and putting heads in beds, and I can't see a greater need for that two percent than to maintain that facility because, again, that's their biggest drawing card and I would think if you look at some of the comparisons for other cities or counties, you know, we're at two cents of our six. South Bend is at four and a half cents of their six, and some of them like Ft. Wayne, as an example, are as high as all six cents go towards offsetting the operations of their convention center. So, you know, I think the two percent, you know, on a scale is small compared to other counties operating large centers like ours.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would just add, I agree with Councilman Raben. I think when the Centre was built, it was before I was on this body, but I think there were people who hoped and felt that SMG could make that a profitable situation. You know, as this body and other members, other county officeholders have been flexible in terms of the changing economy, I think this is how we need to look at this. Our economy today is different than it was when that building was remodeled and reopened. And in an ideal world – we speak of that often – the Convention & Visitors Bureau would like to build, take those funds and build some sort of attraction. But right now, financially, we're not in an ideal world and I think its important that money continue to go to help offset the operating costs. And lastly, I would just say that I think there's some good things happening within SMG. That is an organization that I think is taking a long hard look at how it does business in this community, not just at the facilities that it manages on behalf of the county but for the city as well. And they're in the middle of making drastic improvements in service, and I think it would not be a good time to pull operating funds from them as they're in the process of trying to do an even better job of managing these public facilities.

Councilmember Hoy: My comment, Mr. President, as your liaison to that board, is to agree with what's been proposed. And the convention business is much better now, its getting better every day. They're doing a great job but we might look at this in future days and be able to be more generous, but right now, I think this is what we need to do.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think they are taking the right steps and just reiterating what Councilman Winnecke was saying, is they are re-evaluating how they perform, looking at ways to make sure that they are as efficient as we would expect them to be with public funds and finding ways to look at the Evansville community and discover what might be the best way to generate convention business for our area, what type of attractions there are, the type of things that will

be amenable to our area, so as they proceed through that process, I think they're asking us to be a part of that, as well, as they are going through the planning process, so we aren't excluded. So it will be a good opportunity for us to gather our thoughts and share ideas with them on how they can increase the level of efficiency and really productivity in that particular large investment that we've made over at the Centre.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? I've got 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Anything else in old business? Moving on, under new business –

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I do have a comment. You all asked me to check with Convention & Visitors Bureau. They have turned those delinquent tax collections over to their lawyer. And that's the process they use and I apologize for not remembering that sooner.

<p>RESOLUTION DENYING COIT DISTRIBUTION TO SOLID WASTE DISTRICTS IN 2005</p>

President Bassemier: Okay, moving into new business. I'm asking for a motion for a resolution denying COIT distribution to the Solid Waste District in 2005, and for that resolution. Do I have a motion for that?

Councilmember Raben: I'll so move.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a second. Any questions on that? Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSING
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX
COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR
HOMESTEADS FOR 2005 AND CASTING THE VOTES OF THE COUNTY
COUNCIL ON SAID ORDINANCE
RESOLUTION NO. CO.R-05-04-007**

President Bassemier: Okay, under B in new business, asking for a motion for a resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council proposing an ordinance for the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed for homesteads for 2005 and casting the votes of the County Council on said ordinance, resolution. Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: And do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Winnecke seconded.

President Bassemier: Okay, any discussion on that? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Jeff Ahlers: Now you need to pass the ordinance.

<p>ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL AMENDING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2005</p>

President Bassemier: Okay, going to C. Now this is the ordinance asking for a motion to pass the ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed for this homestead. Can I have a motion on that?

Councilmember Raben: I'll make that motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second, moving right along. Any discussion on that? Roll call vote please. Okay, the Counselor has got a statement to make.

Jeff Ahlers: I was just going to ask if you want to also add in that motion, if there's unanimous approval, that you request that this ordinance be passed at one meeting. If its not unanimous it will need to have another reading, but if you would add that to your – in the event that it passes unanimously, then we won't – this could be the first and final reading of the ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll amend my motion to read that I make a motion to establish the ordinance for the percentage credit allowed for homesteads, and with that motion would ask that if it be passed unanimously, that this serve as the first and final reading.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll amend my second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Okay, it passes seven to zero.

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH RAINY DAY FUND CO.05-04-002

President Bassemier: Okay, also I'm asking for – going to D, under new business, I'm asking for a motion for an ordinance to establish a Rainy Day Fund, ordinance number – is there a number there?

Jeff Ahlers: Teri should have that.

Teri Lukeman: The ordinance number is CO.05-04-002.

President Bassemier: Okay, that ordinance, repeating is CO.05-04-002. Is that correct? Do I have a motion for that?

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Bassemier: And I have a second. Okay, any discussion on that? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Did you want to mention that if they –

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, do you want to also put in your motion on this that if it passes unanimously, that the Council is also giving its approval that this be the first and final reading of that ordinance?

Councilmember Sutton: I'll accept that as part of my motion.

Councilmember Raben: And I will, as the seconder, accept that.

President Bassemier: Okay, anymore discussion? Thank you, Counselor. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BETTY KNIGHT SMITH, COUNTY RECORDING FEES

President Bassemier: Okay, E, under new business, that's asking for a motion. Its Betty Knight Smith, County Recorder, recording fees, it looks like we have to start paying fees now.

Sandie Deig: You don't need to make a motion.

President Bassemier: Don't need a motion. Okay, that's just – okay. I'll cross that off.

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION BY COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR
REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8200, 8300, 8301 N.
KENTUCKY AVENUE/CINERGY COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY**

President Bassemier: Okay, F, under new business, preliminary resolution by County Council declaring an economic revitalization area for tax abatement for redevelopment of property located at 8200, 8300, 8301 North Kentucky Avenue/Cinergy Communications Company. I'm asking for a motion for that.

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

President Bassemier: I have a motion to approve.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: And I have a second by Mr. Winnecke. Any discussion on that? No discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I just have a comment. I think this particular project is already out of the box and I certainly welcome their decision to not only stay in our county but with their plans to expand, but would just ask that this body, in the future, and the Department of Metropolitan Development, Vision 2000 and the Chamber, and all other organizations or parties that involve themselves with potential new companies and even existing companies, that we, as a group, continue to push to offer these incentives more on the downtown area, particularly when you're talking office projects, not manufacturing or warehousing where we may need to move out into the county, but projects like this one are ideal for what we're trying to do to create growth downtown. So again, if everyone could work together, after that same, common goal I think it would really benefit Vanderburgh County.

President Bassemier: Okay, I was going to ask Mr. Schaefer up here anyway.

Rob Schaefer: I totally agree with Jim, and we did try to work with –

President Bassemier: I'm sorry, sir. Your name please?

Rob Schaefer: Rob Schaefer, Department of Metropolitan Development. I agree with Mr. Raben and we did try to work with Cinergy to get them downtown, but it didn't work out economically for them. And I just wanted to add that in the resolution, the abatement is for ten years.

Councilmember Tornatta: And your –

Rob Schaefer: That would be the recommendation that we would make would be ten years, it scored ten years on our scoring.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, talk to us a little bit about that scoring.

Councilmember Sutton: That's the scoring that the city uses that we don't have yet for the county and its based on the amount of investment, the number of employees retained, the number of jobs created, and general questions like that. And we have a scoring where 91 to 100 points is ten years and 81 to 90 is 9 years, and so on and so forth. That's what its based on.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? Mr. Schaefer, would you make copies of that for us because the city has made some other decisions, as I recall. We need to look at that.

Rob Schaefer: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I would love to leave office and know that some of that had been done.

Rob Schaefer: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Do we need to set in the year amount or is this, what is before us, or are we just approving or is it before us for approval for the abatement request? Is there a separate process for the year? I think there is, but –

Jeff Ahlers: Right now you're just – yeah, I mean, the confirming resolution is where we set in the amount. Isn't that correct? Isn't that the way we've always done it or do you want them to go ahead and set it in now to make sure?

Rob Schaefer: Well, I don't know how you've always done it, but how I've done it is the year is in the preliminary resolution, the ten years is in the –

Jeff Ahlers: That's fine, lets be consistent and go ahead and do that.

Rob Schaefer: That's the way its been since I've –

Jeff Ahlers: That's fine.

Rob Schaefer: So it says ten years in that resolution.

President Bassemier: Add ten years to that motion. We did have a motion and a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I just have one comment. I think this is a great project. I like the brain drain argument that was presented last week. I support this. I think economically its good for our community and I concur with Councilman Raben. The only thing I would ask is that this company look, take a really hard look at its level of community involvement. I appreciate the fact that its plowed its profits into creating more jobs but as I mentioned last week, a lot of companies do that and they still find a way to contribute to the United Way or the hundreds of other very worthwhile not-for-profits in this community and it could

certainly benefit from that kind of consideration.

Councilmember Sutton: And along those lines, I concur with Councilman Winnecke and as this company is coming to make a request before a very public body, there are a number of ways in which this company could avail themselves to opportunities to become more involved in the community. And as a company that's private that's in the past never made a request along this line before, I think the bar should be raised for companies that are seeking some type of public support and it should be expected that there will be a level of involvement other than just providing jobs. I think there are a number of employers all over town that provide jobs but to make a vested commitment to the community requires being involved in a number of non-profit and organizations and making contributions to the community that do have a meaningful impact that shows that there is truly a partnership between that company and the city.

President Bassemier: I know their company said that their main part is to create jobs but I've got to commend them a little bit because he did add that his employees, they do donate to United Way, he did mention that and a few other agencies, and to do that a lot of times, you know, the employer will give out a card letting them sign that, they're going to donate part of their salary or whatever to that, so they do, in a way, they do help United Way through their employees.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I didn't pick that up from their comments.

President Bassemier: Yeah, he did say that some of their employees –

Councilmember Raben: And Mr. President, I think what these two are saying, and I certainly agree with them 100%, we're looking for more than just their permission to their employees that they can spend their money how they want. I mean, my business, and the businesses that most of us either work for in this community are heavily involved and we're constantly looking for people to share that burden.

President Bassemier: But like I said, they do help in a way. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, even though I am Dr. No with tax abatements, my advocacy has always been that the best contribution to charity is to have a job that pays enough for you to live on.

President Bassemier: Thank you, sir. Anybody else?

Councilmember Sutton: And then just my last comment. I think this is a wonderful company. I think the type of jobs that are going to be attracted here are family supporting type of jobs, but the length of the abatement for the number of jobs seems to be a little bit beyond what I would think would be reasonable for requests like this. I mean, I think seven years would be adequate as opposed to ten years as has been proposed to us in our requests today, so that's why I wanted to know what the process is, whether we could separate that out from the abatement, the actually approving resolution, the years, can we separate that out in our request rather than put all that together? I would like for us to.

Jeff Ahlers: What you can do is just, well, the easy way would be, he's got the resolution as its drawn up and presented to you. It has the ten years in it. You can, someone can, I guess, ask the motioner if they would like to amend their motion to set that in at a lower amount. If they don't want to, you vote on this –

President Bassemier: Instead it dies and you vote again. Who made the motion?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I mean, I guess you can separate it if you want, but, I mean, it would be cleaner, I guess, to get some agreement on what it is that you'd like to do.

Councilmember Sutton: Who did make the motion?

Teri Lukeman: Jim did.

President Bassemier: Jim is studying.

Councilmember Raben: Hold on for just a minute, okay.

President Bassemier: Okay. Curt, you got any words of wisdom?

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me. Rob, maybe you can give me this information. I didn't have it in front of me, but the overall project amounts to how many dollars?

Rob Schaefer: 5.5 million.

Councilmember Raben: You know, that was the number I was looking for and thank you very much. If you look back at the different abatement requests that we've had I think you'll probably find that we've granted abatements of ten years for probably sums of just over a million dollars and probably as high as 20, but I think a five million dollar project is worthy of a ten year abatement myself. I'd really like for the motion to stand.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, would you be open to voting on those separate, Councilman Raben, the actual approving from the –

Councilmember Raben: Sure, I'll do that. Mr. President, I'd like to amend my motion to simply be to accept the preliminary resolution for Cinergy Communications and simply we're approving the concept of the resolution, I guess, is that correct? And then we'll set the length of deduction?

Jeff Ahlers: Are you going to follow with a second motion, then, to set in the years?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, so what you're wanting to do is you're just going to say we've got a preliminary resolution to declare it an economic revitalization area for tax abatement and you're going to pass that, and then have a second motion for the number of years? You can do that if you like.

Councilmember Tornatta: We've done this in the past. In fact, on our second reading we've allocated –

Councilmember Raben: Who was my seconder?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll amend my second.

President Bassemier: Okay, then your motion is just to set it in without the years?

Councilmember Raben: We're approving the abatement. Again.....

President Bassemier: You want to read it?

Councilmember Raben: Preliminary resolution declaring an economic revitalization area for tax abatement for redevelopment of the property located at 8200, 8300, 8301 North Kentucky Ave., known as Cinergy Communications Corporation, to accept the abatement, the resolution for abatement. And my second motion will be to set the length.

President Bassemier: Okay, and you second? Okay. Roll call vote please. Any more discussion, though? Okay, we're ready.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'm going to move to set the length of abatement for the property known as – or Cinergy Communications Company, the length of deduction be set in at ten years.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second to approve it for ten years. Any discussion on that? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

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

President Bassemier: So that's four in favor, three against. It passes 4-3.

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. Schaefer, you'll amend this resolution and the confirming resolution then to contain – well, I guess it doesn't need to be because its got ten. Okay, we're set. We're fine.

John Cinelli: Thank you for your consideration.

President Bassemier: You're welcome.

<p>PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION BY COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF GREEN RIVER ROAD AND LYNCH ROAD BROADWAY SUMMIT, LLC</p>
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President Bassemier: New business again under G, need approval of a preliminary resolution by County Council declaring an economic revitalization area for tax abatement for the redevelopment of property located on the southeast corner of Green River Road and Lynch Road, Broadway Summit LLC. Do I have a motion to approve that?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Bassemier: Mr. Raben made a motion, do I have a second on that? Do I have a second on that? I'm going to second it.

Councilmember Raben: You can't.

President Bassemier: Are you sure?

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, real quick –

Councilmember Sutton: He's got a motion on the floor.

Jeff Ahlers: You're going to have to put the number of years in.

President Bassemier: Okay, that's got a blank.

Jeff Ahlers: You've got a blank in that one.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, Mr. President, you may want to clarify that with our counselor.

Councilmember Hoy: To get us to moving even though –

President Bassemier: I don't know. Presidents never second anything. We've never –

Councilmember Hoy: Just to get it on the floor I'll second it, so then we have to vote.

President Bassemier: Thank you, sir. Any discussion on that?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'd just like to find out, Rob, and maybe this is a counsel question, can this be divided up?

Rob Schaefer: I wish it could be. I don't know the answer to that.

Councilmember Sutton: Explain what you mean by divided.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I guess what I mean is, I'm probably not in favor of 100% of this thing to have tax abatement, but there would be some items that I'd be looking at which might be a training center and/or a headquarters office, if they were looking to do something like that, which was on the plans.

Councilmember Winnecke: So just for clarification, you're suggesting that we consider an abatement only for a headquarters and training facility versus the restaurant portion and the retail portion, is that right?

Councilmember Tornatta: That's right.

Jeff Ahlers: I'm not sure we can separate it that way. I mean, there may be a logical way if we look into it, separating it, but I mean, you're granting it for that real estate, so, I mean, –

Councilmember Raben: It wouldn't –

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, so I mean, that's the problem is that I don't know – I'd have to look at the statute closely, but I'm not aware that you can parcel out what components on the real estate, you're either declaring that real estate to be an economic revitalization area and then setting in. I guess the way you adjust it is by the length of your abatement, and on this particular one, how does it score or how

would – because you left a blank in this one, whereas the last one you had ten years. So where do you – I assume there is a reason for that.

Rob Schaefer: Yeah, and I'm going to probably change the way I do this. I think what I'm going to do is leave them blank all the time. The reason I put ten for the last one is because it scored ten and I was pretty confident that Council was going to vote for ten. Maybe I was too confident.

Councilmember Raben: Rob, do you know from working with this project, is that plotted as one large parcel, is it several parcels or is it...is there one legal description for the entire property or is there several?

Rob Schaefer: One legal description. There's no plans to subdivide it.

President Raben: Okay. Do you understand what Councilman Tornatta's suggestion was, that if you could single out the property that your headquarters, your office, your training is going to be on, this body may look more favorably at abating that rather than the whole enchilada, where there's a lot of whatif's.

President Bassemier: Mr. Vincent, before you answer that, identify yourself please, for the record.

Jim Vincent: Jim Vincent, I'm president of Black Buggy Growth, Incorporated. One comment I wanted to make, it was asked at the last discussion, if Rob would go through a scoring process that the city uses and I was wondering if he could share the results of that with Council and I'd like to maybe make a few comments and answer some questions.

President Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

Rob Schaefer: Okay, I wrote some thoughts out because you asked our opinion, DMD's opinion of the abatement, so this is a project that everyone would like to see happen in Vanderburgh County. It will provide jobs and attract people to Evansville. It will generate property and sales tax revenue currently not being generated.

President Bassemier: Hold it. I'm sorry, hold that thought.

(Tape Changed)

President Bassemier: Okay, sir.

Rob Schaefer: Okay, it will generate property and sales tax revenue currently not being generated. It will improve an undeveloped site, however, the issue is whether tax abatement is justified, not whether this is a good project or not. On its own, the restaurant does not merit tax abatement. The jobs do not exceed the average wage in Vanderburgh County and it does not help to diversify the local economy. Retail and food service jobs are not the type of jobs that are offered economic development incentives normally. The project, as a whole, is somewhat different when you consider the corporate franchise headquarters, which would provide good paying jobs, and the various tourist type attractions and a hotel, which is planned for phase two, it is possible tax abatement could be justified. As you may know, Warrick County officials have had this same debate about this project earlier this year. A site was chosen for this project in Warrick County and tax abatement was requested. After much debate, Warrick County officials approved a five year

abatement on real property. They also approved a ten year abatement on equipment, however, we did not – me and Jim talked about equipment and we thought that probably almost no equipment for this project would even be eligible because it has to be – its more for manufacturing equipment. The abatement scored in range from six to eight years on the scoring.

Councilmember Sutton: Rob, while you're here, this proposed project, its in the TIF district, you did make mention of that and I know we've had some discussions here before Council in the past about tax abatement requests that are in TIF districts, and the question of whether abatements can be granted in TIF districts.

Rob Schaefer: Abatements can be granted in TIF districts, but it has to be approved also by the Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Commission. That hasn't happened yet because the application was given to me late, past the filing date and normally I would have gone to the Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Commission first, before this process, but it was asked of me to make sure that this was on the agenda for this meeting.

Councilmember Winnecke: Graham Packaging, we approved that abatement in that TIF out there.

Jeff Ahlers: When does that commission meet again?

Rob Schaefer: It meets as needed.

Jeff Ahlers: Is that set on their application? Is there a meeting set to consider their application?

Rob Schaefer: Not yet. There would be no reason for me to have a meeting if this is voted no. If this is voted yes, then I would have a Redevelopment Commission meeting before the confirming resolution at this body next month.

Jeff Ahlers: What's the reason, I assume the rationale that normally you do it the opposite way is because then there's no reason for this body then to set in an amount if it doesn't make it past that one, so I guess we've got a chicken or the egg issue here.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can I just make a motion to defer this, maybe give Mr. Vincent an opportunity if he wants to run it by the Redevelopment Commission, and if he can find any ways that possibly he can parcelize this use or use this to maybe bring it closer to what we're looking for?

Councilmember Raben: I would amend my motion or withdraw my motion – let me do that, Mr. President. At this time I will withdraw my motion.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll withdraw my second.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Alright, I'd just like to make a motion to defer this to give Black Buggy operation a chance to take what we've given him here and possibly go in front of the Redevelopment Commission and come back to us with an answer on the TIF district abatement.

Councilmember Raben: Well, the TIF district issue, we've dealt with here. And Rob stated it can be done. In fact, we've granted –

Councilmember Tornatta: They give him the okay first and then it comes to us.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Bassemier: Do I have a second on that?

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

President Bassemier: Anymore discussion? Okay, going to defer that. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK BOARD APPOINTMENT
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President Bassemier: Okay, new business under H, board appointment, I think that's yours, Burdette Park.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Bassemier: You finally got somebody?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I do.

President Bassemier: Great.

Councilmember Sutton: Is it on the agenda? Okay, but I've got it.

President Bassemier: Under H.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, Michael Harp.

President Bassemier: Pardon?

Councilmember Sutton: Michael Harp.

President Bassemier: Michael Harp, H-A-R-P?

Councilmember Sutton: H-A-R-P.

President Bassemier: H-A-R-P. Michael Harp, okay. Well, good job, Royce.

Councilmember Sutton: I told you I had it, I just wasn't bringing it.

CONSIDERATION OF SALARIES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR PROPOSED 2005 BUDGETS

President Bassemier: Okay, here's our most important one to all of our employees for next year. We need to consider the salaries for county employees for 2005 budgets. Anybody got or want to throw out some recommendations? I'll start with whoever wants to go.

Councilmember Winnecke: I mean, I'll start unless you want – I'll start. I think for planning purposes I think its fine to start with a three percent if the officeholders and department heads want to start at that. I think that the reality of it is that this may be or in 2005 may be a year where there will be no raises. But I'd like to at least see what a three percent number looks like at budget time.

Councilmember Sutton: I think, Councilman Winnecke, I mean, that's kind of the number I was looking at, but probably the number that is probably most pressing for us that we've been dealing with over the last several years is the insurance figure. So I think if we can do as much as we can to keep those numbers down on the employee cost side, we might do just as much good, though you don't take home in your pay, you can't eat your insurance but still, if we can keep those costs down to the employee I think we will do a great deal of good for our employees. But I think the three percent might be a good starting point but the insurance figure is where we really need to focus our attention.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll agree with that because one savings that employees achieve on health insurance is that they don't have to pay taxes on it. So that's a benefit. But I don't want to see the health insurance messed with very much. I think it's a strong obligation we have to our employees.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I certainly agree with comments made by both Councilman Winnecke and Sutton. And I look out in the room and I know people are wondering why in the world are they talking about pay rates and insurance rates for next year. Our budget process, all the requests need to be turned in by the first week of June for next year. So that's why we're looking at this

so early.

Councilmember Tornatta: One comment, and we dealt with this probably my first year on Council. The only thing I don't like to do is to put that number out there knowing that we're going to take it away. I would rather, in some instances, I would rather not have it there and give it to somebody knowing that we're going to be there instead of people thinking that they're going to get a three percent and then take it away. And you know, sometimes that false ceiling gives people false hope and they start banking on that money. And I want to tell Vanderburgh County employees to be very cautious about their three percent because in these times that we have here, and we've been able to accommodate that, but I just would hate to see that type of money be taken out of your future pocketbook. So, I mean, we need to consider that as well.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, what's your thoughts? Are we better to set it in at maybe two percent for the simple fact that Councilman Tornatta –

President Bassemier: Well, I tell you what, when it comes to salaries for our hard working employees, I've been on this seat or been on the Council now for twelve years and we've always given a three percent raise and I think there's two years there we gave a four percent raise. I'm pretty well stuck on three percent and I'm going to work my doggonedest – I can't say a cuss word here – to give them a three percent raise, that's what I'm going to work for.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I agree with you, plus I think it will be helpful to those preparing their budgets to go ahead with the three. I think employees know that we're going to do our best to keep that, but that will give us a goal at which to shoot. And then if we have to reduce it, we do. I certainly don't want to reduce it, but I think all employees are very realistic about our situation and most of them appreciate the fact that we are trying to do this –

Councilmember Hoy: We're really going to try very, very hard at giving them all a three percent raise. They more than deserve it, so with that, I've got – what, do we make a motion on that or just, what do we do, just ask for –

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I move that we direct all officeholders and department heads to prepare their 2005 budget to set salary increases in at three percent.

Councilmember Hoy: And I'll second.

President Bassemier: Thank you for that motion. Thank you for the second from Mr. Hoy. Thank you very much for that.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I have an announcement before you adjourn. I think you're –

President Bassemier: Yeah, we've got one more thing – we've got to vote on this.

Councilmember Hoy: We've got to vote on that.

President Bassemier: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: I just don't want to have us adjourn.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I would also put in there, there's no guarantees, though. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Jeff Ahlers: You need to direct Sandie to send a letter.

President Bassemier: Right. Sandie, direct a letter stating that.

MAY FILING DEADLINE

President Bassemier: Okay, moving to the last one, remind everybody the May filing deadline for June 2, 2004 for the County Council meeting will be May 13th, and Sandie, will you direct a letter to everyone for that? Anything else, anybody?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Bassemier, I'm your representative to the Data Board and some of you may know this, the City Council members have an email box now with Computer Services here. This is some paperwork on it and I think Mr. Winnecke has his copy, I have mine. I'd like for you to take that. The other thing, I think would be good is if we had Mr. Van Cleave in to describe this to us. It shouldn't take him too long the next meeting so that we can understand this. I would like to have a mailbox like that. The only thing I don't want to happen is, I don't want to have our staff have to deal with it at all because they have enough to deal with. But if I can have a public mailbox here, that would be a very advantageous thing for all of us and that's what the paperwork is about. And if nobody objects, I would like to have, I think its Mr. Van Cleave who handles that, maybe come in and talk to us about it. Thank you.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Mr. Hoy.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENDING

President Bassemier: Anything else? I've got some students out there from government class from Central and North. Would you please stand up, come forward please?

President Bassemier: State your name please, what school you're from, give us a little history, give us your future plans, maybe going to college, and then sign your name on that form.

Lori Folz: My name is Lori Folz and I go to Central. And whenever I graduate I'm going to go on to USI.

President Bassemier: USI, and what are you going to major in?

Lori Folz: I was going to do floral design, but I'm not sure if that's what I really want. It was either floral design or photography, I'm not sure yet.

President Bassemier: You'll probably change it again.

Lori Folz: Probably.

President Bassemier: Alright, thank you very much. Thanks for coming here today. Sir, please state your name and a little bit about yourself.

Lucas Blanton: Lucas Blanton from Central. I'm currently a registered technician for Quality Pest Control. And after high school, I'm planning on going on to be certified, maybe one day owning my own business.

President Bassemier: Great, great. Appreciate you coming. And our counselor has something to add.

PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-22-8(e) AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT PROPERTY TAXES WITH PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS
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Jeff Ahlers: I've got, it should be in your packets. Everybody got a copy of the resolution that Z Tuley, actually its an ordinance, made a presentation on, requesting that we request to be in the pilot program, if we're not designated in the pilot program that we go ahead and implement the reporting requirements in terms of – which we already did – that went out with out property tax statements. And I have put that – it should be in your packet or you all got copies of it, so the only question would be, do you want to move forward with that and, if so, Mr. President, you need to direct the Auditor's office to advertise that ordinance for next month's meeting.

President Bassemier: So directed. Can you do it?

Teri Lukeman: Yes.

President Bassemier: Okey dokey. Anything else?

Councilmember Hoy: I think it's a good idea. I've heard all kinds of positive comments on it.

Jeff Ahlers: Except for one I saw in the paper that we need to correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Except for the amount of taxes, of course.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, they put in there, though, what was it, one person called in to the Courier and said County Council is wasting our money sending out these forms. But the purpose of the ordinance is to get reimbursed by the state for doing this. So if anybody has that misconception, that's what this is all about is to get the state to pay for it instead of the county.

President Bassemier: Okay, I want to thank everybody out there for coming. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: Got a motion and a second, meeting adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Ed Bassemier

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of June, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everyone to the June 2nd, 2004 County Council meeting. Attendance roll call please.

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

President Bassemier: Would everybody please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Bassemier: I need a motion for approval of the Council minutes from May 5th, 2004. Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Bassemier: I need a second.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Bassemier: Okay, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CLERK

President Bassemier: Okay, we'll move into the appropriations and I'm going to now turn it over to the finance chairman. As mentioned last week, though, please raise your hand and we'll go in an orderly fashion and I'll call on you as I see your hands raised. Finance chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda today under the County Clerk 1010-3603, I move that we set it in at \$7,500; 1010-2600 Office Supplies at \$2,500. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-3603	Record Storage	15,000.00	7,500.00
1010-2600	Office Supplies	5,000.00	2,500.00
Total		20,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR

President Bassemier: Auditor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Auditor, 1020-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of \$35,000. I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-3530	Contractual Services	35,000.00	35,000.00
Total		35,000.00	35,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RECORDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Recorder, 1040-1990 Extra Help in the amount of \$10,000. I'll move approval.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

RECORDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1040-1990	Extra Help	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Under County Jail, Mr. President, I'm going to move that line 1051-1850 be set in at \$30,000, all other lines set in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: Jim, give that to me again.

Councilmember Raben: 1051-1850 Union Overtime be set in at \$30,000, all other accounts there listed at zero.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Tornatta: Question. Did we decide it would be better to zero out or defer, or does it matter? What was the discussion on that?

Councilmember Raben: They both represent the same, so I think that's what we gathered from our last discussion on this, is that not correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Right. What was your motion this time? Were you going to zero them?

Councilmember Raben: I mean, based on the discussion last month –

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, my advice would be is, I mean, if you're deferring it one meeting may be one thing, but whether or not indefinitely, you're probably just better off to zero it and then have it re-filed and ...

President Bassemier: Jim, on that, are you zeroing out that Teamster's Educational Fund?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that was for the request above that.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm assuming that the committee that you appointed is still going to meet, though, with the Sheriff?

President Bassemier: Soon. Yes.

Councilmember Raben: And along with that, you know, I think we, as a Council, along with the Sheriff's office needs to come up with a definitive plan on when we are going to get these people put in place and begin this process. So again, Mr. President, as soon as we can all get together and prepare to start moving in that direction, I think we need to.

President Bassemier: Yeah, I'm sure the Sheriff knows that we're not going to hang him out to dry. We're going to give him some employees but we're going to work some things out and find some financing. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, and that's precisely the question that I have is regarding, if we're talking about making decisions today not to include the detention officers which is the motion that's on the floor, that some discussions very rapidly be had in terms of what the timetable will be regarding when we will look at providing the positions that have been brought to our attention over the last couple of months. And then the report that was provided us back in February and materials provided back in October, they're really at a point where they're looking for some direction as well from us. They're looking for some input on how many and when. And given the amount of time frame, we do have a little bit of a window of opportunity to really sit down and think and plan on what we can do based upon the resources that we have available. But we haven't communicated that as yet. So I think that's really what they're looking for from us is some sense of direction. So is there some thought

there on what will occur as a result of what action is being taken here today?

Councilmember Raben: I might, and I don't mean to speak for the Sheriff nor his Chief Deputy, but its my understanding based on a prior conversation today that they're working on a time line as to when they need to phase in who. And I think as soon as their work is completed, we need to, as a group, whoever the other members are that's part of that committee, need to sit down and meet and come up with, again, a definitive plan as to how soon we can bring on the first people and at what point what we need to bring on the second.

Councilmember Sutton: I think their question to us is, okay, do we wait for you guys to tell us how much we have to spend or do we tell you how many we need, which somebody has already communicated that, you know, I think that's kind of a chicken and egg thing of who goes first here. And I think they've tried to give at least the first salvo here and we're responding back but we're not giving the feedback behind whatever our response is here, at least that's the impression I get. And I don't know, Sheriff, if that's what you guys, if you're getting an understanding of what you are needing to do on your end in respect to what Council has to do.

Brad Ellsworth: Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff. Some of that's true and that's things we're going to dictate our schedule by what the Council does. I don't think, you know, I mean, we're pretty steadfast on what we think we need but I think, like I said, due to prior conversations with the committee, and I'm not sure if that's been appointed yet, which members of the Council, you know, there's a lot of information over the last seven years. We've talked about prisoner projections out in ten years. I don't know if that's necessary. Certainly, any questions from the Council would be welcome; if you email me those questions that you want answers specifically, individually, I'd be glad to – sometimes that's easier to answer a specific question than me try to predict what you want to know. But if we can get that committee meeting as soon as possible along with the – and I assume that's one of these things the Council wants is a time line: we can take three here, six there, ten there, and what we're going to be doing in those two years. And I know Councilman Tornatta and I talked about that also, but I think that meeting would be very beneficial to both the Council and our agency.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'll work on a meeting in the next two weeks, try and get all the schedules together and then we'll progress from there.

Brad Ellsworth: Do you know, and I'm not sure who else was on the committee – I'm not sure who...

Councilmember Tornatta: Councilman Raben, Councilman Hoy and myself.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I might offer a suggestion because, again, there's scheduling that has to be taken care of amongst the three of us, you know, maybe we need to set a deadline on the time for every one to submit questions either by, you said email, how about in writing, too, for those of us that don't have email. Maybe we could set that deadline for June 15th? I mean, is that...

Brad Ellsworth: That's fine. You could do it on a yellow pad for all I care. We'll answer them. It's nice to have some direction that way.

President Bassemier: Anybody? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President and Mr. Ellsworth, I think a lot of this is

going to be based on the department heads when they submit their budgets at the end of this month. I think we're going to have to watch and be careful here whether we're going to have any money or not. I think that's going to be based on that.

President Bassemier: And I think Bill is going to get that together for us.

Bill Fluty: Well, that's true. Right now, everybody has got their budget packet and are preparing that for 2005. Then again, the Sheriff's office is finishing theirs. We will see all our needs that we will have to address for 2005 along with the staffing of the jail and the maintenance of that jail. Also, by the end of June, we'll have property tax collections and we'll have a better handle, and we'll have six months of expenditures here. So I know the need is to move forward, but it will help us to see these budgets that were turned in to give us a better handle on what we can afford because with the Sheriff's budget, we'll have to fit that with the other 39 budgets.

Brad Ellsworth: And I apologize to the other officeholders and department heads, but I'm going on record as saying the Sheriff's office didn't create the problem for the need for jail beds. We put some of the people in there by good police work, but the Evansville Police Department does a great job, too, and there's criminals in Evansville and Vanderburgh County, and we're responsible. So I don't want to say it's the Sheriff's department's fault that we're in a budget crunch here. I don't think that's our fault, just by the state constitution we have this job to do and I think we're doing it pretty well with what we have.

President Bassemier: I agree. Sheriff, I've got a question to ask. Compared to other jails that's opened in the past, Daviess County and maybe up in South Bend, what time span did they use to start training their employees, do you have an idea?

Brad Ellsworth: I can call some of those. I know that the one in Lexington started about two years out. Petrocelli, I think that's his name, is the president of the American Corrections Association, recommends you have your teams in place about two years. That's kind of the benchmark is two years out. I'm not sure on Daviess, I can call down to their jail and find out. Well, actually, I don't think he's living any more, but I can –

President Bassemier: So they put them on the payroll two years in advance?

Brad Ellsworth: In sections, not all the employees, but the transition teams like we talked about, yeah they start putting those people into place and getting that preparation done. That's kind of how we came up with that, start asking for them now, about a year and a half out from their projected date.

President Bassemier: And we know you didn't create the problem, but I know we've got to pay for it and that's what Bill is going to find out, can we pay for these detention officers. Anybody else got any questions? Thank you, Sheriff, appreciate it.

Councilmember Tornatta: And I think we just need to come to terms that we're going to open this jail up and its going to be on time, and so whatever its going to take, we're going to do to make this jail open. I mean, I don't think anybody refutes that. You know, money in or money out, we're going to open up this jail. I mean, that's agreeable, isn't it?

Councilmember Wortman: We've got to think of the taxpayer, remember that.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm going to think of the taxpayer's security when there's people outside running around that should be in jail.

President Bassemier: Well, so far we're running on time, so anyway, anybody else?

Councilmember Raben: No, I call for the question.

President Bassemier: Okay, I've got a motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm going to support this because I think that we're making some very positive steps in working with the Sheriff's department and walking together rather than them doing their thing and Council doing its own thing, and so I think we're taking the right steps. I would like to see us moving along a little bit faster, but I think we're doing okay. So I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1130-0339	Detention Officer	14,703.00	0.00
1051-1130-0340	Detention Officer	14,703.00	0.00
1051-1130-0341	Detention Officer	14,703.00	0.00
1051-1130-0342	Detention Officer	14,703.00	0.00
1051-1130-0343	Detention Officer	14,703.00	0.00
1051-1130-0344	Detention Officer	14,703.00	0.00
1051-1130-0345	Nurse	19,677.00	0.00

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1051-1130-0346	Nurse	19,677.00	0.00
1051-1900	FICA	9,759.00	0.00
1051-1910	PERF	7,016.00	0.00
1051-1950-1051	Teamsters Ed. Fund	156.00	0.00
1051-1850	Union Overtime	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total		174,503.00	30,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next we have two requests from the County Commissioners. I'm going to take these as one because they're basically both for the same request and starting with 1300-

President Bassemier: So you're going to take them both, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Bassemier: I'd kind of like for you to take them separately. Has anybody got a problem with that? One is contractual and one is CCD.

Councilmember Raben: But they both are for the same project. Okay, but I'm comfortable with doing that. 1300-3530 Contractual Services, I move that it be set in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion on that?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll start the discussion. I think it's a great idea, a wonderful concept but in a time where we're delaying hiring detention officers for the new jail, the Sheriff's department and other county officeholders are really pinching pennies, I think this is a luxury, and it's a luxury we've done without for a long time and I'm all for open government, but I don't think we can afford it right now.

Councilmember Raben: And Mr. President, I would just kind of echo most of Councilman Winnecke's remarks that, you know, in an ideal world, this is great. If the funds were available, I would be all over this one. I'm all for it, but at this time when there's too many uncertainties about our financial situation, you know, \$55,000 or a little more than \$55,000 is a lot to spend at this point.

President Bassemier: Anybody else?

Councilmember Sutton: Is somebody going to speak to this particular request?

President Bassemier: Anybody from the Commission? I'm glad you asked that, Royce. Is anybody out here from the Commissioners office? Great, come on up please.

Tammy McKinney: Tammy McKinney, representing the Commissioner office.

President Bassemier: Royce, you got a question for her?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'd like to hear maybe what – on the proposal that we have here, I guess if there's any insight that can be provided to us regarding just some of the funding on what's being requested here and on this particular project. I guess there's some interest being expressed that might pick up some of the cost, if I'm not mistaken, or if you could maybe give us some details on that.

David Dial: I'm David Dial with WNIN. And the Commissioners contacted me about a year ago and asked if WNIN would find a way to televise the County Commission meetings. So I spent quite a bit of time looking at systems around the country and how it was being handled and I can tell you that I found costs that began at about \$60,000 and went up to about a half million dollars around the country. And, you know, I'm pretty understanding of how tight dollars are around here and I knew that we needed something that was cost efficient. And so what we did is we explored a system of putting in robotic cameras and controlling them from a remote location and so \$45,000 of this request is for equipment. Its equipment that is expandable. Its equipment that will be owned by the county and there's \$10,500 for personnel costs to operate the system over a year. So its pretty cost efficient. The \$45,000 is a one-time cost and then – well, I'm sorry, I misspoke. The \$10,500 is for a half a year. It's a \$20,000 cost for the entire year to provide this service.

Councilmember Sutton: And would that be an annual cost that would be incurred by the county?

David Dial: That would be an annual cost that would be incurred by the county. And its also expandable. The system, if this body decided it wanted to televise its meetings for a little cost cameras could be installed and operated from this room as well, or other rooms in this building.

Councilmember Sutton: One of the things that I had mentioned last week was the request as we see it here, is just being borne by one body of government and there's so many others that use this room, and spreading that cost among some of these other bodies of government, if there's been some thought or discussions with, on the city side or some of the others to see if there is some interest on that end?

David Dial: That was not my job to do that. And my job, in fact, that's not even the cost of wiring this chamber, that's the cost for the cameras in the County Commission chambers. So if you want additional cameras in this chamber, they would cost probably \$5,000, around \$5,000 each.

Tammy McKinney: And, Councilman Sutton, as far as other departments or organizations using this and help with the funding, I'm not aware that there have been any negotiations with any other department.

Councilmember Tornatta: We're also dealing, when we look at things that are going to be permanent fixtures, the Building Authority, and I know we've talked to them before about certain things but if they have fixtures in this building then there's a possibility that they would pick up some type of cost.

David Dial: I know we've been working with the Building Authority to install it. They will handle all the installation and the cost of the installation, so there is no additional cost for that so far as I know.

Councilmember Tornatta: And what's that run?

David Dial: I'm not aware of that cost. They will handle putting the equipment out for

bid and that's not something that we've been involved with.

Councilmember Sutton: That annual cost, just one more question, what is the annual cost? I mean, what does that go toward?

David Dial: Annual cost is the cost of the personnel of making sure that it goes on in a proper fashion and the production costs every week.

President Bassemier: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: What does the, specifically, what equipment, how many cameras does that –

David Dial: There would be two cameras installed in the County Commission chambers as well as an operating system that operates through fiber optic lines that are currently being installed in this building. And the system is capable of controlling up to 16 different cameras, so you could add cameras if you so chose, as we went down the road. So this is a very cost efficient system and you won't find anything probably any more cost efficient anywhere around.

President Bassemier: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: So we're looking at an annualized cost about \$20,000 something a year and we would need to plan on including that in our budgets, our future budgets as well.

David Dial: From what I understand, it was put into the budget request for this coming year.

Councilmember Hoy: But that hasn't been voted on yet.

David Dial: That's correct.

President Bassemier: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Would there be a maintenance fee, contract, or anything involved in this equipment?

David Dial: No, the county would maintain the equipment.

Councilmember Wortman: The county would maintain it at our expense. See that's more expense yet, too, see.

David Dial: Typically, this equipment works pretty well. I mean, its all very small format, goes on for quite a while from what I understand.

Councilmember Wortman: What do you call quite a while?

David Dial: Well, at WNIN our equipment continues for about ten years.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Dial, I mean, it sounds like you've certainly gone through a lot to find an inexpensive route to do this and I, for one, appreciate it and its something that, you know, I would like to revisit at another time, but right now there's so many what if's to what the rest of this year brings for us that, you know, its not the appropriate time for us to spend that sum of money. But hopefully, your work won't

be at a loss, and we may be able to address this later on in the fall of this year or maybe for sure next year.

President Bassemier: Tammy, on this one, \$10,500, is there another fund that you could take that monies out of instead of the general fund? Since it is for personnel, its not for our personnel, its for theirs. Is there something, can you take that out of CCD or I'm just using that as an example. Can you fund that out of another fund instead of the general fund since we're –

Tammy McKinney: I would have to ask the board if they would consider that. And we could revisit that.

President Bassemier: Okay. Yeah, would you – okay. Anybody got any other questions? Roll call vote. I do have a motion and a second, right? Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: This is on the \$10,500, right?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Ordinarily, I would be for something like this and the equipment, I don't really have much of an issue with that but you can't have the equipment without the bodies, so just given where we are right now, I would have to vote in favor of the motion as its presented. So yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Hold on.

Councilmember Sutton: I think he said zero.

Councilmember Tornatta: Zero, yes. Sorry.

Teri Lukeman: So your vote is yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Vote is for zero, yes. Yes, thank you. Trick question.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: I’m going to vote yes also, but I want them to try to, I think this is a very good thing, I think, to have this, televise it. I’m hoping she’ll come back and try to find funds to pay it instead of in the general fund, so I’m going to vote yes, set it in at zero.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3530	Contractual Services	10,500.00	0.00
Total		10,500.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CCD/COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Next under County Commissioners/CCD, account 2031-1300-4250 I also move that that be set in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion on that? Roll call vote then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: You got it set in at zero? I’m going to vote no. That’s coming out of the CCD fund, I think its very important and I think the taxpayers need to know where their tax dollars are being spent. Its coming out of CCD funds, they’re not out of the general fund, I’m going to vote no to that and I hope they can come back and

that Contractual Services and find that 10.5 somewhere else instead of the general fund. So I wish them well on this new endeavor.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1300-4250	Misc. Equipment	45,000.00	0.00
Total		45,000.00	0.00

(Motion carried 6-1/President Bassemier opposed)

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, you might want to give some thought to, I mean, I think we're all to a certain degree in favor of it, you might want to give some thought to discussions about this room, too, because right now, the proposal is just for that room.

President Bassemier: Definitely.

Councilmember Sutton: And they're going to lay the cable and all that wiring and everything, it would be much more cost effective if they do both rooms at the same time rather than just one room.

President Bassemier: I know I'm just one vote and everybody went the other way but I think this is a starting point and I know you guys wish we had the money in the general fund. I think this is really a good project and I hope sometime in the future that – well, they could find it to make this happen.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, in addition to that, since both of these rooms are used by a number of groups, City Council uses this room, we might want to see if the city wants to participate. And that's not a huge cost but its something we can do together. I don't know how anybody is – I can't find time to watch us, or anybody else like us but perhaps somebody can.

President Bassemier: And I know the Commissioners, that was bi-partisan over there. They all three supported this, too, I think, you know, I think they've done some research on it, too, so –

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, can I make a quick comment or I see Mr. Dial has left the room. Tammy is gone, right? I wish he had stayed here just for a – if I knew that the conversation was going to go to this next level, but that's all well and good if their station is going to take on televising the City Council meetings, County Council meetings, you know, EUTS meetings, zoning meetings, stuff like that. So while it all sounds great, I don't know that they've agreed to do that and obviously, if its \$21,000 a year to televise just Commissioners meetings, that price tag is going to keep getting higher. So before we all get this assumption that, you know, Channel 9 is going to be, their airwaves are going to be filled with functions taking place in these two meetings, you're probably going to find that that's not going to be the case. And let me just real quick address CCD monies because too often we act like that's free money and its really not. I mean, CCD money is just what it is. It's a capital development fund that we use to buy computers for the courts, we use it to buy sheriff cars, we put roofs on courthouses, we do energy savings contracts, we pave roads. I mean, that money is not free money. \$45,000, you know, its been a while since I've paved any roads, but that would probably pave a half mile stretch of road that somebody probably needs a lot worse than this.

President Bassemier: Well, I was kind of looking at it, too, and we all get it from our constituents that they get mad at us why we vote on some things, but if they could

see it televised and see why and hear why we’re doing it, they might understand it more and it might take some heat off some of us, too. But I’ll agree with you, it can be spent like you said for roofs, and Sheriff’s cars and everything else, other things, but I’d really like to keep the open doors as much as I can. That’s why a lot of times, I’ll get some questions and answers from people out there. So anyway, I agree with you 100%. I hope sometime in the future that we can get this televised and let our taxpayers know how their money is being spent. So is that all? We can move on.

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is County Assessor/Reassessment Funds, 2490-1090-1900, 2490-1090-1900 – the first one is, the last four digits is 1990, and then the second request is 1900, for a total request of \$3,232, I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1090-1990	Extra Help	3,000.00	3,000.00
2490-1090-1900	FICA	232.00	232.00
Total		3,232.00	3,232.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

KNIGHT ASSESSOR

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Bassemier: Transfers, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we have two transfers under Knight Assessor and Cum Bridge. I'm going to move that both transfers be accepted as listed.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

KNIGHT ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1130-1170-1130	Deputy Assessor/Bus	2,400.00	2,400.00
To: 1130-1160-1130	Deputy Land Appraiser	2,400.00	2,400.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4729	Fisher Rd Culvert #206	700.00	700.00
To: 2030-3141	Communications	700.00	700.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

President Bassemier: Amendments to the Salary Ordinance, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move that we amend salary line 1040-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. Under County Assessor/ Reassessment amend salary line 2490-1090-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. One employee will be paid at the initiation rate of a COMOT VI \$12.6154 per hour. Under Knight, I move that we amend salary line 1130-1160 Deputy Land Appraiser as previously approved in a transfer. The current employee is a COMOT VI/StepV with an annual salary of \$33,542. Under Health Department there is a position title correction, and the title is for line 2130-1500, it is a Supervisor of Health Education. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second, Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**CONFIRMING RESOLUTION/CINERGY COMMUNICATIONS
DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8200-8300-8301 N. KENTUCKY AVENUE**

President Bassemier: Okay, moving into the old business, I need a motion to approve a confirming resolution confirming the declaration of an economic revitalization area for property located at 8200, 8300, 8301 N. Kentucky Avenue, known as Cinergy Communications. Do I have a motion to approve that?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Bassemier: I have a motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a second by Mr. Winnecke. Any discussion on that? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes, it passes 5-2.

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

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION/BROADWAY SUMMIT, L.L.C.
DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR
PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF GREEN RIVER
ROAD AND LYNCH ROAD**

President Bassemier: Now I need a motion to approve a preliminary resolution by County Council declaring an economic revitalization area for tax abatement for redevelopment of property located at the southeast corner of Green River Road and Lynch Road/Broadway Summit L.L.C. And this one was deferred from the 5/05/04 meeting. Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Bassemier: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a second by Mr. Winnecke. Any discussion on that?

Rob Schaefer: Can I say something?

President Bassemier: Yes.

Rob Schaefer: Rob Schaefer, DMD. After you approve it or if you do approve it, then we have to put in the preliminary resolution how many years you want to approve the abatement for, so I have a little blank in there –

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, another question I have, have you submitted to the Councilmen an amended preliminary resolution with the new property description?

Rob Schaefer: There is not a new property description.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, I thought what they were doing was parceling off – did that not change?

Rob Schaefer: Yeah, but that did not – Jim?

Jeff Ahlers: I just want to make sure everybody knows what they're voting on here because I understood there was some change in terms of how much ground this is going to apply to.

Jim Vincent: We modified the application for approval the first meeting before we went to redevelopment and changed it to a four acre parcel within the 18 ½ acre parcel.

Jeff Ahlers: What I'm getting at is, though, did your resolution, was it changed?

President Bassemier: I'm sorry. Mr. Vincent, would you give your name for the record and your title, please.

Jim Vincent: Jim Vincent, I'm the president of Black Buggy Growth.

President Bassemier: Thank you, sir. I'm sorry, I should have had you do that. Okay, Counselor.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, my only question, was the preliminary resolution that was submitted by your office, has that also been changed to reflect that?

Jim Vincent: No, because all the preliminary resolution did was identify the tax code and the legal description of the entire property, and there is no different tax code or new property description of only the four acres. The entire area is that one tax code, that one parcel.

Councilmember Winnecke: How do we know, though, I guess, then how would we know that the abatement is being granted for only four acres and not 18?

Rob Schaefer: That's just the way its set up. Its not parcelized yet so there's nothing I could do to the resolution to say that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Because the land is not that way, is that what you're saying?

Rob Schaefer: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: At some point –

Rob Schaefer: (Inaudible).

Jim Vincent: Its unimproved farmland today and we have had preliminary site review with APC and its my understanding what we're going to do is parcelize that piece off that we identified in the application. And you could make this contingent upon that.

President Bassemier: Are we okay with it, Counselor?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I mean, I guess what I'm saying is I think we need to have, you know, I don't mean to slow down the works but I'm afraid that we need to have the proper description in there, otherwise, technically, you know, you're granting an economic revitalization to the entire description that's in this document. Now the question would be is whether or not you want to, you know, do a preliminary and then make a modification for the confirming. I suppose, technically, you can do that, but it would be unclear as to what you're voting on today, I mean, in terms of, technically, today you're voting on what's written in this document without modification.

Rob Schaefer: How would I modify it in the confirming? What would I – how would I change the description or...that's kind of my concern.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, that's what I'm saying, best case scenario, what we really need to do is make sure we're corrected in here.

President Bassemier: Hold it, everybody. Everybody hold this thought here. We better change tapes.

(Tape changed)

Jeff Ahlers: – unless there is an overriding reason that the next 30 days is going to make a huge difference, I guess I would suggest that, I mean, ultimately, it's the Councilmen's decision as to what they do, but it would be best to get it right the first

time and just, you know, change the description. I don't know what's involved, have you got surveyors or any – I mean, primarily what you're going to do is you're just going to survey that off and then you're going to have a surveyor and legal counsel, I guess, draft a new description which, I assume, can be done in fairly quick order. And I guess I just assumed and nobody talked to me about it, but I guess I gathered that's what you were doing and that's why I was just wanting to make sure, and I'm glad I asked the question now as to whether or not the documents had changed to reflect what you were doing.

Jim Vincent: The property has been surveyed. Of course, we're not the owners of the property at this point. The owners of the property, we have discussed with them, because we have to have a legal description for parcelization which we'll define through the survey process, that they will allow that to be identified separately. In fact, there is a person here today that could address that issue, but the way we put the application together was we identified the parcel and then identified the size as four acres.

Jeff Ahlers: Could we not, I mean, does it have to be, I mean, can we identify the parcel that we're seeking abatement, or you're saying if legally the warranty deed hadn't been changed to make it a separate tract, its granted for the whole tract?

Rob Schaefer: That's the way I would...yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Could we in our motion state that the abatement or that the preliminary resolution be approved for up to four acres? If that's what the attempt is in parcelization is to plot out this four acre piece, would that work?

Jeff Ahlers: I mean it would not be precise so I don't know. I mean, technically what we need in here, I mean, with the way that we've got these preliminary resolutions drawn up is we need whatever the description is as to whatever we're granting the abatement for.

Councilmember Raben: But the preliminary resolution really is not binding by either party, really, is it?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, that's true. I mean, you can vote it down next time. I'm just pointing out that I guess there's some risk that if you pass this one as is, the next meeting, if the amendments aren't made as you may envision, this is what you may well be stuck with.

Councilmember Raben: That would be our option at that time to either vote in support of confirming the resolution or deny it, right? So –

Jim Vincent: What I do know we could provide by the next meeting would be the documents that were filed with the Area Plan Commission which identifies that parcel because, like I said, we have to identify the parcel in order for them to do the parcelization process. I don't, I just want to make a comment, within 30 days, probably within 60 days, it won't have its own legal description from the county's perspective as it goes through that APC process, but when we go through parcelization, we'll identify the parcel that's being set aside.

Rob Schaefer: Will that be available by next month?

Jim Vincent: Yes.

President Bassemier: Mr. Hoy, can –

Jim Vincent: That's actually, –

President Bassemier: – have something to add to this, Mr. Hoy, that might help us out here?

Councilmember Hoy: I don't know that I have anything to add but my strong opinion and I'm the person that votes no on tax abatements anyway, and I would vote no on this one, I will be honest with you, because I think it's a bad precedent. But I think that for many other reasons, this legally needs to be as clean and clear as possible from the start and not cleaned up later. I think cleaning up later will cause us a lot of problems.

Councilmember Tornatta: Real quick, I think that something else that – they're kind of behind the eight ball in getting the thing built and trying to hit their season, which in this case is going to be Thanksgiving and Christmas, what have you, but maybe if we did defer it today, could we decide that we could, if we were going to approve this the next time, we could run everything through that day? First, second and third reading?

President Bassemier: We've done that before.

Councilmember Sutton: Have the preliminary and confirming resolution all in one.

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, if it passes, if we do it, we can have all three –

Jeff Ahlers: I'd have to check to make sure it wouldn't require unanimous approval, but certainly what you could do is that we may be able to vote on the preliminary, we'd just have to advertise a special meeting ten minutes before our Personnel and Finance committee meeting and vote on it at that time, and then vote on the confirming at the regular meeting. I'll just have to check the statute and make sure it doesn't require there be 30 days in between. As long as there's not – is there a requirement on that?

Rob Schaefer: No, I don't think so.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think we've done that before.

President Bassemier: We have.

Jeff Ahlers: As long as there's not a 30 day requirement, we could certainly do that and then that would not require unanimous approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think there's a couple things I'd like to see cleaned up or at least worked out with this situation and we've discussed some of those, so I would be in favor of deferring it.

Councilmember Wortman: Wouldn't that be subject to survey, and then the deed would be from the property owner to you, and then you'd be assigned a tax code, see, that's the way it should work. We could put that in –

Jim Vincent: Which would occur when the closing process takes place on the property, which part of putting this project together and the spirit of what tax phase

in is all about, is –

Councilmember Wortman: And then you'd run an abstract on it, too, to make sure its clear, taxes and all.

President Bassemier: You want to defer this until like – and run it twice?

Councilmember Raben: I'm fine with that. I'm fine with that. Mr. President, I'll move that – let me withdraw my original motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll withdraw the second.

President Bassemier: You're not going to lose any time here, Mr. Vincent, we're just going to do it all in one day and I think that's the motion he's getting ready to make.

Councilmember Raben: And I would move to defer the request for the application.

Jeff Ahlers: We'll need to – well, I guess, two things. Mr. Schaefer, if you can get with me, I mean, we need to get a different preliminary resolution drawn up, its going to have to be re-noticed and advertised so I don't know if the president wants to direct that, if that's what we're going to do once we receive it, but –

President Bassemier: We'll have to.

Jeff Ahlers: I mean, if you're wanting to do it as a special meeting, that's going to have to be noticed. I mean, regardless, either way, it has to be re-noticed. Additionally, if we're going to call a special meeting, the Auditor needs to be directed to do that, the time and the place and to prepare a notice for that.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, I think what I heard a little earlier is some concern about whether the information that we're wanting to delay, whether that will be actually ready at the end of this month. I mean, Area Plan typically, with their agenda, you're talking about maybe 60 days before you can actually get that process completed, so it wouldn't be ready for our next meeting.

Jim Vincent: I actually believe parcelization, that we can have it ready by then. I don't know that, I can confer with Rob in between now and the next meeting to confirm that and then decide whether to even be here, you know, at the next meeting, accordingly. I won't, you know, waste any of your time with this if we don't feel like we're prepared. But if the parcel has to be identified legally as a separate parcel, we're going to have to work our way through that process.

President Bassemier: You think it will be 60 days then, so we should probably bring this back in August?

Jim Vincent: Frankly, –

President Bassemier: If its not done right, it won't get done.

Jim Vincent: The bottom line is I know that we will have a separate parcel identified by the next meeting. Had we filed two weeks ago on a Wednesday morning before noon, we would have had that by Monday, the following week. So that's the parcelization process. I didn't realize that was going to be critical because I know that what we're working on here is the improvements that go on the property.

Councilmember Winnecke: But you realize our position if we don't make it specific, technically and legally, we're granting an abatement on all 18 acres which is what, 30 days ago, we discussed not doing.

Jim Vincent: And absolutely, we want to –

President Bassemier: You don't want to pay taxes on 18 acres.

Jim Vincent: I'll be honest with you, the tax generation of this farmland today compared to when its going to be – if we can get this project underway, this will generate a lot of revenue for the county that, you know, frankly, could be happening sooner rather than later if we could get through this process.

Councilmember Winnecke: Are you suggesting we not do it this way then? I'm not clear on what you're saying?

Jim Vincent: What I'm asking is what Mr. Raben suggested in the beginning, that we identify the four acres and at the confirming resolution, that we provide information supporting the parcel. I absolutely don't want you to approve something that's for that entire parcel. The parcel is not in our ownership today so we can't change the legal identity until the property closes. And kind of in the spirit of this process, we're taking completely unimproved land and having to work with some of the problems that come along with that to make it viable for commercial development. We are going to go through all of those processes and we're even kind of postponing the subdivision of the land in order to get this parcelization done so we can get this project underway. That's what's critical to us.

President Bassemier: I guess the question we're asking you, can you have it all done by next month?

Jim Vincent: Absolutely.

President Bassemier: Okay, Jim, do you want to go ahead and make the –

Councilmember Raben: I've already made a motion and in fact, I think my co-maker moved to defer the matter, so the motion now states to defer.

Jim Vincent: I guess what I'm asking is, I would appreciate it if we'd have the opportunity to vote on this knowing that we will have that parcel identified, otherwise, there will be no confirming resolution next month.

Councilmember Raben: There can be if you can have your ducks in order before the 15th of this month where we can advertise –

Jim Vincent: Absolutely.

Councilmember Raben: Right, wouldn't the 15th be the deadline to advertise? No, it wouldn't. It would be later than that, wouldn't it?

President Bassemier: How many days to you need?

Jeff Ahlers: Do you usually do that, Teri, or does Rob?

Rob Schaefer: I don't have to advertise for a preliminary resolution, I just have to

advertise for a confirming.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, but if we're going to do a special meeting, I would feel safer if we could do it at least ten days before. If its an emergency, it can be done a lot sooner, but just to be safe, dependent upon what motions are going to be made to cover,--

Councilmember Hoy: If you're going to do all three votes in the same meeting, then I think --

Jeff Ahlers: I mean, I think you can go ahead and just notice it. I mean, there's nothing that says that something can't be amended on the floor. I mean, we can notice what we have, but I mean, the sooner you can correct, I mean, other than maybe changing some dates in here if you've got some dates in here that need to be changed, I mean, its really just that little description that needs to be changed and I guess your office needs to make sure and advise us that you've checked that or if another office needs to be involved, that we've got the description correct and we all know what it is. Do you know what I'm saying?

Rob Schaefer: It's a five minute change on the resolution --

(Several speaking at once)

President Bassemier: Let's get a motion and a second.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, let's just leave it at that, for today its deferred. If time allows that we can advertise and establish a special meeting at 3:15 before our next meeting, we'll have the preliminary resolution and then we'll vote on the confirming resolution at our regular meeting.

President Bassemier: Okay, I've got a motion and a second. Curt, do you have something you want to say?

Councilmember Wortman: I might add, what if he gets it done sooner? What if he gets it done in ten or fifteen days instead of 30 days? At the next meeting, you call a special meeting.

Don Cox: Mr. Chair, may I speak?

President Bassemier: Yeah, I'm sorry, Mr. Cox. Yes, its in the discussion stage here.

Don Cox: I'm Don Cox, I'm a broker with F.C. Tucker Realty, and I'm the listing agent for the owners on this property. These people have a contract to buy this property and an option to buy the remainder of the property. They have a time table in their contract that they must close by. What they're asking of this Council is part of their financing package which they're putting together. I would beg you to approve this and at least in principle, and I understand Mr. Ahlers' concern, but we can come back here with a definite survey and showing everything, but meanwhile I don't see any reason why you can't vote to provide tax abatement for a four acre tract for Black Buggy Restaurant. Thank you.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Mr. Cox.

Jeff Ahlers: You're going to need to also, as Mr. Schaefer pointed out, whether it be

today or whenever you decide to take this up, you've got to decide the number of years and such, and I don't know if you've already gone through this, I know we've gone through a few of these lately, if there was already a recommendation made or if the Councilmen, what their pleasure is in that regard, but at some point we've got to take that up as well.

President Bassemier: And you're saying it should be in, too, right, so we can see everything in writing next time?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, that's fine, that's your pleasure. I'm just putting out these legal issues. Obviously, you know, you're the Councilmen and you can decide how you want to proceed, but –

Councilmember Tornatta: I would do that at the voting meeting.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion and a second. Anybody else? Roll call vote please to defer it.

Councilmember Hoy: To defer?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: There won't be any time lost here, Mr. Cox, we just got the legal things to work out but there won't be any time lost. I'm going to vote yes, too, to defer it. It will be on the same time frame as it would have been on the final anyway.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Jeff Ahlers: President Bassemier, are you going to notify the Auditor and the

Council of a special meeting at a later date or are you going to make a direction now? That's up to you. I just want to make sure that somebody takes care of that. If there's to be special meeting, the Auditor's office needs to be notified to advertise that.

President Bassemier: We probably need to do it now. Do you all agree? Do you want to do it now or you...you want at least ten days before, don't you? Ten days notice?

Councilmember Tornatta: Can we decide on the 15th? Can we look and see if they've got their paperwork in?

Councilmember Raben: We actually need ten days. I never looked on the calendar, I don't have one.

Jeff Ahlers: And you might be able to cut it closer. I'd just like to have ten days to make sure everybody is ready. I mean, if we have to, I can check the rules closer and we may be able to do it on 48 hours notice, but I'd feel a lot better if everybody assumed at least at this point—

President Bassemier: You want to have a meeting before this meeting next —

Councilmember Raben: And lets don't set that. I mean, if we instruct them today to set that meeting and something doesn't go through, right, where you're not ready, then we don't have a meeting out there called that we're not going to take care of business for. So lets wait until everything happens with them and then —

President Bassemier: And then we'll set the meeting. Okay, we've got to move on, don't we?

<p>ORDINANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN PILOT PROGRAM AND TO IMPLEMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-22-8(E) AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT PROPERTY TAXES WITH PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS</p>

President Bassemier: We're under new business? Okay, I need a motion to approve an ordinance to participate in a pilot program and to implement reporting requirements of Indiana Code 6-1.1-22-8 and provide information about property taxes with property tax statements. Do I have a motion to approve that?

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved. Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion, and everybody wants to second that. Any discussion on that? That was a good idea. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

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<p>PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION/FED EX GROUND PACKAGE SYSTEMS, INC. DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5405 AND 5505 FOUNDATION DRIVE</p>
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President Bassemier: Okay, I need a motion to approve a preliminary resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council declaring an economic revitalization area for tax abatement for redevelopment of property located at 5405 and 5505 Foundation Drive/Fed Ex Ground Package Systems, Incorporated. I need a motion and a second.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second by Mr. Raben. Any discussion on that?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, as you all know I will vote no on this one and keep my record fairly straight.

President Bassemier: Oh no!

Councilmember Hoy: You know, surprise.

President Bassemier: Can't believe that.

Councilmember Hoy: But you all need to, I think as Councilmen, to understand how many people in this county feel so negative about these abatements. A farmer calls me. His property taxes went up 52% and just to add a footnote to that – I really resent us calling farmland unimproved because that's where we grow our food.

And the prediction is that by the year 2010, we will enter the era of being a food importer as a country. So by that year, we will be importing most of our oil and some of our food and that will continue to increase. I've also had complaints from homeowners whose taxes have gone up and who are bearing the brunt of what's happened with property taxes and tenants are really getting hit even harder because there are no deductions at all, there are no benefits for a landlord. And we've got to think about these folks and especially the tenants being usually some of the lower income folks in our community. And I just find it hard to remove taxes from companies that are wealthy companies and put them on the backs of people who can't afford it. Thank you.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? Mr. Hoy, I agree with you 100% but I kind of got to look at it the other way, too, that some businesses, you know, we're competing with other states and some companies will locate somewhere else or build somewhere else and at least we keep these companies in here and they're going to pay property taxes, they're going to pay income taxes, and whatever, and I agree with you 100%, but we're in a world of competition and I want to help existing businesses and new businesses and so, –

Councilmember Hoy: Well, sir, this business is going to stay here because they deliver packages here. I mean, this is where they're going to operate, they told us that. They've got a whole bunch of part-time jobs at eight something an hour.

President Bassemier: But there's not always a guarantee that they won't do it somewhere else, too, and I appreciate them wanting to be here in the first place. Am I supposed to vote? Is that a yes? Yes? Am I the final on that? Have we got a motion and a second on that before I made my –

Teri Lukeman: You have a motion and a second but we haven't voted yet.

President Bassemier: But I'm going to vote yes when it comes to me. Anybody else? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think this is a great addition. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion fails 3-4/Councilmembers Tornatta, Winnecke, Hoy and Wortman opposed)

President Bassemier: What was that, did that fail?

Teri Lukeman: 4 to 3, it fails.

President Bassemier: Yeah, I'm sorry, it failed 4 to 3.

<p style="text-align: center;">(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 28) ORDINANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN PILOT PROGRAM AND TO IMPLEMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-22-8(E) AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT PROPERTY TAXES WITH PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS</p>

Jeff Ahlers: I'm sorry, when I was out dealing with another issue, on point A on the Pilot Program Ordinance, I understand that passed unanimously, is that correct?

President Bassemier: Yes, it did.

Jeff Ahlers: Do we want to go ahead and make a motion that, since its unanimous, that that be considered the first and final reading of that ordinance or was it your intention to bring it back next month?

Councilmember Tornatta: First and final.

Councilmember Hoy: I move that we make it the first and final reading if that's appropriate.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion on that? Okay, let's have a roll call vote on that.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>RESOLUTION FOR THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND INDIANA CODE 6-9-2.5-7.7 TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR DEPOSITING FUNDS INTO THE CONVENTION CENTRE OPERATING FUND RESOLUTION NUMBER CO.R-06-04-011</p>

President Bassemier: New business C, I need a motion to approve a resolution for the Indiana General Assembly to amend Indiana Code 6-9-2.5-7.7 to extend the expiration date for depositing funds into the Convention Centre operating fund resolution number CO.R-06-04-011. Do I have a motion to –

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Bassemier: I have a motion, do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: Do I need to put a time in there or date for –

Jeff Ahlers: No, that's just the title. It references it in the resolution.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: And what it does is extend the expiration date from January 1, 2006 for five years to January 1, 2011, so you're extending the expiration date.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can I respectfully ask that we delay this for a month, defer it? Defer it since we're on a defer kick.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Do –

Councilmember Raben: I, quite frankly, I mean, I would ask why would we need to defer it?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, there are a couple of reasons. One is we were asked – I was asked by the Visitors and Convention Bureau if they could do a little investigation and make sure that we had all the information we needed to proceed and make sure this was in the best interest of the county. Two, the General Assembly is not going to get this for another two or three months and they are

unaware of any of the ongoings or anything that we've got going here. I've had conversations with Vaneta Becker and Dennis Avery and they really, they've heard about it, don't know a lot about it, so this is nothing that's going to come across their desk anytime that much sooner for them to vote on it, so in respect for time, I don't think we're doing anything by taking a vote now as opposed to delaying it 30 days.

Councilmember Raben: Or we're allowing them more time to gather their information and prepare themselves to –

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't think that the Visitors and Convention Bureau is doing this as trying to be antagonistic against the county. I think they're doing it in full faith that they're trying to help us with the decision making process whether it be clear as day or they bring something to light, it might be an opportunity for us to see some better numbers that maybe we haven't seen.

President Bassemier: Marilee, would you come up?

Councilmember Raben: Quite frankly, I'm not very sympathetic for whatever their argument is. I mean, the simple fact of the matter is, again, we spend what we spend every day with the hopes of bringing in conventions and this two cents offsets the deficit for hosting those conventions. So I don't see that there is any arguments. We can either fund it ourselves or we can continue to use innkeepers tax to offset it so we're not paying it with property tax.

Councilmember Tornatta: And I agree with that. I think that the thing that I want to make sure for our side is that we're not giving – let's say we keep the two percent to pay down the debt over there, but I don't want to take the two percent to pay SMG's debt. That's what I'm looking at. I don't want to offset any of their operating funds.

Councilmember Raben: I guess I'm confused. Where would we pay SMG's debt?

Councilmember Tornatta: SMG runs the joint, they have to supply sales, they have to supply all the people that go around and make sure that place runs and functions efficiently, and if they're not doing their part and we're still subsidizing at a certain level, then we need to know that that's where we want to be on the Council.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. Hoy brought up a valid point: you're aware that we don't sign that contract? We don't even, in fact, have anything to do with that contract outside of funding it. But I guess the question was raised, would I consider delaying it? The question was asked of me prior to sitting down in this chair and I still say no, that I think the faster we move, the quicker they understand what our intent is. I mean, it's my understanding that they're out looking for other projects to start spending this money on with the understanding that this tax expires in a year and a half. So, I mean, I don't think we can respond any too fast here. Again, they're out looking for means and ways in which to start spending this money and I'm saying hey, hold on! Let's keep spending it where it's at.

President Bassemier: Marilee, he mentioned Convention & Visitors Bureau, how do you feel about it? Do you want us to defer this? Is that what your –

Marilee Fowler: I have talked to several board members and they would like to have it deferred just so they could have a dialogue with several of you councilmembers. I think there's other opportunities and they feel that there are also, maybe some

things that we could look at that maybe could be a revenue source to take care of that need and put that money then back into the capital development fund. So we're just asking an opportunity to visit with some of you, share some of these other opportunities, explore them and see if there's a way that we can – it can be a win-win for both sides. We, too, agree that that facility will need support. There's no doubt about that, but maybe there's other ways to do it.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just say, I'm fine with delaying it one month but I agree with Councilman Raben, I think the sooner we send the message, the better. I do not see us putting it off more than that. If we put it off longer than that, we're going to be into the budget season and there's a lot on our plate, clearly. But I'd be alright with delaying it a month although I cannot envision anything that anyone is going to find that's going to change my mind that says we should not do that.

Councilmember Sutton: I think that as we look at this issue if there are some ways, we obviously know that The Centre is going to be a facility, we all would like to see it pay for itself, that has not happened and probably is not going to be happening any time here soon if we're realistic with ourselves. But if there are some ways that we can reduce our costs or increase the income over there, I think we ought to be open to some options. And if they are willing and interested and have some ideas that can shed some light on some possibilities in that regard, I'm really open to hearing that. And I guess my second point that I think that we really need to take to heart, in the past this body has dealt with some issues where we've had to get the support of our state legislators and sometimes that's been handled in a clumsy-like fashion and we may have an intent of what we want to do or what we'd like, or we think is in the best interest, but when we get to those who ultimately vote on this or support this before all the members of the legislature, if they aren't united in that stance here locally, we can best guarantee that we won't get support for this particular piece of, this being proposed to us today. So I think 30 days is ample time to maybe get that information together that you guys need, but at the same time we need to be talking to the local core of legislators here so that whatever is presented, it is a united front and we don't come off as being fractionalized down here.

Councilmember Tornatta: And that brings up a very good point, and I think that's a point that I've been hitting on, the local legislature does not know of this issue, they need to be brought up to speed quickly and their questions that were brought to me from the Visitors and Convention Bureau, and I didn't have those answers, and they said they'd go find them and that's the – and I agree, no more than a month. So if we could put a time line on this, Mr. Raben, if you would think about that, 30 days, and see if they can't come up with that, I'll continue to talk to the legislators, and I'm sure everybody else would do the same.

Councilmember Hoy: I think, as your liaison to the Convention & Visitors Bureau, I would love for you all to have this money, but I'm looking at one of the tightest budgets, I mean, the Sheriff is right, we have got to fund that jail and that's going to be a lot to fund. When we voted, and I was here when we voted for The Centre, and I would remind you that The Centre, in my estimation and when we voted on it, I think we all knew that this was going to be a subsidized facility. We subsidize people who like country and western music, we subsidize people who like classical music, we subsidize people who like jazz, we subsidize people who like Jeff Foxworthy, and everything else in between. That's part of that Centre, it is not just a convention center, it is an auditorium, an exhibition hall, we subsidize that so that

we get businesses in here to use that exhibition hall and they do. And then we have meeting rooms and we have a convention center, it is a multipurpose center. I would like to see the day come when we don't subsidize it, but in my research on convention centers, which I did years ago when we built this, built the auditorium, etcetera, I didn't find any place in the country, now there may be some place, but at that time I found no place in the country that did not subsidize this kind of facility. It's something that you subsidize so that you do some things for your folks for entertainment, it's something you subsidize so you bring those dollars in through convention and visitors. At this point we're talking, what, 6 or 700,000 dollars. I don't know where we're going to find it. As the seconder, I reluctantly would say I'd wait a month, but I don't see my vote changing, like Mr. Winnecke, and I don't see where we're going to find that much money.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to make one last comment and quite frankly I'm really perturbed. I mean, its now all of the sudden we're talking about not giving you back this tax money and all of the sudden the Convention & Visitors – the calvary is coming. Now we've got a solution, now we're here to rescue you. I mean, the place has been open since the mid-90's. Why all of the sudden do we have a solution for it?

Marilee Fowler: Its not to say that we have the solution, but we have some ideas. But its going to have to be a partnership with what we know could possibly help and your support to do that. We want to be a part of the solution –

Councilmember Raben: We have been supportive for the last however many years and we continue to be supportive, but I'm stuck on the fact that this money, as far as I'm concerned, needs to remain in place and, quite frankly, I don't wish to delay voting on this resolution although –

President Bassemier: Jim, we need to change the tape.

(Tape Changed)

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President, I call for the question.

President Bassemier: Did you want to say something?

Jeff Ahlers: I was only going to point out that this is a resolution, not an ordinance, so whatever you decide to do today, I mean, its not something that if there is something that changes in the future, that you can't take other action if you want, so I mean, just so that you understand that it's a resolution.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you clarify the distinction between those two regarding this?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, an ordinance is a law and you're passing a law. Now, of course, an ordinance itself can also be amended or revoked as well, but, I mean, a resolution doesn't really have a legal binding effect on the public like an ordinance that says, you know, you can't park here or we're charging this tax. I mean, a resolution is basically something that personifies this body requesting someone to take action or you make a resolution proclaiming this XYZ day or, you know what I mean, it doesn't really have a legal import in that respect. So while I know that you're all thinking about this, I just wanted you to understand that, you know, as a resolution, it's just that you're sending a message.

Councilmember Sutton: So the next step after the resolution would be an actual ordinance being drafted?

Jeff Ahlers: No, in this particular case, because its governed by the General Assembly, all we're doing is or what I was instructed to do, is draft a resolution that I assume that someone, the president or whoever in this body, I assume intends to send it to some legislators or the governor or whoever asking them to take action, that this is professing what you are asking the legislature to do. You know, from time to time we've passed them saying we oppose this or we're for that and that this was something that you wanted to put in writing to send to the General Assembly or whoever you're wanting to carry up there to say the local body that is affected by this supports this particular action being taken.

Councilmember Sutton: Which supports, I guess, the initial comment that I was making. I mean, has anyone on this body, Mr. President, I mean, have you had any discussions with any of the local legislators to gauge where they are on this because my concern is –

Councilmember Raben: Initially –

Councilmember Sutton: – divided here, this will not pass.

Councilmember Raben: Initially I did and that's when it was told to me to prepare a resolution and get it to us because the sooner the better. So again, that's why I don't wish to delay it.

Councilmember Sutton: Was that from one or all or how many did you –

Councilmember Raben: That's from one. That's from one but again, there's no guarantees with any of this. I mean, they may wad it up and throw it in the trash can but the whole intent with the resolution is just to express our interest and what our desire is for this tax in the future.

President Bassemier: Curt, you called for the question. (Inaudible – microphone not turned on.) Roll call vote please. Would you give the motion again, Jim? Motion to approve? Okay, call for the question, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm going to vote no only because I would like to see a 30 day extension, but I do support the resolution in and of itself, just not the timing.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: I vote yes. That passes 6-1.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Winnecke opposed)

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I would also – in light of this discussion, this full discussion we've had on this, that the information would still be of value even though the resolution did pass. If there are some other options that are available to us, I'm more than sure we would be open to seeing those, so I would ask that on our agenda for next month that you would ask the Convention & Visitors Bureau representative to come forward with that information to present that to us to give us an opportunity to view what they have.

President Bassemier: Okay, nobody has a problem with that? Anybody have a problem with that? I don't. Will you get that information for me, Marilee? Good point, Royce, that's good. Any information we can get.

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. Bassemier, I prepared and gave to Secretary Lukeman, I've got about six original copies in there on Council letterhead for them to circulate for signature and then I guess you or Ms. Deig would take them, I guess, the Auditor will need one original copy, but then I guess you need to determine on the originals, so that, I mean, more copies can be made but that you might want some originals if you're going to send them to some legislators.

TIM VANCLEAVE - ACS
VANDERBURGHGOV.ORG EMAIL ACCOUNTS

President Bassemier: Okay, we've got one more item on the agenda. Mr. VanCleave, I appreciate your patience. I know it's been an interesting session for you here today and you probably learned a lot and now you're going to tell us how to get some email.

Tim VanCleave: Thank you, and I know this Council has had a lot before it today so I will attempt to be very brief so that you guys can move on.

President Bassemier: Okay, and for the record, your name.

Tim VanCleave: My name is Timothy VanCleave. I'm with computer services, ACS. And I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to be here today. Councilman Hoy requested that we come here and just briefly talk about the services that are being extended for email services to, as an example, City Council. City Council had identified that one of the items that they were interested in was using an address that reflected the government as opposed to using individual email accounts or business accounts. Some of them had concerns with privacy issues or just the fact of using government or private business for their government duties. Now I know

a lot of you are self employed or have resources and that may not be an issue for you, but we understand that that is an issue for some individuals. We have the ability to extend email accounts so that communications can be handled by this body using a vanderburghgov.org address. It appears to be more acceptable to the constituents that do not do business normally with the government because they recognize that as a government address as opposed to maybe receiving something, and I'll use Mr. Raben as an example, maybe receiving something from raben.com as opposed to vanderburghgov.org. Those who do business with you on a regular basis understand where that email is coming from and what it is, but for those that would prefer to utilize the vanderburghgov.org to clean up communications, the service is available and can be set up. The value of this is you can check your email from either inside or outside of the building and you would be communicating, you would be receiving email to a vanderburghgov.org address and sending email out as a vanderburghgov.org address. I'm glad I didn't plan a demonstration on how this works today but if anybody is interested in seeing how it works before signing up we can schedule that to happen for you. It's a standard Microsoft interface that you can use and if you have Internet access you can access this from anywhere. If you're in an airport and have a kiosk available, you can access your email. If you're up in Indianapolis, if you're at your, you know, home as long as you've got Internet access you could then check your email and conduct that type of business for the county. To set it up, there were some forms passed out, I believe, at the last meeting. If you don't have those we certainly have more. It's the standard form that we use for all accounts that are created for the part of the network that we administer for the county and we can certainly help get those redistributed or help answer any questions regarding those forms or distribute more forms if necessary. And once we get it all set up, our help desk is available to assist you if there are any issues on Monday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Tuesday through Friday it is available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. And that phone number is 435-5100. If there are any questions I'm open to answering them.

President Bassemier: Any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, one of the reasons I asked Mr. VanCleave, I wanted him to present this, is because of some communication I had from people who had some issues, who said that we weren't accessible enough. And they had accessed me at my home and I don't mind that, but I got to thinking that it might be good for all of us to have this kind of access that's a little separate from our own home base and it would also serve the needs of some of our constituents who want to communicate. Its done on other government levels so I thank you for coming in, Sir.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Sir. Anybody else? Sandie, is that everything? Anybody else? Motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: Got a second. We're adjourned.

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

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 30, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council held a special meeting on June 30, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everybody to the June 30th, 2004 special meeting today. Attendance roll call please.

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

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION/BROADWAY SUMMIT, L.L.C.
DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR
PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF GREEN RIVER
ROAD AND LYNCH ROAD**

President Bassemier: Okay, as you know, we're here today to vote on a tax abatement, whether we're going to give a tax abatement to Black Buggy or not. I'm going to move right on into the agenda. What I'd like to do, I'd like to get a motion and I'd like to get a second, and then we can discuss it. Is that okay with everybody?

Councilmember Sutton: Sure.

President Bassemier: Okay, I'd like for somebody to make a motion to approve a preliminary resolution by County Council declaring an economic revitalization area for tax abatement for redevelopment of property located at the southeast corner of Green River Road and Lynch Road/Broadway Summit, LLC. Can I have a motion and a second on that please?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, to get it on the floor, I'll make a motion.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: For the purposes of discussion, I'll second the motion.

President Bassemier: Okay. I have a motion and a second. Anybody like to make any comments from the County Council? Want to ask Mr. Vincent to come up? Sir,

please state your name and your title, please.

Jim Vincent: Jim Vincent, I'm president of Black Buggy Growth, Incorporated. I had a product I wanted to pass around that's representative of what we're shipping into the Marsh Supermarkets in Indianapolis and the Buehler's here in Evansville.

President Bassemier: Alright, Sir.

Jim Vincent: We use a local company, Farm Boy, for the production of the meat products that we're distributing through the supermarket chains. I just wanted to speak real quickly. I appreciate the opportunity to come before you and to go through the application process and make this request. There's been a lot of communication about this project and I just wanted to kind of cut to the chase and speak maybe to a couple of what we believe are mitigating circumstances regarding our project. Obviously, this is a big project. We are looking at a 44 acre tract of land that is on the northeast side of Evansville. I may not have mentioned this in the past, but I think its critical at this stage to talk about this. We had been interested in that property for a long period of time prior to reaching a point where we had the opportunity to acquire that. We have not acquired that property today. We have an option to. We were required by the land owners to purchase the tract in whole and everyone who has worked on that property was faced with the same challenge. They did not want to sell it in parcels and we understand why; not wanting to break it up in pieces. We were pleased that we could come to an agreement with that piece of property, but as you all know, it's a piece of farmland and its completely unimproved. We looked at the tax records. That property, the 44 acres generated about \$500 in property taxes in 2003. And we did some estimates based on just the land itself because it would be reclassified as commercial. The property valuation there on an annual basis would go to \$18,000 and even if we receive abatement for our project. Under statute, the land tax itself is not abated. So from day one when this project begins, if we have the opportunity to start, we will be paying a net increase to the county of about \$17,500 in property taxes and I think, myself included, its not clearly understood by a lot of people in the public that tax abatement doesn't cover the land property tax itself. It is only for the improvements that go on the property, the buildings or expansion, the things that are in our application that we put before you. So I just wanted to clarify that because I think this is a unique situation because one, we are improving that 44 acres and, as a result of our concept, which we estimate will bring about 700,000 per year to the Evansville area and many of those people will be from out of state, on bus tours. As we all know, they will spend other dollars in Evansville related to fuel expenses, or hotel rooms, eating in other restaurants. This will be a big tourist attraction for Evansville to have this here. It is our headquarters, as we've spoken about in the past. And we like Evansville for several reasons: one, it's a growing metropolitan area, its near an airport, its near major arteries for transportation. Our goal in the next seven years is to have six of these restaurants based around the model that will be built on this site. Everything that we test in relationship to this concept and all the training for future sites around the country will be done here in Evansville. And again, close proximity to that airport and to the highway is critical for us. We all want to see things happen in our county that provide opportunities for people. On day one we'll be employing 100 people in this restaurant and the headquarters operation and also our supermarket distribution for the product I passed around. Over the next few years I expect that number is going to grow substantially which, to be conservative, we didn't try and put that in our application but its only logical that we would pull from our local universities and our local workforce to help us grow the concept in other places. And I've referred in the past

to other companies that operate restaurants in the Evansville area. If they would put their headquarters in Evansville, it would be a real, you know, opportunity for our local economy. If you look at Lebanon, Tennessee, for example, and just what has happened to that county and their tax revenues as a result of the growth of that organization, I don't know if we would ever achieve that kind of success. We are humble and we certainly hope we can achieve success with the growth of our concept but the bottom line is, we have to get started. And when you look at the financial hurdles that we have to overcome, about two and a half million dollars in construction, this will be the largest concept of its type in the region, bar none, about 1.7 million dollars worth of land and land improvement costs. And I would point out that the county will not be required to make any investment in the infrastructure that's going into this property but I would predict within the next five years that with the improvement of that property and with the growth because of the activity going on around their operation, a lot of new businesses will be attracted to that area, which would have a significant impact on tax revenues. So kind of in summary, you're looking at a pretty significant increase in annual tax revenue on the property from day one at the beginning of the abatement period. We'd be satisfied with a five year abatement on the property. Our main goal is to overcome that cost of infrastructure because it's such a significant expense, I don't know of any restaurants that have ever made this type of investment in infrastructure. You know, of course, in the scale of what we're doing with multiple sites throughout the southeast and the mid-west, I don't know of anybody who is headquartered here that would be similar to us. But along those lines, to overcome that infrastructure investment to get our business started, that's why we sought abatement in the first place and we think it's a win-win. I think this is a case for textbook example of where abatement can return to the taxpayer a multiple dollar return even from day one on the dollar investment on the abatement. And I think one thing, also, that's sometimes confusing is abatement is a phase-in. It's not, let's say it's a five-year period, it's not 100% abatement, as we all know. It's a sliding scale, so basically, the abatement decreases every year until it returns to 100%. Our goal is just to have that opportunity to help make this more financially feasible for us to make the kind of investment that we want at the site.

President Bassemier: Thank you. Any questions? Anybody? Troy, you got any – you want to start from your...

Councilmember Tornatta: Go ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: I know we've had you before us two other times and looking at this particular project. I think you picked a great county to give some consideration to, for one thing, and a great site that is obviously an opportunity to increase development and provide some things in the area that we haven't really seen before. And I think one of the things that we look at with any request that comes before us is how a business is able to add some value and able to produce some things other than just the benefit that that company may receive to themselves and what you've talked about with your concept, with the relationship with other vendors here locally. It does, there is obviously some potential there, but I think one of the things that we probably have all really grappled with, with the request over the last couple of months is, the decision that we make, is this just this decision? No, it's not. It's a decision that we make that ultimately – it affects other decisions that we make, so are we setting precedent with the request that we are making? And that's something I've kind of tried to work through myself in trying to establish what's the balance there. How do we look at each request that comes before us without compromising either previous decisions that we've made or future

decisions that we have. And we've also had discussions about the wage levels and how that fits in and the wage levels in particular of those in a restaurant is pretty typical of what most restaurants would pay. Now the executive staff, the administrative staff that's involved with the training and will be involved with developing the potential franchises that might be out there, the pay levels are on a different scale. So I guess its just a combination of all those things that I guess in questioning, looking at the requests that you have here, I know you've also considered another site in Warrick County and I guess the question that I would have would be, if this abatement request isn't approved, what's your next step?

Jim Vincent: The comment I'd make is, we really like this site. I mean, that's why we've worked on it. We started evaluating and negotiating and trying to work on this site almost two years ago. We kind of gave up because we didn't see any way that it would be feasible for us to take on 44 acres and put the improvements in place. And I mentioned the people we've been negotiating with have really been good to work with because they've given us the opportunity to break that property in half and option the balance of it, so about 18 ½ acres is what we are developing for the area where the headquarters will be located. Its still a lot more than we need, as the Council knows, for our project. And we went through the process that was suggested to break the parcel down. We did a metes and bounds survey so that we were only asking for the area of revitalization to be limited to where our headquarters would be located. And we've completed that, put that in the application. We like the site and we think because of its proximity to people, certainly the universities and to the college and to the transportation arteries, its one of the best locations that we could be in. Warrick County has been a great county to work with, similar to Vanderburgh County in terms of the people that have assisted us all the way from the Surveyors office to people within their county government. As you know, we received a tax abatement of five years in Warrick County and ten years on the equipment. Because of the nature of the process here in Vanderburgh County, we made a business decision not to go after the equipment, to focus on the land because the land is the challenge at this particular piece of property, or the building. We knew we were going to be looking at a significant hurdle to put in the road, the sewer, the water, the gas, the electric, there's nothing on this property. Its completely unimproved, and as a result of that, it doesn't generate any tax revenue today. The reason this hasn't been developed is because of the requirement on the part of the sellers to purchase the entire property. And I don't know what the future is; someday this property will be used for commercial use, but its going to be a challenge for anybody to take on that hurdle. The Black Buggy is a unique concept. It's a unique opportunity not only in Vanderburgh County, but its kind of a once-in-a-lifetime type project because we feel very confident, not only will this product be well received as it has been in the supermarkets that we distribute in, but we think it has attraction throughout the United States. It sounds a little, you know, farfetched to say something like that about the startup of an organization, but it might surprise people that some of the bigger operators like Cracker Barrel only started in the early 70's. So with the foundation and quality of people that are here in Vanderburgh County, and when I say quality, I mean people who we would hire to help us grow the organization, and the following that we have concerning our product, we think Vanderburgh County is the place to be because it's a large metropolitan area. Warrick County is a great location, it's a bit of a challenge to get to the site that we were working on and if you look at our demographic, people who are 50 plus make up a large part of our population that visit the restaurant. And we want it to be easy and convenient and simple for people to find because we want people to be able to enjoy the atmosphere there anytime. And the other advantage that Vanderburgh County

provided us is, because of the acreage, there is a real opportunity there with the help of the Convention & Tourism Bureau, who has also been very helpful, to identify some other destinations. We kind of think about this in terms of time segments. Today you can come to this site once we're complete and there's two or three hours worth of activities for people to participate in. When we have special events, we'll give buggy rides on the sites, we'll eventually do demonstrations and we probably will, because of the farmland, early on. But there's things for kids to see in Washington today. Its not uncommon to give tours to students and things like that, of the operation just because of its magnitude, the size of the operation. But those are things that we can do in Vanderburgh County that its difficult to do in other counties. I don't want to digress. One reason why we came to you is, the state of Indiana really does not have incentives for organizations like ours, manufacturing or anything, to any extreme degree for growth for startup businesses. There are some programs you can qualify for but its pretty complicated. To give you an example, the state of Kentucky had approached us about a sales tax abatement that they use for tourist focused projects and the Hofbrauhaus in Newport, Kentucky is similar in scope to ours. Its about a two million dollar development. I don't know if anybody has been there or is familiar with the Hofbrauhaus? They qualified for the tax abatement in Kentucky, which is a great incentive and tool for their state to grow organizations and try and incent organizations like ours to come there. We qualified for the program. We chose not to go through the process to qualify and take advantage of that program because we felt like Vanderburgh County was the best site for us. So to bring it back around, we believe this is the right site and we want to do everything that we can and investigate every avenue that's available to help us make this financially feasible to develop the land and to put the restaurant in that location, and, of course, our training area and our headquarters.

President Bassemier: Lloyd?

Councilmember Winnecke: I have had reservations about this request for some time, as Mr. Vincent knows. We've had frank, lengthy discussions. I think the increase in tax revenue alone is not enough for us to approve this abatement today. I think the precedent we set today by voting in favor of this is a dangerous one. Abatements are not entitlements to every development or any company or business wanting to expand or grow into our community. I think each should be taken with a careful watch and this is one I cannot support today. I wish you well. I hope you can do it without my vote.

Councilmember Hoy: Point of information, as you all know, I am your liaison to the Convention & Visitors Bureau. And my information from CVB is that they have not taken a vote on this issue and when I went to the meeting Tuesday, I received opinions from board members on both sides, so I do not want the Council thinking that theres been an anointing of this project by CVB. They have not done that.

President Bassemier: Thank you. Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, Mr. President. You know, I've done everything I can. I've turned both ways on this issue and, in fact, one of the requests that I had was to parcelize this development so we weren't granting abatement on the entire 20 or 20 plus acres. But even in doing that, I still, I don't find the comfort that I need to vote in favor of an abatement. You know, I feel like we need to remain harmless from other requests much like this one that will come to us, and there will be many should we grant this abatement. And, you know, I think to protect not only this

Council, but Vanderburgh County, because, you know, this Council, everyone up here can change over the course of the next three years, so I think its in the best interests of this Council to probably walk away from this one, as bad as I hate to. And its an exciting project. I wish you all the success in the world, and hopefully your success will be even greater than your early projections and maybe at some point five or ten years from now you can come to us and need a big corporate office structure or building and we can revisit the issue again, but at this time I'm not comfortable with it.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Jim. Curt?

Councilmember Wortman: No comment.

President Bassemier: No comment, that's unusual for you, Curt. Jim, you know, you and I talked back and forth and, you know, this has really been one of the toughest decisions I've made for a long time and Lloyd Winnecke, I've got to echo some of his statements. Its, you know, are we going to start a precedent here for other restaurants? But one of the concerns that hadn't been brought up very much is that property there is the TIF district there and you know what that TIF draws to that stretch there. It helps pay for the infrastructure going on and we receive that and you've got that corner there which is Lynch Road and we put in 1.5 million. We supported funding for that 1.5 million dollars out of that TIF fund for the extension of Lynch Road and then a lot of people supported that and without any tax abatements. And I'm thinking well, would it be fair to them to go ahead and give you a tax abatement and you've got the Lynch Road right there where we used 1.5 million dollars to extend that to help your business and we're going to turn around and give you a tax abatement on it when the other businesses, we did not. So I also wish you the best and you've got one heck of a project and I wish you well with it but, like I said, it was a very tough decision for me to make here and when its going to come my turn to vote, I'm going to vote against it. But I think you've got a wonderful project here. So...

Councilmember Raben: You know, I'm going to add one last comment, that its unfortunate, but due to the financial climate of this county and many others, it's a shame that we're not in the condition where we can look at other alternatives other than conventional tax abatement. But that's not even an option for us at this time. We're wondering, you know, we're concerned about paying for our day to day operations for the balance of this year and years to come. So, again, maybe – its not going to help you, but maybe in the future if we have an opportunity, you know, maybe our financial outlook will look better and we can do other things. But sorry, at this point, we can't.

Jim Vincent: Well, it's a challenge because it would seem to mathematically, that this would generate additional income for the county. I've asked the question, can TIF funds be used for at least the road which we plan to dedicate to the county after we pay for it in full for this project?

Councilmember Raben: I can't answer that. I know that would probably have to go through what, the Department of Redevelopment?

Jim Vincent: We're just trying to turn over every stone that we can and we appreciate the opportunity to present and go through the application process. In some ways its probably helped us understand our project in more detail because of the analysis and things that we've had to go through to get to this point. So, you

know, the bottom line is, we just hope everybody here visits the organization and we hope that we can pull this off and have something to really be proud of in Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I think, Jim, there's no question, I think you have support and we appreciate you coming in and showing interest in Vanderburgh County and we have a lot of interest in making sure that you're as successful as possible. I think you should pursue every avenue to try and see if there are opportunities for you to gain some type of advantage, although we're not going to be able to offer you any here today. But, I mean, those advantage are there with possibilities and, you know, you do have a lot of support and there is support out there in the community. And I think it would be a great spot for that building and your business. There's no question about it. At this time, we can't help you.

President Bassemier: I tell you what, I was going to say we need to move on. We've got a meeting right after this one and –

Councilmember Hoy: I'll call for the question, sir.

President Bassemier: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Hoy: Call for the question.

President Bassemier: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: And along with what has been said before, just concerned about the precedent setting nature of providing abatement for a restaurant, so my vote will be no.

President Bassemier: If I may interject here, let's everybody go ahead and vote. Everybody had a chance to talk. Let's go ahead and make our vote so we can move on to our next meeting here shortly. So, everybody had a chance for comments, so let's just move on and vote yes or no. Okay? Thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: As the taxpayers' friend, no.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: No.

(Motion fails 0-7)

Jim Vincent: I just want to say, thanks again for the opportunity.

President Bassemier: You're welcome. Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.)

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 7, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of July, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everybody to the July 7th, 2004 Vanderburgh County Council meeting. Attendance roll call please.

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

President Bassemier: Would everybody please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Bassemier: I need a motion for approval of the County Council meeting June 2, 2004.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Bassemier: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

JAIL

President Bassemier: Now we'll move into the appropriation ordinance and I'd like to turn it over to our finance chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, just one moment, Mr. President. Okay, back to you. First on the agenda, Mr. President, under Jail, I'm going to move that 1051-1130-0339; 1051-1130-0340 Detention Officers be set in at \$13,527; 1051-1900 FICA at \$2,070; 1051-1910 PERF at \$2,435, all other items set in at zero with the further explanation, with this motion the Sheriff's office has agreed to pick up the food account which is 1051-2260. The request is for \$156,000. They have agreed to pick that up out of commissary for the balance of the year. And that's my motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, one more time on that FICA amount.

Councilmember Raben: The FICA amount was \$2,070; the PERF was \$2,435.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, the request here is for six Detention Officers and then the Nurse and EMT, was there some discussion that was going to be had on why there was only one funded out of that?

Councilmember Raben: Actually two. And with this, the thinking behind this is, is that getting two in position today will allow them the opportunity to identify their team to begin the process of developing the transition. And, quite honestly, there's still hopes that later this fall we'll be able to address the balance of them if funds are available. You know, its hard to say today whether or not, if you look at the requests that haven't even been brought to us yet and the balance that we have in the General Fund, its hard to say in July that those funds are going to be available, but that would be my intent would be to revisit it later in the fall.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I know last month when this came before us, its basically the same number of Detention Officers was presented. I guess I was pretty comfortable that we probably could do two and would like to see us be able to do more than that but probably, given just our resource base and where we

stand, you know, perhaps maybe we can come back and revisit as you mentioned this request. We obviously know based upon the timetable that was provided to us from a staffing standpoint what we're going to need to be able – what we need to try to get to before the new facility is open. But this will at least give us a start in transitioning into that whole process. And then we've got some other obligations, obviously, coming up here as a county. This ought to give us at least a start in the direction where we want to go.

President Bassemier: Can I call the Sheriff up here, please?

Councilmember Tornatta: I've got a question real quick, Mr. President. Do we have our own time line now on how we want to implement these people in and then knowing that if we approve it now, we're still probably 45 to 60 days out of actually having these people hired, implement that in your time line as well.

Councilmember Raben: You say, do we have – I mean, again, about the only definites today are the fact that, hopefully, with approval of this motion, that they'll have two to begin their effort to develop their team. No, there's no definites. Again, you know, I have every hope that we can re-address this in the fall of this year to add more yet this year. You know, definitely, we're going to have to address it in August during our budget sessions for next year. And, in fact, you know, our budgets kind of set the time line. You know, we'll approve a budget in September that establishes a time line for 2005.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, now obviously these six that come in will be fresh people to the system. They'll be starting out so when you're talking about developing a team, I guess I'm not clear on how that's going – right now, the –

Councilmember Raben: I don't – I mean, first of all, I mean, I'm really not developing the team, I'm not going to micro-manage the Sheriff's office. I mean, they're going to use these two people as best they can, I'm sure. I mean, really and truthfully, you need to probably direct that question to the Sheriff because –

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess I have and that's why I'm not understanding somehow, how we're going about doing this and that's why I kind of asked the Chief to come up with a time line on how he needed some of these employees and as of last month, we kind of felt comfortable that we would be able to utilize his time line effectively and how they wanted to manage those. And then in doing that, we know right now that we really need to put some people up there pretty quickly just in the jail that we have now, not counting the jail that we're going to be running into in less than a year. So I guess that's what I'm saying, with doing this, if you have some type of time line that we can follow, because he, the Sheriff and the Chief, gave us their time line but now we're going to divert from that to go off to another time line. I'm just curious on how we want to work on our time line now.

Councilmember Raben: Again, I think we will assign a definite time line for not only just the transitional team, but the overall staffing that we can afford for the new facility in August. And the Sheriff may have comments to add or answer here.

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, I've got a couple of comments and that's, – my name is Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff of Vanderburgh County. And I appreciate the gesture and the, well, at least the nomination to get the two people. We can start there. It takes, I think 45 days to get these people on the payroll and I was at a conference last week and I raised my hand to a guy that does transitions and that's his full-time position

right now, and I said, bare minimum, what is the least amount of time that a transition team should be in place to transition into a new facility. And he said, absolutely no less than year they need to be in place working. So we're talking September of this year, they should be in place. With that, given, I know the financial situation of the county, I guess what I would appreciate sometime is, call it a time line or whatever, but a buy-in after you've studied the staffing analysis that we've given you as well as Al Bennett's, that a buy-in from the Council that this is a number you're all comfortable with because if we get six today, we feel that the 34 is a bare bones minimum to open the two full pods twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week of that facility. And if this body doesn't feel that same way, then we need to have meetings on what you disagree with our staffing analysis. I haven't heard yet from the body, if yes, that's, Sheriff, that's a good number or no, you don't need that many, because that's when we need to meet and say we're going to work toward getting you ten, because if you say ten, we're only going to open one pod of that, or fifteen, might only be one pod, and then we're going to have to explain that to people. So I think that's one of the things that has to come in front is that you're all comfortable with my staffing analysis and –

Councilmember Raben: Can I answer that?

President Bassemier: Sheriff, I think we're kind of waiting to see where our funding is going to come from before we really make a decision on how many we can afford to give you right now because we don't want to give you what we don't have and then we run out of money, and I think, Bill, we're still working on our financial situation on what we're going to need from now to the end of the year.

Councilmember Raben: Well, that's my – real quick, not to interrupt, but I mean, just to shed a little light and help you get to the answer you're looking for, none of us have seen the budget yet that's going to be presented to us for August. So until we see that, its going to be tough to know – you know, we don't know what requests are there because – and we probably won't see them for what, two or three weeks yet.

Bill Fluty: I'd like to give them out at the Personnel & Finance meeting at the end of this month. And again, the budget will show you the needs for all county offices. And I think that will be helpful in making your decisions on the staffing.

Councilmember Sutton: But we're talking about the '05 budgets. The request that we have here are requests for '04 –

Councilmember Raben: Remember that the Sheriff was talking about in terms of the overall staffing level. If you remember, they gave us a time line –

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, if you look on that time line, I mean, the requests also fall in '04, so the budget that we're talking about here, it does affect the request that he has for '05, true, but I think what he wants to also know is are we heading in the direction based on that staffing model, including 2004?

Councilmember Raben: Unless I've been totally in the dark, the big quantity, the 34 additional people that Brad's referring to, he's not coming to us for this year. He's coming to us for this six but he'll present his case for I guess 28 people, basically, right?

Brad Ellsworth: Next year.

Councilmember Raben: For next year, in addition to these six. So that will be our first opportunity to see those requested in a budget along with our first opportunity to really see what our budget –

Councilmember Sutton: But understand, too, if we're talking about just two today, I think what he's also saying is, okay, if we're doing two today, my request was six, when will the other four come? When should I anticipate that? And that's not something –

Councilmember Raben: And I think I answered that. Hopefully we can re-address that in the fall.

Brad Ellsworth: Let me jump in there. That's – there's really a question bigger than that one is, is the Council comfortable with my staffing analysis on the 34? Because if you want both pods open and everybody in this room has seen the design of the jail, if you want me to open the 512 bed facility, we feel that is a minimum number. If, there's no sense in giving me two today or six next month, if there is nobody else down the pike, then don't give me six today because I guess, the first thing I need to know, is the Council comfortable with that staffing analysis and if you're not, we need to get together and you say, Sheriff, I think you can run that with 18 – I'm just throwing a number out here and I'll say, no, I can't and I'll explain those posts in the jail. But nobody has said, yes, that's a good number we're working towards because if you say we can only afford 15 jailers next year in 2005, then I want to be able to explain to you that I can only open a 212 bed pod of that facility or 256 bed pod of that facility, because I can't staff the second pod. So I think that is the first thing that we have to come to terms with is, is everybody here, or least a majority, comfortable that they're going to work towards that?

President Bassemier: Like Jim said, Mr. Raben said, Sheriff, I think after August we'll feel more comfortable with telling you how many, if the number is 34 and you're the expert in the field, we'd like to give you 34, but we want to make sure there's enough funding in there to give you 34 because we sure do not want you and your staff to operate in an unsafe condition. So we'll know more in August. I think Mr. Winnecke would like to say something. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would concur with Ed on this point. I don't know that today I agree or disagree with the staffing model. I understand it, but I think to the County Auditor's point, I think after August we'll have the whole perspective and I think that – well, I'm trying to figure out how exactly to phrase this other than to say, I think our challenge from this body is to manage the cash flow of the county along with the Auditor, and your role is to manage the jail. And I think, thankfully, we have strong lines of communication between this body and your agency and I think that communication will win the day, frankly. But I think it is too early at this point to say yes, 34 is the number or 24, or whatever the number may be. I think we'll have a much better idea after we see all of the requests in August.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess what I'm missing is, if you say its going to take 34, you're the Sheriff, you run the jail, and anything less than 34 is not going to be safe or satisfactory in your eyes, then we have to come up with the money. I mean–

Brad Ellsworth: Not necessarily, you could not open the second pod, but then you've got a jail that's not any bigger than what we've got now, which is fine if that's what you want to say, but that's what I kind of need to plan for.

Councilmember Tornatta: So here again, we're going to be like other counties who have opened up a jail that has been empty.

Brad Ellsworth: If you can't afford the people then we may have half of it empty until –

Councilmember Winnecke: But I don't think, in all fairness, I don't think there's anyone on this body that wants to open one pod of the new jail. I think we're trying to be prudent financially on how to proceed and I think yes, the Sheriff, who is the expert, says 34 is the number. But today, July 7th, I don't know if we can stand here or sit here and say, we have the funding in place to fill 34 positions and fund all the appropriate budgets for all the other departments of the county.

Councilmember Tornatta: We committed to the jail, now we're not committing to do what we said we we're going to do and we're going to possibly open up a jail that's going to be empty.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's not true. We're not going to open a jail that's going to be empty. We're being financially prudent.

Councilmember Tornatta: You're not going to open up a jail that's going to be empty, yet you're not committing to staff it so it can be full.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm not committing today, because we don't know what kind of funding will be in place by then.

Councilmember Tornatta: But if he says that that's the minimum you have to have, you're going to have to bite the bullet and find ways to staff that jail –

Councilmember Winnecke: I don't disagree with you, but July 7th I don't think is the day to determine it.

President Bassemier: Yeah, I think we better move on and we'll look in the future. Those are good points and –

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, let me just add one thing, I think if we all would be realistic here and we think about the budget requests that we're going to receive, in my time here on Council, I can't think of a year that we haven't received budget requests that were in excess of the previous year. We should probably assume that same thing this year.

President Bassemier: We hope so.

Councilmember Sutton: I said we should probably assume that, and so given that reality of what has happened kind of historically, what the budget requests that we received, we recognize that there is going to be some pretty obvious things that we can go in and probably make some adjustments to, but at the same time, most of our efforts have been focused just on one side of the ledger and that's just on the expense side. I think we also need to look on the other side, the income side as well if we're talking about by the end of 2006, being over a million dollars in personnel costs. And I think most of our efforts have just been on one side of the ledger here. So just I think as we prepare for this budget time we need to really give some consideration to how we can address both sides here.

President Bassemier: And it's a point well taken, but on the other flip of the coin, we didn't have so many inmates that we had to ship to other counties that we've got to make up the difference that we wasn't counting on. But moving on, the motion was made, Sheriff, are you agreeing to this? My question is, I mean, for two Detention Officers you'd be more than happy to pay the food, \$156,000?

Brad Ellsworth: I'll cover it the rest of the year.

President Bassemier: Let me ask you, how much money is in the commissary right now?

Brad Ellsworth: There's about \$525,000.

President Bassemier: \$525,000, and you don't want to use that \$156,000 out of the commissary?

Brad Ellsworth: I've told everybody on the Council several times that, I think this is in the minutes, I was quoted incorrectly once, that \$500,000 of that money is dedicated, and not just that money, but commissary money is dedicated to the jail project, FF&E, telephone equipment, equipment in the new jail. So \$500,000 is spoken for, so that leaves me with a balance of 25. Yes, it is making money, but I don't know what that's going to come in, so –

President Bassemier: Well, from the –

(Inaudible – both speaking at once)

President Bassemier: Don't you think from now to a year and a half from now before you open the jail, you'd have that 500,000, and help us out right now in this financial crunch?

Brad Ellsworth: I made that agreement that I'd cover the jail food for the rest of the year.

President Bassemier: Well, let me ask you –

Brad Ellsworth: That was the proposal to me.

President Bassemier: On the –

Brad Ellsworth: Go ahead, you finish, then I'll say something.

President Bassemier: Okay, thank you. I told you this before. I was on a transition team back in '69 and I made the statement, and I know it wasn't enough time, but we had to do it, we were kind of in a financial crunch, too, but we couldn't afford to hire more deputies or whatever, and we trained from three weeks to four weeks. And I called Daviess County Detention Center. Right now at the present time, we've got several people housed over there. I talked to, of course, I talked to the head jailer over there and, of course, he wasn't around at that time, and he told me, you know, I said, what do you think a reasonable amount of time would be? Two months or three months, to make this transition? Now I understand this is a 427 bed facility versus a 512 bed facility you're going to open up here, so you know, you're talking a little over almost – not quite 100 beds more. But my point is, he said, I wish we had that luxury two or three months to transition the team, so he

turned me over to Captain Clark, who she said was around at transition. And the day, I think, is a birthday for three years being open, she told me, and she said, we had two days of training. I know that's very insufficient, but she said we had –

Brad Ellsworth: They're smarter down there than we are.

President Bassemier: Well, she said they were in a financial crunch and they said that if we had two or three months, it would have been fantastic. Taking two or three months might not be the answer to you, so that's why I'm here asking you that, well, you probably know how my vote – I don't think we can afford any detention officers right now. My personal feeling, and don't be hurt by this or take this personally, –

Brad Ellsworth: Believe me, I'm beyond that.

President Bassemier: Okay, so I feel like you don't need them right now. I'm not saying in the future, but I'm thinking if you've got a half a million dollars plus in your commissary right now knowing we've got a year and a half, and the trend over the last, even when I was over there on the Sheriff's department working in the jail, I think in a year and a half you'll have enough money to make that promise to the Commissioners. So anyway, that's all I have to say. Anybody else got any? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Couple of comments, first of all, I think that what appears to be a compromise today is a pretty good deal both ways. Appreciate everybody cooperating on it, including you, Sheriff. You asked what we pledged toward, I can only speak for myself, but I think this body will work very, very hard during budget times to do its very, very best to push the numbers as hard as we can. And I've seen us do that as a body and I think we'll do that in August and do our best this fall and I will commit myself to that.

Brad Ellsworth: I guess my, if people are misunderstanding, all I'm saying is that we presented the staffing analysis. Al Bennett said 56 people, I'm saying 34 and thank you, Councilman Hoy, but I guess if people have read that, and I hope you all have, if you've got issue with my numbers, if that's what you need to hear, if I'm missing the boat and you think we can open it up with 24, then call me. I'm down there and come and tell me how we can do it and with the posts, we'll go through it, because like you're saying, if 34, if you agree with that then let us know and we'll go on that number. If you can't afford it, hey, then we'll work on what happens next. Whether we don't open a whole pod or a pod and three quarters or, you know, but nobody has said, yeah, that looks like what its going to take to staff it because then for me to plan, you know, I have to start planning how many pods I'm going to open, that will influence what I do. So if we say, and I know we have till budget time, but I'm saying if you agree that 34 opens the, minimum, to open the whole thing, but we can only afford 24, then I need to go back to the drawing board and plan to open a pod and a half or a pod. I just need that to say 34 is great to open them all, then I'll go back and you say we can only afford 24. How many can I open with 24, then I can let you know and let the Commissioners know and let the public know. That's all I'm asking for is agreement or disagreement with the numbers –

President Bassemier: And we agree with you and will work with you –

Brad Ellsworth: – feel comfortable with that, but I'm not trying to sandbag my employees.

Councilmember Hoy: And at the present time, the only numbers I disagree with are Mr. Bennett's. But I disagree, as you know, with Mr. Bennett on a number of things.

Brad Ellsworth: I hope he's wrong. You know, he makes you nervous, as the officeholder, because we did one and it comes up that different. But I think we can do it. I put trust in our staff and what we designed. I would like to make one comment –

Councilmember Raben: Go ahead.

Brad Ellsworth: I was just going to say about the, and I appreciate this compromise we made today too, the thing is, a couple of months ago at one of the County Council hearings there was an appropriation for the Health department and it was money for the Health department, and somebody made the comment on the Council that, you know, they gave accolades to the Health department for saving money and building up, and it might have been a million dollars, I can't even remember what the dollar amount was, but they said, let's give a big hand or whatever to the Health department, but this is not new money, this is money they saved. And I feel like I'm up here getting beat up for doing the same thing and be a good steward of the money and saving it up to reduce the cost to the county for the new jail and I saved that \$500,000, didn't buy pencils and balloons and give away birthday cards to the employees, and you feel like you get beat up over having a nice balance for the new jail when another agency in the county is getting pats on the back for saving up money, too. So just be fair to all your officeholders when they're out there doing a good with the new money. I just ask that you – if that's not good to save it up, then you can do what you want with it. But you know, that just kind of gets stuck in your craw when you hear one guy get a pat on the back for saving money and then you get beat up and they say, give it, give it, give it when my agency is saving a ton of money, too. I'm proud of that.

President Bassemier: Anybody got an answer to that. I guess my answer would be to that is that, you know, your inmates are costing us that much money and they're putting it in and –

Brad Ellsworth: They're my inmates. I'm, by the constitution, I'm supposed to house them. I don't put them in there. My agency doesn't put them in there, they just say, hold the key and keep them in there.

President Bassemier: Figure of speech. Mine to that is, they're costing several hundred thousand dollars and we're trying to use – and I commend you for all you can save us on your commissary, but at the same token, the \$500,000, talking about that fire, would really help us to pay the costs that its costing us to house them somewhere else. They put it in, I think that's where it should go back to.

Brad Ellsworth: Its going into the new jail to house these same inmates –

President Bassemier: But the point I'm trying to make is, that's a year and a half from now. A year and a half, a lot of things can happen and we could have a windfall somewhere, we can plan, but we're a year and a half away and we need the monies right now and we appreciate that you've got it, but –

Brad Ellsworth: I didn't think we were supposed to spend money before we had it in place –

Councilmember Raben: I need to, if I can, I need to amend my motion.

President Bassemier: We need to move on.

Councilmember Raben: Before we get too far into something else, and I need to amend my motion to include 1051-1950-1051, the Teamsters Educational Fund to \$92, for a total request of \$31,651.

President Bassemier: Okay. Who seconded that?

Councilmember Winnecke: I did. I'll amend the second.

President Bassemier: Okay. We've got 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: No. And that passes five to two.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1130-0339	Detention Officer	13,527.00	13,527.00
1051-1130-0340	Detention Officer	13,527.00	13,527.00
1051-1130-0341	Detention Officer	13,527.00	0.00
1051-1130-0342	Detention Officer	13,527.00	0.00
1051-1130-0343	Detention Officer	13,527.00	0.00

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1051-1130-0344	Detention Officer	13,527.00	0.00
1051-1130-0345	Nurse	17,141.00	0.00
1051-1130-0346	EMT	12,382.00	0.00
1051-1900	FICA	8,468.00	2,070.00
1051-1910	PERF	9,409.00	2,435.00
1051-1950-1051	Teamsters Ed. Fund	276.00	92.00
1051-2260	Food	156,000.00	0.00
Total		284,838.00	31,651.00

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

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Commissioners. I'm going to move that all these requests be set in at zero and, Mr. President, I guess I saved making this comment until we got under the Commissioner's budget, my explanation for setting these in at zero is its time that the Commissioners attend these meetings, speak on behalf of their request. And as far as I'm concerned, I'll continue to zero out their request until they're here to answer for every penny that they come to this body requesting. Along with that, there's been a lot of discussion, we just lost probably 20 minutes on the last topic in regards to the jail, the funding, the staffing, the biggest most immediate concern is lodging of inmates, I'd like to know where they're at on this. You know, what's their plan for paying for this? I mean, they're the real stakeholders in this, they're the ones that by statute are charged with housing inmates, where is their plan to pay for some of this? So again, my motion is to set this in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I've got a motion and a second. Discussion please?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I would like to ask reconsideration for the Water Quality Specialist not to be zeroed out this time. That's under the Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Hoy, for you I will amend my motion because this is unique in a sense that this has been discussed in the past and it has gone before the Job Study. My motion is 1300-1260-1300 Water Quality Specialist be set in at \$1,682; FICA at \$129; PERF at \$101. And does anybody have a calculator to give us a total on that?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll amend the second.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is the rent for Building Authority?

Councilmember Raben: We don't know. I mean, they don't come to meetings anymore to explain any of their requests.

Councilmember Sutton: I have been on this Council for at least 12 years and I know there's been numerous occasions where individuals have not been either able to come or have not shown to speak toward their requests while they're here on Council, but I don't think in the history of the time I've been on here, that there's

ever been a retribution, lash back against any office or officeholder because they didn't show up to the podium. I think we have a process in place to address that, that very particular issue and that is through our liaison appointments that we have here on Council. Every single member of this Council has a certain number of offices that they are responsible for and in this particular case, Councilman Wortman is the liaison to the Commissioners and in that case, we often have the liaison to speak on behalf of the officeholder if they aren't here or that particular office, if they are unable to speak to their request? On a number of occasions I know I've spoken for offices and many of you as well. So for us to come in and zero out a request, I think it demands a little bit more explanation than saying because they didn't show up to speak to their request that we're going to zero it, where is the liaison in this process? Councilman Wortman, you're the liaison.

Councilmember Wortman: That's right. And if I recall, Councilman Tornatta said that Mrs. Fanello would appear today in the minutes of last week. And I went over and talked to them, to Tammy, and she said they would appear because she couldn't appear before us because she was dirty from cleaning the courthouse. She had her shoes and her shorts on and that's why, but she would be here. They're not here. Now I cannot get a rope and go get them.

Councilmember Sutton: My question is not necessarily you getting them here, my question is on the request items that are presented before us today that at least there is some discussion when we present, as liaisons, we talk about those requests. We go through whatever the explanation might be required to the best of our ability.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Sutton, and again, this isn't about politics, this isn't about anything other than common courtesy and doing what's right for the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County. They come in month after month with large sum requests, not a few dollars or pennies or a thousand dollars like a lot of offices do routinely and occasionally they aren't here to speak on behalf of it, but I don't know that I've seen them in this room since the first of the year. I could be wrong, but I can tell you we've had this discussion. Our president has sent letters requesting them to appear –

President Bassemier: Two of them.

Councilmember Raben: – to speak on their request, and I'm tired of it. I mean, the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County deserve an explanation for why they come in and request money every month. And again, I'm not comfortable with granting those requests until I get a good, firm explanation.

Councilmember Sutton: Then I would say then that in the future if it's the case, if an officeholder does not show up then we will zero out their request. Is that what we're saying here today by what your motion is?

Councilmember Raben: I would say if an officeholder does not routinely does not show up to speak on behalf –

Councilmember Sutton: You need to define that.

Councilmember Raben: – what I'm saying, to miss a meeting every – if they have three requests over the course of the year and they show up for two of them and miss one, I find that acceptable. But if you have requests month after month after

month, and you don't have the common courtesy to come in here and speak on behalf of that request, only ask us that we take their word that they need it and not question them and approve it, I mean, that's wrong for us.

Councilmember Sutton: And why can't we, at the same time as liaisons, take on our responsibilities and pick up a phone call? As I said two months ago, pick up a phone and call somebody. What does this request mean? I'm your liaison, what is this?

Councilmember Wortman: I did that.

Councilmember Sutton: If you've had that conversation with them and you can't tell us anything that these requests mean, then what happened in that conversation?

Councilmember Wortman: You know, you've got just as much right to go and check with them as I have. All you're doing is political grandstanding, is all you're doing.

Councilmember Sutton: I didn't zero out –

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, you are.

Councilmember Sutton: I –

(President Bassemier gavelled this discussion)

President Bassemier: I tell you what, I think –

Councilmember Raben: I zeroed out the request and again, it's a matter of common courtesy to not only us, as a body, but to the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County to answer for your request, to give due explanation for every penny you're asking us to grant. And again, you tell me, when was the last time you've seen them in here to speak on behalf of one of their requests?

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, I would love for them to have been here today, too. And I'm not disagreeing with that, but what I am saying, we have never, ever zeroed out a request based upon that issue. That's what –

Councilmember Raben: Outside of writing letters, you know, we've sent formal letters requesting them to attend and speak on behalf of their request, I don't find this unreasonable. I said this –

(President Bassemier gavelled this discussion)

President Bassemier: Let's go ahead. We've got a motion and a second. Let's move --

Brad Ellsworth: Can I – I guess I need to weigh in for a second, not about who shows up and who doesn't, but as the agency responsible for the transporting of these inmates and making the calls, --

Councilmember Raben: That's in on another line.

Brad Ellsworth: Do I go get all these inmates? Because if --

Councilmember Raben: No, that's another request.

President Bassemier: We haven't singled you out. We've got you --

Councilmember Raben: That's in another area. Relax.

President Bassemier: Yeah, we're okay. Okay, I have a motion and a second to zero it out. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Councilmember Raben: No, the motion was not to zero out the entire request. Again, it was to approve the first three items for a total request of \$1,912.

President Bassemier: And the other two were zero.

Councilmember Raben: And again, I'm -- Mr. Hoy has kept us briefed on what the first three requests are because he is chairman of that board or was.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't like the precedent we're setting up for so I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I've got to vote yes on my district, so I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-1260-1300	Water Quality Spec.	1,682.00	1,682.00
1300-1900	FICA	129.00	129.00
1300-1910	PERF	101.00	101.00
1300-3051	Lodging of Inmates	275,000.00	0.00
1300-3600	Rent	7,850.00	0.00
Total		284,762.00	1,912.00

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Superintendent of County Buildings, Mr. President, I’m compelled to make the same – this is a department that is governed by them, and again, there’s no presence here to speak on this. And, in fact, allow me just a moment...

President Bassemier: Hold that thought, Jim.

(Tape changed)

President Bassemier: Okay, sir.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, Mr. President, I move line 1310-1990 Extra Help be set in at zero.

President Bassemier: I have a motion, can I get a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: Second. Any discussion on that? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I’ll vote no this time. I don’t like what’s going on. It catches me at a bad point because its my party. And I do think we should have had more representation from the Commissioners than we’ve had. So I will vote no this time but that’s my feeling.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes. That passes 4-3 to set it at zero.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-1990	Extra Help	4,550.00	0.00
Total		4,550.00	0.00

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

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Burdette Park 1450-2210 Gas & Oil, I move that that be set in at zero and we will pick up that with a late transfer.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion on that?

Councilmember Winnecke: Just a thank you to Mr. Craig for doing that. We asked him last week.

President Bassemier: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I'd like to add that, too. Thank you, Steve.

President Bassemier: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-2210	Gas & Oil	6,000.00	0.00
Total		6,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now under Cum Bridge, Mr. President, I'll move approval that 2030-4403; 2030-4404; 2030-4735 be approved as listed for a total of \$700,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4403	Mt. Pleasant Rd. Bridge	200,000.00	200,000.00
2030-4404	University Pkwy. Bridge	150,000.00	150,000.00
2030-4735	Stockwell Rd. Culvert	350,000.00	350,000.00
Total		700,000.00	700,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CCD/COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under CCD/County Commissioners, 2031-1300-4194, 2031-1300-4250 for a total request of \$153,000, I move that be set in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion on that?

Councilmember Raben: Other than, regardless of the outcome, whether or not they were here to speak on behalf of any of these requests, the miscellaneous equipment I would vote no on anyway.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Mr. Raben. Mr. Sutton, your comments, sir?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, an explanation on that request, why its set in at zero?

Councilmember Raben: Which, the miscellaneous equipment or the total request?

Councilmember Sutton: The total request.

Councilmember Winnecke: We voted it down last month.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, the –

Councilmember Hoy: The \$63,000.

Councilmember Raben: The \$63,000, I made the statement that I would – I'm voting zero on everything until we get an explanation on the first item and I simply was clarifying the fact that I would vote no on the second item, regardless because we've already had discussion on that.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I just ask for clarification just for the record purpose, so that it would reflect that, and so it wouldn't be viewed as political grandstanding.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question before we vote on the contractual services for the space allocation. I think I understand what that's for although its not spelled out in this request and I wish it was as to exactly what its for, but –

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, and to answer your question, Mr. Hoy, I could go back and, as our legal counsel has stated, put the toothpaste back in the tube. On that one, that request is simply putting money back in place that was not encumbered last year so allow me to make this amendment: 2031-1300-4194 \$90,000; 2031-1300-4250 zero, for a total appropriation of \$90,000.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll amend the second.

President Bassemier: Okay. Roll call vote.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, that answered my question. Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: That’s clearer.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1300-4194	Civic Ctr. Renovations	90,000.00	90,000.00
2031-1300-4250	Misc. Equipment	63,000.00	0.00
Total		153,000.00	90,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Local Roads & Streets, 2160-4328 Mt. Pleasant Road in the amount of \$335,000. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion on that? Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Now Roads & Streets do fall under the Commissioners, so I don't –

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Stoll is here and was here last week to speak on that request.

Councilmember Sutton: I just wanted to make sure we're clear, there. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Hello, Mr. Stoll. Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4328	Mt. Pleasant Road	335,000.00	335,000.00
Total		335,000.00	335,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under County Surveyor, 2650-2320 Instruments, I'll move approval of \$30,000.

President Bassemier: I have a motion – who seconded it? Which one, did you get the PTABOA?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I've got a motion and a second. Any discussion on the Surveyor? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Do you move to set that in at \$30,000?

President Bassemier: \$30,000.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2650-2320	Instruments	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total		30,000.00	30,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Are you going back, Jim?

REASSESSMENT/PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, 2490-1091-1910 PERF in the amount of \$200, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: We have a motion and a second by who, Mr. Hoy? Okay. Discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Is there somebody here to speak to that request?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Hoy did.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Alright.

President Bassemier: Okay, I was going to say, I mean, we can take a joke so far but let's just keep to business now and –

Councilmember Raben: You know, quite frankly, I don't find it amusing. I mean, that's, again, you have a duty to the taxpayers if you want to be elected to answer for any needs or any funding that you come to this body requesting.

Councilmember Sutton: And I absolutely agree with you 100%. I find absolutely no amusement in this situation whatsoever and to take a request in a light manner without due consideration to the request based upon other factors and not the request, then I think yeah, then its being taken lightly. And no, I don't find any humor in it whatsoever. You haven't seen me crack a smile whatsoever.

President Bassemier: Well, we're kind of taking offense here to your comments after he makes a motion like with Mr. Stoll. Let's move on with business and let's go forward here.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Mr. President, under Jail Project, 3660-3051 Lodging of Inmates –

President Bassemier: Jim, we've got a motion and a second, we've got to vote on it yet. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

**PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT
BOARD OF APPEALS**

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1091-1910	PERF	200.00	200.00
Total		200.00	200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Okay, that passes.

JAIL PROJECT

Councilmember Raben: Next under 3660-3051 Lodging of Inmates \$275,000 and I move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3660-3051	Lodging of Inmates	275,000.00	275,000.00
Total		275,000.00	275,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

SHERIFF
PUBLIC DEFENDER (LATE)
BURDETTE PARK (LATE)

COMMISSIONERS
DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that does it. Now we'll move into transfers. Mr. President, first 1050-1130-0007 and 1050-1130-0215, that be set in at zero; 1300-

3860 Contractual Computer, 1300-3530 Contractual Services for a total of \$15,200, that be set in at zero. All other transfers as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and need a second.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion on this?

Councilmember Wortman: Late transfers?

Councilmember Raben: That includes the late transfers. Are you clear on the motion?

President Bassemier: Yes sir. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0007	Lieutenant	10,500.00	0.00
To: 1050-1130-0215	Property Mgmt. Clerk	10,500.00	0.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3860	Contractual Computer	15,200.00	0.00
To: 1300-3530	Contractual Services	15,200.00	0.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1303-1690-1303	Public Defender	17,289.00	17,289.00
To: 1303-1970	Temp. Replacement	17,289.00	17,289.00

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1371-3770	Treatment Costs	500.00	500.00
To: 1371-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	500.00	500.00

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1450-2740	Chemicals	3,000.00	3,000.00
1450-3190	Solid Waste Disposal	3,000.00	3,000.00
To: 1450-2210	Gas & Oil	6,000.00	6,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: No repeals.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Last we have the amendments to salary ordinance. I'll move that we amend salary line 1051-0339 and 1051-0340 as previously adopted. Under County Commissioners, I move that we amend salary line 1300-1260 Water Quality Specialist as previously adopted. The current employee is a PAT IV/Step 2, with an annual salary of \$32,066. And last, amend salary line 1303-1970 Temporary Replacement as previously approved. And Mr. President, before I go on, I should have set the annual salary on the first two items under the Sheriff's department. The first one 1051-0339 Detention Officer, the annual salary will be at a rate of \$30,817 and 1051-0340 Detention Officer at \$30,817. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Got a second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Anything on old business, Sandie? I don't think we have anything under old business.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I had one. We spoke last month of the insurance folks coming to speak to us regarding the jail fire.

Councilmember Raben: I can give you an update on that. I spoke with Dennis Feldhaus this morning. Dennis said that they're nowhere near coming before us and giving us any definitive answers as to how much and when. So he said that they're still preparing their paperwork and they're waiting on some documents from the Sheriff's office that they're still preparing. So hopefully, he said next month that they'll be here to cover it with us.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else want to bring up anything?

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President, I did talk to the state board on the equipment and I will draft a letter and try and pass it around and get it to Sandie to send up there. There's two people that we send a letter to and then they'll send us a response to anything we've got going. They said that we're not out of line wanting this company to get cleared with their equipment. So I think we ought to keep on them to be cleared with their equipment before we go too far with paying them a bunch of money.

President Bassemier: Okay, thank you, Troy.

Councilmember Tornatta: And the second thing I'd like to say is, if we are going to change how we're going to do business on this Council, I'd like to go ahead and get it in writing. So although we did it on the fly today, if we're going to change how we're going to run business and expect a certain attendance at these meetings then

let's get it on paper so all of our officeholders know what policies that we're setting up because if we don't, then we're essentially running this thing on the fly and I don't think that's fair to any officeholder because there are a lot of officeholders that don't make the meetings and we just want to be consistent no matter what the cause, be consistent and put it on paper.

President Bassemier: Well, I was going to say, you're right, Troy. I know there's some that miss a meeting or two, but after missing at least ten or twelve meetings, the Commissioners have missed since January 1, I think Mr. Raben was in line by doing what he did today.

Councilmember Tornatta: Put it on paper and then we'll all know where we're coming from.

President Bassemier: Well, it will be on paper. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, before you get to a motion to adjourn, I mean, before we cut off discussion on that, I mean, obviously, it was a rather big decision made here. I mean, why not have a letter drafted under your signature that speaks to that request and a letter going to all officeholders that would come before us to that effect, that would say that if you don't appear for your request, and I don't know what figure you have in mind regarding how many times they wouldn't appear for their requests, but something that says that if you don't appear for your request then your request would not be considered since that's the action that was taken here today, I mean, I think that would be appropriate to send that out to all officeholders to make them aware of the action of the Council today.

Councilmember Raben: We can do all that. Mr. President, I'm sure you'd be more than happy doing that. But again, its how far do you want to take this? I mean, I'm not concerned if Brad Ellsworth or Eric Williams or John Stoll misses a meeting a quarter or a meeting, you know, once a year. But we have two meetings a month and you don't show up for any of them and you request hundreds of thousands of dollars, that's out of hand. I mean, that's not expected of us to sign off on those kind of funds and certainly the taxpayers don't expect us to, and I don't believe none of us would be here long if we allowed it.

Councilmember Sutton: And all I'm –

Councilmember Raben: I mean, we can draft a policy, but you know, we've never really had this problem before. Never have we had to send letters inviting officeholders to come in and explain their requests. And if letters don't do it, I mean, then its time for corrective action and I think what we did today was a clear signal of correction action.

Councilmember Sutton: And so that it does not come off in a political fashion as has been kind of thrown out on the floor here, that's my request that I think is reasonable that it would be sent to all the people who would appear before this body for some type of request so that all of them understand if the action that was taken here, if that is the case with their particular office –

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, would you establish a policy and bring it before us?

President Bassemier: I know the last twelve years the majority of the officeholders has called their liaison or called somebody and said I'm sorry, I can't make it, but

here's what we have. Mr. Wortman made contact with them over there. We had assurance somebody would be here next week, and I think we've done all we can do and as president of the Council, I want to, somebody make a motion to adjourn. I think we've covered this.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we have anybody that needs to speak out in the audience, might just –

President Bassemier: I think we're grandstanding --

Councilmember Tornatta: There's a lady that needs to speak, Mr. President, and I just think that if there's anybody out in the audience, we owe them the right to speak at our Council meeting. That's all.

President Bassemier: I have no problem with that. I'm sorry, ma'am. Would you come to the podium and introduce yourself and whatever your question is, we'll be more than happy to try to answer it for you.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Connie Whitman: Thank you, you all. I'm Connie Whitman, citizen of Evansville. And I hope to give you all some news you can use today. Like Councilman Bassemier said, a lot can happen in a year. And the jail is on appeal. A year and a half from now the man who appealed his winnings might win that. But that's not even really the point. The new jail doesn't need to built because the old one is only overcrowded because the US Constitution has been totally suspended. I have a copy of it with me. Its nine pages and anybody that wants a copy is welcome to make one. Every single provision of the US Constitution has been suspended. If some of them weren't shipped out to other jails, there would be over 400 in there right now. Ninety percent, its been admitted in the Courier & Press and by Judge Knight and other people, haven't been convicted. If we're presumed innocent until proven guilty, what are they doing in jail? That's why we have bail. I guess the Eighth Amendment has been suspended. The Eighth Amendment says affordable bail. If you can't afford it, then it should be dropped, even if you've committed murder, you're supposed to be out on bail. That's what our founding fathers set up. The first judicial act of the first congress June 1st, 1787 guaranteed us no injury, no crime. I have a newspaper article I dug up that said one homicide in 2001, three homicides in 2003, that's four, not four hundred. And Indiana Criminal rule four says that you have to be tried within a year or your case gets dismissed. That means you get them on out of there and into the big prisons where they're doing their five to ten. A county jail is only for short-term incarcerations. So I think four is quite a bit less than four hundred. Then you have your assaults and robberies and other things that are crimes, I admit that. But if ninety percent of them haven't been convicted, then that means ninety percent of them, there's about 360 need to be let go and there'd be 40 in there. That's a lot less than 268. The jail is not overcrowded. The Courier & Press recently investigated the make up of the jail population or they think they did. My son has C & B felonies pending against him. But Judge Pigman made those felonies up eight days after my son was arrested. He didn't do felony bodily injury. That's ex post facto and prohibited in Article 1, Sections 9 and 10 of the US Constitution. And I couldn't hear them very well there on February 13th, that was eight days after my son was arrested and they weren't using the microphone, so I went straight to the man's house that he supposedly injured to apologize for him injuring, for my son injuring him. He said, what are you talking about? I wasn't even

home. And we apologized and offered to pay for the damage to his shed. My son had hidden in it because they had two cop cars came down the street and thought he was being arrested. He hadn't done anything to be arrested for, but like so many young men who have already been beaten up in the jail for a traffic ticket a couple years ago in Henderson, he ran. I would too, I guess, like a scared rabbit. Anyway, the man even declined our offer of restitution. He said, no big deal, don't worry about it. So two days later on February 15th, 2001, I filed a petition for injunction relief on Judge Pigman, on the jail, on Sheriff Ellsworth and everybody. Sheriff Ellsworth is right, he didn't put those people in there, but the judges did. On 3/5/01, I filed a writ of habeas corpus –

President Bassemier: Ma'am?

Connie Whitman: I'm almost finished. Really, I am. Anyway, I don't flatter myself that a conspiracy this big is just directed at my son, so I assume this is going on a lot. Its been three years and four months and my son hasn't even had an evidentiary hearing. This is why the jail is overcrowded. Its this kind of behavior by the judges is guaranteed to overcrowd the jail. And my son has shipped out to another county and no Evansville lawyer will touch the other county and the other county won't touch the Evansville case. I think that's mighty convenient, too. So if you all would just take a look at the loss of all civil rights. Article 1 prohibits bills of attainder, which is the loss of all civil rights, its punishment without a judicial trial. I think every one of these judges who has contributed to this overcrowding problem should be impeached and prosecuted. Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: And in defense of the judges I will say this, that I was just in a meeting this afternoon with the judges and they are meeting now more than ever before and with the Sheriff's department and the Prosecutor and the defense attorneys to try and remedy some of those issues, if there are issues there. And try and get that population down by any process that they can go through to do that. But that's – I'm just saying in defense of the judges, they are making an effort to meet and try and take some of those things out of the way.

Connie Whitman: Well, they're not trying very hard. My son had his hand broken in the jail March 20th, 2003, four months after we were promised these bogus charges would be dismissed. Had his hand broken by one of the jail staff. John Brinson is supposed to be a good attorney. He let Deaconess Hospital return my son to that very same jail cell, still unconscious from his surgery. So they're not trying very hard.

Councilmember Sutton: Sheriff Ellsworth or Chief Deputy Williams? When is the next meeting scheduled for the task force, the jail committee?

Brad Ellsworth: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Councilmember Sutton: What is that date by chance? I don't have my calendar here with me?

President Bassemier: May I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Wait.

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I'm trying to provide some information here. I thought that would be beneficial for all of us since she's talking about –

President Bassemier: I thought you were just having a conversation, just you and the Sheriff. I didn't know –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Sutton: Let him finish, I guess, if you're still talking or...

President Bassemier: No, I'm waiting for you to, I didn't know if he answered your question.

Councilmember Sutton: Being that we've been discussing this, obviously the jail issue today and the discussion that was just brought before us from the public, obviously that's an area, something that we need to continue to focus attention on and participation has been lacking from – and we don't need to name names, from some of the bodies there. We've had representation from this body there and I think all of us want to continue to be involved with that process and we've discussed about the staffing and also if we can just find out specifically what that date is and just get it on our record. I think it would be very helpful to us.

Brad Ellsworth: 29th, 4:00.

Councilmember Sutton: 29th, 4:00.

Brad Ellsworth: 318.

Councilmember Sutton: Room 318.

Councilmember Raben: I move to adjourn.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.)

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Councilmember Curt Wortman

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Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of August, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome all of you to the August 4th, 2004 County Council meeting. Attendance roll call please.

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

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Bassemier: I need a motion for the approval of the minutes, special meeting June 30, 2004 and the regular meeting July 7, 2004.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Bassemier: Got 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

TREASURER

President Bassemier: Now we'll move into the appropriation ordinance and I'd like to turn it over to our finance chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda is the County Treasurer, and as everyone is aware of, last week we did not have a meeting because we did not have a quorum, so, Mr. President, we're really kind of holding two meetings in one here today. So we'll have to keep our discussion at a minimum to get through this today. So the County Treasurer is stepping towards the podium. If anyone has any questions, we'll discuss the requests and then we'll make a motion after that.

President Bassemier: Z, would you identify yourself?

Z Tuley: Z Tuley, Vanderburgh County Treasurer. Will this discussion include the estimate to additional appropriations for 2004 or not?

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry?

Z Tuley: Will this discussion include the estimated additional appropriations for 2004 as submitted in the budget?

Councilmember Raben: No, this discussion is really just pertaining to your office furniture request for \$264.

Z Tuley: Okay, I came prepared for both because I wasn't sure.

Councilmember Raben: Z, if you could give a brief explanation as to the request.

Z Tuley: I'm requesting an ergonomically correct chair for a specific employee along with a headset. With the duties that this employee has, there is a great deal of phone conversation. They take care of all of the escrows, so there are numerous hours spent with either tax servicing agents or bankers and lending companies direct.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, may I?

President Bassemier: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Mrs. Tuley's office is one of my assignments and we've discussed this. This is per a doctor's order, and I think, I'd like to speak for (inaudible) first of all, the humane thing to do when you've got someone who needs this, as this person does, I checked that out. And we would be certainly mistaken, at least, to not comply with ADA guidelines, and I think this is a place where we can do that reasonably and we should do it. Thank you.

President Bassemier: Anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll entertain a motion to approve account 1030-4210 in the amount of \$264.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second by Mr. Hoy. Anymore discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes. It passes 6-1.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-4210	Office Furniture	264.00	264.00
Total		264.00	264.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

SHERIFF

President Bassemier: Okay, Jim, the Sheriff.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is the Sheriff. And Sheriff Ellsworth is in the audience if anyone has any questions. Following this request we also have some for the Jail that I'm sure he'll be happy to speak on.

President Bassemier: Okay, Sheriff, would you identify yourself please?

Brad Ellsworth: Sheriff Brad Ellsworth.

President Bassemier: Okay, you're asking for some new officers, right? You're asking for Patrolmen, Corporal, Civilian Overtime, would you...

Brad Ellsworth: How do you want to...

President Bassemier: Is that the one you...

Brad Ellsworth: I put in for three deputy sheriff's and a court screener. It's our understanding that the courts will be moving a courtroom over into the front building of the Civic Center Complex and although we weren't a major part of those negotiations, it's my understanding we will be obviously charged with securing that building also and if that's the case, then we would request three deputy sheriffs and a court screener to fulfill those security needs at the new court facility in the Civic Center Complex. I believe the court screen machinery is the X-ray machine and the metal detectors will be included in the budget of the Building Authority. And I'd be glad to answer any questions I could.

Councilmember Winnecke: Are you aware of the timing of the opening of the court facility in the, what is now the Health Department?

Brad Ellsworth: The only thing I know, Councilman, is I that I heard spring of next year and as you know, deputy sheriffs go through an FTO program. They go through basically 12 months of probation and they go to the academy for over three months now, so we may have to eat them for a while, but that would get them in place later next year.

Councilmember Hoy: That's the old Health department space and the Health department, as you know that's another one of my assignments and it looks like we're hopeful that we'll be moving them sometime next month. Of course, we have some remodeling so that's part of the timetable.

Councilmember Sutton: Sheriff, the people that you're proposing to bring on here for this new space that's being made available for courts, it's not, I guess the assumption would be if the people who you are requesting here would move into those positions, but couldn't anyone actually who had an interest in working in that particular, couldn't they, if you have someone existing on staff now who wants to work there, they could by virtue, also apply for those posts as well?

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, we always, based on seniority, we offer that to anyone who, an existing deputy sheriff with seniority would be eligible to move in there. But several of the ones that are in courts now are there by their own request. So it's sometimes not the most desirable job on the agency, but the ones that do want to go, we let them go there and then after that, we make the young guys go.

Councilmember Sutton: So it's not necessarily by assignment first, but more so by those who have expressed an interest in being there.

Brad Ellsworth: Yes.

President Bassemier: Anybody else got any questions? We're not too sure if our mics are on.

Jeff Ahlers: I think they're just all soft spoken.

Councilmember Raben: Okay again, Sheriff, you had stated earlier that the projected move or completion of renovations as far as juvenile taking over the space down there is when?

Brad Ellsworth: I've just heard spring of next year, so I can't really say. Like I say, I've not been privy to exact details, but from what we're hearing through the halls, its May, maybe something like that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and these requests, they are in the budget that we're going to be reviewing starting next week, right?

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, I think we put them in – oh, we have not.

Councilmember Raben: They are not?

Eric Williams: Eric Williams, Sheriff's office. These requests have come about since the preparation of our budget so that's something we'd have to factor in. But no, they did not make it to the budget as it was submitted.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, alright. Mr. President, obviously we're concerned with finances for the balance of this year. I would recommend that we not do anything today on these particular requests. I think we need to visit this, well, we're going to have to visit this starting next week during budget session. As far as the Civilian Overtime, though, that's for existing employees or is that for these?

Brad Ellsworth: No, that's existing employees.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so that's the only request that in my eyes we need to work with today and I'd like to make a motion that we approve 1050-1301 Civilian Overtime in the amount of \$6,000. All other requests set in at zero.

Jeff Ahlers: Set in at zero or defer them?

President Bassemier: Set in at zero or deferring them?

Councilmember Raben: Setting them at zero.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion, do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a second by Mr. Winnecke. Anymore discussion on this?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, obviously since we are going to take it up next week, this new scenario with the additional positions, in all likelihood this will probably be coming back before us here within the next probably month or two, I assume, if we're talking about trying to do something this year as well, but I guess looking at the

budget first and determining where we stand I guess will help us to get an idea of where we're at this year if we're going to do anything. I don't think Councilman Raben's assumption is that it didn't do anything this year. I guess I'm not assuming that.

Councilmember Raben: Right, I mean, my intent would be not to do anything this year but to work with it for the budget for next year.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you, Sheriff, as maybe a help to us and maybe we can make a call to the Building Authority, get maybe an idea, a better idea specifically when that space is going to be available and ready to go over there? That might help us as well, so if we do need to come back this year or if its an '05 thing, then we'll have a better understanding of where we stand.

Brad Ellsworth: Sure, and just, I've said it before, just please remember that this deputy doesn't even count for that first year until I can replace him that first year, and that's why we're asking this year to go ahead and get that process started based on we being told this is being done. And I don't have a lot of – I don't consider that I have any fluff in the current security to man this and send them down the way. There's a lot involved in moving inmates through the Civic Center to this area, the metal detector, the person that mans that, the X-ray machine, and then the deputy that secures in the courtroom and then the two that would actually move inmates and float back and forth. If this is – I put it in now, its not like I've got all these extra people running around the old courts to do it. We can try because we just learned about this and when it might open, so that's why we put it in now.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? I had a motion and a second to set it in at zero, all but Civilian Overtime put in at \$6,000. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1301	Civilian Overtime	6,000.00	6,000.00
1050-1130-0068	Patrolman	4,955.00	0.00
1050-1130-0091	Patrolman	4,955.00	0.00
1050-1130-0104	Corporal	4,955.00	0.00
1050-1130-0230	Court Screener	3,475.00	0.00
1050-1900	FICA	1,403.00	0.00
1050-1910	PERF	192.00	0.00
1050-1920	Insurance	4,000.00	0.00
1050-1911	Sheriff Retirement	1,041.00	0.00
Total		30,976.00	6,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, under Jail, we have four requests, I think most all of us are aware of we've had, I think counting back two months ago we deferred this matter. Last month we approved a request initially for two people and at that time some of us had stated that we'd like to revisit this at another point later on in the year. So I'm going to move that these be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second to set it in at zero. Any questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just for discussion purposes reiterate my position from last month. I think once we get through the next two weeks of the budget hearings I'll have a better feel for where I stand and I think its probably what we need to do.

Councilmember Raben: And again, I think that was the intent of several. We'll see how far this million three takes us over the next month or two and see how we look for the latter part of the year.

Councilmember Tornatta: And since we're so close to budget, I mean, I don't have a problem with that in two weeks, but I hope that when we get done with the budget hearings that we'll have a clear cut answer that we can give the Sheriff on about the number of employees we're looking at because as he said, we're going to have to have some time to train new employees, get them in the system so we can get some things, so we can get everybody settled with the new jail.

President Bassemier: Okay, I had a motion and a second to set it in at zero, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1130-0341	Detention Officer	11,175.00	0.00
1051-1130-0342	Detention Officer	11,175.00	0.00
1051-1130-0343	Detention Officer	11,175.00	0.00
1051-1130-0344	Detention Officer	11,175.00	0.00
1051-1130-0345	Nurse	14,161.00	0.00
1051-1130-0346	EMT	10,229.00	0.00
1051-1900	FICA	8,468.00	0.00
1051-1910	PERF	9,409.00	0.00
1051-1950-1051	Teamsters Edu. Fund	276.00	0.00
Total		87,243.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: I'd like to, on this, Jim, I'd kind of like to refresh everybody's memory on this particular issue. Back in April 2, 2003, this body voted on, and I'll read it to you, the headlines, it says establish policy regarding repeat requests for salary appropriations, salary transfers and salary adjustments or reclassification. And, of course, on this, we've heard this a couple of times now. This was passed by all of us, I'll read it to you. A motion was made by Councilman Winnecke, and says:

"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, a salary adjustment or a reclassification that has been considered by this body, not be reconsidered for a minimum of six months from the date of the original action."

It was seconded by Councilman Tornatta and it passed, so what I'm reading here, that if something does not pass, it cannot be brought before this body for six months. Is that the way you all take it? So that's just a food for thought.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Bassemier, can you give me a little bit more clarification? Which item on the docket for today are you referring to? Are you talking about the one we just discussed or is there another one? Which one are you referring to with this?

President Bassemier: Well, if you remember a few years back we kept having one department head just kept bringing back the same issue, the same issue, and I don't have to mention it, so it was brought to this body, we discussed it. After the meeting I can give you this, it won't –

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm just saying, on our agenda today, which item are you referring to?

President Bassemier: Well, the Detention Officers, that was brought last month and on these same Detention Officers and it was denied, and then we brought it back today. I was just going to go ahead and let them vote, I wasn't going to say, I thought we all would feel the same way with the budget, but we need to kind of address this probably from this point on, that we all voted that unless we change it and vote a different way, that we're not supposed to be hearing these things after six months.

Councilmember Tornatta: Whether it was, maybe should have been in here this month, I might question, but we did say after budget hearings, so we would expect that to be next month that we'd see that. So I don't know if the reference would hold true to this one because we said after budget hearings, whether it was just thrown in there as just to have it in there, I'm not sure, but I don't know that it pertains to this. Now if it comes after, then you might have a question and that would be understandable.

President Bassemier: I just wanted to bring it to everybody's attention.

Councilmember Sutton: Remember, too, as we've kind of had ongoing discussion about this, the Sheriff has shared with us a timetable and then they've also requested on our end, just tell us what the number is, so we haven't gotten to that point yet. Obviously waiting till budget time, so we are going to be reconsidering this, I guess, at some point in time here very soon, so I mean, that situation that you referred to, I recall that situation very well. A little bit different maybe than this one here, based upon what we know with this facility that's going to be opening up. We have to come back and reconsider this in an earlier than six month time window.

President Bassemier: Anybody want to add to that?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President, I might add to that. I think we ought to let the discretion of the president, under unusual circumstances add to that, see. That would be his discretion, he finds out something that keeps coming back, it will come

back. We don't want to keep doing this because its costly and time consuming and everything else. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick, I don't know if this is a question or a comment, but aside from this particular request, Mr. President, is your question do we want to reaffirm the vote that we took two years ago on other request? I mean, is that still – are you asking is that still our position?

President Bassemier: Well, I was going to say, I'd throw that at our counselor here. I think the way it reads is – the body has stayed the same here. You know, we all voted on it, the same faces here voted on it –

Councilmember Raben: But I guess the question is, is this body still comfortable with the decision we made two years ago or was it three years ago?

Jeff Ahlers: April 2, 2003, I believe is what the minutes is dated.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so it was just a year ago.

Councilmember Hoy: I think, first of all, that we have agreed on a course of action to look at this during budget hearings and I would certainly continue to commit to that. I remember that discussion, and I can't remember what office it was and that really doesn't matter.

President Bassemier: Community Corrections.

Councilmember Hoy: Its our rule, I don't think that we're legally bound to it. Our counselor might –

Jeff Ahlers: Well, as a matter of course, I mean, by statute it takes a simple majority to suspend a rule, so with four votes you could suspend that rule and as a practical matter, since you're asking for the request, if the request is for employees, once you get four votes, you're going to have to have five votes to get it anyway, so I mean, as a matter of semantics, you're going to end up in the same place, but –

Councilmember Hoy: And my – thank you, because that was my impression is that it is something that we indeed could suspend. I like the rule. I think in this case we might want to suspend it since we have to move the project ahead but I think we ought to just take it a step at a time. We're on a pretty good course and lets see how we do on budget hearings.

President Bassemier: Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Thank you. My point was simply that aside of this issue, which I agree with, I think it was Royce or Troy made the comment that this is a different issue, but in the future, on other issues non-related to this one, is it still our intent to hold with what we voted on a year ago? That was my question.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think it is.

President Bassemier: Phil, I want to stand corrected on that. When I said Community Corrections, it led up, the Sheriff out here wasn't in charge of it at that time. And that's what led up to it, so I don't want to point the finger at the Sheriff, but that's, remember that one issue came up about four times and almost wore us down. But okay, moving on.

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next is the County Coroner, we have a request for Diagnostic Studies in the amount of \$15,000, Autopsies in the amount of \$40,000. I'm sure Don will give us an explanation as to why we need those funds. I guess my question would be, Don, is there a possibility that we could get by with less?

Don Erk: Don Erk, Vanderburgh County Coroner's office, for the record. I have no way, Jim, of knowing what the rest of the year holds for me. I can only tell you that I think if you look back, I requested \$150,000, I thought that was a reasonable figure. It would be close to what I would need. I think that's going to turn out to be very close. The \$40,000 is what I believe it will take to get me through this year. Obviously, I understand the Council has problems financially. I have no objections to coming back once a month. I do have to pay these doctors and there's not much I can do about that. Any unexplained death, I have a duty to investigate it and that's where I'm at.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I was assigned to this department for a long time, until this year, in fact, and one of the things I appreciate about Mr. Erk is that when he comes to us at budget time, he does not come to us with inflated budgets and I want to put that on record because that's one of the offices that you can look at his figures and say those are realistic, accurate, and he's doing his best to keep within his budget. And so this is a – with that experience, I know that this is probably a realistic request. If we need to trim it a bit, I'd be okay with that, but it's something we have to do, as we all know.

Councilmember Wortman: You've been very agreeable with us through the past and you did reduce it and I think it's with your cooperation, and I think you deserve it.

Don Erk: I thank you and I appreciate it. Like I say, I'll work with the Council any way that I can. If that's in a smaller amount or whatever, I think what I've given you is a realistic figure of what it will approximately run for the end of the year. We can hope for the best and I hope that I don't have any more the rest of the year, but I don't think that's realistic.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I'm going to move that we set 1070-3640 Diagnostic Studies in at \$15,000 and 1070-3650 Autopsies in at \$40,000.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Bassemier: Second by Mr. Raben. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-3640	Diagnostic Studies	15,000.00	15,000.00
1070-3650	Autopsies	40,000.00	40,000.00
Total		55,000.00	55,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Next under County Commissioners, and Tammy McKinney is in the office, I did receive an email from Commissioner Fanello, she was here last week but we didn't have our meeting and she is unavailable this afternoon, so Tammy is here to represent them. Tammy, I guess the only question, I'm okay with the unemployment, I'm familiar with the request for Hillcrest-Washington and the rent, the postage, do you have any feel for that as to how much that could possibly be cut back for the balance of the year?

Tammy McKinney: Tammy McKinney, Superintendent of Buildings for the County Commissioners. This is, this figure came from the Purchasing department. I asked them to estimate a figure that they think they would need and this came from them.

Councilmember Hoy: Is this a figure that will carry us through the year?

Tammy McKinney: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: That's their estimate?

Tammy McKinney: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: How does that seem to compare with what we've, if we approve this appropriation, will that put us in line generally with what we've spent say, over the last couple of years on the postage?

Tammy McKinney: With last year, it will put us right in line with what we did last year. I think right now the current, what I have left in that account is around \$47,000.

Councilmember Wortman: See, I think all these figures are in line, what she's requested here, thank you.

President Bassemier: Okay, anymore questions? Jim, you want to go ahead and make your motion?

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, Mr. President, I was looking for an up to date balance on that account but it will probably take me longer to find it than we have here today.

Tammy McKinney: I think it's right around \$47,000.

Councilmember Winnecke: Forty-seven six.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I think what we have today in our yellow folder is probably a little more up to date than what we're looking at here. Okay, Mr. President, I'm fine with that. I guess I'd like to make one statement, that this is a big one that we know every year is going to come back to hit us and I do hope, though, that we're doing everything we can to curtail unneeded postage which, its been an ongoing problem. When the existing Commission walked into the office it was a problem and, you know, its been a problem for years and years, and I don't know how we can ever slow this down, but it keeps getting bigger and bigger.

Tammy McKinney: I think a lot of it has to do with the certified mailings that have to go out by the courts.

President Bassemier: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I think you're right on that. I think one thing, I don't know, –

Tammy McKinney: Increased child support checks that go out.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, the comment I'm about to make is, Computer Services has made mailboxes available for us, those of us who have email, not all of us do, but there is a lot of things that come in, you know, that could be sent by email. I don't need a hard copy of certain things. If we could get that across and those of us who have computers at home had a mailbox, we do with the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, I finally learned what that acronym stands for, PTABOA, what we do with that, what the Assessors office does is, they send all of that stuff by email and then we can review it on the screen and then make decisions as to how much ink we want to waste at home or in our office on that. And you don't need to print all that. You know, you just need to look at some of it. I don't know a way to cut the bill but its certainly a modern way of doing things and it would get some things to me quicker anyway.

Tammy McKinney: I know as far as all offices, I think that Patty tries to email as much as she can and everything else we put in the box down in Purchasing.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, she's very good about doing that.

Councilmember Raben: And like I said, I know your office didn't create this problem, you inherited it, but it would be nice to see this thing at some point working in the other direction.

President Bassemier: Jim, is there a motion in there?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, some place. I'm going to move that we approve 1300-1930 through 1300-3600 in the amount of \$165,850.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Okay, I've got a motion and a second. Anymore discussion on this? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-1930	Unemployment	15,000.00	15,000.00
1300-3021	Hillcrest-Washington	23,000.00	23,000.00
1300-3120	Postage/Freight	120,000.00	120,000.00
1300-3600	Rent	7,850.00	7,850.00
Total		165,850.00	165,850.00

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Bassemier: Okay, next under Superintendent of County Buildings, we have 1310-1990, this line I'm going to set in – or I move that we set this in at \$4,228 and along with that, insert a line 1310-1900 FICA in the amount of \$322, and 1310-3200 Utilities \$30,000, for a total request of \$34,550, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: We have a motion and who seconded? Do I have a second? Mr. Wortman? Okay. Any more discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CO. BLDGS.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-1990	Extra Help	4,550.00	4,228.00
1310-1900	FICA	0.00	322.00
1310-3200	Utilities	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total		34,550.00	34,550.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Next under Drug and Alcohol Deferral, I know Bill Campbell is in the audience –

Tammy McKinney: Jim, can we do the appropriation for the Miscellaneous Equipment?

CCD/COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Sure, okay. Let me back up just a moment, Bill. Keep your seat. Mr. President, under County Commissioners CCD Fund, line 2031-1300-4250 Miscellaneous Equipment I'll move that that be set in at zero and along with that, well, we'll deal with transfers when they come, so I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and second, and that's another one that's been before us. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'd just like to make one comment and that is, I think, and I've heard this on this Council, that we do want as much open government as possible, and we would like in better times to have this, I speak for myself here, but I think the sentiment is there, but I think that at this time with the budget like we've seen it, I don't think its appropriate to be spending money when we could possibly use some money out of the CCD to pay a bill. So I vote yes to setting it at zero.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CCD/COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1300-4250	Misc. Equipment	63,000.00	0.00
Total		63,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Tammy McKinney: Now, Commissioner Fanello gave me a letter that she wanted me to read into the minutes.

President Bassemier: What's it in reference to?

Tammy McKinney: Its in reference to the televising of the Commissioner and Council meetings. There should have been a copy on your desk.

President Bassemier: You won't have to read it. We have copies.

Tammy McKinney: Okay.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Next is Drug and Alcohol Deferral, the request is for computers and some software in the amount of \$19,000. I'll probably defer all these questions or allow Councilman Tornatta, I know he worked with Bill on coming up with a package to try to get you guys into the –

Bill Campbell: Well, last time I was here I just wanted two typewriters and five or six, I think cabinets, but at your urging I'm ready to join the 21st century and ask for \$19,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, are we going to put a historical marker on this in brass or something, Bill?

Councilmember Tornatta: It's the seal that costs a lot, certifying him into the 21st century. But no, Bill was gracious to let me come in there and look through some of his things and check out how he was doing business. Although he is very efficient in the way he does business, at times its not as effective as it could be possibly by upgrading his system. And everybody is on his side and really works well with his system, but when we got in there and discovered a couple of ways that we could maybe further his office along, they were all real happy with looking at it and I really appreciated just working well with him. We kind of looked at some different opportunities to get this thing moved up. Had some prices and weren't real satisfied with them. Went to ACS and had them go about finding out exactly how they could best serve us and they came in with a price almost half of what we looked at. And then it was a \$19,000 figure. They whittled it down a little bit more. The actual figure that we'd like to look at today is \$16,232 and that was all done by ACS working with the systems and the people at Greg Baker, the new director, just trying to come up with a great opportunity to move this office on. They are getting some upgrades with the new system out of the courts. And so with this tie in, he should be all up to snuff and then the next, you know, the next time a director would come in, they would have this system all there ready for them. So I think it's a great opportunity to move this office forward. And you've done such a fantastic job of always keeping your budget low and keeping things in line –

Bill Campbell: I'm glad you noticed.

Councilmember Tornatta: – need to pick it up.

Bill Campbell: Thank you.

President Bassemier: Jim, you think before we approve this appropriation, we ought to see something in writing or something, what we're getting for our buck or –

Councilmember Raben: Well, let me offer a quick comment or a suggestion here and I think – I don't know if it was my esteemed colleague to my left that suggested this or which member suggested this, but I think there is a great need for doing just what Troy is talking about doing, just trying to get them somewhat modernized. But its been suggested that we look at some of the existing computers that we have in fact already pulled from other offices and are going to be. January 1, I think we get new Kronos software and, as an example, the two computers that our Executive Assistant and her assistant uses will not run that software and I think the Commissioners replaced like two or three computers this year that were only like a year and a half or two years old. So we may have some equipment that we can install this new software on.

Councilmember Tornatta: We kind of reviewed that. We're going off the specifications that have to be set up by Courtview and so with those specifications, we had to have these computers. Now the computers that he had, I had when I was a kid, so I'm just saying that they've kind of went through all the computers that they've had an opportunity to, to get this going. I mean, they've done a fantastic job, but I think in this case, we probably need to do, I think it might be \$600 a unit. So we're not talking about elaborate...\$1,000, \$1,600, \$2,500 a unit. Six hundred dollars a unit gets him to where he needs to be on this and so I really don't think we're going that far out on a limb.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, we've been through this. I'm not sure what I said, although I am to the left of Mr. Raben, that's a joke. That's true. Raben understands. Anyway, but we do have to make it compatible with Courtview. So I think maybe we need to go ahead. Since I have the mic, though, I've worked with Mr. Campbell for a long time, you know, before you did, Mr. Tornatta, and you're quite right – I got the bell. Long time.

President Bassemier: Yeah, change the tape.

(Tape changed)

President Bassemier: We're ready, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: It's a contest between the preacher and deacon. It's a preach off and they say in certain churches. But I admire the work that you do in your counseling which is really what you're there for and you've kept your records well, but I'd have to support shifting this over.

Bill Campbell: Well, as I'll say next month, I appreciate your all's support.

Councilmember Hoy: Put enough money in your budget for paper, though, because I assure you, your computer will not save paper. As I quote my good friend Jim Daniels, it will be an aphrodisiac for it.

President Bassemier: Anymore questions?

Bill Campbell: With the pine tree, I'm on the endangered species list.

President Bassemier: We need a motion and a second. Jim, we need a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, Mr. President, our Executive Assistant had just mentioned that Sarah's computer is hooked up to Courtview or set up for Courtview –

Councilmember Sutton: Could you speak up just a little bit? I couldn't hear you.

Councilmember Raben: That one of our computers is already set up for Courtview, that I was talking about possibly moving over. I'm going to make the motion to approve this 1371-3370 in the amount of \$16,232, but would only ask that before we do anything, that we do look at that existing equipment and where we can, please use equipment that we're otherwise going to have to replace to run a software package –

Bill Campbell: I might add parenthetically, I still need some filing cabinets.

Councilmember Raben Don't spend it on file cabinets. We're approving computers. But again, I would only ask that – and Councilman Tornatta, if you would please look into that because its quite possible that we do have three or four other computers that would run this software.

Councilmember Tornatta: We can do it.

President Bassemier: Troy, was that \$16,234 or 32?

Councilmember Tornatta: \$16,232.

President Bassemier: Okay, thank you. Okay, we've got 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1371-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	19,000.00	16,232.00
Total		19,000.00	16,232.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Bassemier, though its not on, its just kind of a related matter, training wise, how are you guys intending to kind of pursue that as you get updated here with your equipment? Is there some cost going to be associated with that, that we should anticipate coming our way?

Bill Campbell: I would certainly hope that the contract provides for that, because certainly we're going to need that. Now a couple of people are pretty well up to

speed in regard to Courtview, obviously, interact with it a number of times a day, but as we coordinate the process, we're going to need some help.

Councilmember Sutton: If that does become an issue, obviously you want to –

Bill Campbell: Pardon me?

Councilmember Sutton: I said if that does become an issue, where there's some additional costs that were unanticipated, if you could get back with us on that, but if we – we may have enough wiggle room where you might be able to squeeze the training dollars –

Bill Campbell: Well, I appreciate that.

President Bassemier: Thank you.

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Next is Burdette Park. We have a request under 1450-1180-1450 Other Employees in the amount of \$40,000 and FICA for a total of \$43,060. Mr. President, this is a standard request that we see about this time every year. These funds are quietused back into the General Fund through the float stand cash cards. So its pretty much a wash. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Bassemier: Any questions?

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette Park.

President Bassemier: Jim, did you make a motion?

Councilmember Raben: That was a motion, yes.

President Bassemier: Okay. Any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, while he's here, how are we looking on revenue this year for the pool?

Steve Craig: The middle of June, I went through the receipts and that, and we were up about \$77,000 for the whole park for the year. And the pool was up at \$35,000 at that time. But since then we've had a little strange turn of weather for July having the cold that we did and rain on weekends, so I'm not guaranteeing you that number is correct. It could be the same or it could be a little bit lower just because of the way the weather's been.

Councilmember Sutton: And anticipating when kids go back to school or college kids, do you still plan on kind of pursuing the same plans like you've done before, adding a little bit of additional incentive to get a few kids to come back? What's the thought there?

Steve Craig: Yeah, for the life guards and the day camp and that, there is an incentive for them to work to the end of the year because in the past we've got to the point where no one would come back and we had a hard time staffing the aquatic center because most of our older guards and that are in college and they're back at college and its, some of them a long drive, some of them can't even make the drive, they go to school in Florida, Utah, whatever, and they can't come back, so we do

have an incentive program for them to come back.

President Bassemier: Okay. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	40,000.00	40,000.00
1450-1900	FICA	3,060.00	3,060.00
Total		43,060.00	43,060.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Reassessment, we have 2490-1091-1180 PTABOA Members in the amount of \$4,000 and 2490-1091-3530 Contractual Services, for a total request of \$9,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Have a motion and a second. Any discussion for Cheryl?

Councilmember Tornatta: Just curious. Contractual Services, what does that have to do with?

Cheryl Musgrave: This is the PTABOA Members and attorney.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: What are we down to now?

Cheryl Musgrave: I knew you would ask. We have a report if you'd like to me to distribute it.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I'm very aware of this.

Cheryl Musgrave: I'm happy to report that out of the 3,742 appeals filed, only 869 are pending. I have some other interesting information for you. While the number of appeals filed and pending are interesting, you should know that the total appeals were 11.56 percent of the entire assessed valuation of the county for real estate. Right now we're at 8.8 billion for real property. Of that total, more than one billion was appealed to the PTABOA. At this point in time, 6.4 percent or 1 percent of the total assessed valuation is still pending, so we have moved quite a bit off our desks and the spreadsheets that you have in front of you detail these numbers entirely. So of the original one billion in assessed valuation that we had appealed, we now have 565,000,000 pending. So we're way through in numbers, but only halfway through in the assessed valuation that was originally appealed. So I thought you might be interested in some more of these numbers, food for thought. And you can see it broken down by township.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Cheryl. Any questions? I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/PTABOA		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1091-1180	PTABOA Member	4,000.00	4,000.00
2490-1091-3530	Contractual Services	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		9,000.00	9,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/GERMAN TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next under Reassessment/German Township Assessor, I did speak with Tim on this. He was unable to attend today, this request is for \$500. I think if you look back, I couldn't tell you the last time we've made an appropriation through the course of a year for German Township Assessor's office. Its been a number of years, but he has run out of money in Office Supplies and is asking for \$500.

President Bassemier: Okay, that's in the form of a motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/GERMAN TWP. ASSESSOR REQUESTED APPROVED

2490-1120-2600	Office Supplies	500.00	500.00
Total		500.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Next, Mr. President, under Knight Township Assessor, 2490-1130-1920 Insurance in the amount of \$4,200, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR REQUESTED APPROVED

2490-1130-1920	Insurance	4,200.00	4,200.00
Total		4,200.00	4,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CORONER
COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Next under transfers, under County Coroner, I'll move that those transfers be approved as listed. County Commissioners, that request be set in at zero and I'll stop there. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second to set in at zero. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1070-2410	Body Transport	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-2710	Color Film	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-3190	Solid Waste Disposal	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1070-2210	Gas & Oil	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-3540	Maintenance Contract	3,000.00	3,000.00

COMMISSIONERS**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 1300-3860	Contractual Computer	15,200.00	0.00
To: 1300-3530	Contractual Services	15,200.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next under County Assessor, I did have a question on that one, Cheryl, if you could come to the microphone once again. On Office Supplies, the transfer into Office Supplies, what is that for?

Tammy Elkins: Tammy Elkins, Chief Deputy at the County Assessor's Office. That's basically for the increase in paper that we've had during the reassessment process, paper, envelopes, that type of thing. We've just seen an increase in that type of spending based on I guess the amount of paperwork that we're pushing.

Councilmember Raben: As far as, and I apologize that we weren't able to have this discussion last week, but I think I'm comfortable with that, and unlike some of the other requests that we've seen today for pens and paper like with German Township Assessor and maybe the \$200 office chair, at this time, I don't really think we need to look at possibly spending monies on items such as office furniture. So what I'd like to do at this time, I'd like to make a motion that we approve the transfer from 2490-1090-3700 to 2490-1090-2600 in the amount of \$2,000, then the transfer request for 2490-1090-3130 be set in at zero and the 2490-1090-4210 be set in at zero. So the total would be \$2,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Bassemier: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a second by Mr. Winnecke. Cheryl, I'd like to ask you a question on that office furniture. I hate to – is yours really, really bad? Pretty poor in there or --?

Cheryl Musgrave: It's a collection of desks that were obtained from the basement several years ago and the person who is working at these desks is the person who handles all the appeal files and they are stacked under her feet, all over these desks all around. She is having to process paperwork on her lap. This is a difficult situation. This is a transfer. We try to replace one desk a year. We still would have three more desks after this, but we have to spread them out. So this particular desk is difficult and I don't believe any of you would ask your employees to work in the same environment.

President Bassemier: We have a second. Jim, I'd go along with that. Can we hear that separately? I hate to –

Councilmember Tornatta: We have a roll call vote, don't we?

President Bassemier: You broke it up, so can we, the Office Furniture, you set that in at zero.

Councilmember Raben I don't care, it will probably be quicker, so I'll amend my

motion to be, I move that we approve the transfer from account 2490-1090-3700 to 2490-1090-2600 in the amount of \$2,000. Is everyone clear on the...again, the motion –

Councilmember Sutton: One more time, Jim. Are you trying to separate out the two different items?

Councilmember Raben: That's what he's asking us to do.

President Bassemier: You're doing the second one, the furniture next?

Councilmember Raben: I am transferring \$2,000 from Dues and Subscriptions to Office Supplies. That's what the motion is.

President Bassemier: I need a second.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second it to get it on the floor unless, Mr. Wortman, did you second it?

Councilmember Tornatta: Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll amend the second.

President Bassemier: Alright, need a roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Next, Mr. President, I move 2490-1090-3130 be set in at zero and 2490-1090-4210 be set in at zero.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Bassemier: Okay, and I got a second by Mr. Sutton. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: No.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Bassemier opposed)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1090-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	2,000.00	2,000.00
2490-1090-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00	0.00
To: 2490-1090-4210	Office Furniture	2,000.00	0.00
2490-1090-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: And last is Local Emergency Plan Commission, Mr. President, I'll move that we approve 2861-3370 in the amount of \$900 be transferred to account 2861-3210 Emergency Management, for a total of \$900.

President Bassemier: I have a motion, can I have a second on that please?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2861-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	900.00	900.00
To: 2861-3210	Emergency Mgmt.	900.00	900.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Bassemier: Late transfer, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Cum Bridge, I'll move that we approve 2030-2600 to account 2030-3370 for a total of \$1,854.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-2600	Office Supplies	1,854.00	1,854.00
To: 2030-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	1,854.00	1,854.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Bassemier: There's no repeals and now we're moving into salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move that under Superintendent of County Buildings we amend salary line 1310-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. Burdette Park salary line 1450-1180 Other Employees as previously adopted. PTABOA, I move we amend salary line 2490-1091-1180 as previously adopted. Under the Sheriff's department, amend salary line 1050-1301 Civilian Overtime as previously adopted. And that's my motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Any discussion on that? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

OLD BUSINESS

**CITY COUNCIL TAX ABATEMENT RESOLUTION AND GUIDELINES
ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT**

President Bassemier: Moving to old business, I think Mr. Hoy has something he'd like to share with us under old business.

Councilmember Hoy: I gave you all a copy of the resolution of the City Council on tax abatement. These are their guidelines. As a body, we've asked for these before and so I went down to DMD and got a copy and made these copies available. I don't want to do anything else with them today except present them to the Council. I would like for us to look them over and see where we might...we might adopt them in totality, we might not. But its something we have discussed. I have a question in addition to that, Mr. President. Did anybody get to meet with the voting machine folks today? I did not.

President Bassemier: No, I –

Councilmember Hoy: I am getting, since I raised a lot of questions and some of the rest of you did, too, about electronic voting. I've had a lot more phone calls since, a lot of concern, bipartisan concern about how easy these are to hack into. In the latest issue of City and County, one of the magazines we all get, we're talking about an establishment article, we're not talking about somebody out in the wilderness writing about this. I don't know, I'm just concerned about it and I just wanted to mention that concern because if our citizens can't depend on the voting equipment, then it casts a great shadow on government itself. I wish that we had required that there be a paper trail on this, a better paper trail than there is. That's just a

comment, Mr. President, that's all.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Hoy, I talked to the gentleman that was supposed to be here, called him on the phone and I know we've had some issues about how they're paid and what the situation is. He fully understands why we're doing what we're doing on the pay side. He understands that he has to get his service certified and get the firmware certified and so I think that was part of the message I was supposed to bring back, that he understands that. I would have went down there but I don't have any questions until he gets this thing certified, because until that happens, we're kind of in limbo.

Councilmember Hoy: My questions go beyond just certification. I think that's terribly important and I don't think we should pay the bill either until its certified, but it goes beyond that to can we trust electronic equipment without some sort of safeguards built in and I really question that we can and I just want the Council to be alert and I think we need to do our homework on that.

Councilmember Raben: Could I just make one point? And I may not have understood it as well as you, but I think it was not only just equipment that wasn't certified, but certified equipment as well is experiencing the same problems or the possibility for the same to occur, so you know, that part really doesn't matter.

President Bassemier: Anybody else?

Councilmember Hoy: Going back to the abatement, I would request that we maybe take some time after budgets and get some of the other stuff out of our hair because we've got enough there right now to deal with to look at that policy.

President Bassemier: I want to thank you for this and also I wanted to thank Troy for checking out the computers for DADS and you did a good job there, Troy. Appreciate that.

NEW BUSINESS

JOINT CITY/COUNTY BUDGET MEETING

FILING DATE FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2004 COUNCIL MEETING

TIME LIMIT SET FOR REFILING OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS

ADDITIONAL JAIL POD TO HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE INMATES FOR FEE

President Bassemier: Under new business, A, we met last night at our joint meeting. I just want to remind everybody the filing date for September the 1st, 2004 for the County Council meeting will be August the 12th, 2004. And C, we've already addressed that in April of 2003. So do I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Tornatta: New business, just wanted to say that we, a couple of weeks ago, and at the Commissioners' meeting the week before, had talked about getting a group to come up with some ideas or to really take a deep look at the picture of adding an additional pod out to the jail project. All of you, I think, were dropped off a scenario of some of the numbers and we can have Chief Deputy Eric Williams and the Sheriff speak on this if you have any question on that, but these numbers that we have here are some of the numbers that we're looking at not only to run the building, to operate it and what its going to cost. Right now I'd like to have a presentation, I will have a presentation in the future. I've asked that Royce Sutton, who has been working with the numbers on this with me, be a part of this committee,

and also Lloyd Winnecke, who was actually out of town and didn't get a chance to see this and didn't make a comment one way or the other toward it, to assist us to get some numbers pulled together. We're going to talk with the Commissioners in very short order, work the Sheriff, work with some of the judges. I've got a letter that I'll have from the judges stating what their participation will be in the new project and how they will go about doing business as judges on a standard front. It's something that maybe we haven't seen in the past but we are getting all these entities closer together by the continued meetings that they've had since 2001 to try and streamline how we do business on the judicial side and incarceration side and so anyway, that's coming down the pipe very soon, so if all those are in on that side of it as far as Council being on that team, then we're going to run with that and see what findings we can come up with.

President Bassemier: You know, you're making reference to the new jail. I'd still like, if we're going to house state and federal inmates, we ought to look at the old jail. I'm still seeing numbers that maybe you all have not seen because I looked at the budget that the jail operations are 2,385,000, and if we want to house state and federal prisoners at \$41 a head, you're going to get over \$4,000,000, so that's about \$1.6 million after paying the operations and that's not counting the Commissary. So I agree with you 100%, you're going to have to have more employees, but still, the bottom line is, I think it's about as much or more without adding a new pod out there, its 256 beds, and we don't have a debt service out there on the new facility.

Councilmember Tornatta: And my question to you is, do you also think then in a span of five to ten years, that we will need another pod on that jail?

President Bassemier: Well, I hope not, but I can't look in that crystal ball, but I know history kind of – you can go back in history, you build it and they'll come. And I'm afraid if we start housing state and federal prisoners, we're going to fill up with our own, and won't have any room for the state and federal and then we still have that debt service with no income coming in. That's a possibility I'm kind of worried about.

Councilmember Sutton: Perhaps maybe as we pursue this, maybe looking at some scenarios that would explore existing space and then a new pod would be very valuable to all of us in seeing what might be maybe the best route to take if we choose to go this particular route. But good information never hurt.

President Bassemier: Oh, I tell you what, I personally always like to keep the doors open for anything, but before I go any further, I need to ask if we should go any farther with this, this is not on the agenda and it's running late and if we want to set it up and get it on, it's up to you folks, but it's not on our agenda for today under new business.

Councilmember Winnecke: I think what Councilman Tornatta is suggesting is that he makes a presentation at a later meeting.

Councilmember Tornatta: Oh yeah, I said because this all was presented all of the sudden. We are still trying to get some numbers and trying to make it palatable for everybody if that's the case. And we want an honest look at it. We want both sides to look at things and make an agreement that is best for the county as opposed to throwing it out.

President Bassemier: Sure, and I think we've addressed this in the last couple of months. We still have to wait until after budget hearings and see how much money we're going to have in there, but I'll agree with you, I have no problem with that.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, could I make one comment? I didn't really know we were going to get into this discussion today, but it is an important comment to make because of where we're heading next week and what process we begin next week. But you know, with this plan or this consideration of adding this additional pod, there must be a plan to fund it and I'm curious as to what that plan is because we may need to know that before Tuesday of next week. I mean, I'm sure there is a plan. What is the plan for funding it?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, part of the plan to fund it, we're laying this out for revenue. We're showing a revenue stream –

Councilmember Raben: That's revenue but that's not funding. You have to have debt service, operational cost, everything, in that budget, so your budget is going to grow by that much. We're allowed to grow 5% annually, so you have to have a plan for funding it. Now is it not giving employee pay raises, is it cutting back other departments, staffing? You know, there's got to be a way to fund it. You can't fund it with the existing revenues we have.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, under that same line of questions, I mean, the assumption was that we'd set aside 2.7 a year to pay for the 35 million dollar project and, you know, we haven't funded that for the last two years and obviously we know this project will be completed next year under the present pace that they're going but we don't have a plan yet on that to cover that particular cost. So, I mean, I think all those different things are things we really need to give some consideration to.

Councilmember Raben: Well, that's something that's got to be brought forth before next Tuesday. Again, –

Councilmember Sutton: The 35 million or the 5 million? Which one are you –

Councilmember Raben: Five million and how you plan to fund it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm talking about the 35 as well. I mean, I think there really isn't a plan in place to pay for that.

Councilmember Raben: Oh sure. The Commissioners have already put that in place. They've dedicated debt service with property tax for that. They're going to increase property tax by X amount of dollars to make debt service. That's been taken care of. But my question is, you have to fund this. It doesn't matter if it makes you ten dollars or a million, you have to front that money, you have to up front that money. What's the plan for doing it?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, it can be an extension on a bond. You can have an extension on a bond that would fund that project.

Councilmember Raben: Now, you're going to borrow money to operate it?

Councilmember Tornatta: You're borrowing money to build the project. We'll pay for it with those that come in and use the service

Councilmember Raben: That's not how our budget process works. We have to pay – maybe I'm not doing a very good job of explaining it. Maybe I need to turn it to the Auditor, but you have to budget this money before you can make it, and how do you budget it? Where does the money come from to budget it?

Councilmember Wortman: Raise taxes.

Councilmember Sutton: And the question that we've been talking about the last couple of months, the initial proposal was 50 some odd people to staff the existing facility, now we're down to 32, how do we fund that? That's an operational cost. We don't have the operational cost covered on this. Where does that come from?

Councilmember Raben: That's really the spooky part of this whole additional scenario is the fact that I think most of us, our biggest concern is how are we going to fund the additional 34 people. Let's don't look for more above and beyond that. I mean, the monies have to be inserted in the budget before you can make it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we have an idea from any other source on how you plan on paying for anything? See, I've heard nothing from anybody else on how they want to tackle this issue, so we are trying to come out and get out there and say hey, we're going to try and come out with some funding so that we can tackle these problems. But I've yet to hear anybody say anything other than we'd like to look at a possible, out of the box scenario. I've had nobody else come up with any ideas. This is an idea that we need to look at and that's what we're talking about.

Councilmember Raben: The question is, how do you plan to pay for it? That's all I'm asking.

Councilmember Tornatta: And unfortunately, we don't have every number and that's why we can't even make that presentation today, but we've got a good look at an idea that could work in this county and that I think could gain some support, and it has some support from other entities. We just want to see if its going to work for this county.

Councilmember Raben: And I go back to my question, how do you plan to fund it?

President Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: I mean, quite honestly, it's a dream. I wish as much as you did that we could, but its not possible.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, the last comment that he says was – you were going to say something? Go ahead, I've talked enough.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just say, I mean, I agree with Councilman Raben, I think we do need a funding plan. I think it is certainly worthy, I mean, good information is good information to have, I am anxious, however, for some discussion to become public about how the entities that really control the census of the jail to talk about what they're doing to increase the efficiencies. I think its pretty easy to come before this body and ask for millions of dollars or hundreds of thousands of dollars, but I'd like to hear some really good, honest dialogue in the public domain on how the entities that really control the census are going to do to improve the efficiencies, because as we sit here today, I am unaware of any public discussion to that point. We build, we open a new pod, built it and opened it tomorrow, what's in place to see that we don't have the same situation that we have today? So I'd like to see that discussion take place, but for the purpose of gathering information, I'll serve on this committee.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you. And I will say one thing, that Judge Trockman was here to address some issues that I think we all have had concerns with and he is drafting a letter for the judges that will address some of those issues and will be happy to speak at any time.

President Bassemier: I think Lloyd Winnecke made a good point. I think it ought to be opened up to the public. I remember six years ago it was brought up, the same thing, house state and federal prisoners and the feedback was, do we want a penitentiary in Vanderburgh County? And it was brought up six years ago. And there's nothing new about housing state and federal prisoners (inaudible, microphone not turned on).

Councilmember Sutton: Let's make sure we're clear. I don't think there's any emphasis or anybody that's talking about a penitentiary or housing – let me finish – I didn't finish. I don't think there's any discussions where this is talking about permanent housing through the full sentence that a federal inmate or a state inmate may have executed upon them. I don't think that's really what's being discussed here, which is different from other facilities that do that type of thing. So I guess when we talk about this issue, until we've got something before us, some type of spreadsheet, some numbers, whether it works or whether it doesn't work, can we take an opportunity to take a look at it? I guess that's what is being requested here, before we jump to some conclusion that it will work or it will not work one way or another. And just what I'm hearing here, we're not maybe basing it on fact. Let's do our homework and find out what does work for us.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

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

Councilmember Hoy: Three things: I agree with Mr. Winnecke about the public presentation, I think that's terribly important because, as you all know, I just simply think we have too many people in prison in this country, there's something wrong with our whole system. It simply is not working and we need to look at that. But going back to Mr. Raben's question, and I may be mistaken on what you were asking, it was a question of the Auditor. We have a state cap. Now if we build another pod and its staffed, the funding for that staffing still has to come under the cap or does it not?

Bill Fluty: Yes, it does.

Councilmember Hoy: It does. So that may not allow us to do this with that cap. I need to know more about that from the Auditor and then I have one more comment, sir, and I'm finished.

Bill Fluty: I really think it's a timing issue. You're going to try to find the money to build it and you're going to do a new bond and there will be payments for that. Those will be set back a couple of years. But then you're going to staff it and you're going to have to find that money. And that money, you're going to have to find before you actually bring any money in. So that's going to fall in the general fund. So there's the problem, to find that staffing money and operational money before you start seeing revenues. It's a time line issue.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, and the legislative cap then will put some limits on us. That's my concern.

Bill Fluty: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: On this committee that is going to meet, I think you, as president, should appoint that committee. You appointed a previous committee that never met and I think its your prerogative to appoint this. I have no objection to the members of that committee, but I would hope this time the committee would meet.

Councilmember Raben: Could I make one comment that may make this a little easier to understand? I don't have my budget book with me for next week, but the budget requests are like \$57,700,000, something along those lines. Okay, we're probably going to have to cut 3 to 5 million dollars out of those requests as they are. If you really want this, you've got to look at what those staffing and all the operational costs, if it's a million dollars, million two, million five, you have to add that to that 57 million number. So you're also going to have to cut that budget consequently by that amount of money. So that's what I'm saying, we are under the gun. If you're for this, Tuesday we need to know what those cuts are. Where do you plan to take it out of our budget, an additional whatever it is, million, million five, whatever it takes to operate this, Tuesday we need to know where you want to take it from. In addition to the 3 to 5 million we're already going to have to cut.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't think anybody is going to show up on Tuesday prepared to make all the cuts that's going to be necessary to be made to the budget.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I mean –

Councilmember Sutton: But that sounds good, but just the ordinary cuts, that's why we're going to bring a lot of people before us to hear their budgets and make some really hard decisions that we all have to make. But as far as next Tuesday, I don't think anyone is going to be in a position to say, okay, this is where the ax falls.

Councilmember Raben: But these costs start to taking place next year. That's my only point.

Councilmember Sutton: By the time the end of the budget process comes, yeah, we need to know exactly where it falls.

Councilmember Wortman: I think we've got to cut five and a half million instead of 3 to 5.

Bill Fluty: Right now, we're still gathering figures. We don't have our COIT numbers, they're supposed to be here in 6 to 7 days. Preliminary says they're going to be lower. That's almost 45% of our miscellaneous revenue. So that will impact us. That will directly affect our budget in what we can fund. We have our health insurance, we hope it will come in and they will be coming in this month, so that may help us, but they have always gone up. So fitting 34 new employees into a budget, they've asked for 57,786,000, there's requests that have come in after the fact that have raised that almost to 58.5. You will be cutting somewhere under 53 million at this preliminary stage. But some of that is going to come out next week and the following week.

President Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Brad Ellsworth: Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff of Vanderburgh County. I called the news conference last week really as a result of a couple of things. Within the last two months, two of the Councilmembers, President Bassemier, you asked me, Sheriff,

are we going to rent any of these beds to feds and DOC's? And I said I didn't think so at the 512 number. That prompted some of this. Councilman Wortman, you asked me, Sheriff, how are we going to pay for this? I don't know. I went back to the drawing board, this is one, we're looking at a new thing. It sounds like people are getting really nervous and upset about a proposal going back to the election six years ago. I'd like to see minutes, if it was minute meeting. If it was a neighborhood, I don't know if I ever said a penitentiary or bringing that, but this has always been out here. In 2003, I wrote a letter to the Council and Commission, both bodies, proposing something like this or looking at this, when the bonding came in low and never got a response from anybody, a two page letter, and I've still got those letters if you want to refresh your memories. So its not a new idea, its just an idea. When people ask me, how are we going to pay for it? I don't know if you bond this or not. I don't know if you can take out a loan, you know, I might come up next week and say, you know, should we have a car wash to do this? But I don't think so. But its just a proposal. I proposed that a committee get together. Mr. President, your idea about looking at the current county jail is a great idea but the night I called this, I heard, I watched tv and everybody said, I heard a Councilman say he'd never consider doing that. I had a Councilman say it's the most ridiculous thing he'd ever heard of. You know, I don't know if its ridiculous. Like I said, I think we just need to sit down in a room and if it doesn't work, it doesn't work, and we'll go to plan B. But if there's nothing – its not a horrible proposal. Counties are doing this. Ask Warrick County. As St. Joe County. Let's ask somebody besides Daviess County, too. Daviess County, Indiana is making a ton off inmates. People do this. Its not, you know, a big secret or anything. I'm just saying, if you're going to ask me how to pay for it, this isn't the only solution, lets sit down with a bipartisan committee and look at this. If its not possible, we'll go to something else, but its nothing to get shook about. Its one way that people are making money. Jim, if your thinking is correct, it can't be done, it can't be done and we go to something else. That's my only point in this. Its nothing to get angry about. Its one little thing to look at.

Councilmember Wortman: Are you telling me that a jail can make money?

Brad Ellsworth: I'm telling you, you can help pay for it that way.

Councilmember Wortman: No, I mean make money. That was the question, not pay for it. How can you –

Brad Ellsworth: You can try to twist my words. I'm telling you, you can have an income and profit from – you can help pay it off by – look at what we're paying to other counties, Councilman Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Alright now, the next thing, I forget what year it was, '94 or '95 when Sheriff Hamner was here, the command post out there, the rent, \$7,500 a month. That was supposed to be paid from federal prisoners, it never materialized. Never (inaudible).

Brad Ellsworth: Call Ray. I don't know what you want me to do. He said he could bring that in. If we wouldn't have experienced overcrowding, I don't know what the rent was, he said with the money we bring in from DOC and the money we bring in, I'm not going to, you know, that was before I was involved in this process, but if we check the books and see the amount of money coming in from the Feds and DOC's back in those years, probably the same amount of money, that money goes to the general fund. So it was coming in, whatever you all used it for whether it was rent on the command post – Bill, am I correct, that money that came in from Fed and DOC's goes right to the general fund? And every dollar of that came to you. Now

if he was talking, do you automatically go into that command post rental? I don't know how you all paid it, but I don't know if that dollar amount came in. But then when overcrowding was experienced, and this was under the previous Commissioners, I remember when it got so crowded we said, lets move out any feds and DOC's we have left, we need to move them out. And I'm not saying that's a bad idea because we had so many Vanderburgh County inmates, we couldn't afford to take those in. Its simple math. That's, you know, but that still, the DOC money you get now comes right to you. Any money with DOC, and we do have a couple federal inmates and we do have some DOC's, five days after they're sentenced, its ours. And we're bringing in an amount right now. It goes to you. So that money comes to you. It still does, always has.

President Bassemier: I've got a question. There is a possibility, let's say everything looked good, we could afford it and pay for it and all this, and we open up another pod out there, a third pod, 256 beds, is there a possibility, though, that our own inmates could fill this and do the same thing it did in the past, where we're taking federal prisoners out because we don't have room? Is that possible?

Brad Ellsworth: If Vanderburgh County needs that, and that's where you have to – I can't tell you there's a guarantee, but even the PMSI study and people keep talking about that, they recommended building 500 with the expansion to 700. Do we need that right now? I remember in those meetings and I said this Monday night, the reason they said, and I can't remember if anybody here attended all those meetings, but they said, you know, that would probably be acceptable to the public to build 5 now. I think they knew then that 6 - 650 was more of a number that we really needed. I don't make these criminals out there, you know, I don't arrest most of them. They bring them in and we have to house them, so I can't, you know, I apologize for being the one that has to, you know, comes to you with that, but its, like I said, Evansville Police Department arrests 90% of the people in that jail.

Councilmember Sutton: That's where, I think what Councilman Winnecke, his discussion is very important to this whole discussion. As we look at this existing facility and if we're even talking about an additional pod, that communication with all those involved in the judicial system is going to have to continue so that we don't find ourselves with prisoner creep, so that we don't have additional needs that we can't field and we end up seeing additional prisoners sent to different places like we're doing right now. So even though we're going to have more beds as this new jail is finished, its still going to be a lot of work that needs to be done to make sure this system works right and how it works now may not be the same type of things that we have to do when the new jail opens up and so I think we're going to have to get a lot of people to the table to really rethink what the best approach is for Vanderburgh County so that we don't have this serious problem where we end up destroying all the scenarios that have been discussed.

Brad Ellsworth: Would it be beneficial, and I know the criminal justice planning committee meetings, they're public, I mean, the media is there, there's usually three of four of us there, a couple judges, Marsha Abell, myself, the Chief, somebody from the Prosecutor's office, every once in a while a Councilmember attends, would it be beneficial, and Councilman, was your comment that you'd like to know what each of the entities is doing to keep the jail numbers down? Is that close to paraphrasing?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Brad Ellsworth: Would it be beneficial, and I know you guys are busy, do we want to come up one at a time and laundry list, you know, the Sheriff's department is

doing this to keep it down? The judge is doing this. Because if there are questions, I've got a document right in here, I found it today, that says here is the things to do to keep your numbers down. I'll reprint this and give it to you and we can see if Vanderburgh, I think I'm pretty confident everybody in Vanderburgh County has looked through these and said, we're doing that, we're trying that, we're doing this, we're doing that, but I think we could coordinate that where, if we do a special meeting and come up here one at a time and we'll laundry list, here is what we're doing or you all come to the criminal justice planning committee with those questions. I don't care. We want you to be comfortable. I want you to be comfortable that we're doing, you know, everything we can.

Councilmember Winnecke: I don't care about the forum, I think I was out of town for the last one. I was at the previous one and I just think there needs to be healthy discussion among the census holders, I mean, the real stakeholders who really drive the census numbers, we don't drive it, you have less of an impact than the judiciary or the prosecutor or the public defender, but are they working as hard as they can to move people through as efficiently as they can? That's what I'd like to know in a public forum, and I think, as I said, I think, maybe its not easy but it seems easy to come before this body and ask for money for a big project when, in fact, we don't know the answer to some of the questions about if we build the pod, will it automatically fill up and then we won't have that revenue stream that you project. So, I don't know.

Brad Ellsworth: I agree with you, but I think if you go back and call ex-Commissioner Mourdock. He was in charge of the Blue Ribbon Committee, we hired that. For two years we met and looked at that and at the end of the two years, they came back with a one sentence recommendation, that Vanderburgh County needs more jail beds. That was the consensus of the Blue Ribbon Committee, and even since then, your question has popped up numerous times in numerous meetings, I think the judges would welcome, I've been to all the meetings. I don't guess I have another life other than this lockup. But every time I sit in that room, I have questions, too, but every time we ask those questions, they convince me they are doing it. So I guess we need that forum again to come with those questions. You know, I hear Judge Bowers talk about the criminal filings, I hear Judge Knight talk about, you know, how many more cases we're hearing. They explain how they have to get a guy to plea bargain, things like that, that over the course of the last nine years we've heard it in different, but if that makes the whole seven of you comfortable, lets get everybody up here with a laundry list.

Councilmember Winnecke: And I don't mean to focus just on the judiciary, I mean, the Prosecutor's Office has a major role, obviously, as well as the public defenders.

Brad Ellsworth: And City Police and County Police.

Councilmember Winnecke: But I'd like to know, I'd like someone to convince me that when the Prosecutor, as an example, when they sit down in their staff meetings, are they talking about efficiency in their office?

Brad Ellsworth: All I can say is get them in and talk to them.

Councilmember Wortman: I think one point we're missing, rehabilitate these people instead of so many beds, you know, and then the other thing, I think we need a conservative on this committee instead of all liberals.

Brad Ellsworth: I agree with you, Curt, but lets fix it. And the rehab people, they're

going to come in front of you – let me give you an example. I was in with those people yesterday and here's the example I used. That jailer costs us \$28,000 a year or whatever the price is, I know its more than that with benefits and that –

Bill Fluty: \$53,606.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you – he costs us that much a year. But when you say, and I agree with you, but I think this generation, this public is wanting that, they want them out of the neighborhood, they want them locked away. They want that immediate gratification that that person, he burglarized my house today, I want him out tomorrow, get him away and get him out of my life. Anybody you hire, and you might be able to help me with this, what would be the price of a person, that counselor, the rehab person, that can effectively go down to these kids that when the county, when somebody comes to you and says if the county hires 25 counselors, rehab people, what are they going to cost you, you know, with a PhD or with a bachelors degree and all that, a program is going to cost you, if the county is going to pay for that, replace the jailers and the jail beds with fix-it people, which is a great idea, Curt, I mean, no question about it. You know, its like the Maytag repairman, you know, if you make it so good, I'm out of business, that's a great thing for me. But who is going to come to you with all these counselors and build those up to take my inmates down and replace my jailers – I wish we could do it. I don't know if we can.

Councilmember Hoy: I think you can...well, you know, that's a hard figure to come at. When I was the director a long time ago of the Youth Service Bureau, we figured if we diverted like ten kids from the system, we more than justified our budget, our professional budget, our rent, our everything. And we were pretty much to scale. We weren't making enormous wages, so you know, I think the Drug Court is a way to demonstrate that, too, but and there's even more to it than that, because we can't solve this in here, Sheriff. We're simply not doing enough pre-school with kids and things like that. I mean, we're not investing the money, we just don't. And you don't need that sermon and I don't need to preach it today, okay? The other question I have about the efficiency is, and this is not aimed at you, you know, and your department, but it ties in with what Mr. Winnecke said and that is, and this goes beyond the criminal justice system. I've sat here almost 12 years and everybody who comes in, who wants this new thing and that new thing, and this flat screen and that desk and all this stuff, has told us that its going to be more efficient and the computers will replace this employee and that employee, and that simply is not true. We have just invested in what, 250 or 260 computers with Courtview. We had to because the companies have a conspiracy against us. I mean, you cannot tell me you can't expand those computers. I just don't believe that, but they've made them that way and they've got us addicted and we're not more efficient. Now that's not to throw rocks at anybody, but I think what Mr. Winnecke has said is something we desperately need to look at in the whole system. We're not moving it fast enough. Nobody expects you not to arrest the worst guys or gals, you know, but we need to move them through a lot quicker.

Brad Ellsworth: I can probably email it to you know, the list of people, and go through and pick who you wouldn't want in jail, of those charges, and say well, I wouldn't put him in. I know that Judge Heldt, Levco, Steve Owens, and Pigman and myself get together every two weeks now and look at the list and say is there anybody that we can feel safe letting out? And in the last two weeks, they haven't let anybody. The charges are so, you know, they're not putting the misdemeanor –

Councilmember Hoy: Unless they have the money. If they have the money for bail,

then they're let out no matter what they've done and that's economics, but it is part of the problem.

Brad Ellsworth: When you've got a four--

Councilmember Hoy: If you're poor, you're going to be there.

Brad Ellsworth: You're right and I agree with you. If you've got a two year old that has grown up in a house with usually a single parent and they're sitting home and they're watching mom or dad sell crack in the living room and do crack cocaine in front of them, and that's how you grow up, there's not --we were all probably raised in a middle class family that, you know, taught you right from wrong and spanked you if you did something bad, and that's not happening in these areas, and that's who we're getting, people who weren't raised right. And yeah, do you pull them all out? You've got a criminal record, take your baby away and we're going to put them in a middle class family -- you know, you're right, it's the kids.

Councilmember Hoy: And you don't have the families to put them in --

Brad Ellsworth: That's more expensive than that jail. And there's not a measure. Its hard to measure, if you follow little Jimmy Jones and we get him out at two and we do this and at 21, we're not all going to be around in 20 years when he's in that 21 to 35 crime rate. We can debate this for a million years and we're probably all on the same page but it's the system we're down.

Councilmember Hoy: And I called Protective Services on a situation where a family had given up their own child and they still licensed them for foster children, and I said, how come? And they said, we need the homes. The homes aren't there. There aren't enough of them. It's a very --

Brad Ellsworth: I wish I had the answer.

Councilmember Hoy: So do I.

Brad Ellsworth: We'd be rich.

Councilmember Sutton: Sheriff, I'd like to have a copy of that report that you were referencing there. I know you don't want to kill a bunch of trees, but I think it will be extremely helpful in helping us to really look at this whole discussion about efficiencies in the system.

Brad Ellsworth: I've never seen any of those people at the meetings shy about saying what they think they're doing to make the system work.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that broken down by the different departments suggesting or recommending things that they can do?

Brad Ellsworth: It is.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I think that would be valuable for us all, attending those meetings, going right through those listings, --

Brad Ellsworth: I don't have enough copies, but I would be glad to make copies and distribute them.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I know I want a copy. I don't know about the others.

Brad Ellsworth: Okay. I'll find it and I'll give it to you.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 10, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 10th day of August, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everybody to the 2005 budget hearings. Today we have this room from 9:00 to 12:00. We ought to have plenty of time to do it. I wish everybody would when they come before us please try to make it—don't be too long winded. So anyway with that would everybody stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Bassemier: Do you want to take roll call? Roll call please.

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

*(Councilmember Tornatta joined meeting at 9:05 a.m.)

LEVEE AUTHORITY

President Bassemier: Our first office on the agenda is the Levee Authority. Mr. Mangold, please state your name please and that will be on page 175.

Robert Mangold: My name is Robert Mangold. I'm the Superintendent at the Evansville Levee Authority.

President Bassemier: Good morning, Mr. Mangold. Uh, 175. Of course, this was a joint with the city. We met last week on his budget. Anybody got any questions for Mr. Mangold? You got a pretty good budget.

Councilmember Hoy: I always ask if the levee is in good shape because I was born in 1937.

Robert Mangold: Oh, okay.

Councilmember Hoy: It is in good shape, right?

Robert Mangold: Yes, it is.

President Bassemier: Mr. Mangold, is there anything you would like to tell us?

Robert Mangold: No, there is not.

President Bassemier: Okay. Some of yours has went down.

Robert Mangold: Yes, we did cut it.

President Bassemier: No questions? Okay, we're moving to Weights and Measures. Loretta.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman?

President Bassemier: Oh, I'm sorry, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Mangold, on line item 4251 Equipment in Union Township it went from \$25,000 down to \$22,600. Any particular reason for that?

Robert Mangold: Okay, where are at? I'm sorry, I couldn't hear you.

President Bassemier: It's 176, the bottom one, 4251. The last one on the page.

Councilmember Wortman: That's equipment.

Robert Mangold: Okay, what that is is for dredging out there that we do out there and that was the bid that was put out.

President Bassemier: Okay, thank you sir.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

President Bassemier: Weights and Measures, page 90. Good morning, Loretta.

Loretta Townsend: I should have left them at home. Loretta Townsend, Weights and Measures.

President Bassemier: Loretta also always has a really good budget and pretty well keeps everything the way they are. Anybody have any questions for Loretta?

Loretta Townsend: I don't believe this.

President Bassemier: Looks like it's going to be a—

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I have one.

President Bassemier: Yes, Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Loretta, related to the Gas & Oil line item. How are you on expenditures year-to-date, do you know?

Loretta Townsend: Okay, let me find Gas & Oil.

Councilmember Winnecke: It's 2210 in our budget.

Loretta Townsend: Oh, I've got it. Okay, 2210. We've got it listed as Gas & Oil though. Right now we have as of last week, August 3rd is when I wrote it down for the last meeting, we have a balance of \$1,177.85. The way we look at it this is

really robbing Peter to pay Paul, like I told Royce before, but they won't bill us for December until January. So we look at a lot of our things like that. So we'll be okay. We're not going to walk and carry that, so we'll figure a way.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Loretta Townsend: Besides, we check their gas pumps at Heritage.

President Bassemier: Anybody else got a question for Loretta? Loretta, is there anything you would like to tell us?

Loretta Townsend: A lot, but we're not getting into it. No, not really. I think--well, we try to stay--if you notice we had to--we took out \$650 in order to cover the \$500 that we needed and so really we're under what we control \$150 for next year which doesn't seem like a lot, but to us if you look down through our line items it does. Like I told Royce, we rob Peter to pay Paul and as Royce says, you better watch it, one of these times Peter is going to come up short.

President Bassemier: Your vehicles are holding up pretty good?

Loretta Townsend: The trucks are getting old. The Ford, the newest one, for no other way of putting it is a piece of junk and it was the day we brought it over there. Half the time it works and half the time it doesn't. The doors unlock, sometimes they don't. The windows go up, they don't come down. I mean, it's just the Ford is a big mess. If we ever get another one don't send us across the street from us over there because it, you asked, it is a piece of junk.

President Bassemier: Just had some bad luck.

Loretta Townsend: I know it was the low bid, but you get what you pay for. So vehicles we may look at something next year or if something goes belly up we'll have to. We did get us a copy machine. Lisa and I went out and looked for that and found what we needed and not what they recommended in purchasing that we get because we didn't need a fax, we did not need a scanner, we already those and the best we could do was way above what we already had, so we found one and we bought it and it is serving our purpose. We had the money to buy the one we went with.

President Bassemier: Is there any surplus out there that you could pick up somewhere else in one of the other departments? Probably it's wore out.

Loretta Townsend: If it is any good they're not going to get rid of it, Ed. We found that out the hard way. They gave us a car one time from the police department and Roy and I had to call Mike's Towing to get it off the lot down there, so we're--no, we're past taking hand-me-downs.

President Bassemier: That's a bad sign.

Loretta Townsend: They'll keep it if it's any good. I mean, you know.

President Bassemier: Sure. Anybody else? Thank you ma'am. Treasurer's department, page 11.

Councilmember Raben: She may not be here yet. We'll come back to it.

President Bassemier: She is probably running a little bit late. We'll come back to it. Treasurer's department. County Clerk. Am I on the right page?

Unidentified: Are you in the right room?

Unidentified: That's for sure.

President Bassemier: Okay, we'll come back.

COUNTY COMMISSION

President Bassemier: Commissioner, County Commissioner? Hey, alright come on down. Catherine, please state your name. Good to see you.

Catherine Fanello: Good morning, Catherine Fanello, Vanderburgh County Commissioner. I do have a memo for each of you that we passed in our Commissioner meeting last night that is some additional information that we have received since we turned in info to Bill Fluty.

President Bassemier: Okay, and that is on page 85 everybody.

Catherine Fanello: I'm going to go ahead and pass that out to you.

President Bassemier: Catherine, is there anything you want to point out to us first?

Catherine Fanello: Not anything in our budget specifically. I think you got our explanation on any increase, but just on the—I'm not sure this is working. Is it?

Councilmember Sutton: All the mikes are turned pretty low, you just have to really speak up.

Catherine Fanello: Alright, I'll try. In the memo Dave Rector was supposed to be here this morning, but in the memo that we passed back on July 19th after we had already turned our information into the Auditor we had not included any maintenance for the new jail or for Community Corrections which if you are aware we signed contracts with the Building Authority to be the maintenance people out there. We had assumed that the Sheriff had put that in his budget and it came to my attention that he had not. So I do have spreadsheets for that if you have not received them. Have you received anything from the Building Authority? Okay, I will have our office run copies and bring them over to you this morning.

President Bassemier: Okay, thank you.

Catherine Fanello: The other thing is Computer Services. Greg Baker sent me an email and you can read through that of some proposed changes. Actually, the city had reduced some line items in their budget therefore causing a reduction in one of our line items.

President Bassemier: Good.

Catherine Fanello: But then Greg alerted me to the fact that maybe you might be moving courts technology into that line item, so I just included that in there just as a reminder. I'm not sure if that is happening or not, but it is mentioned that it might happen. In the self insurance loss fund, Dennis Feldhaus, I just passed a memo out to you, I met with him yesterday and he just wanted us to be aware that maybe we need to put some more money in the loss fund due to some of the losses we've had over the last year especially with the jail fire. So he just wanted you to be aware of that. And then there was one change on the GIS budget. Jim Cameron had emailed me and you can read that, but it was like an extra \$8,000.

President Bassemier: Okay. Thank you. Any questions for Catherine?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I have just a few.

President Bassemier: Okay, Jim.

Catherine Fanello: Catherine, on page 88--

Catherine Fanello: Is that our budget? I just brought my copies with me. Is that our Commissioner budget?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, it's account 3530 Contractual Services.

Catherine Fanello: Yes? I increased that budget due to the fact that I would really like for you to continue to consider to fund televised meetings for both the Council and the Commission. As I wrote you a letter last week I feel it is very important to open government and I would like for you to consider this at budget time.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Bassemier: Anybody? Troy.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, um, if we weren't considering that would that be \$1,500?

Catherine Fanello: It would be the same as last year, yes.

Councilmember Wortman: What line item was that you're talking about?

President Bassemier: 3530.

Councilmember Sutton: Catherine, on line item 3280 Examination of Records.

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: We haven't spent anything according to this through June 30th and last year we budgeted a lower figure than what we had in previous years and you're requesting \$30,000 this year. What is that?

Catherine Fanello: Well, that's to the State Board of Accounts for a county audit and I don't think you've been billed for this year yet, but I'm not sure why it was budgeted so low for 2004. I just looked at the history of expenditures from 2003, 2002 and 2001 and actually they were more than \$30,000 in 2001, 2002, so I'm not

sure how they calculate that invoice. That would probably be a question for State Board of Accounts.

Councilmember Sutton: Do you have any idea of when that—you say it normally would have already been billed this year?

Catherine Fanello: No, they haven't completed our audit for this year. Bill Fluty, do you know when they invoice for that? Probably later in the year, right?

Bill Fluty: It will be later in the year. They're still working on our audit at this time.

Catherine Fanello: Right, it will be November or December probably.

President Bassemier: Okay. Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Catherine, on the computer stuff.

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: On the two line items, 3860 and 3870.

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just to make sure I understand, the amount that we have in our book on line item 3860 of \$677,023--

Catherine Fanello: Right.

Councilmember Winnecke: --so according to this that should be reduced by?

Catherine Fanello: By \$123,431 and then if you are moving forward with combining our contractual with the courts technology you would have to increase it by \$249,000, the net.

Councilmember Winnecke: The net of those two?

Catherine Fanello: Would be the--what is that, is that 3860, would be the \$802,592, but the reduction due to the city's reduction was \$123,431.

Councilmember Winnecke: And then on 3870 we would just add this \$75,000?

Catherine Fanello: Yes, because that came in, I believe, that discussion was finalized after we had already turned everything in.

Bill Fluty: The 249 is just in the Council budget right now.

Councilmember Winnecke: The Council budget, right.

Bill Fluty: So that's just--

Councilmember Winnecke: So that's a wash, right?

Bill Fluty: Yes.

President Bassemier: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Catherine, just a quick question.

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: On Voices for I-69.

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Do you have any feel for how long that contribution is going to need to stay?

Catherine Fanello: Right, quite frankly I think it's time for us to take a look at that. I know the Chamber has changed their role in the—they've kind of reorganized and come up with a different vision and I think it's probably time that we take another look at that and maybe we, Commissioners and Council, could have a discussion with them and actually see how long we need to keep funding that because it looks like the project is moving forward, so I'm not exactly sure what they're using the \$20,000 for, but I would be willing to take a look at it.

President Bassemier: I'm sorry, Catherine, who did you say? Is that for lobbying up in Indianapolis?

Catherine Fanello: And I think they've expanded the focus not only to lobby in Indianapolis, but also to lobby in Washington as well.

President Bassemier: And the ambulance service has gone up? The ambulance service—

Catherine Fanello: They did request an increase and I told them I didn't know how lucky they would be on getting that this year, but that I would go ahead and include it, but they did send me a letter and I can forward a copy of that letter over to you explaining why they felt like they needed an increase.

President Bassemier: Probably for gasoline, probably.

Catherine Fanello: And he just said the cost of providing services has gone up and they hadn't had an increase in quite a while, so he just requested that we bring that issue up.

Councilmember Winnecke: Which line item is that?

President Bassemier: Sir, that's 3080 Emergency Medical.

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, right, okay.

President Bassemier: Anybody else?

Councilmember Winnecke: I only had one other question.

President Bassemier: Alright, sir.

Councilmember Winnecke: I forgot, Catherine, what is—let me find it again. I forgot what line item 3460 Consultant is used for.

Catherine Fanello: Actually, we use that for the Auditor's Office and that is for cost allocation, isn't it, Bill. It's with Maximus, I think.

Bill Fluty: Yes, that is correct. After they do the cost allocation then I think it was \$120,000 that is increased to our Miscellaneous Revenues.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's all I have.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else.

COMMISSIONERS/CCD

President Bassemier: Okay, page 141. That's CCD funding. That's 141. Anybody have a question? Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: On the Motor Vehicles.

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: What—these are for the jail, correct?

Catherine Fanello: Right.

Councilmember Winnecke: How many?

Catherine Fanello: I'm not exactly sure how many. I know they were going to use—I think they also asked for some in their General Fund as well.

President Bassemier: The Sheriff's Department, right?

Catherine Fanello: Right. But I think they're needing a transport vehicle, one or two transport vehicles for the new facility, so I'm not exactly sure what cost they are looking at for those. They were going to bid those out. Probably Eric would be a better person to answer that question, but I told him we would include it in this budget.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, so do you know if—okay, we'll just talk to him tomorrow.

Catherine Fanello: I don't have the detail or the breakdown of what he wanted.

Councilmember Sutton: By chance, Catherine, would happen to know what the projected revenue would be on the CCD for next year? I know that's kind of a shot in the dark.

Catherine Fanello: Well, if it follows—

Councilmember Sutton: Based on maybe what we've seen.

Catherine Fanello: –tradition I think we're about \$1.6, isn't that right, Bill? Usually about \$1.6.

President Bassemier: Okay, that's fine. Okay, anybody else? Okay Drainage Board.

Councilmember Sutton: Just a second, he's getting that figure.

President Bassemier: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: Bill, are you–

President Bassemier: Jim.

Councilmember Sutton: He is calculating.

Bill Fluty: I'll get back with you.

Councilmember Raben: I think she is correct. It's about \$1.6.

Catherine Fanello: That's what it has usually been since I've been here.

Councilmember Raben: Catherine?

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Real quick on that same line, I guess maybe I'm not clear. That \$300,000 includes Sheriff cars too?

Catherine Fanello: Yes, that is all–that is all–that is the Sheriff's requests.

Councilmember Raben: Not just transportation, but cars as well?

Catherine Fanello: Right, right. That is for actual vehicles as well.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, we've got at least one other vehicle requested. I think Superior Court is needing a new juvenile transportation vehicle.

Catherine Fanello: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: Would you consider putting that in here also?

Catherine Fanello: Well, that was going to be my offer. As you go through the budget process, and that's why we really didn't budget a whole lot in CCD because we know some of the budget constraints that you are facing, but I would be more than happy to sit down with one, or two, or three of you and discuss if we need to add anything else and take it back to Board of Commissioners and get their approval.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else?

DRAINAGE BOARD

President Bassemier: Okay, Drainage Board, page 83. That's just, it looks like it's just the board member's salary. Page 83, Drainage Board. There probably won't be any questions on that.

Catherine Fanello: I think that one is very simple.

RIVERBOAT

President Bassemier: Riverboat, page 128.

Catherine Fanello: Okay, we made no changes in the Riverboat.

President Bassemier: Okay. Any questions on the Riverboat?

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND

President Bassemier: Convention Center Operating Fund, page 174.

Catherine Fanello: You'll see an increase in the depreciation reserves and according to Dave Rector that was in the contract that it was supposed to increase on a certain date, so we did go ahead and put it in there and you might want to have further discussion with the Building Authority on that issue.

President Bassemier: Okay. Jim.

Councilmember Raben: As, I know this has been brought up before—

President Bassemier: Okay, next.

Councilmember Raben: Well, just real quick I was going to make a comment on this budget.

President Bassemier: Sorry.

Councilmember Raben: This is the budget that the additional Innkeepers tax pays and I know that I brought this up not too long ago in a meeting about keeping that in place to go towards offsetting this budget and this is that budget.

Catherine Fanello: For once, Councilman Raben, you and I agree. Not just for once, but we do agree.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, thank you. So we need to continue to move towards that and to push to keep that in place to fund this.

Catherine Fanello: We do.

President Bassemier: Okay. Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, go ahead.

Councilmember Tornatta: I was just going to ask, that number was what? Around \$600,000 or \$700,000?

Catherine Fanello: I believe so. I've got all the numbers in my office.

Councilmember Tornatta: If this budget stays as it is then we'll actually be short from the monies that we get in. Is that correct?

Catherine Fanello: I would have to go back and look at the revenue projections.

Councilmember Hoy: A little.

Catherine Fanello: A little, but it pretty much covers most of your budget, I think.

Councilmember Hoy: And that's, as you all know, a figure that goes up and down depending on how many rooms are rented. This is a good year and I'm hopeful that continues. If that continues then that will help alleviate that, but you're right it's a little shy.

Councilmember Tornatta: It's just one of those things that we have to look at where in the past it has been fully covered and maybe throw \$50,000 in the General Fund and we're looking this year of possibly adding \$50,000 to this fund so when we're going through here we need to keep our eye on that.

Catherine Fanello: Maybe you could have conversation about the depreciation reserves and come to some type of agreement on that so you wouldn't have to use any General Fund money.

Councilmember Hoy: Uh-huh.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else? That's a good point, Jim, thank you.

THE CENTRE

President Bassemier: The Centre, page 118. Okay. Any questions anybody? Pretty well self explanatory.

Councilmember Raben: I have just one quick question, Catherine. Have you seen any updated information as far as bookings?

Catherine Fanello: In fact I had (inaudible) send me a calendar. I'd be more than happy to forward that to you, but he does feel like business is increasing over there. We had a long discussion about their budget and he is supposed to actually be getting me their budget over the next couple of weeks. How they break down because I told him that we really needed, you know, to kind of tighten up everything over there and try to run as tight as possible, but he does feel like business is increasing and he did pass along some information to me.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Bassemier: Superintendent of County Buildings, page 96. Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: I just have one question. What all falls under Contractual Services line 3530?

Catherine Fanello: Basically, just about anything and everything. Any kind of maintenance that we might need, any general maintenance. I think extermination fees. I'm not sure if she puts the trash pickup in there. I could get you a list of everything that does come out of there. Okay.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? Nobody? Okay, Veterans Administration.

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, Mr. President?

President Bassemier: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Winnecke: Before the Commissioner leaves I have a question unrelated to—it's sort of related, but do we know yet anything on information from our insurance carriers relating to the fire and what they will or will not cover?

Catherine Fanello: I do not know anything other than what we're obligated as far as the first \$100,000. I think everybody is still compiling information and I know Eric is keeping all the information, so other than that I don't know anything at this point.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, do you know what the time frame is to sort of—

Catherine Fanello: Well, that was kind of my question and I haven't really got an answer back on that yet.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Catherine Fanello: But I can check on it again.

Councilmember Sutton: Along the same lines, do we know the total cost?

Catherine Fanello: No, because I don't know that we have everything in yet. I know Eric was compiling all that information for the insurance carrier.

Councilmember Tornatta: Just real quick, we're going to try and meet with that committee that's going to get together and talk about the possibility of the new pod on Thursday at, what did we say, 2:00 or 3:00? I think it's at 2:00 on Thursday.

Catherine Fanello: Okay, I'll have to check my calendar, but off the top of my head I can't think of anything I have. Where will you be meeting?

Councilmember Tornatta: We can meet in the—try and meet in this next room over.

Catherine Fanello: Okay.

President Bassemier: When is that?

Councilmember Tornatta: Thursday at 2:00.

Catherine Fanello: And who all will be in attendance at that meeting?

Councilmember Tornatta: I have talked to Royce, Lloyd, Marsha Abell, Bill Fluty, the Sheriff's Office, and I am still waiting to hear back from some judges.

President Bassemier: Troy, could you send me something on that? I haven't seen anything on that. Could you just maybe send a letter out and I would kind of like to go through this way out. I didn't know anything about it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Catherine Fanello: Did you—

President Bassemier: Curt, did you know about it? Special meeting, Thursday at 2:00?

Councilmember Tornatta: It's not a scheduled meeting. It doesn't have to be. There is no quorum.

Catherine Fanello: I want to make sure about that, because whenever Kevin was talking to us about committee meetings it depends on how you set up the committee, but he thought that, you know, they may need to be advertised or something. So I think we better check with Jeff Ahlers on that.

President Bassemier: I'd really like, Troy, if you could I would really like to be informed of any meetings or anything so if anybody asks me a question I can be educated enough on it to tell them. I didn't know anything about it. If we can, I would like everybody, if we've got any meetings or something I would kind of like it to come through the President and let me share it, is that okay? Okay.

Catherine Fanello: But let's check on the advertising just to make sure.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, my suggestion would be, again, well the primary test is whether there is going to be, you know, any action taken. But to be on the safe side because sometimes you get in those meetings and you don't know what is going to occur and then you get there and somebody wants to take some action. If you're going to have four or more I would suggest to be on the safe side just go ahead and advertise it. If you're not going to have four then, you know, it's not necessary, but just to be safe I probably would.

Catherine Fanello: Is this just for information?

Councilmember Tornatta: Did we advertise the blue ribbon committee extension meetings or the criminal justice plan meetings?

Jeff Ahlers: I don't think we have a—

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Jeff Ahlers: —quorum on there, did we?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, nor will we here. That's why I have set it up as such.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I agree with you if you only have three here, but I guess what I was hearing was there may be more than just the three of you that may want to attend. If only the three of you attend that may be a different story, but I guess I am sort of hearing there may be some other folks that want to come.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I have talked to the Commissioners about setting up a study group to bring back a decision within 30 to 45 days. I've brought it to everyone's attention last Wednesday at the Council meeting. I have just made it three councilmen because we want to stay out of those issues and mainly it's the same people that are on the criminal justice planning in those meetings. However, we're trying to do this expeditiously and not get a meeting every third Thursday like they have been planning. We're trying to get some discussion going about one simple topic and with those terms and how we're doing this there would be no reason to call a public meeting for those issues in studying this progress-process. We're not going to make any decisions until it comes before a board.

President Bassemier: Is this going to be behind closed doors and it won't be open to the public?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I'll open the door if that will help, but I am just saying that it's, yeah, if anyone wants to come in they can. But we have to have a meeting somewhere and it's not a situation where we should have to advertise that meeting because we don't do it for the criminal planning meetings.

Catherine Fanello: Well, we do on the criminal justice planning group meetings we do advertise those as public meetings. I just want to be careful because Kevin just made that suggestion after we talked about it in the meeting a couple of weeks ago and since he just brought it up I hadn't had a chance to tell you, but he did bring it up. The criminal justice planning group meetings are advertised.

Councilmember Raben: Just to be on the safe side why not just go ahead and advertise it? You can advertise a special meeting in 48 hours right?

President Bassemier: Yeah, I had always preferred that the meetings be advertised and be open so everybody is in the know, and, Phil, I'm sorry. You was going to ask something, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Commissioner Fanello already said what I was going to say that the criminal justice planning group meetings (inaudible).

Catherine Fanello: Our attorney is just kind of a stickler on that.

Councilmember Hoy: So that's all I was going to say.

President Bassemier: I always like to keep things open. We don't have nothing to hide. It's always better to open the doors. So if you have it we'll advertise it? I'm sorry, Teri, I guess we need to set up a time. When is it? We probably don't have a definite--this isn't definite yet is it, Catherine?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, it just became definite. It's 2:00 on Thursday in that room.

President Bassemier: Is that room open at 2:00?

Sandie Deig: I can check.

President Bassemier: See, that's what I mean. We need—first we've got to make sure this room is open. I'm sorry, Catherine.

Catherine Fanello: It's okay. I just wanted to be—Kevin had just stopped me after the meeting and I didn't know how we were proceeding, but I just wanted to make sure that we did it in the manner that he wanted us to.

President Bassemier: And this committee is what? What's the committee's name? What are we doing here now again?

Councilmember Tornatta: The committee to study the third pod.

President Bassemier: Oh, a committee to study a third pod, okay. And it's Thursday at 2:00, okay. Anybody else got any questions for Catherine?

Catherine Fanello: Did you want to do Local Roads and Streets, Highway and Burdette Park?

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

President Bassemier: Let's see, Veterans Administration is next. I know Mark—

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible) do the Highway.

President Bassemier: Yeah, let's do that. Okay.

Catherine Fanello: You want to do all those while I'm up here? I mean, I don't mind. If Mark's is real short maybe we should just let him go ahead and go and then I can come back up.

President Bassemier: Mark's is pretty—

Mark Acker: Mine is pretty popular.

President Bassemier: Yeah, he is.

President Bassemier: Page 84 everybody.

Mark Acker: Mark Acker, Veterans Services, Vanderburgh County.

President Bassemier: Good morning, Mark.

Mark Acker: Good morning. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

President Bassemier: Are you serious about cutting it on the elevator lower than what he has?

Mark Acker: Yeah, you know they have (inaudible) trip. I'm not going to make many of them at county. As a matter of fact, Catherine, I would like to commend you on allowing me to go to the Old Courthouse because it is safer. These people want to cut my salary in half. On that note, our office last year generated \$17 million from the Veterans Administration. That is their figures of monies for pension, comp, educational assistance, voc rehab, the entire package. Vanderburgh County pays \$17 million last year. This year closed \$28 million in revenue that our office was able to generate through claims worked back to the federal government which came here and on that note I would like a pay raise.

President Bassemier: Well, you sure deserve it.

Mark Acker: I would love to have a pay raise. Three percent, I understand we have some people asking for as much as \$10,000. I would, you know, I'm not greedy. Three or four would be nice, you know.

President Bassemier: You've got an argument there.

Mark Acker: Just a little slice of the pie, you know. But, no, really our office did a tremendous job and we thank you for funding it. It helps the veterans and it takes care of their programs. Like I say, we see a lot of people and we work very closely with several of the offices including the judges and we have a good program working and I am proud to be the service officer and thank you. Now, are you going to cut my salary?

President Bassemier: No.

Councilmember Sutton: Where did that come from?

Mark Acker: Just my \$500 training, okay? I'll get that back from Catherine later. Thank you.

President Bassemier: Teri, getting back to the room next door for the third pod committee it is open Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00, so if you don't mind go ahead and advertise that. Bill.

Bill Fluty: Is this a Council meeting? I mean, we advertise for the Council and we're going outside of that?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I don't exactly know. I mean, I don't know that a formal committee has been created, so I mean I guess the president will have to decide. I guess what I would do I think in the past, and it might have been when we met on some of the jail construction stuff years ago that we just basically put out some sort of notice saying that, you know, there may be a quorum of County Council members meeting as part of I don't know what we want to call it. You know, some sort of committee and just notice it up and say that, you know, action may be taken. I mean, the problem we have here is I don't think this is a formally created committee, so I don't know how to exactly pigeonhole this. I mean, what I would suggest, you know, is just going ahead and advertising that a quorum of County Council members may be present and that action may be taken period.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'll tell you what, if that is the case just have all the Council members there. I'm fine with that. I did it with three so it wouldn't be a

quorum, but I mean, I know Phil is interested in being there and if anybody else is then that's fine advertise it as such, but my thought was to keep it in a situation where it was merely a study group as opposed to having a full Council.

Jeff Ahlers: I don't think it needs to be a County Council meeting. We just need to advertise that a quorum of council members may be meeting, that there may be a quorum. I mean, if less than four of you show up then so be it, but to be on the safe side if four or more of you show up we've covered our bases on that issue.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, I think—

Jeff Ahlers: If you want I can work with you on that, but I think we've done that before, like I said with the jail.

President Bassemier: We have, yeah.

Jeff Ahlers: There have been times when different people have met as part of committees and that, I think in fact you guys did the same thing where we would all have to get together and a couple of Commissioners and just to make sure if any action is taken that it has been duly noticed.

President Bassemier: Yes, there is a good possibility that there will be more than three because when you talk about spending \$5 million of tax dollars I think probably more than three will show up. So I agree we should be on the safe side and advertise it.

Bill Fluty: Is this to be a recorded meeting?

Jeff Ahlers: No, I don't think so. I mean, that's up to Mr. Bassemier, I suppose. From what I hear everybody saying I don't think this is a formal County Council member meeting that needs to be recorded unless you want it to be.

Councilmember Sutton: Is it the issue—

Councilmember Hoy: It's not at this point because our president has not appointed this committee officially. If he were to appoint it officially then—

President Bassemier: I'll tell you what, this is really the wrong time to be doing this. I mean, we're here for budget hearings and so—

Councilmember Hoy: Well, since we've talked about it this long I sure would favor a notice going out because we're about as public as you can get. The media is here.

President Bassemier: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: And I think they have a right to be there Thursday and I don't see any reason why they couldn't be there.

President Bassemier: Right, I agree.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I think that seems to be the original issue before we kind of got off there, was making sure that anyone who wants to attend can

attend, that the public is aware of the meeting, no decisions or actions will be made, but they might have some suggestions that they might want to make that might be helpful for the meeting. So if we can address that particular issue, I think that's what we're—I don't think it's a formal Council meeting per se since you've got others from other offices that are involved with this, but obviously we're talking about a public interest or topic.

President Bassemier: There's a—go ahead, Bill.

Bill Fluty: We might have a problem comprising the format and wording on this particular notice.

Jeff Ahlers: Oh, I'll be happy—

Bill Fluty: But I'm not sure we could get it to the paper and printed before the meeting. I mean, they usually require more time than what we have right now.

President Bassemier: Can we defer this until another time?

Councilmember Tornatta: Not if the meeting is on Thursday as it was supposed to be.

Catherine Fanello: Just as a side note, just from what our attorney has told us, it doesn't have to be printed in the paper. All that needs to happen is the media needs to be noticed and that can be through fax, email or a telephone call as long as it is posted here, but it does not have to be printed in a newspaper and it does not have to be recorded. In fact, we went through a little similar discussion with Kevin last night for an additional meeting the Commissioners are having. It does not have to be recorded, it does not have to be verbatim minutes. It can be a summary. You don't even have to do minutes.

Teri Lukeman: I need to change the tape.

President Bassemier: Hold on.

(TAPE CHANGE)

--having trouble, I guess, wrestling with, I mean, I don't know what other entities are involved. Obviously, whatever we do, you know, is going to be to take care of Council because, I mean, its not a formal committee. So, I mean, I guess if there's other groups that have this problem as part of this committee, they'll need to send their own notices in that regard.

Councilmember Tornatta: You know, the reason we went with one Commissioner is to try and avoid those types of things so they can go back and be the liaison from this study group just to say these are some of the things we found out. We're going to try and make a presentation and that's why we were just saying, you know, we'll take three of us, bipartisan effort, to try and tackle this issue. I've tried to bring in as many bipartisan entities as possible to play, and we're going to have the judges. They're bipartisan as well. So we're trying to do this to make everything as even as possible to find the true degree if this thing is going to work or not. And that's how we've went about it. Now I was doing that in an effort to make sure that not

everybody had to be there and the thing would be very low key and no action will be taken until it was presented to the boards.

President Bassemier: Yeah, I'll agree it was low key, four of us probably didn't know about it.

Councilmember Raben: You know, Mr. President –

Councilmember Tornatta: You did on Wednesday, Ed.

Councilmember Raben: Let's go ahead and send the notice. I mean, its not that big an issue if the parties involved have already been told 2:00 Thursday, let's let the –

Councilmember Hoy: Is the room available?

Councilmember Raben: Let's let the notices go out to the media –

President Bassemier: Don't advertise, just send a letter to the media?

Jeff Ahlers: That's fine.

President Bassemier: Okay, is that fine? We won't advertise it, Bill. I'll let Sandie send out a notice or Jeff is going to write it up and we'll send it out. Okay, thank you. Sorry, I was in the dark on this.

COUNTY HIGHWAY

President Bassemier: County Highway, page 129. Hi, John. Okay, anybody got any questions on 129? 130? Okay, 131? Okay, 132? Tires and Tubes went up, didn't they?

Catherine Fanello: What line are you –

President Bassemier: 2220.

Catherine Fanello: 2220, well, all of those supply line items are set in at what they previously have been set in at. If you remember last year, and Bill remembers what happened, but all of those line items got zeroed out by the state because we did not have enough revenue in that Highway fund. So I've just gone ahead and set them in at what they were previously, and we'll have to wait and see what our revenue estimates come back at and how we can adjust from there.

President Bassemier: 2530? We're out of materials, that Bituminous?

Catherine Fanello: Yeah, all those supply accounts are for the same reason, they're all set in at what they used to be set in at.

President Bassemier: Okay, anymore questions on 132? 133? Letting the County Highway off easy.

Catherine Fanello: There's nothing wrong with that.

President Bassemier: Okay, 134.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would just ask what the computer expense is for. 3370?

Catherine Fanello: 33 – Computer (Data Management). I think that is for some software that they have out there that they actually have maintenance on and I can check on that for you.

President Bassemier: Are you still looking for that?

Catherine Fanello: I found it. I'll get back with you on that, but I think its for some software that they have a maintenance contract on.

President Bassemier: Okay, anymore questions on 134?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, item 3630 Equipment Lease and Rental, what all does that include?

John Stoll: John Stoll, County Engineer. That's an account that Dennis works out of at the County Highway department. I suspect its for any equipment that they don't have when they're doing a project, like if they need a milling machine or something like that, they'll have to go out and get it. I'm not sure what else he might have coming out of there, but I would suspect its just anything that they don't have that they need in order to get a project done.

Councilmember Raben: We used to have a lease on a gradall. I don't know if we still do, but that's probably paid out of that.

President Bassemier: Okay, anymore questions on page 134?

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Bassemier: Okay, Cum Bridge fund, page 135. Any questions on 135? 136?

Councilmember Wortman: Line item 2530 Bituminous Materials, that's the approaches on these bridges, isn't it?

John Stoll: Yes. The way the Cum Bridge law is set up, you can go up to 500 feet either side of the bridge or culvert.

President Bassemier: Anymore questions on 136?

Councilmember Sutton: Item 2230?

President Bassemier: 2230 Garage and Motors.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, we requested 50 there, but I guess if you look kind of over the progression of time, expenses haven't been up to that amount. What all is generally included there?

John Stoll: There again, that's one of the accounts that Dennis Hudnall uses out at the County Highway department and I'm not familiar with what all he might spend out of that account. Something we'll have to check on.

President Bassemier: Are you okay with that, Royce? Page 137. Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Line item 3550 Repairs to Buildings and Grounds, \$30,000

John Stoll: I put that in there to try and do some renovations that require some additional space next to our existing office. We're basically out of space and we want to try and move over into room 305 in the old courthouse. Back when we moved there ten or eleven years ago, that's the same account we used for painting, carpeting, electrical work, you name it. Anything needed to renovate the space and that's what that's in there for.

Councilmember Wortman: And the item right underneath it, that would be additional rent you'd pay?

John Stoll: Yes, and I've increased that accordingly.

Catherine Fanello: And we could look at taking those repairs out of CCD.

President Bassemier: I'm sorry, I didn't hear.

Catherine Fanello: I was going to say, we could look at, if we could look at moving those repairs, if you allow him to move or acquire additional space, we could look at taking those out of CCD.

Councilmember Hoy: Would that then fill up that one vacant suite up there?

John Stoll: It would depend on how its done. There are actually two rooms on the side of the building that we're on that are vacant. One was, – well, I guess they were both occupied by the Arts Council at one point. It would just depend on whether or not we took over all of it or just part of it.

Councilmember Hoy: But you'd be moving into part of that, so that would begin to fill up that third floor, then.

Councilmember Wortman: And then the following item underneath that, 3930 Other Contractual increased that to \$175,000.

John Stoll: That was increased on the basis of what we're seeing for this year. We've had several large culvert projects come up. The latest one we're working on right now is on Bromm Road and these are usually projects that are initiated once the paving schedule is (inaudible).

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

President Bassemier: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I just have one remaining question, everyone has covered the others. On the communications, in your justification, you asked for two additional cell phones. How many people in the department have cell phones now?

John Stoll: Four.

Councilmember Winnecke: And what positions need the additional cell phones?

John Stoll: The two additional ones were acquired, one for me and one for Mike Wathen when he was transferred into my office. We had two prior to that for the inspectors that were out on the job sites on a regular basis.

Councilmember Winnecke: You have six now, you want two more, right?

John Stoll: No, we've got four total. We acquired two more this year, early this year.

Councilmember Raben: I have a quick question on this. On cell phones, is everybody just getting their own plans or do we have one big pool or –

Catherine Fanello: As far as I know, the Purchasing department did bid it out and they do have a plan, I think, through Cingular. But I have noticed, as you know, the Commissioners are trying to work towards doing an audit for the entire county, that we may have some out there that are not on Cingular. So hopefully after we do this audit, maybe we can get a grasp on what's out there, but I think he does try to get everybody to stick to a Cingular plan.

John Stoll: And ours are on the Cingular service.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so that's like a county pool. Okay.

John Stoll: Right.

President Bassemier: Anymore questions on 137? 138?

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, line item 4408 Burkhardt Road Bridge, about where is that at?

John Stoll: That's just south of Hirsch Road. Actually, its right at the intersection of Hirsch and Burkhardt.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay.

John Stoll: That project is recommended through the bridge inventory and it called for some repair work for next year.

Councilmember Wortman: And then Kentucky Avenue, where about is that bridge at?

John Stoll: That's south of the curve there where Kentucky curves in the same –

Councilmember Wortman: Farm Boy Meats is?

John Stoll: Pardon?

Councilmember Wortman: Where Farm Boy Meats is, right next to the curve there?

John Stoll: I'm not sure where Farm Boy is.

Councilmember Sutton: Over by the new jail site.

John Stoll: If you continue west on St. George, go around the curve. Its on that stretch of Kentucky there.

Councilmember Wortman: And then the St. Joe Avenue bridge.

John Stoll: One of them is north of the railroad tracks, just north of the county garage. That's the one that will be replaced. And the other one is the one over Locust Creek which is between, probably about halfway between Mill and Allens Lane.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? Page 139. 140.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Bassemier: Okay, Local Roads & Streets, page 152.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Line 3630 Equipment Lease & Rental, I couldn't find anything in the explanation book as to what that is for. Actually, yeah, it's a little lower than last year, but it's an amount that's a relatively new expense in this budget.

John Stoll: That's something, again, that will have to be checked on with Dennis because he uses that line item.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? Okay, 153.

Councilmember Wortman: Line item 4824, is that intersection, is that going to include a light out there at that intersection?

John Stoll: Yes, it will include adding turn lanes and putting in a light.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

President Bassemier: Catherine, on 152 again, that 3930, did you give us an answer for that? I know it was –

Catherine Fanello: The 3930 under Local Roads & Streets?

President Bassemier: No, – yes. 3930 Other Contractual, could you tell –

Catherine Fanello: That's for paving.

John Stoll: Right, that's for contractual paving.

President Bassemier: Okay, that's what I thought it was. Okay, anymore questions on 153?

Councilmember Hoy: I just have one more appeal for a traffic light down at Red Bank and, what is that, Upper Mt. Vernon?

John Stoll: We've got a flashing light being designed right now for that and ultimately, if the flashing light doesn't help anything out then there's a possibility of putting in a four way stop or a traffic signal would be the next step.

Councilmember Hoy: I just keep hearing from the residents out there because they think its just a place where you're going to have a pretty huge accident. I hope not. (Inaudible – several speaking at once)

John Stoll: – it drops to 35 immediately east of Red Bank, and if you go on up to the west on Upper Mt. Vernon, but then you pass Diefenbach, there's a curve in the road that's a problem as well, so we're looking at the possibility of just lowering the speed limit to 35 all the way through there.

Councilmember Hoy: That won't slow them down. It doesn't slow anybody down anywhere in this city. You know, unfortunately, in the county or any place else, for that matter.

Councilmember Wortman: 153, 4741 Eickhoff-Koressel, is that all, including the right-of-way, has that been bought up or what is the process there?

John Stoll: That would be for right-of-way purchases for the next phase between Upper Mt. Vernon Road and Marx Road. It would also include the right-of-way, engineering and right-of-way buying service as well.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll raise my question one more time since this is going to be my last budget here, are you buying any extra land around those intersections? Because my take on this is, if we don't buy the land now, businesses will develop there. Then when the traffic merits it, you know, the state and fed or somebody might get interested in putting some more money into it, put in some realtor sections, then it will be too late. We do that all the time. This is, we have an opportunity on this road to buy enough land around the intersection so that when the time comes, when the traffic merits, then we'll own the land and that's what I'd like to see us purchase. It just makes sense to me in future planning because I don't see the money coming – and its not going to come because I-69 is going to go down the east side of the city. The west side is growing, we need a bypass on the west side and the feds, and I don't think the state is going to – its not going to happen unless we do it, and one way we could make that a far better road is to own some land around those intersections. That's something I would like for you all to consider. I think it just makes sense to do it and it may take us a little longer, but we'll get a better road.

John Stoll: The only problem is lack of funding to keep buying what we need already to build the existing road based on the existing design. We probably spent two and a half million dollars buying the right-of-way for the first two miles and if we continue at that same pace, I don't know how we could afford to build the road. I won't disagree with you, but it would always be better to own more right-of-way, its just I don't know where we would come up with the money to be able to do it.

Councilmember Hoy: I understand that. My point is that, if we come back later and redo an intersection, two million dollars will seem like pocket change, you know, in comparison to being able to do it, you know, ahead. And I know we're tight on money, I understand that, but it's a strong suggestion because I just see it everywhere. Every time I come back from Indianapolis and there's a traffic light every two miles starting in Gibson County, which is kind of a waste.

President Bassemier: Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Just one quick comment. We were on the Red Bank and Upper Mt. Vernon Road intersection and I've mentioned several times before about extending Rosenberger through to Upper Mt. Vernon Road at some point and I don't know, its something I think we still need to look at.

John Stoll: That project, while it could be done, would be difficult because that's all the Carpentier Creek flood way through there. You could get the permits for the construction in the flood way, but chances are you'd have a lot of mitigations you'd have to deal with, kind of like that developer is having to deal with right now at the southeast corner of that intersection. If it was built straight through, yeah, it would be a much better route than curving down Red Bank.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, its just a matter of elevating it right?

Councilmember Hoy: Stay sober on Red Bank.

John Stoll: I'm not sure, also, what impacts you might have to the businesses there at the northeast corner of Red Bank, I mean, of Hogue and Rosenberger because, like you said, it does need elevating to get it out of the flood plain. I just don't know, if you start running those slopes out for the fill, whether or not you would actually end up having to buy those properties as well, and affect the businesses. If it did, there would be a major expense associated with that. If you could somehow miss it, then it would be less costly right away.

President Bassemier: Mr. Fluty?

Bill Fluty: Catherine, you turned in a budget for four million, will you be making recommendations to cut that?

Catherine Fanello: I think that will take us meeting with some Councilmembers and with John Stoll and we can go through and figure out maybe what we can move somewhere else or take out of here, so I'd be happy to sit down and talk about it with anybody that wants to meet.

Bill Fluty: The revenue in that will probably be actually \$800,000 that you do receive, and we actually supplement that with another million from COIT, so that's the number that you (inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else? Okay, that concludes Roads & Streets.

BURDETTE PARK

President Bassemier: Burdette Park, 120. Okay, any questions on page 120?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Steve, on the large Other Employees, the request has increased \$50,000 from this year. Are you proposing an increase in the hourly rate to these employees or what? Or just more of them or...

Steve Craig: What it is, with the popularity of the Discovery Lodge and that, we've been using part-time employees to clean it and to maintain it because we've only got four full-time employees on the grounds, and I also had put in there that we could give them a small raise because we start out at \$5.65 an hour on a lot of them and it's just hard to get people that will work for \$5.65. And I think I put down for a quarter raise on most of them. But that's what it's for. If we have a really, really busy summer, I have to come back and ask for money, but if we don't have a real busy summer I think I can make it work. But that's what the request was for.

Councilmember Winnecke: Do you know off the top of your head how many of those people are at that end of the hourly scale?

Steve Craig: I'd say about 40 in the summer time and then on our ground crews and that, it's the \$6 an hour. In the summer, I probably have ten or twelve, and in the winter I probably keep six or seven of them because we do run a seven day operation with two of my full-timers working a weekend, they will be off two days during the week, which only gives me two full-time employees during the week. So my part-timers can fill in for what we lack in full-time employees.

Councilmember Sutton: How many part-time did you say you have?

Steve Craig: In the summer or total?

Councilmember Sutton: Total.

Steve Craig: In the summer, we'd probably be pushing 150 to 175.

President Bassemier: Any more questions on page 120? 121? No question on 121? 122? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Steve, line 3190, the Solid Waste Disposal, what is our arrangement now with trash pickup at the park, overall, and is this a specific quote you've received for the Discovery Lodge?

Steve Craig: No, they charge us by the pickup and what we have is, we have one, I think it's a three yard dumpster, and then we have three one yard dumpsters in the park. We just recently put one at the Discovery Lodge and we take a gradall that was donated to us by the County Garage and smash it down so that we get more dumps. We never go to the weight limit, but you know, a dumpster full of paper, they charge you the same amount as they do if they charge for a dumpster full of heavy material. And we used to be, I think, at 10,000 before, and I think we're going to come up short this year and every time the Discovery Lodge is rented, it fills our dumpster up and we need to have it emptied.

Councilmember Hoy: Are you able to recycle any of that paper?

Steve Craig: Well, we used to be –

(Inaudible – both speaking at once)

Steve Craig: It's probably not cost effective to take my people that I'm paying hourly wages to and go around and separate, you know, go through the garbage and separate the cans and that. We had one where we used to put the cans, you know, a can collector at each building and that, but that became a nightmare because they

leaked all over and had bees, and they were a common nuisance to our patrons. So we do not recycle any at this present time, but to get into the dumpster or get into the garbage truck and start separating, I thought it would cost more money to do that than what we would make off the recycling.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I was thinking about paper itself, for office paper and things.

Steve Craig: The office paper, we shred it, but the stuff from the picnics and that, I mean, –

Councilmember Hoy: No, I'm talking about the office stuff.

Steve Craig: No, sir.

Councilmember Winnecke: Steve, I have one other question. I think last week Royce asked you some questions of the park in general, but I don't remember if you talked about the Discovery Lodge specifically. This is the first complete season you've had.

Steve Craig: Okay, in June we had counted up the days and right now for this year we've used 123 days and that includes all activities that will be up at the Discovery Lodge and that's if we do not rent it again for the rest of the year. If we don't make any more rentals, but as of the middle of June, it was being used 123 days.

Councilmember Winnecke: What did you project for the year?

Steve Craig: That's a little high. I projected about 100, I thought we would do it, but with the rate, we have a couple of programs going on, Vectren had used it two days during the week. I think Deaconess Hospital has it three days during the week in October and we're starting to pick up these larger companies that's using it during the week. I kind of figured we'd have 52 weddings out there and it will probably hit that next year with every weekend having at least one wedding. And we've even had people move their weddings to Sundays, which is kind of unusual but they did just so they could have their wedding and their reception at the building, but I think its above what I even expected.

Councilmember Winnecke: And so does that 123 figure represent all the paying customers, internal programming?

Steve Craig: Yeah, the internal program, its renting out to people and go back to the part-timers, that's 123 times that building has to be cleaned this year because we clean it every day that its used whether it be the day camp, that's completely cleaned that evening and then the next day, you know, its clean for the kids to come in the morning and so, I mean, that goes back to where I was asking for a little bit of extra money in the part-time account because we'll have to clean it 123 times and it's quite a large building to get clean.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Along that line with the Discovery Lodge, with the popularity of it and then, I guess, how does it come out at far as balancing between what we see on the revenue side with the Discovery Lodge, what we're charging, and the expense that's incurred? I mean, can you give us an idea of what it looks like there?

Steve Craig: I can't give you an exact number on the utilities on it, but I know it was running about 7-800 dollars a month earlier and then we have a crew of six kids and one of my full-timers will be up there at all times to clean it. It takes them two hours, so that's 12 hours on the kids to clean it and my full-timer, which they're going to be there anyway, so I do not count that as an added expense. But the maintenance of mowing the grass and taking care of the landscaping and the trees and that, too, is something that's added on to there. That's a quite large area that we mow and trim and maintain also.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that something maybe you can prepare for us so that we could see how that works out, the expense relative to the revenue? I know, obviously, there's some spinoff, I think, that has occurred as a result of having the Discovery Lodge, we got increased popularity with the cabins.

Steve Craig: I can do it. It'd only be for six months. It'd be easiest to do it at the end of the year, then we can take our utilities and our, you know, the time for the whole year. I can see if I can break it down in half, but its hard to estimate how many hours that you have, you know, mowing the grass and that, but we do estimate the time, you know, the rest of the park, what our part-timers mow the grass, –

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if you could even get it through the six months, that would at least give us a feel, a general idea if we're pricing correctly. If we're in line, obviously, with the market, but also what we might be able to bear with the expense side. So if you could come up with something, give us a general ballpark figure of where that stands, that would be helpful.

President Bassemier: Craig, on advertising, 3440, as of June, of course, I know we're in August, but you only spent \$3,619. Of course, the kids will go back to school Wednesday, so how much have you spent so far in advertising? You won't probably advertise after –

Steve Craig: All that money has been spent, its just that it does not get charged to us until its been aired. And so, even though, you know, the first of June we haven't spent much, that was for advertising our day camp back in February and March to get it off to a good start. But the rest of its spent in June and July, and those bills are just coming in and we'll pay it. All of that money will be spent on advertising. And the reason I asked for a little bit more is because according to the master plan when we got it, we should be advertising three to four times that much for a park our size and I think that advertising, you know, when it comes out you can tell because our crowds pick up and people tell you where they heard it and where they seen it and...

President Bassemier: Anymore questions on page 122? 123? Any questions? On Miscellaneous, 3990, I know its not too much, \$3,000. What's Miscellaneous?

Steve Craig: That covers expenses that our regular budget doesn't cover. There's stuff that comes in, we buy straw, buy shirts for the office people that says Burdette so that people can recognize us. Just various things throughout the park that come up that's not under a line item, we take them out of Miscellaneous.

President Bassemier: Okay, any questions on 123? Okay, is that it for you guys? That's it. Got anything you want to say, add?

Catherine Fanello: No, just if we need to meet and go over things that we can move to CCD, I'd be happy to do that. So just let me know.

President Bassemier: Okay. Thank you. Thank both of you.

Steve Craig: Thank you.

COUNTY CLERK

President Bassemier: We're going to go back up to County Clerk, page 1.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell, County Clerk.

President Bassemier: Hi, Marsha. Got anything you want to tell us before we start?

Marsha Abell: Oh, you go ahead. Its your show.

President Bassemier: Okay, find it ourselves. Okay, any questions for Marsha on page 1? Okay, page 2. No questions on page 2. Page 3? Page 4? Marsha, on 1990 Extra Help?

Marsha Abell: Yes?

President Bassemier: And you need that?

Marsha Abell: Well, I have an employee that's going to retire at the end of December and her line item won't be paid out until about the end of January. And I think with a new Clerk coming in, they're going to need...that office is going to need to be fully staffed.

President Bassemier: Okay. Troy, any questions? You looked over here. Okay. Any more questions on four? Yes, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 2600 Office Supplies, what all is included in that? Is that just general things for the office – you're looking for an increase there, so what is the thought?

Marsha Abell: At the end of this year, all of the stationary will have to be redone with someone else's name on it. All of the file stamps will have to be changed with a new signature on them. The file stamps, I think, cost about \$40 to change a name on. We probably have 30 of them, at least 30 of them out. There will be a lot of expenses changing -- everything that goes through the office right now has my name on it and it will have to all be redone for a new person in January. And we'll do all of that after November and have it ready to go in January.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else, page 4? Okay, page 5? Okay, it looks like the Record Storage, Marsha, 3603?

Marsha Abell: Yes.

President Bassemier: That went up \$20,000.

Marsha Abell: And I would like to just, not warn you, but give you a little heads up, that's going to go up every year drastically, and it could be that this county needs to take a long term look at storage in general for the entire facility. You know, maybe a building you want to buy or lease on your own, because every time we clean out the basement and send boxes over to Kinder, they charge us for – every box is

charged. It isn't just a base – this is what we charge you every month. Its based on how much we take over there. And we're taking a lot over there and it gets more – it continually grows. There are a few things we can send to Indianapolis to archive but not very many because all the criminal files have to stay here in case the person is brought back here, so you might want to take a long term look at what this is going to cost. I'm sure we'll spend every dime of this at Kinder this year, and maybe more.

President Bassemier: What about the courthouse? I mean, there would have to be some kind of safeguards, stuff like that, I mean, there should be plenty of space still over there.

Marsha Abell: We looked at that and I was willing to continue to look at it. The Commissioners sort of didn't seem too interested in us moving our stuff over there. We would take a large quantity of that building. I personally think you should be considering the Central Library.

President Bassemier: Central Library?

Marsha Abell: I think Central Library would be an excellent place to put all of my records and there are other departments that need storage for records. There's a lot of city departments that need storage and I would think you know, that a joint city/county venture, looking at that old library would be a real profitable thing because this is going to continue to grow. It will never get any less.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else?

Councilmember Raben: Maintenance Contract, real quick, 3540.

Marsha Abell: Yes, those are my copy machines. We have three of them, and we sent over so far about \$60,000 to the Auditor's office in copy fees so, although that's certainly an expense in this book, its actually a revenue generating thing, and we use it a lot to generate \$60,000 already this year, you can tell we've made a lot of copies. We have to pay after we hit a certain amount. With our contract with the copy company, we have to pay per copy then, too, so the dollar we charge becomes less and less of a profit by our having to pay some also, but its still, copies out of my office are a money maker, because statutorily, I can charge a dollar a copy for everything.

COUNTY CLERK IV-D

President Bassemier: Okay, County Clerk IV-D. Any questions on that one? Okay,

Marsha Abell: Mr. Bassemier, we may be able to, we're looking at being able to maybe put a little bit of Kinder's bill into the IV-D bill account because we can charge part of that back to the state. I did talk to someone at the state about that, they're kind of wishy-washy about it because they say that they've got the same documents at the state level and we all really need to have them. Of course, about the time I'd discharge mine, you know, they'd lose theirs and we'd be in trouble. So I don't know if we're going to be able to do that. I just wanted to throw it out and let you know I'm looking at it. I've done some investigation on it. It wouldn't be a great deal, but you know, it might reduce Kinder's bill like \$10,000. If we could throw that over to IV-D and get 60% of it back from the state.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? Okay, that's it.

Marsha Abell: I do have one thing, I've got something I want to, Tracy has prepared for you. I had, and I'm doing this mainly because this is my last year and someone else is going to be doing this next year. There were two employees that we made mistakes on, I guess, and I'm just asking, I didn't want to ask for money this year but I'd like for you to consider for 2005 to increase the Garnishee Clerk from COMOT V to COMOT VI because that was my clerical error when I went before the salary committee. I actually intended for it to be COMOT VI. The particular individual that's in there right now has an accounting degree and she does all of the 1099's for our attorneys, which we've had to do now for the last two years. And if we lost her you'd have to farm it out to some accounting firm. Its too involved for any one person to be able to do that doesn't know how to do accounting, because some attorneys get their check through us, Jeff Ahlers, and some get it through Kahn, Dees, Donovan, and she has to keep up with all of that. And with over 400 lawyers in Evansville, that is a really big task that was put on her two years ago that she didn't have when she took that job. And that was a clerical error on my part as was the next one, and I recognized the next one right away and was told to wait until a year and its been a year but I didn't want to come until budget time.

President Bassemier: Marsha, I'm sorry, hold that thought.

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Marsha Abell: Two of the deputies, one of them was a COMOT VI, and her job, over and above her other deputy job, was to be the back up at Kinder, but she had a heart attack after we did that, and she could not go to Kinder, because she can't lift. So, she made a deal with one of the other girls that sits across from her, she said, I'll agree to my salary being reduced from a COMOT VI to a COMOT V, and then they can make you from a four to five if you'll do my Kinder work. The girl said, okay, I will. Well, when we went before the committee, you reduced the girl from the six to the five, but you didn't do the girl from the four to the five and increase her. So, I have, you know, she does it willingly right now, going out to Kinder, but she's not being compensated for it, and that is a big job. The job at Kinder is tremendous. It should be, I know there are financial constraints, which is the only reason that I didn't ask that you make a full time person out there. It is absolutely a monster, and it's going to be a real problem for this Council in the future. You can't just take the stuff out there and dump it on the floor. You've got to categorize it, and store it away, and that takes a lot of time.

President Bassemier: You're kind of suggesting this for next year?

Marsha Abell: Yes, I am. I'm not asking for anything that is for 2004. I'm just doing this for next year, yes.

President Bassemier: That has to go through job study, right?

Marsha Abell: Well, actually, they've both already been through job study for these same things. They were clerical errors on my part. I didn't put those right COMOT ratings.

President Bassemier: You'll probably have new members on it though.

Marsha Abell: So, it should go through again? Even if it's the same thing?

President Bassemier: I would think so. A new year, new faces. You'll have a new chairman probably.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

President Bassemier: This election.

Marsha Abell: Does it meet again this year, where I could get it done before the new Clerk comes on?

President Bassemier: Curt, you're the chairman, aren't you? Curt? I know you are. Well, it might be a possibility. He'll think about it, he says.

Marsha Abell: Well, I would just like to, I would like to have everything settled for whoever takes over this office.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, you say the job study took action on this in line with what you're discussing here?

Marsha Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, it wouldn't seem a need to have to repeat that. It wouldn't seem that you would have to come back again, if—

Marsha Abell: Well, I went to them with my reasoning for these changes, and I had written on my piece of paper that I was talking to them about one thing, about the COMOT....for instance the Garnishee Clerk, I had written on my stuff COMOT VI, but everything that they saw said raise her to a COMOT V. So, it was a clerical error on my part, and I didn't recognize it until she got her salary and she told me about it. She said this isn't right, and then I checked it and saw that I had made an error. They agreed that, you know, that there was additional work there.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if that's the case, you know, you'd want to bring it back.

Marsha Abell: It needs to go back? Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Just to make sure that the record is clear.

Marsha Abell: That's fine. I would be happy to do that. I would like to do it before the new Clerk takes over, and have that all done for her, so she won't have to—

President Bassemier: I'll work with the chairman on that, and see if he can work you in.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Marsha Abell: Thank you.

President Bassemier: Anymore questions? Okay.

LEGAL AID

President Bassemier: Legal Aid, 124.

Sue Hartig: Good morning, I'm Sue Hartig, the director of the Legal Aid Society. My board president, J.D. Strouth, and a board member, Kathy Nestrick, are passing out two handouts to you right now. One is the pro forma that I believe one of the City Council persons asked for last week, and the other is the really important thing, to let you know what we do. It's some client stories, and it describes an eviction, an adoption, a guardianship, a divorce, and a consumer matter. That's what we do all the time.

President Bassemier: You don't want to move either, do you?

Sue Hartig: No, I think I made that point already.

President Bassemier: Yeah, this is another joint budget, City and County, we met, and Sue says that they would like to stay where they're at in the Civic Center. They don't want to go over—

Sue Hartig: Yes, please.

President Bassemier: Yeah, so she pleaded her case pretty strong, so.

Sue Hartig: We're a 50/50 City/County agency, and also receive a chunk of money from United Way.

President Bassemier: And that is on page 124. Any questions on 124 for Ms. Hartig? Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: I'm sorry, Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: That's alright. Just a, I guess, first a comment on the discussion of the move as was discussed at the joint meeting last week. At first blush I don't see the need for moving your office. I see the expense to be burdensome, and I see the inconvenience to your clients as burdensome. So, whatever I can do personally, I would be happy to do on behalf of the agency, because I don't think it makes any sense. So, please, if I can help do that.

Sue Hartig: I appreciate that.

Councilmember Winnecke: As also we discussed last week, I guess, I am challenged on the salary issue. The large increase from the General Fund, as well as the additional stipend from United Way funds. This body has, we've, the Superior Court magistrates have come before us, at least on one occasion, and maybe two in the last two or three years asking for additional stipends. We've turned those down. With all due respect to the budget position that you're in relative to your senior staff members, I don't know that this is the year that this body should probably look at granting such a large increase, either out of the General Fund, or, frankly, out of the United Way fund.

Sue Hartig: The increase in the General Fund is simply the step raise that the job study would allow for. That's not—

Councilmember Winnecke: That's the step? I didn't see that anywhere.

J.D. Strouth: A 25 year step raise would actually bring it up \$2,323. Then the 3% raise would amount to \$2,036.

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, I see. That was not in your rationale. I missed that. I apologize.

Sue Hartig: That's okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: I still—

J.D. Strouth: The step raise was \$2,323 for the 25 year step raise. Then the 3% raise would amount to \$2,036.

President Bassemier: You okay with that, Lloyd?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah. On the stipend, I still am challenged with. I don't know what anyone else feels.

President Bassemier: Okay, 125. Page 125, any questions on 125? This isn't much either, the 3540, Maintenance Contract, what's that on?

Sue Hartig: Copy machine, dictating equipment, manual typewriters, we still have to have manual typewriters to do the little green return of service card, and there are some forms that are (Inaudible) card stock form that have to be done.

President Bassemier: Okay, any questions? Anymore questions on 125? Okay.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

President Bassemier: Let's see, Legal Aid/United Way, 178. Any questions on 178? Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: Yes, sir, Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: If I can go back real quick, I was just doing some quick math. Did I hear on the, back in the General Fund, you had the step raise as \$2,325?

J.D. Strouth: \$2,323.

Councilmember Winnecke: \$2,323?

J.D. Strouth: Right.

Councilmember Winnecke: Then the balance to get to the \$65,045, is a 3% on top, is that what you're doing?

Sue Hartig: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Sue Hartig: The figure that we use should be \$5,000 more than whatever the chart calls for. If you take off the \$5,000 stipend, you should have whatever—

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Sue Hartig: —and I did the calculation to determine off of the chart how much of it was the 3%, and how much was the stipend.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

President Bassemier: Okay, 178, any questions on 178? Seeing none. Okay, 179? No questions on 179. I guess, that's it. Do we have anything else? Okay, Sue, do you want to add anything?

Sue Hartig: No, I guess, just as a department head, my question to you would be, if something were to happen and I no longer were willing or able to be the department head, I wouldn't lose a dime. What would happen if neither one of the existing staff attorneys wished to pick up those duties as executive director, because they wouldn't be gaining a dime. That's just a predicament that we're in and what we were trying to resolve.

President Bassemier: Okay. Any Councilmembers like to add anything?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sure if that eventuality occurred that, you know, we would want to take a look at it. I mean, we're not in that situation presently, but if that were to occur, you know, we would probably need to look at it from a job study standpoint, what we would need to do to make sure that we're in line with other offices that fall under our, whatever decisions we make. So, it's kind of hard to tell, I mean, it could be next month, it could be five years from now, but, you know, I think clearly, I think by bringing it to our attention, it helps at least place that on the agenda for the type of things that we need to consider, in case something does happen where you're, hopefully, doesn't happen, you know, that you aren't going to be able to serve. At some point in time you won't be though, I mean, that's just the reality of things. So, in line with other offices, we wouldn't want to see where the person that is reporting to the top person, where their salary exceeds the top person, or is right in line. That would be out of line.

J.D. Strouth: The board did want to take a pro active approach to this. We felt like that if it was right down the road to adjust it, that it would be right today to adjust it, and then to be proactive, you know, for the future. So, in other words, the board felt like that it would be right to have a stipend for the executive director, with the additional responsibilities, to have some stipend for that. What challenged us was really looking at the future, trying to be proactive. But, rather than thinking we'll just wait until, you know, the next executive director comes along, and then right it down the road, we thought, well, if it's right down the road, you know, it would be right today to try that effort. Again, I want to point out, you know, we wanted to try to deal with this without costing the county a penny, and that is what we've been able to do. It's not costing one penny in order to achieve this.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm still unclear. The United Way is not paying one more dime to have this stipend. They are just allocating money.

J.D. Strouth: Actually we are going to be requesting an additional \$5,000 for the stipend. Now, they do not make their awards until March. If, per chance, in March they deny the \$5,000, then that will have to, we will have to readjust United Way's money that we're getting for their portion of the budget. We will have to reallocate that amongst that. There are certain things that are covered under United Way's budget, such as, let's see we have Dues and Memberships that are paid out of that portion of the budget; Public Relations/Marketing, and building some reserves, that's all exclusively out of the United Way portion. So, in other words, if they gave us less than the \$5,000 increase that we would be requesting, then we would have to reallocate it amongst those items of the budget that is paid for from United Way's portion.

Councilmember Tornatta: I say United Way needs to step up and take care of that salary, if that's the case. I don't have any problem with it. My problem is we have Center Township, Perry Township, and Pigeon Township, just three that I can think of off the top of my head out of this budget that the office holder is actually going to make less than the Chief Deputy, okay. You know, with all the headaches that go with that, why would somebody want to take that. Well, they're in a position of leadership for that group. If there's no other way to find money for any of these individuals, it's hard, and across the board, I'm sure you could find some disparity in county government where some people are making more than others, and you wonder how that's set up. Unfortunately, that's, we talked about this at the joint budget, that's how this system is set up, and if the United Way is not going to come up with the \$5,000, the county shouldn't be responsible for breaking a rule in order to take care of that issue.

J.D. Strouth: Correct. No, the county would not be paying a penny, even if the United Way did not come up with the additional \$5,000. The county would not be paying the additional portion of the budget.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, who would?

Councilmember Winnecke: What they are saying is, if the United Way denies the \$5,000 request, they will reallocate the \$63,000 or \$64,000 they currently get from the United Way to make sure that stipend is in place.

J.D. Strouth: Right. That's correct. So, in other words, if United Way does not award that, then we would not have the \$5,000 stipend. If they were not willing to, well, let's see, let me back up.

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, they are only going to give so much money—

J.D. Strouth: Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: —and we already have the salary in place, then we're still paying the salary, because they are not paying anymore than the amount they are going to pay. So, the county would have to pick up that \$5,000.

J.D. Strouth: Sure. If United Way was unable to pay the full \$5,000, I mean, it could be that they say we can only pay \$3,000 or something like that, we don't know, but if they are, then what we would probably, with the United Way's budget, is there

portion of the budget would probably be allocated. In other words, oh, excuse me, some of these items I just mentioned about, like Public Relations/Marketing, building up, you know, our reserves, some of that there would not be the additional monies going into those areas that are directly United Way funds.

Councilmember Winnecke: You would still pay the stipend.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, would you zero those accounts out?

J.D. Strouth: No, they wouldn't be zeroed out, they would receive less funding.

Councilmember Tornatta: We're still not, the county then would be picking up the tab.

J.D. Strouth: No.

Councilmember Winnecke: No, right now, this year, Legal Aid gets about \$63,000 or \$64,000 in United Way money.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Councilmember Winnecke: They are asking for \$6,000 additionally next year, \$5,000 of which would be earmarked for the stipend. If the United Way does not come through with that increase, then what, say they get \$63,000 again, they're going to use \$63,000 in these line items, they will reallocate it so \$5,000 of which will go toward the stipend.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, but they're not going to zero out an account to bring our part down.

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

J.D. Strouth: No.

Councilmember Tornatta: Which means that we will be picking up the \$5,000 stipend.

Councilmember Winnecke: No, not if we, no, no, no, no, no.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Explain it to me later.

J.D. Strouth: We have certain items that are exclusive—

Councilmember Tornatta: You know—

J.D. Strouth: —like for instance Marketing, Marketing is an exclusive item that is coming from the United Way, alright, if we reallocate the money from United Way, we would have less money for Marketing, which does not at all impact your budget in any way. Because your budget would not change.

Councilmember Winnecke: Our only additional expense would be PERF, the county.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm not going to be in favor of any additional expense by the county—

J.D. Strouth: Right, there wouldn't be.

Councilmember Tornatta: –until all offices are organized in that manner. Because if we do this office, then we're going to have other offices come before us. I think that's my issue with this, and if you knew this was coming down, and they were going to provide that \$5,000 stipend, and we knew about it, then that's a different issue. But, right now, we don't know, and we're speculating, and we can't do that as the county government.

J.D. Strouth: Right. What I'm saying is regardless if United Way approves the additional \$5,000 or not, it will not cost the county one more penny, even if they do not approve that. Any other questions?

President Bassemier: Thank you all.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thanks.

Sue Hartig: Thank you.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE FUND

President Bassemier: 911 Emergency Service, that's in the Commissioners budget, page 168. I asked Catherine, that's pretty well self explanatory, even though one of them went down a little bit. So, just in case we have any questions on that–

Catherine Fanello: Well, I just put the number, I think, that was in there last year, because we didn't have all the joint department budgets yet. So, you'll need to go through and revise, based on , I don't know what happened at your hearing, was it last week? Joint department?

President Bassemier: Any questions on that, on page 168? Okay. No questions, I hate to bring you back, I just didn't know.

Catherine Fanello: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: We still have the Treasurer here.

President Bassemier: Yeah, I know, she wanted to go last. Yeah, I hadn't forgotten her.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

President Bassemier: Local Emergency Planning Commission, page 166. Anybody from that department?

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

President Bassemier: Alright, we'll take Local Drug Free Community, page 167. Nobody here on that, on 167? Nobody here on that? Well, we'll check on that one too.

TREASURER

President Bassemier: Treasurer's office.

Z. Tuley: Hi, Z. Tuley, Vanderburgh County Treasurer. I have two things I need to say first. First of all, I apologize for being late this morning. First of all, I messed up and I do not have this on my calendar for today. So, I apologize for that. Second of all, I have a low grade temp, and I wasn't going to come in at all today, until they called me and said that I was supposed to be here. So, I apologize.

President Bassemier: Oh, that's okay.

Z. Tuley: I will leave as soon as this is done, and go back home.

President Bassemier: That's on page 11.

Z. Tuley: Lysol the microphone when I'm gone.

President Bassemier: Okay, any questions on page 11? Okay, page 12. Is there anything that you would like to point out to us?

Z. Tuley: I do want to stress the Extra Help. I know, Ed, you were in doing the last tax deadline, there were lines all the way down the hall. They were backed up to Bill Fluty's door from my office. They have the whole stretch—

President Bassemier: We appreciate your work to be up first. No, just kidding.

Z. Tuley: —to get to the—

President Bassemier: I was behind, I was in the last one.

Z. Tuley: To get to the cashiers, they have to go, they are all the way across the front of my office. Then, yet, they are still backed up to the Auditor's door.

President Bassemier: I know, I was there.

Z. Tuley: I ask for Extra Help every year. I can't stress this enough. There are probably, I'm going to guess, 99% of the taxpayers that are present on tax deadline day, that is the only day that they are probably in my office. This is what they get to see. It's inefficient as it can be with the staff that I have. They probably think that of me all year, because they don't know any different. I have made every effort, I have requested that the news media put out the word that they don't have to come to the Civic Center. They are calling us the Civic Center 500 for driving around the block, and around the block, until they finally find a parking place. They finally get in the office, they've got the line backed up to Bill Fluty's door, and then they have to wait to be able to check out at the cashier. By the time they get back to their car, Alberta's staff has already given them a ticket, because they've been in the Civic Center for longer than the 30 minute, or the one hour allotted out front. Then they are really angry. I don't know how to turn around people's attitudes of thinking that they must pay at my office. They can go through the drive through, I have 22 bank locations. They can go through the drive through. If the weather is bad they don't even have to get out of their car, they don't have to park anywhere. They can go through the drive through. The bank offers them a receipt. Everything is captured on film, the whole nine yards, the check, the payment. If there is ever an error, it is

retrace able, and we do make it right, if there ever is an error. We put it out there on line. We also have an 800 number for those people that don't have access to the Internet. I've done everything in my power to reduce that line. Now, I need your power, with manpower, and give me another, at least one more person so that I can at least move the line, perhaps, a little more swiftly. I am going to be reviewing the layout of the room, and see if there is a more efficient way to ship them through. I did check with Computer Services, it would cost a lot of money to set up another cashier's station. It is very, very detailed in the communication when a payment is made. So, it would cost a lot of money to have a cashier's station.

President Bassemier: Okay, we'll work on that Extra Help for you.

Z. Tuley: I really appreciate it. I only need it at tax time.

President Bassemier: Any questions on page 12? Page 13.

Councilmember Winnecke: I have a question on page 12, Z. The computer upgrade, when we bought, when the county bought computers for the Assessors last year, or two years ago, was your office involved in that?

Z. Tuley: No.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Z. Tuley: I wish we had been. We would have gotten really nice computers had we been. But, we have the big boxy kind. They have the flat screen.

Councilmember Winnecke: I've got a big box at the office.

Councilmember Sutton: Z., back on your previous topic real quick. It would be my assumption that the people that are coming to your office on the actual day when taxes are due, it's the same people year after year.

Z. Tuley: There are repeats, yes. There are many repeats.

Councilmember Sutton: I think some people maybe just do things out of habit, and they want to wait until the last minute, whatever the case may be.

Z. Tuley: No one likes to pay taxes. So, yes, they do wait until the last minute on purpose.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know if they are thinking about or considering some of those other options that you've mentioned to actually pay their taxes. Wouldn't it be somewhat of a savings, to a certain degree. If there were a mailing, maybe, that went to those repeat folks to let them know about the other alternatives, rather than having to wait in that long line.

Z. Tuley: The list of bank locations is printed right on the bill, along with the bank logo. That's part of the tool that I use to reduce the expense to the county for paying for the bank services to take and process those payments, is that I stress the fact that we've got 80,000 mailings with their logo and their bank locations on it, they're free advertising.

Councilmember Sutton: So, somehow they're not getting it.

Z. Tuley: I push that.

Councilmember Sutton: They're not getting the message, though, I guess.

Z. Tuley: We've had several people say they don't look at the bill, they don't read the bill. They just look for the dollar amount owed, that's it. There are some people that just will flat tell you, they are paying in my office, they want my receipt, and they are not going anywhere else.

President Bassemier: Z., I saw 3410, Temp Training, you're asking for \$50,000, and you've already used almost all of yours from 2000 for this year, \$43,793, do you have enough to carry through this year?

Z. Tuley: I should make it. I shouldn't have any problems this year, quite yet. I think I'll be fine.

Councilmember Hoy: You spend that early, right?

Z. Tuley: Right, typically I spend a lot of it early. There is an order in November to the printer for demand notices and such. That's after the November deadline, so that we can see, we have Computer Services run me a number and tell me how many personal properties has not paid. Then I will ask the print shop to print me some demand notices based on the number that they give me, because those notices have to go out the first of January.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Z. Tuley: But, I usually hold up and wait to order those when I have a pretty good idea of how many I need.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Z. Tuley: I don't like to stock on them.

President Bassemier: But, that's nowhere we can cut your budget, is it? It looks like \$50,000, there's no way we can cut that, is there? I mean, I just don't think we can do it.

Z. Tuley: I don't see how.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Z. Tuley: Except that I would have to come back up here, and then I'll probably mess that up too, and miss a deadline like I did with my last appropriation request.

President Bassemier: Okay, any more questions on page 12? Page 13, you got anything to add? I think that's it.

Z. Tuley: I think that's it.

President Bassemier: Okay, just try to get you that Extra Help so that I don't have to stand in that line, right?

Z. Tuley: That's right.

President Bassemier: That's my thought. I'm one of those guys. I'm not complaining, because that was my fault. I'm not complaining.

Councilmember Sutton: Plus you can send a check in.

President Bassemier: I'll try to beat that to the bank. Like the rest of us, probably. I guess, we need a motion to recess until 9:00 tomorrow morning.

Z. Tuley: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

President Bassemier: So moved, everybody in favor say aye.

(Meeting was recessed at 10:50 a.m.)

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 11, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 11th day of August, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to again welcome everybody to our 2005 second day of budget hearings. Would everybody please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Bassemier: Roll call please.

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

***DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES/
CHILDREN’S PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES***

President Bassemier: Okay the first one on our agenda is Division of Family & Children’s Services, page 142. John, come forward please and state your name and department, please.

John Schroeder: My name is John Schroeder. I’m the Assistant Director with the Vanderburgh County Office of Family & Children. I brought a packet and distributed them to each of your desks up there. This is the way we’ve calculated and proposed our budget. The top item, I’ll just go through the items that I’ve left there. The top item is the new Children’s Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services Fund. All we have the calculation that the Family & Social Services Administration made and we filed with you. That’s the way it works. The next item is the Family & Children’s Fund. These are the requests that we have for the various accounts there and the filing that was done for that. Following that is kind of a booklet and this is how we go about trying to project ours by looking at our past expenditures and trying to project expenditures we have for the rest of this year and next year. It’s a rather lengthy thing in there, but it does show the historical aspects of the expenditures, projections and things like that. The following small packet is kind of a comparison of the accounts over the past number of years and what we’ve expended out of them or what we have proposed to expend out of them. Finally is the required submission from Senate Bill 400 from a few years ago where we have to provide information concerning the various numbers of children placed in the types of placements they are in foster homes, therapeutic foster homes or institutions or areas like that and whether they are children from what’s called CHINS, Children In Need of Services or whether they are delinquents from the juvenile court system that we’re covering on those. Also, some charts and things

like that on how these figures fall in there. Basically, what we've done is looked at it actually with a lot of work from our staff and from the juvenile court system we think we have limited some of the expenditures on the children placed in institutions over the past year or so and hopefully they're not growing. As you'll notice, the request for our budget is only about \$300,000 or a little more than \$300,000 more than it was for last year. We feel that this should be adequate to cover their required expenditures in that period of time.

President Bassemier: Okay, Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: John, just to make sure that we all understand, and I think I do, but based on the information that we were previously given, and this seems to confirm it, if you look on page 142 of the big blue book there.

John Schroeder: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: The initial number of \$23,502,419 is incorrect and the correct figure is \$15,668,280?

John Schroeder: Affirmative, that's correct.

Councilmember Winnecke: And then on the following page instead of \$2.6 million it's \$910,000?

John Schroeder: That's correct.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

John Schroeder: And the reason for this is due to the advertisements and trying to get those out and the fact that our information has to go through the central office of the Division of Family & Children and Family & Social Services Administration we can't actually get that back until after the advertisements start to go out, so they try to give us a little leeway on that and then hopefully you guys can reduce—

President Bassemier: John, what number was that again?

Councilmember Winnecke: It's on the sheet. It's \$15,668,280.

President Bassemier: Okay. Any other questions on page 142? John, on that 32540, that Preservation Services for information, what exactly is that? It's gone up quite a bit.

John Schroeder: A lot of times we're requested to provide counseling services for families or training for bringing up children and not abusing them. Also, a lot of times when there are requests for children to remain in their household but they are possibly in danger or there may be a need of services. We're required to pay for some drug testing for families and things like that, so there is a variety of things that are provided in this area that actually we've tried to stress more, hopefully, to keep the children in their homes as opposed to remove them and put them in either foster homes or institutions, particularly the institutionals. It a lot of times disconnects the children from their families and many times moves them out of the area and it makes it a little difficult for the families to keep in contact and to maybe reunite them or things like that.

Councilmember Hoy: Are there any ways to compare how we stack up with other counties? There is no county with the same population similar. Elkhart is similar. I'm just curious.

John Schroeder: Normally, we kind of compare ourselves with Allen or St. Joe. As far as office sizes this is the way I look at being from the administrative side we have the fifth largest county Office of Family & Children in the state and St. Joe and Allen County fall in at 3rd and 4th. So we normally look at those. We periodically get information on a statewide basis. As far as what the expenditures are, not necessarily per account, but the overall budget expenditures. If you're interested in that I can probably acquire some of that and get it back to you before next week.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I'm not asking you to make a project of it. I'm curious because of some thoughts I have about what we do and don't do. Not you, but our culture.

John Schroeder: Uh-huh. I can attempt to get that or try to get that information.

President Bassemier: Troy.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, just a question. On the 39920 the Interest of Temporary Loan, is that something you will be utilizing or you don't know?

John Schroeder: We don't think so. That's the problem with this budget. None of the—almost none of these expenditures—probably less than one percent of the expenditures are discretionary.

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh.

John Schroeder: Everything—if we spend we've got a bill for it and don't really have any discretion of saying we want to buy that many more squad cars or anything like that. These are children in placement. We were afraid last year because of the increases we were having in institutional costs that we might have to, in fact, borrow some money to cover the end of the year. Luckily, we were able to address that issue and not and in this situation I just reduced it to keep some money in there just in case things change on us before that time.

Councilmember Tornatta: Does money stay in that account from year to year?

John Schroeder: Not necessarily in the account.

Councilmember Tornatta: Does it revert?

Councilmember Raben: It stays in your separate levy.

John Schroeder: It stays in the levy.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess you didn't use any of that money this year?

John Schroeder: That's correct.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess I'm just wanting to know does that stay in that account?

John Schroeder: No, it doesn't stay in that account. It does stay—

Councilmember Tornatta: Where does that revert to?

John Schroeder: It stays in our cash balance.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

John Schroeder: But as far as in the whole fund account yes. Anything we don't spend will roll over and carry us as a working balance for the next year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and that is what I was saying. We budgeted \$5,000 toward that, you haven't spent anything. I didn't know if you needed the \$2,000 for this year because that would be \$7,000 in that line item for interest.

John Schroeder: No, it would only be \$2,000 for the next year.

Councilmember Hoy: It doesn't turn over.

John Schroeder: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: On the 35520 Out of Home there initially was a jump there. There is a jump from what we spent. I've heard some talk that there was a possibility of placing the juvenile court young people who, you know, going to Vincennes and other places in this budget. That has not happened has it or has it?

John Schroeder: We do have, and if you'll notice back there, there are a number of children in institutions—

Councilmember Hoy: Uh-huh. Yeah, that's the line.

John Schroeder: —we're paying that are juvenile placements that are in these institutions. Now we can't pay anything out of this account in a correctional facility.

Councilmember Hoy: Probably like boy's school or girl's school or Vincennes.

John Schroeder: Those kind of things, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: That was the question that came up. Apparently somebody suggested that possibility.

John Schroeder: As I remember the state regulations we're not allowed to pay any correctional—what's the term? There is a legal term in there, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: That's okay.

John Schroeder: But it can't be in one of the correctional facilities.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah. Thank you.

President Bassemier: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: John, on line item 32700 Foster Parent Insurance, what is that all about please?

John Schroeder: Beg your pardon?

Councilmember Wortman: That Foster Parent Insurance.

John Schroeder: Yeah, that's an account we had available and not used, but recently they determined that children that might be injured or something happened to them while they are in foster care that the foster parents might be liable for that in court and to continue to keep the recruitment going a number of other counties in the past had already utilized this account. We kept, there again, an amount in that account in case we needed to use it and this year it was determined that it was appropriate for us to get the insurance to try to insure the foster parents so that they wouldn't be, you know, just singly liable. We would have insurance for them.

Councilmember Wortman: More or less protecting them.

John Schroeder: For that situation, yeah. It's one of those things that has come up recently and recruitment for foster parents is an issue because there is a lot of work involved for those people.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

President Bassemier: Troy.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I had other questions. On the Out of Home Placement Initiative that went down. Is that still a good number? Why is that number going down?

John Schroeder: The Out of Home—you mean the institutional placements?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm not used to that, yeah.

John Schroeder: Well, we've worked with the juvenile court in trying to get the children, if at all possible, placed in either foster homes if that is appropriate or possibly if necessary therapeutic foster homes instead of institutions. One of the issues we're facing however is that now we've practically got all of our foster homes full and I was told a week or two ago that all the placements, all the foster homes, all the licensed foster homes were full for a short period of time there. We really couldn't place anybody else in a foster home for a period of time. So I'm afraid that we will see, and as I've noticed that in the past few months we're seeing institutional costs beginning to rise back up again.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you know what your balance was at the end of the year in your account? I mean, what did you carry over?

John Schroeder: I don't have that. The working balance, I don't believe I have that with me at this time.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. I was just curious what type of number you carry over.

John Stoll: Usually, if I remember correctly around \$3 million or something like that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Bassemier: Anybody else?

Councilmember Raben: What, I mean just to make that clear, whatever he carries over will adjust his levy for the next year. So if he carried over \$3 million he only needs \$12 million to make up the balance, so that levy will fluctuate.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Is that a standard—I mean is that normally about where you are?

John Schroeder: It usually runs—what we try to do is get a working balance of half the year's expenditures, obviously, because taxes come out the end of June and we have to be able to finance—most of these are pretty immediate costs that we have. Foster parents need to be paid. The institutions want to be paid, the children are placed there. So we have to have a working balance to cover our expenditures up through, you know, the first tax payment in June. Normally, that's what we are trying to shoot for. Of course, our levy limit sometimes doesn't allow us to go to that extreme. This year, again, we're looking at a pretty good situation.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thanks.

CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SVCS

John Schroeder: Now, there is one other item, and I think you probably will want to check into it because they haven't given us a whole lot of information on this Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Fund. It was created by an act of the state legislature and they actually removed part of our levy limit to create this fund. What it is, is children, the way I understand it and we've been given some rather scarce information about, the children are placed in certain authorized facilities and we have one at this point in time out at Deaconess Cross Pointe in the county and there are children there that are eligible for Medicaid. What happens is the state pays out the Medicaid for them and then we're billed a percentage of that to this fund if those children qualify for that to pay them back. And then at the end of the year if there are funds left in there the state determines a working balance for the next year and the remainder of that money if there is anything there, and you'll need to check on this because this is what I have been told but I don't have—they have not given us extensive information on it, is that money would then roll over to the county General Fund. Not to the Family & Children's Fund, but to the General Fund but can only be used for juvenile payments or something like that.

Councilmember Tornatta: And what's that fund called again?

John Schroeder: It's called—it's the one that I gave you on top. It's the Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services Fund.

President Bassemier: Troy, it's on the next page.

Councilmember Hoy: Does that include the Children's Psychiatric Center on Morgan Avenue or is that separate?

John Schroeder: No, that is separate.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Bassemier: Bill, was you aware of that reverting to the General Fund? Okay. Anybody else? We've covered—we just covered 143. Any more questions for John? Thank you, sir.

John Schroeder: Okay, thank you.

PROSECUTOR

President Bassemier: Next on our agenda is the Prosecutor, page 40.

Stan Levco: Good afternoon or good morning. I'm Stan Levco, Prosecutor.

President Bassemier: Good morning, Stan.

Stan Levco: And I'm here to help.

President Bassemier: And you're here to help? Is there anything you would like to say before we get started? Anything that you want to add or take away?

Stan Levco: Just briefly I think the budget is pretty simple. It's generally the same thing as last year. The only thing that is not is the two Deputy Prosecutors which I have talked to most of you about.

President Bassemier: Okay. Anybody got any questions on page 40? Okay, 41.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just, Stan, in relation to the two prosecutors on the chart that we were handed out this morning.

Stan Levco: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Winnecke: How many cases does that represent over the life of the three year grant?

Stan Levco: I don't have an exact number, would you know? I could make a guess, but do you have that?

President Bassemier: You can look that up and get back with us.

Stan Levco: I can just make up any number?

Councilmember Winnecke: Sure.

President Bassemier: What did he say?

Councilmember Winnecke: He said I'll just make up a number.

President Bassemier: Okay, sounds good.

Stan Levco: It would be in the hundreds not thousands. The low hundreds.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

President Bassemier: Anybody else on that? Page 42. It's going to be easy so far. Forty-three. Okay.

Stan Levco: You know, getting back to that, too, they've done all the gun cases, but they do other cases, too.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right, and I guess my—I mean, I think the graph that was provided was very helpful, but for me I would sort of a base of reference.

Stan Levco: Yeah.

Councilmember Winnecke: That 62 percent or whatever were convicted based on how many?

Stan Levco: Two hundred and thirty one.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: And that in percentage to probably the total amount of cases that you handle would be what?

Stan Levco: Fewer than ten percent.

President Bassemier: Stan, would you—I'm sorry, Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Levco, when you go out of the county on a trial do they pay you from that county?

Stan Levco: When I personally—

Councilmember Winnecke: As special prosecutor.

Stan Levco: —as special prosecutor? They pay my mileage.

Councilmember Wortman: Just pay your mileage only?

Stan Levco: And sometimes—I tried one last year where I had them reimburse Vanderburgh County. I personally don't get paid.

Councilmember Wortman: So you still just draw your salary here?

Stan Levco: I get my salary here and they pay my expenses, my mileage.

President Bassemier: Stan, you wanted—you're talking about you want two, but you said you would like to have one. Explain—Robin called me on this, explain do you need both of them or you just would like to have one and we're going to pay part of another?

Stan Levco: My official position is I want two.

President Bassemier: Okay, okay.

Stan Levco: I just—one would be better than zero.

President Bassemier: Right.

Stan Levco: Here is my feeling. I have not asked for an increase in staff, or if you don't count these two, it's probably been at least four or five years. I feel like the Public Defender's staff has probably doubled in the last four or five years. I really think this is what our staff—this is the right amount. Because of this, when I got the grant three years ago you said, and I appreciate that you weren't going to necessarily fund it when it was over, but that is one of the reasons I haven't asked for an increase in staff for the last three years. So I feel like that I do want both of them, but to fund one of them you've essentially funded one with the matching grant last year.

PROSECUTOR IV-D

President Bassemier: Okay. Anybody else? Okay 44, Prosecutor IV-D, any questions on that page? You had a couple on there, Stan, that went down. So I guess 11501081 that one went down and the receptionist that went down a little bit.

Stan Levco: That would probably be because of longevity.

President Bassemier: Longevity, I'm sure it is. Anybody got any question on 44? Let's see, 45?

Councilmember Sutton: Stan, on the IV-D the reimbursement works, just for me for the record, if you could just kind of explain it to us.

Stan Levco: If get two-thirds back.

President Bassemier: Two-thirds back, okay.

Stan Levco: And I will say I have been here a number of years asking for more people in IV-D. I still think we need more people in IV-D. I've just—you've beat me down to the point that I realize you're not going to fund them. One of these years maybe I'll—

President Bassemier: Good job guys.

Stan Levco: Maybe one year when the financial picture looks a little better I'll ask for some more people in IV-D because I really think we should have more.

President Bassemier: Sounds like we're doing our job. Okay. Any more questions on page 45?

PROSECUTOR GRANTS

President Bassemier: Okay, 46. That would be Prosecutor Grants, 46 to 51. Any questions on 46? Forty-seven? Forty-eight? Page 49? Fifty? And 51? That's pretty tight there, Stan. Any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Stan, I know you wanted to make some mention on the Victims/Witness Assistance Program grant.

Stan Levco: Right. I've asked for a big increase in that. Part of that or the major reason or at least part of the reason is in the past we've had a receptionist who worked for the office, Doloris Savage, who worked as a receptionist for 18 years and then went into Victims Assistance, and when she retired her insurance has come out of that, out of the federal grant and you haven't paid that and that's not right. The federal grant should not be paying a retired person's insurance, so I am asking you to pick that up this year.

President Bassemier: Okay. Any more questions on 51? Okay.

Stan Levco: Just to add on that point, I mean if I had known and if it ever happens again I will know I would just have moved that person back to another position in the office a week before she retired.

Councilmember Bassemier: I see.

Stan Levco: It isn't right for a federal grant to pay somebody's insurance after they have retired unless they have been working in that federal grant for all that time.

PROSECUTORS PRETRIAL DIVERSION

President Bassemier: Okay, moving to page 161, Prosecutor's Pretrial Diversion. Any questions on 161? Stan, do you got anything you would like to add?

Stan Levco: No.

President Bassemier: Evidently—anybody else? Okay, it looks pretty good. Okay, thank you, sir.

Stan Levco: Is that it? Okay.

President Bassemier: I don't see anything else.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

President Bassemier: Okay, moving into the Public Defender Commission. Mr. Owen. That would be on page 92.

Steve Owen: Good morning. Steve Owens, Public Defender.

President Bassemier: Alright, Mr. Owens, is there anything you would like to say or pass out to us before we get started?

Steve Owens: No sir, I don't think so.

President Bassemier: Okay. On page 92 are there any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: General question. The state reimbursements, as I understand it, pretty regularly?

Steve Owens: State reimbursements are coming in pretty regularly. We've had something in excess of \$1.4 million.

President Bassemier: Steve, how many public defenders do you have? I count 24, is that right?

Steve Owens: Twenty-three part-time public defenders. One full-time deputy public defender and myself.

President Bassemier: Okay, 25 total in your department.

Steve Owens: Twenty-five including the part-time.

President Bassemier: Okay, any questions on 92? Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I would say if you look, since this has been brought up, if you look at the Prosecutor's Office, vis-a-vis this office, this office is not in imbalance at all. In fact, it may be a little shy, but that's because I am a strong supporter of this office, I feel that way as you know.

President Bassemier: Okay. Page 93 any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Steve, I was going to ask since the majority of your staff is part-time how are you able to work, I guess, the balance of, I guess, the caseload with maybe some doing more and some doing less? How do you—is it calculated on hours, number of cases, how do you make that decision on the balance there?

Steve Owens: In the felony courts each of the 16 part-timers rotate on a weekly basis. There is nine in Circuit and seven in Superior. They report the number and type of case their appointed to in a given week and then we make adjustments in that within the office by either reassigning those cases to other public defenders whose load is not as heavy, transferring some of those cases to me, transferring some of them to outside supplemental public defenders if there is a conflict. In misdemeanor and juvenile we're pretty well stuck because of the numbers. They're always over the suggested standard and we do a little adjustment in juvenile. We do no adjustment in misdemeanor it just simply balances out pretty close between the three. At the end of the year they've got pretty close to the same number of cases.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess as well, as you look at balancing out that caseload I mean are we pretty—because we've got some requirements by statute in terms of the caseload and are we—you mentioned the two, but in Circuit and Superior are we bumping up close to that maximum or how are we doing it?

Steve Owens: We're running probably on an average year, I think the numbers are down a little this year, we're having to farm out some cases to keep us within the guidelines in the felony division. We're not even close to being within the guidelines in juvenile. We are somewhat over in misdemeanor. We're probably a half a public

defender over in misdemeanor. Probably at least a full public defender over the guidelines in juvenile, but as you know since much of juvenile isn't reimbursed the commission has allowed us to have some leeway there. That's ultimately going to come to an end. I think you're seeing that in Marion County now, but at least for the foreseeable future we should be okay. That's why I haven't asked for any additional public defenders this year.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess this is just about as close—this time of year when you, I guess, receive your additional reimbursement? I guess it's getting close to about that time?

Steve Owens: Well, the state runs on a fiscal year different than our fiscal year. I mean, theirs is from June—or July 1 through June 30th, so they just started their 2004-2005 fiscal year. The way that the reimbursements work we file them quarterly. They're due 45 days or within 45 days at the end of the quarter so for example we just filed the one ending in the second quarter. We filed that the later part of July or first part of August. They will not even look at the probably for another two months. The commission doesn't meet that frequently.

President Bassemier: Mr. Winneke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Steve, I have a question about a topic we discuss each year, but I don't know if we've ever gotten down this road and that's law books.

Steve Owens: Yeah.

Councilmember Winnecke: You have a request for \$4,000. The Prosecutor for \$8,000. The Courts have significant more. I guess I don't understand why each entity is needing the latest versions of the law, but don't need the same amount.

Steve Owens: Well, first of all I suspect, although I haven't seen the Prosecutor's library for a while, that they have some things that are different than what we have. I know that the courts do have some things that are different. Much of what we get in a given year are defense oriented treatises or manuals which are not particularly—I don't particularly want to share those with the prosecutor or anybody else for that matter. There probably is some overlap. I think the prosecutor uses West Law we use Lexis. The court uses, I think, Lexis through a special program with the Superior Court. There may be some overlap, but every year we've had the books in our budget we have spent pretty much all of it almost every year. We need to be able to access those resources without going to some other office.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, I don't doubt that, I just would be interested to know why. I mean, yours is on the low end and the prosecutor's is on the low end versus the courts, which are higher.

Steve Owens: I don't know what is included within the court's budget in terms of their books. Does that answer your question?

President Bassemier: Thank you, Mr. Winnecke. Any questions on page 94?

Councilmember Tornatta: I just had a question on Bond & Insurance, why the drop?

Steve Owens: The drop apparently from what I understand from Mr. Feldhaus is that because of the way that their calculating our portion of the malpractice insurance, which is basically what that is, it went down substantially as you noticed, probably \$34,000 or \$35,000. We just take that figure based upon what they tell us we need.

President Bassemier: You just change insurance companies?

Steve Owens: Pardon?

President Bassemier: You changed insurance companies?

Steve Owens: We didn't change anything. We just get it from ONB.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Steve Owens: They tell us how much is our portion of the total insurance package and last year at the beginning of the budget cycle I think they told us we should figure about \$37,000. When we were ready to pay it this year I think it went down to \$3,500 which was quite a drop. We had lots of conversation about that and I have been assured by the Auditor's Office and Mr. Feldhaus, with ONB, that that's accurate and that's the figure and the figure we arrived at this year is based upon my conversations with him.

President Bassemier: Okay. Thank you. Anybody else? Okay, page 95. Any questions on 95? No questions on 95. Is there anything you would like to add, sir?

Steve Owens: No, sir. Thank you.

President Bassemier: Thank you very much.

Councilmember Winnecke: I did have one other question on page 96.

President Bassemier: Oh, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, no. It's the wrong budget, never mind.

President Bassemier: That's okay.

Steve Owens: Great. Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you want to take Drug and Alcohol Deferral before we get—do you want to take Drug and Alcohol Deferral before we get into the Sheriff and Superior Court budget?

President Bassemier: We can.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think it is pretty straight forward.

President Bassemier: Okay. Yeah, there might be time. Is that okay with everybody to move DADS? Is that okay with everybody. Okay, page 115. Bill, you want to come on up? Before we start we're going to change the tape.

(TAPE CHANGE)

DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

Councilmember Tornatta: The reason we moved you up.

Bill Campbell: Pardon?

Councilmember Tornatta: That's the only reason we moved you up on the schedule.

Bill Campbell: I appreciate it. Some perks after 28 years, after all.

President Bassemier: Now you want to say that on the record. No, 115. Sometimes we don't get those kind of compliments. Okay, any questions on 115? Bill, is there anything that you would like to say?

Bill Campbell: Well, of course, I'm set in as Director here, presently. There's a panel of judges that's going to make that determination as to who the replacement will be and what the salary will be. It certainly would not be in excess of this, possibly less. Other than that, and having come before you most recently with dragging me kicking and screaming into the 21st century computers, this particular matter here we have, on the 3370, \$2,000, I'm not certain as to the necessity of that money at this point. Mr. Tornatta would be better versed in that. So, that money may or may not be, and as much as you've already dealt with that issue.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Bill Campbell: The other slight increase is, basically, our consequence of everyone having computer and more paper and so forth and so on.

President Bassemier: Okay. Any other questions for 115, page 115? Page 116. Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just ask on line 3630, Equipment Lease and Rental, what type of equipment?

Bill Campbell: That's a copy machine.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Bill Campbell: Again, we've had somewhat of an increase, we pay per page, and that has increased. The annual lease has not increased appreciably, but the use of paper has.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: So, does that include like a maintenance contract? Or is it just mainly equipment?

Bill Campbell: Unfortunately, like most everything in that office, I don't think we can have a service agreement on that. That copy machine is so old, I don't know if they have parts, but it's still working.

Councilmember Tornatta: Are we charging for copies, or is that just for your records? You're talking about the copy machine, are those copies that we give to people, or are we...is that part of the User Fee?

Bill Campbell: Well, yes, it is more cost effective from the standpoint that we used to have a lot of the paperwork that we needed farmed out and printed commercially. So, to the degree possible, we do all our own forms now. So, it comes out of one pocket, I suppose, and goes into the other, but we're using that copy machine to make these forms that we do need to distribute.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President? Bill, one more question while we're on the copier. How many copies are you running a year? Guess.

Bill Campbell: It's several thousand. It's thousands.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, I would have to see your copier, but man it seems like \$1,700 a year for a copy lease, when you can buy one heck of a copier for \$1,700, just seems like a lot of money.

Bill Campbell: I could get that information for you, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: It's probably not just Bill's office or his department, I think we've got that throughout the Civic Center, where we've got a lot of leases out there. Way too many (Inaudible) me.

Bill Campbell: Well, I think that ultimately, I know that you have probably more on your plate right now to deal with, but, ultimately, we'll have to address that issue. Or somebody will, because it's, normally it works very well, but it's very nearly obsolete. Kind of like I hate to say the word typewriters, but from the standpoint that you can't get service agreements after a certain point because they don't have parts. So, we'll have to address that whole issue at some point soon.

Councilmember Raben: So, with the lease is there maintenance?

Bill Campbell: Yes, there is, but, I'm sorry, I said that there wasn't. There is a service agreement on that particular, but it's soon, I'm sure, to be ending. That's what they did on the other one, they just came in and said we can't carry it anymore.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, just something for us to consider.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm not real sure those copies won't go down with the computer system, because they were printing out papers to fill out for each individual, which will all be entered in the computer at that point. So, I mean, they won't be necessarily making copies, from what I understand. I mean, that will all be on that computer system that they've got. I can check that out as well. We'll dive in to that once I digest this computer issue.

Councilmember Raben: Again, I'm not picking on Bill's office. We've got several others in this budget that \$1,700 for what probably is not anything out of the ordinary, just a standard copier, that's a whole lot of money a year for just a lease. I mean, you know, you can purchase one magnificent copier for that.

Bill Campbell: Well, I'll get all that breakdown for you.

Councilmember Hoy: To add to that, I think sometimes vendors see us coming because we're government.

Bill Campbell: Oh, I know that's the case.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, because I remember having strident discussions in this chamber about the cost of a copier when I was at the Food Bank, and we were buying the Cadillac out there for a whole lot less money than people are buying them, or leasing them in this building. Sometimes I don't think we shop well.

Bill Campbell: I think you're right.

President Bassemier: Any other questions? Bill, would you like to add anything?

Bill Campbell: Again, I appreciate your support in the past, and I'm certain that you will continue with the new leadership.

President Bassemier: Okay, well, thank you, sir.

Bill Campbell: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thanks, Bill.

SHERIFF

President Bassemier: Okay, next will be the Sheriff's department, page 16.

Brad Ellsworth: I'm just kidding.

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible) dangerous.

Brad Ellsworth: It was just a nervous twitch. I saw Barney do that once.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Barney.

Brad Ellsworth: It's not loaded, don't worry. They make me take them out at work.

Councilmember Sutton: Do you have seven more vests in your budget there that you can make available to us?

Councilmember Hoy: Sheriff, before you get started, I have a question that came up at a venue last night concerning Central Dispatch.

Brad Ellsworth: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Are you all having problems with that computer system out there? This was an EPD officer who said that that system just wasn't working well.

Brad Ellsworth: We just got a new one not too long ago.

Councilmember Hoy: It's new. It's two million dollars worth of new.

Brad Ellsworth: That board has not been, not any obvious problems, you know, there's a whole lot of people using it. It may be slow. I don't know what the specifics—

Councilmember Hoy: He said the stats being spit out aren't correct on, this was at a neighborhood meeting. I was just curious if you had heard anything.

Brad Ellsworth: I have not heard that at all.

Councilmember Winnecke: I think their next big capital project out there, if I'm not mistaken, is retooling all the consoles. That came up in the joint budget hearing last week.

President Bassemier: We just updated, you know, \$187,000 we spent on—

Councilmember Hoy: What he's saying, and we don't need to beat this, but, what he's saying is that in his sector and his district when he, what's coming out is not matching the hard copies, and it's way off. Some of his stuff, he's in the east sector and he was getting stats from the north side for his sector. He was very dissatisfied.

Brad Ellsworth: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Just curious.

Brad Ellsworth: I've not heard that.

Councilmember Hoy: We've spent a lot.

President Bassemier: Alright. Sheriff, do you want to go ahead and identify yourself?

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, I'm Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff of Vanderburgh County.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: I don't know if I'm supposed to start or you start.

President Bassemier: Well, I tell you what, if there's anything....I've been asking all the office holders, if you've got anything to say, any changes you want to make before we go into it.

Brad Ellsworth: Not really. I apologize that all these headlines and stuff involve my budget. I wish we could give that to Mr. Levco, or the Public Defenders office or somebody else, but that's where it falls, so.

President Bassemier: They probably would if they was asking for 34 new employees, or 32--

Brad Ellsworth: I understand.

President Bassemier: --it would probably fall on them. Page 16, anybody got any questions on page 16? It's just on their manpower. Okay, page 17. Page 18. Page 19. Page 20. 21, okay. Page 22. 23. Page 24.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: Troy. On page 24?

Councilmember Tornatta: 23.

President Bassemier: Back up to 23.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess, I've never seen this before. The Groundskeeper, is that for the command post?

Brad Ellsworth: It's actually at the training center on Kansas Road.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Okay.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: I think he's been with us since '99, or '98, actually.

Unidentified: '92.

Brad Ellsworth: '92? I was trying to think when I started and when the previous Sheriff started.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that a, is he there full time?

Brad Ellsworth: Full time.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: He does come over and do, like some grass cutting duties over at the command post on 41 also, but mostly it's out at the training center.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Bassemier: Okay. I'll go back to 24 again, any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Brad, 1510, College Reimbursement.

Brad Ellsworth: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: It looks like we budgeted \$15,000 this year. Your request is for \$15,000 again, but looking at the past expenditures that seems high.

Brad Ellsworth: I would have guessed that it would have been lower. Because we've started regulating what we reimburse for—

Councilmember Raben: No, the expenditures are low, that's right. The request seemed high.

Brad Ellsworth: Oh, okay.

Councilmember Raben: Based, you know, compared to the expenditures.

Brad Ellsworth: We've really cut back on what we're reimbursing for. It's kind of self imposed. Well, through our talks last year, I think. You know, we might be able to...I don't have that in front of me on my—

Councilmember Winnecke: Page 24 in the blue book.

Councilmember Raben: Brad, what it—

President Bassemier: 1510, on page 24.

Brad Ellsworth: I've never looked at this thing, I'm not sure I know how to use it.

Councilmember Raben: The request is \$15,000.

Brad Ellsworth: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: We budgeted \$15,000 this year as well. Last year it looks like the expenses were \$3,800, and this year they're approximately at \$3,700. So, that was the question. It seems like there's a bit of an imbalance there—

Brad Ellsworth: Right.

Councilmember Raben: —that's an obvious account that it looks like we can scale back.

Brad Ellsworth: Is that something we can look at and see if we can scale it back?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Brad Ellsworth: Go back and confer with them. I would like to get with John Strange in personnel and see if he knows anything coming down the pike, but I wouldn't think if that's what we've spent the last two years that we couldn't cut that back some.

Councilmember Raben: Are those, when we look at those expenditures like through June, I guess, I don't know how we're paying from that account, is there any rhyme or....I'm sorry.

Eric Williams: (Inaudible. Not at mic.)

Councilmember Raben: So, you'll have a new semester coming in.

Brad Ellsworth: They have to say that into this ear, and so I say it into this mic? It matches the semesters.

Councilmember Hoy: Translate.

Brad Ellsworth: That's right.

President Bassemier: Anymore questions on page 24? Jim, you okay with that?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, did you have something else?

President Bassemier: Okay, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Similar related area, College Incentive, 1210. The difference between College Incentive and College Reimbursement?

Brad Ellsworth: College Incentive is the department or the agency awards \$500 for an associates, \$1,000 for a bachelors, and \$2,000 for a masters, I think, is the break down. Obviously, we're getting more and more people, I mean, when I came on, I was one of five, I think, that had a bachelors degree. Now I would say the majority, at least have a bachelors, and a lot go on to get their masters in criminology. A lot through ISU Terre Haute.

Councilmember Sutton: How much for a bachelors, I'm sorry?

Brad Ellsworth: A bachelors is \$1,000 a year.

Councilmember Sutton: And which one was \$500, an associates?

Brad Ellsworth: Associates degree, yes.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Brad, those become annual stipends, don't they?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes. Except we don't use that word.

President Bassemier: Any more questions on 24?

Councilmember Hoy: It's a pay increase annually.

Brad Ellsworth: Yes. Yes. We used to, kind of a way to drive that down, that's was through negotiations with members of the Council, the agency used to require that within their first eight years they get a bachelors degree, the deputies, that we reimbursed for all those classes. Then, but we've halted that practice in the last couple of years.

President Bassemier: Okay. Page 25.

Councilmember Winnecke: Can I go back, just sort of a, I think I know the answer to it, but is there any way that you can quantify or do you track what these degrees mean in terms of efficiencies within the department.

Brad Ellsworth: Well, we feel that a better educated, we always want to continue your education, and we do that through training, but attracting a better, more well-rounded, educated person makes their job much easier. A lot of our job is writing, probably 80% is done with a pen as opposed to the guns and handcuffs and that. That college education, they're just better rounded, better educated, which makes them easier to train, and they have that discipline of sitting in a college class, as opposed to just out doing something else. So, we feel it's important to attract, you know, someone with an education or a willingness, you know, to continue their education.

Councilmember Winnecke: How prevalent is this practice in other agencies?

Brad Ellsworth: I would consider that very prevalent. In a lot of the police trade magazines we see that as an advertisement of a benefit. I don't have anything right in front of me concrete, but you see that a lot.

Councilmember Winnecke: Do you know, off the top of your head, what percent of deputies have degrees and receive whatever you call it? Not a stipend.

Brad Ellsworth: Gosh, I have that right in front of me. There are 12 deputies that receive the associates benefit of \$500, there are 33 deputies at \$1,000, and 13 deputies at \$2,000 with their masters. So, 30, 40, 50, 56, 58 out of 104. So, that's a little over 50%. Thank you for having that at my fingertips.

President Bassemier: What majority, Sheriff, did we pay for their education after they were hired?

Brad Ellsworth: I would say, a few years ago, quite a few went through. The masters degree, probably a majority of those people that have masters, the agency paid for that. We implemented a program with ISU Terre Haute, oh, it was under Sheriff Hamner's administration where the professors came down to our training facility and it was taught on the weekends, on Friday nights and Saturdays during the day. Probably, I would guess a majority of those 13 that have the masters got it through that program. The bachelors, not nearly as many, and the associates probably not many of those. But, I would say that we paid for a lot of those masters degrees.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: Most of those people that went on, you know, are the same one's that rise up through the ranks and achieve the ranks. It just goes with, like I said, with that discipline of sitting in class and the willingness to study and learn the administrative part.

President Bassemier: Thank you, sir. Anymore questions on 24? 25. Anybody see anything? Page 26. Sheriff on that Narcotics, that \$5,000, is that a fund that we buy drugs for and lure other criminals into our trap?

Brad Ellsworth: That's correct.

President Bassemier: Well, I'm saying it like it is.

Councilmember Sutton: Is there another way to say that?

Brad Ellsworth: Can we say entrapment?

Councilmember Tornatta: How about seed money? How about seed money?

Brad Ellsworth: But we try to trap them, is that what you said?

President Bassemier: Yeah. I don't mind. Just saying it like it is.

Brad Ellsworth: A common practice.

President Bassemier: Is there anymore, is there any money down there in your safe?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes, absolutely. You can come down anytime and see it. The State Board of Accounts was in.

President Bassemier: How much is down there right now?

Brad Ellsworth: I think there's 40 something right now.

President Bassemier: Are we saying \$40,000?

Brad Ellsworth: There's 40 something in there. 40, the State Board of Accounts was just in there three days ago and counted that. It all matched.

President Bassemier: We're going to go back to the big trap.

Councilmember Raben: Do you keep that trap money in the torture room? The torture chamber.

Brad Ellsworth: I'm going to take the 5th here pretty soon.

President Bassemier: I don't know how to count that far.

Brad Ellsworth: That's one where originally back when all that was going on, we tried to set a goal of keeping about 50 in there for those cases where they came down and used show money, and we supplement...as they spend money in Narcotics, they'll come down and request, you know, \$2,400 here, or \$5,000 here for show money, or more than that sometimes on a big case. Then we'll reimburse and it goes in and out. We set a goal of trying to keep that floating around 50. Some gets spent and lost in Narcotics cases. It's 40 something right now, I'm not sure what it was, you know, 41, something like that. So, you know, it's something I can go back and look at also, and maybe we can, you know, we can cut that this year, and live on what we've got in there, and then come back, you know, next year, or the following year.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: On the Reserves, is that program still in place?

Brad Ellsworth: Uh-huh. Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Nothing has been expended from it this year.

Brad Ellsworth: We've just, how much is in that?

Councilmember Raben: Ten, but it doesn't show any expenses.

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, we've got a crew of probably ten or 11 active reserves, and they've all been there for quite a long time, so, it just hasn't taken a lot of expenditure.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Sheriff, on the Rent, 2007 is that the negotiations, or when the contract ends?

Brad Ellsworth: The command post on 41?

Councilmember Tornatta: The command post.

Brad Ellsworth: That's my understanding.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's what this is, isn't it? \$125,000?

Brad Ellsworth: Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: Where do we sit in, I guess, next year do we start looking at talking to them about what the next step for that procedure will be? Whether you'll stay in that facility or move out.

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, let's not talk about that this year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Unidentified: Is that related to the pod?

Brad Ellsworth: (Inaudible) We (Inaudible) that back. Yeah, it's still 2007. There is room for expand ability at the new building. If we either look down the road and say after 2007 that it's more financially feasible to move that over there, then I think that's something that we all could explore. Or whoever is next in the chair.

Councilmember Sutton: Sheriff, line 3370, Computer Data Management, and then 3520, Equipment Repair. On the computer side, is that just continual upgrades to your existing? Or do you guys have some other project under way to use those funds for?

Brad Ellsworth: Nothing specific. It's kind of a planned obsolescence maintenance fee that we continue to run through and have to replace equipment.

Councilmember Sutton: Then, Equipment Repair? Are we talking about just kind of in office kind of equipment?

Brad Ellsworth: What's the number on that one?

Councilmember Sutton: That's 3520.

Brad Ellsworth: They inform me that's more specific for the radio repair and radio replacement.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Bassemier: Anybody else on 26? Okay, 27. Page 27. No questions on page 27? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Brad, just a couple of things. The largest one dealing with the motor vehicle request. The Commissioners were in yesterday, and they have \$300,000 proposed in the CCD budget for jail transportation vehicles, and Sheriff's vehicles. So, I guess, the question came up yesterday how many jail transportation vehicles do you propose? And at what expense?

Brad Ellsworth: We're looking at, we're collecting data on that right now. I know we put in that budget, in ours, \$200,000. That's a high guess. We found one bus, we're looking at, for jail transportation from the new facility, we've got a bus out there but it was bought in either the late '70's or the early '80's. It still runs, but it's hard to guess how much life, we're planning on using that kind of as a back up. In fact, like I said, it was bought under Sheriff Shepherd, about mid-term. So, it's got some years on it, but it still runs. We're looking at a, probably a 40 passenger van, and then a smaller one. When I say van, I mean, a small bus, and then probably something smaller like you would see at an airport shuttle. They won't be, we've got a line on one that's in Plainfield right now that's 41, we could pick up for \$41,000, that's in pretty good shape. We were going to look at that and have some people go up and look at. It's at a dealer in Plainfield. They manufactured it for the Department of Correction and then they didn't accept it. So, we know \$200,000 is high, but we didn't want to come in and low ball it either, so.

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, if we zeroed this out of the General Fund, and kept \$300,000 in the CCD fund, that should take care of your two jail transportation vehicles, and some—

Brad Ellsworth: And some cars.

Councilmember Winnecke: —deputy cars.

Brad Ellsworth: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: Right.

President Bassemier: Okay, good question, Lloyd. Any more questions on 27?

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, yeah, I'm sorry.

President Bassemier: Okay, Lloyd.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sure I ask this every year, and I just don't remember the answer to it. Youth Development, was is that?

Brad Ellsworth: I thought we zeroed that. Maybe not. We put that there now.

Eric Williams: (Inaudible. Not at mic.)

Brad Ellsworth: It started, Lloyd, with the deputy duck program. I don't know what I was about to just say. We've transferred that to using for miscellaneous in the DARE program.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: I believe we're in, I think, 22 schools in the county right now, the two officers. 27 schools, I heard it from above.

Councilmember Hoy: It's deputy duck himself.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thanks.

Brad Ellsworth: Just, I know you may not care, but the DARE program, there's a lot of, because there's a lot of resources that go to the DARE program, have changed their curriculum along with times. The most recent study out of Ohio says that it is a research proven effective program. Like I said, that's one where a lot of agencies across the country use that, and they get criticized a lot of times, as does every program, whether it's effective or not. But, the latest study that comes out of Ohio, on a five year tracking program, says that it is a very effective program. So, we're still convinced it's effective.

President Bassemier: Okay. Anybody else? Okay, the next page.

SHERIFF/JAIL

President Bassemier: Sheriff/Jail, 28. Page 28. No more questions? Page 29. Page 30.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would...Mr. President? Just to clarify, the additional, these requests represent the matrix that you presented to us two months ago?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes. That is staggered of when they would actually come on.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

President Bassemier: Page 31. Any questions on 31? That's your new ones. Sheriff, the first of the year, are you going to, I guess, stagger them? You're planning on staggering them as you put them on?

Brad Ellsworth: Most, I believe there's 15, I'm sorry, in September. I think there were six then back a couple months before that, and five in another month. It seems like, if I remember the grid correctly, or 12, I'm not sure what, but it was more toward the end of, or at least to the mid to end of 2005, yes.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: Anticipating that September is that time to move out there.

President Bassemier: Right, I was kind of seeing your numbers. They were getting closer to the end, they are, of course, less pay we have to give them for salary.

Brad Ellsworth: Right.

President Bassemier: So, I figured that was what you were going to do.

Councilmember Hoy: And direct supervision, because you had told us that would decrease the number of officers, unless my calculator—

Brad Ellsworth: Did I really say that?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, you did.

Brad Ellsworth: I said it would decrease the number of officers?

Councilmember Hoy: Needed to supervise, that you would need fewer officers.

Brad Ellsworth: I heard that on Shively and Shoulders. I don't know that I've ever really said that.

Councilmember Hoy: It is in the minutes.

Brad Ellsworth: He provided me with those minutes, and that did not say that I would need...I said an officer can watch more people with a person in watching 64 people like we're designed. If you're referring to the same minutes that Shively presented me, that does not say I can do this with less people.

Councilmember Hoy: According to my calculator, if you go from six, the ratio that you reported in the paper, down to, rather from five to six, that's an 8% gain.

Brad Ellsworth: Five to, I don't know what you mean five to six.

Councilmember Hoy: The paper said that you said—

Brad Ellsworth: Five point one people?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, five point one.

Brad Ellsworth: It takes to run a 24 hour pod.

Councilmember Hoy: That's right, yeah. This could go to six point, by my calculations that means we gain in terms of personnel reduction of about 8%. Is that pretty accurate, you think?

Brad Ellsworth: I'm lost. I'm not sure where you're going. I'm not following you.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm just trying to figure out how much percent, you know, we're going to save with direct supervision. My calculations show about 8%. That's all I'm asking.

Brad Ellsworth: I haven't calculated it. I don't know.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. That's what it looks like, but I'm not sure if I've calculated that correctly is why I'm asking.

Brad Ellsworth: I don't know.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, we can—

Brad Ellsworth: Well, I don't know what....saying 8% of bodies?

Councilmember Hoy: Of personnel, yeah. Because if you can supervise more people, then you save personnel, and that looks like that's the figure.

Brad Ellsworth: I think supervision is the key word. In the jail we run right now, and it's served us well, we don't do what they call supervision. We have a remote observation. What people are doing now is supervising them.

Councilmember Hoy: All I'm, I'm not driving at your terminology or a semantic discussion here, it's just the number of personnel needed, and that's what we're trying to look at. It looks like that's what savings we can achieve with the new type of supervision.

Brad Ellsworth: I hope so. I don't know.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm just using your figures.

President Bassemier: Sheriff, at one time we were, when we were overcrowded, it was like seven to one. Seven inmates to one officer. Naturally it's going to be a less cost to you if we can go seven to one. We kind of talked about a good round figure would be maybe six to one. Well, I think that's where Phil is talking about 8% savings there. If we go to a five to one ratio, I mean it's going to cost us more.

Brad Ellsworth: Right. It's, our office has not looked at this staffing analysis much as how many inmates per person. I know those are numbers that are out there, but we did this by posts, and, for instance, that chair that Troy sits in has to be staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. So, it takes this many people to do it. Where, let's say Bill's chair, we only need him eight hours a day. So, it takes 3.1 people to do that. We did it on those kind of numbers, not so much that I've got 400 inmates in here, and this many guards doing that. So, that's why, I guess, Phil, I'm a little bit, I didn't do those same numbers that you did, because we did posts as opposed to inmate to guard ratio. Does that make any sense?

Councilmember Hoy: That makes sense. I'm just looking at the overall, because that's what we're looking at in the budget, you know, so that we can try to achieve some kind of resolution to our financial dilemma.

Brad Ellsworth: Sure. There's hidden savings in this that by having that guard, and you all have been in the jail, you've seen, you know, you've got the third floor office

where the officer sits, and if he needs help, and we've got roamers that come up and go in and out of the cells. With the way the pods are designed now where that guard is in the middle with glazing on both sides, he's going to see when, you know, the complaints, and I don't know if you get them, but I get them everyday about, you know, when a person is getting ready to light matches, that guard is going to see, or not matches, but arch, however he started it, is going to see something. If a guy is accumulating stuff and putting it in a pile, the guard will be there to see that. You know, and we're going to save money that way. So, it's not all, you know, when a guy gets a broken jaw the county has to pay the medical bill, because there was a fight. That guard should be there to see that when they are going toe to toe, and maybe prevented that. So, there's hidden savings in a direct supervision that aren't going to be a number, you know, an eight to one, or a post, you know, relief factor.

President Bassemier: Sheriff, did you figure in your, you had three EMT's. In my department, you know, our EMT's are safety officers too. Can we count, can those three EMT's be classified as a Detention Officer and save us three Detention Officers? Because I know there's not medical, I will say, runs in your jail all the time. Can they do both services, and could that save us three Detention Officers?

Brad Ellsworth: I think that's...are you saying detention officers to, that's certainly something to look at, and give them a bonus for going and getting an EMT status. It would be hard, you know, you look at the new facility, if he's working in a pod down here, you know, can you pull him up, is it as efficient to go down and tell him to come down to booking because they need that medical. You know, that's something we can look at.

President Bassemier: Okay. Another question, can we count in that figure you have Sergeants, one on each shift, 24 hours around, can he be counted as, or it would be a Detention Officer, I know he's in supervision, would that help us? Would that give us another manpower?

Brad Ellsworth: I think those numbers are in there.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: Those numbers are built in to that number. I mean, they are already there.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: That is factored in.

President Bassemier: Okay, I was just going to make sure on that. Of course, your Majors and your two Lieutenants?

Brad Ellsworth: Right.

President Bassemier: Factored into that.

Brad Ellsworth: Well, they're—

President Bassemier: I know a Major don't work a 24 hour shift.

President Bassemier: –the Detention Officer Sergeants are factored into the new employees. The Sergeants are, I'm sorry, the Sergeants are, the other administrators of that facility are not factored into the 34 new employees. That's going to be the same supervisory staff that it was before, hopefully.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, that's how you avoid 52, by putting those in there. I mean, that's how they got down to 34, I think.

Brad Ellsworth: Well, and that's where, I hope this is, you know, no secret that what we have proposed is that those brown shirt Sergeants up there are placed with correction less expensive Sergeants, Correction Officer Sergeants, they're then pulled out, and through attrition we would lose some Sergeants ranks, which I've explained, at least in writing, and then those guys take up the transportation details and that, and then through attrition we reduce that number. Like I said, those then gives the supervisory details, the roaming around and the supervising and the basic Detention Officers to a correction... he was in a career path that gives them some incentive to be professional.

President Bassemier: Okay, on your two Nurses, they work two shifts, first and second shift, is that right? They're there in the jail all the time.

Brad Ellsworth: I think I've got, I've got more than two. I've got two on days, and one on seconds.

President Bassemier: Okay, three.

Brad Ellsworth: I think I have three Nurses.

President Bassemier: And they're there, their eight hour shift, I guess I should say.

Brad Ellsworth: Yes.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: That's one where, you know, we look at having somebody medically trained. I mean, you guys know, I've put in for it a hundred times, is that when the Correction Officer doesn't have the ability to triage and check on somebody, the only thing he can do is call 911 and get an ambulance. Those are very expensive runs. Third shift is when, a lot of times, those people come in, and that's why we look for third shift. We've got it all the time, we have to pass meds, but so far it's been first and second shift, and we think that it would be, at least saving some liability and money by having medical people on third shift.

President Bassemier: Is there anybody else?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

President Bassemier: Troy.

Councilmember Tornatta: On the Jail Clerk, is that going to take the place of somebody in the Clerk's office? Or are you going to pull, are you pulling clerks? How is that going to work?

Brad Ellsworth: Well, what we've listed is a Clerk. I think those are Clerk/Typists what we've got factored is a Clerk/Typist.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Are they, I know at one point in discussing how this is all going to work out, you're going to possibly have some people, are you going to have some people from the Clerk's office out at the command post, or out at the new jail?

Brad Ellsworth: Have we still got office space for them out there? Has she decided—

Councilmember Tornatta: That will be done now?

Brad Ellsworth: We were going to make that, give them space. We're in meetings right now with the Clerk and the courts on how we're going to do all the transition, the paper transfer and all that. We've had, I think, one or two meetings about that.

Councilmember Tornatta: But, that's something the Clerk's office will pick up, not the Sheriff's office?

Brad Ellsworth: If we're listing them as Clerk, Clerk/Typist, that's our employees.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. I wasn't sure if those were people that would be out there essentially doing what the Clerk's job is doing here.

Brad Ellsworth: No.

Councilmember Tornatta: Bonding and—

Brad Ellsworth: Well, they're working on bonds and paperwork. There's a huge amount of paper and computer work that gets done in those offices, you know, every time somebody goes to court, there is something that happens that has to be entered or changed and all that, and they do all that, along with answering phones. I can't remember, we were talking to the staff the other day and they calculated how many, you know, how many hundreds of phone calls a day, people calling in to see, you know, what's the bond, what's this, did this guy go to court, what happened to him? So, there's a huge amount of clerical work that goes on up in that facility. With, if we double the amount of inmates, you know, it's going to do nothing but go up.

Councilmember Raben: Sheriff, I know this has been discussed before, but I don't really recall the answer. As far as booking, will the city still have personnel out there working in booking?

Brad Ellsworth: No. No, included in that is, we would do the booking, essentially, the city will keep their record room downstairs and do the records for the city—

President Bassemier: I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Sheriff.

Brad Ellsworth: Oh, that's fine.

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President Bassemier: Okay, Sheriff.

Brad Ellsworth: Okay. Essentially we double book right now. They are booked in at the city police and then booked in again when they get up into the jail into the jail system. So essentially that will be eliminated and they'll be booked at the facility by our employees.

Councilmember Raben: Can I ask you just I know that equates to some amount of staffing. I mean, is it possible to allow them the space and let them keep that responsibility of booking? Can that potentially save us two people or four people?

Brad Ellsworth: I don't know. If you want to serve on a committee and we go talk to the mayor with me I'll ask him, but I don't know. Who supervises? Now we've got city employees out there we're supervising. If they want to give us the employees, I don't know, and pay for it. I'd rather—

Councilmember Raben: And I don't know how many they have in your space down there today.

Brad Ellsworth: Do you have any input on that, Eric, about that?

Eric Williams: Chief Deputy Williams. We have done some talking about what kind of impact that is going to have on the EPD record room and the EPD record room has their own set of personnel. The primary responsibility they have is to maintain the Evansville Police Department's records. Their arrest records, mug shots, fingerprints and those kinds of things. It's really a fairly small percentage of their allotment of time that goes towards the actual booking of prisoners. The part of that process that we are going to inherit from them and take with us to the new facility is primarily just the fingerprinting and taking the mug shots. We have since already adopted the mug shot process and they're doing that in the jail now. It's really going to be the fingerprinting and some additional record keeping. Those people are going to still need their jobs over at the record room for the most part from what we can tell because they still have all the other things they do. There really won't be that much transference. A lot of that comes from the efficiency we're going to gain from centralizing our computers which we've done over the last few years getting everybody to use the same kind of paperwork. We've gone to the computer system that puts them in the cars, so they're able to get all their reports ready and prepared which they used to do downtown as they came into booking and those kinds of things. So the process has become much more streamlined. The allocation of those 34 that are going to be dedicated to the booking process is fairly nominal. There is some record keeping requirements reporting to the state with all new arrests, fingerprinting and those kinds of things. As the Sheriff said, it's something we certainly can address again with them and see what relationship can be built or what we could do. I don't know that they're going to tell us that they can give up anybody from their operation to send us, but it doesn't hurt to ask.

Councilmember Raben: A couple of questions. You stated that they're still going to keep their record room. Will that be kept here or out there?

Brad Ellsworth: It's not out there.

Councilmember Raben: It will be kept here in this facility?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes. It would just be booking out there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I guess back to the original question how many people today are they utilizing in the booking?

Brad Ellsworth: Gosh, I don't know what their staff is.

Councilmember Raben: I understand what you're saying about moving mug shots.

Brad Ellsworth: Again, like I said, they've got a pool of employees that are, you know, I don't know ten or so that are assigned to records. I really don't know their actual number. All of them have a duty. A few of them are assigned to book prisoners into the system as they get arrested. I don't think they have anybody, and I don't know I may be speaking out of turn, purely dedicated to the booking process because it is just not that big of a process.

Councilmember Raben: So the people working in records are kind of—they're kind of just splitting that responsibility?

Eric Williams: There is probably some misunderstanding of the definition. It's called the Rec Room where you get booked in. It is exclusively the Evansville Police Department's Record Room. The Sheriff's Office maintains all of our own records at the command post. We do all that and we have for quite some period of time. Really the records they maintain that were shared for both of us were just the fingerprints and the mug shots, but since the new computer systems have come online that's all done in the jail anyway, other than fingerprints and that is the one thing we will take with us because it is really the jail's responsibility to do this.

Brad Ellsworth: I couldn't give you a definitive number because I don't think they have ever pinned one down on what the FTE, full-time employee equivalent, would be for doing the booking process. You know, what would be saved over there because I don't think they've done things like that. They, you know, in their record room they answer the phone, take reports over the phone, process paperwork. They do property and evidence for the Police Department. They do a lot of other things in addition to just the booking process. I don't know if that helped you any or not.

President Bassemier: Sheriff, just for information purposes now when an inmate is brought in, he's arrested, you go down to a downstairs booking area and then after that he will go—then that city police officer will transport him out to the new jail?

Brad Ellsworth: No. He'll go straight to the jail, to the new jail, and come in the sally port, there are a couple of little report writing rooms there, do his paperwork. He hands them over to the booking officers and then they book him in and then we try to make them make bond.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, there won't be a booking process down here, downtown here.

President Bassemier: Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would like to follow up on the issue Troy brought up. In the new jail as it situated as it is planned now, and I am understanding that you have discussions with the Clerk's Office, but is it possible for the new jail to open without the Clerk having a function there?

Brad Ellsworth: That's what we are in the middle of meetings right now is that something—you know, we talked about that one time as having office space for the Clerk and then there was a bump in the road about not wanting to put people out there. That's what we're meeting about now is can we do this electronically, is it going to be a shuttle that runs the paperwork back. There is a lot of interaction that doesn't even include the jail between the Clerk's Office and headquarters for all the subpoena service.

Eric Williams: Again, Eric Williams. Marsha Abell and I chaired the committee that has met one time with her staff and our staff to discuss those issues. What is the Clerk's Office role going to be in the new facility, are they going to need to have a presence there? Is it something that they can get us to do? Is it something that we're going to be able to do through the computer system? I know Chief Deputy Hayden from the Clerk's Office has spent quite a bit of time doing some research on the requirements in Indiana to do electronic transfers of information as opposed to the traditional hand paper back and forth. We're really trying to work that out to make it as efficient as we possibly can, because I know the Clerk's Office doesn't want to have to come before you and ask for people to have sitting out there in the jail. There are the issues with the video arraignment court that we're dealing with and where that presence is going to be. You know, somewhere the Clerk has to have a presence, but can it be in this building where they already are or is it going to need to be where the inmate is? We're pretty early in those discussions, but we are meeting and have a pretty good group of people that are doing research on various aspects and hope to have some better answers in a short order.

Councilmember Winnecke: I sense that you get the direction that I am going. I mean—

Eric Williams: Is the Clerk's Office going to be needing to ask for people, too?

Councilmember Winnecke: Exactly.

Eric Williams: We are hoping to avoid that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Eric Williams: That's our goal because, you know, 34 to run the jail is bad enough let alone add all the other people. We're trying to figure out a way to make this as efficient as we possibly can within the requirements set forth in the Indiana Trial Rules and those kinds of documents.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thanks.

Councilmember Hoy: What would stand in the way of doing that electronically? What would be the impediments to doing that?

Eric Williams: We don't know. We know there are other counties that are doing it, but we don't know if they've got the blessing from the Supreme Court to do some of those things and that's the research we're doing right now to make sure that those things that can be transferred electronically, those things that she can put into our bailiwick that we can just do with a simple entry on the keyboard that would have been the same thing they would have done. If that is possible we're absolutely not opposed to doing it.

Councilmember Hoy: You might have some constitutional rights' issues with that then.

Eric Williams: And right now the working relationship between the Clerk's Office and the Sheriff's Office is exemplary. I mean, we are really communicating well and she is very willing to work with us as we are with her to try to make this thing work because we know it is new to everybody.

Councilmember Hoy: So if you can clear those hurdles then—

Eric Williams: We're good to go.

Councilmember Hoy: —it would work well.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Eric. Anybody else? Okay, 32. Any questions on 33? No questions on 33. Thirty-four? No questions on 34.

JAIL MISDEMEANOR HOUSING

President Bassemier: Okay, we'll go to page 164. Page 164. That would be Jail Misdemeanor Housing. Okay, any questions on 164 and 165? Sheriff, anything you would like to add on those two pages?

Brad Ellsworth: Not that I saw.

President Bassemier: Okay, no questions on 164.

MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER

President Bassemier: On 163, we need to back up a little bit. That's on Misdemeanor Offender, 163. Any questions on 163? Okay, and no questions on 163.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

President Bassemier: Okay, 102 Community Corrections.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: Yes, Lloyd, are you on 102?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, it's kind of a generic question. Brad, in terms of User Fees it looks like there are pretty hefty cash balances out there. I know you paid for a number of positions out of those. On top of these could you walk us through how that works?

Brad Ellsworth: In the basic form, the inmates pay \$70 a week when they are on electronic house arrest. By statute that has to go into the things for the Community Corrections Center or programming for the Community Corrections Center. I think the last time we looked it was about \$80,000 a month goes into payroll, if my numbers are correct. I know we've committed \$300,000 out of that user fee account to beef up the match for the DOC funds that went, you know, for building the new building out there. So there is \$300,000—I don't even know, Lloyd, I'm not sure what the balance is. Is it \$800,000?

Councilmember Winnecke: It's—well, on one line item it's \$641,000 and another eleven or eight. One is marked Community Corrections and the other is marked User Fees and I don't know the difference.

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, it is healthy and like I said we need to keep some. The inmate—the participant, you know, they're doing a really good job of collecting money, but you never know exactly, you know, from one month to the next. It's pretty regular. Like I said, that was one of the priorities when we took over that we would start collecting User Fees and demanding that. But I think that is healthy. Like I said, \$300,000 is spoken for and \$80,000 a month for payroll. Other than that it's things we want to add and equipment and anything to do with Community Correction's programming.

Councilmember Winnecke: Do you have a feel for, and understanding there will be (inaudible, mike not on).

Brad Ellsworth: Yes, I do actually. Because I remember we kind of—it seems like we celebrated the year we got over \$1 million in fees. The year after we took over in '99 or 2000 or something like that, but I would guess between \$800,000 and a million, in that area. Don't hold me exactly to that, but I think that is ballpark.

President Bassemier: Sheriff, you got—you okay on that, Lloyd?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

President Bassemier: Okay, you've also got a Commissary Fund out there. How much is in that Commissary Fund out there at Community Corrections?

Brad Ellsworth: Well, you want to know with the \$500,000. Okay, take the \$500,000 away that's committed to the new jail—

President Bassemier: Right.

Brad Ellsworth: —I think there was twenty something thousand dollars in it.

President Bassemier: Yeah, that's what I am talking about out there.

Brad Ellsworth: Oh, out there?

President Bassemier: Yeah, out there.

Brad Ellsworth: Oh, I'm not sure. I don't know.

Eric Williams: It's part of the User Fees.

Brad Ellsworth: It goes into User Fees? That's part of the User Fees also, I'm informed.

Councilmember Winnecke: It's probably one of these numbers.

President Bassemier: Okay, yeah.

Brad Ellsworth: That's run—that commissary out there is run by the Blind Association.

President Bassemier: Oh, okay.

Brad Ellsworth: And we get a cut from that, so I don't know exactly what the percentage is, but it is contract.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I have a question.

President Bassemier: Alright, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Sheriff, I apologize. What was the \$300,000 matching for? It has been so long since we went through that?

Brad Ellsworth: When we were talking about how much to put in, the county was going to put in, I had committed \$300,000 of that to beef that up so that we would get more from the state. There was \$1.8 so we ended up putting in—you put in \$1.5 and I put in the \$300,000 so that way we got \$1.8 from the state, I think. It has been a long time on it. I tend to forget too, but I think that's where that is.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Brad Ellsworth: That gave us to a matching \$1.8 million.

Councilmember Raben: That's what it was.

President Bassemier: Anybody else on 102? Page 103? Page 104? Yes, Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Line 1980 Other Pay. What is that? That seems to be a new party to the dance.

Brad Ellsworth: That's a good question. I'll see. Any idea?

Eric Williams: Which one?

Brad Ellsworth: Other Pay.

Councilmember Winnecke: It's 1980.

Brad Ellsworth: Two thousand dollars. I can't remember what that was.

Eric Williams: Off hand I can't recall.

Brad Ellsworth: We can go back and check.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thanks. And line 1750 Clothing Allowance is the billing running behind or do we anticipate—you requested \$25,00 this year. We've spent just right at—just a shade over \$9,000.

Brad Ellsworth: It shouldn't be running behind.

Councilmember Sutton: Are we trying to accommodate for the additional costs?

Brad Ellsworth: That's what the union—Other Pay is Drug Court, Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Drug Court, okay thanks.

Brad Ellsworth: Royce, on your question it shouldn't run behind. It should be a union—we pay that twice a year?

Kim DeWitt: What was the question?

Brad Ellsworth: On the Clothing Allowance. They pay that twice a year in June and December. That may explain why.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else on 104?

Brad Ellsworth: I appreciate you all letting me refer to my staff. In an office with a budget that big it is tough for one person. I saw Stan do it too.

President Bassemier: Oh, yeah, that's good. Sheriff, I think I sat on a board on that Medical Educator. That was a nurse?

Brad Ellsworth: She's a nurse, medical educator. She kind of does double duty. She works as a nurse over at the facility and there were 205 people living there. She also sets up classes and brings in the speakers to anything that if they're there as opposed to sitting there watching TV. We like to keep them in class and keep them educated. We bring anybody from dental hygienist in for classes to people talking about weight loss and health issues trying to make our participants healthier when they get out.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else on 104? Page 105?

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we have a date on the Community Corrections completion, the building?

Brad Ellsworth: Oh, you mean the new building?

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh.

Brad Ellsworth: No. There is a meeting today, if I remember, or tomorrow between Williams Brothers—

President Bassemier: I haven't missed anybody after this have I, Sandie? I haven't missed anybody after this. This is the last one for him.

Brad Ellsworth: —our construction coordinating meeting, but there is not at this time a completion date. But they are ready to get started. We were just talking about

that we want to open them as simultaneously as possible. Community Corrections could go a little earlier. It might give us some practice time out there, but probably to use the staff most efficiently the way we designed it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that a—that building should go up a little quicker, should it not?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes, it's a box basically.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Brad Ellsworth: Not nearly the security equipment that the jail will have.

Councilmember Tornatta: Great.

President Bassemier: Okay, any more questions on 105? Page 106, last page.

Councilmember Winnecke: On Maintenance & Repair is that to vehicles, line 4352?

Brad Ellsworth: That could be the whole building.

President Bassemier: Okay, any more questions? Sheriff, is there anything you would like add?

Brad Ellsworth: The only thing I would request is in my—I do have to apologize my budget request was late, but I would like to ask the Council at some point to look at changing our patrolman more from patrolman to deputy sheriff. That may be something to get into next year. Sandie, maybe we can talk. You cannot do it? The reason I do is with liability issues and lawsuits that we are now that not all of our employees patrol. We have deputy sheriffs working in different locations and that can be brought up in lawsuits, but they all do a deputy sheriff's job description is, so we would request the Council at some point change where a patrolman is listed to deputy sheriff. That's a simple thing that I don't think costs any money. The other thing I wanted to bring up and I don't believe it is in this budget is just to go on record to again talk about or at least make the appeal for the deputies with the approval and the work going forward on the new court room in this building that I have a request in for the deputy sheriff and the court screeners. I would just like to remind the Council of that.

President Bassemier: Okay, sir.

Brad Ellsworth: I think they said that is due to possibly open in the spring of next year.

President Bassemier: Okay. Okay, well, thank you Sheriff.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you all very much.

President Bassemier: Appreciate it. I'll tell you what before we move forward any further let's take a ten minute break. Is that okay with everybody? We're a little ahead of time here.

(TAPE CHANGE)

SUPERIOR COURT

President Bassemier: Let's continue our budget hearings. Next on the agenda is Superior Court, page 107. Identify yourself –

Terry Dietsch: Terry Dietsch, senior judge, Vanderburgh Superior Court. There is an old adage that's become almost trite and that is, there are two reasons why you shouldn't do business with a guy over 70. One is, he can't remember names; the other is, he has to go to the restroom all the time. The first one is not necessarily true. The second one is when he's been in a cold room for two hours.

President Bassemier: It is cold, I tell you what. So anyway, anything you'd like to add about your budget before we get into it?

Terry Dietsch: Yes, there are a couple of things. Mr. Wortman, I want to check one more time with you to make certain that I am safe in striking that one item from the budget. Is that correct? Okay.

President Bassemier: Judge? What item was that?

Terry Dietsch: I'm going to give you a number: 1370-1821, Technologist –

President Bassemier: That \$50,000 item?

Terry Dietsch: Yes. That was put into the budget as a precautionary measure because when I found out about the possibility of that person being in the courts budget, I wanted to be safe rather than sorry. Its my understanding that that is not going to be a part of our budget so I would like to have that withdrawn.

Councilmember Hoy: What line is that again, sir?

Terry Dietsch: That is 1370-1821 Technologist.

President Bassemier: In our book it would be 1821-1370 on page 111.

Terry Dietsch: One other matter, under Motor Vehicles, which is 4230, I met with Judge Niemeier yesterday and we had originally requested replacement of a vehicle with high mileage on it, a 1993 vehicle. We have decided in view of the fact that things are tight, that we will withdraw that and we will wait until 2006 to make that request.

President Bassemier: Okay, we're going to withdraw 4230 on page 113?

Terry Dietsch: That's correct.

Councilmember Winnecke: Judge, if I could, could I ask a question on this?

Terry Dietsch: yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: You would not be adverse if we could get that funded another way this year?

Terry Dietsch: No, you mean other than buying it through the state?

Councilmember Winnecke: No, through the CCD funds instead of the county General Fund.

Terry Dietsch: No. No, we simply made the decision to do this to help the Council, but if there is another way and that's not going to hamper you in any way, certainly--

Councilmember Winnecke: No promises, but this discussion started yesterday with the Commissioners and if we can do it, we'll do it. If not, we'll look at it for next year. We certainly appreciate your gesture.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, we had a van that was totaled. Someone ran into it, but we think the insurance is going to take care of that, so that's not going to present a problem. But I will, what you mentioned, I will leave that to the judgement of the Council. A couple other items that I would like to call your attention to and a rationale was sent to each of you on each of these items. On law books, we are requesting an additional \$2,000 and that was after contacting our suppliers who gave us a ballpark figure on what the cost would be for 2005, that's number 3250.

President Bassemier: Yeah, that's on page 112, 3250.

Councilmember Winnecke: May I ask a question while we're there?

Terry Dietsch: Yes, certainly.

Councilmember Winnecke: Help us understand why one office, two offices and then two different courts would require different amounts for law books? It would seem to me as a lay person that everyone would need the same update of law books each year.

Terry Dietsch: That's essentially correct, okay? There are some law books we get where we only get a few copies and that's used for the court in its entirety. The statutes, for example, we have probably one, two, three, four, five, six, seven – probably eight and a half sets, okay? We buy supplements for all of those and the last supplement bill we received was almost \$6,000. We also have been struggling for the last couple of years – we have been in negotiation for the last couple of years with some of the vendors in an effort to cut the cost to the court of the volumes that we buy. That still has not been resolved. I cannot assure you that that's going to happen, but we're making every effort to have that happen.

Councilmember Winnecke: The genesis of my question was that, just between, the Prosecutor asked for \$8,000, the Public Defender for \$4,000, Superior Court for \$22,000 and Circuit for \$45,000, and there's just a disparity there. It just seemed to me that everybody would be needing essentially the same material. But it runs the gamut in terms of cost.

Terry Dietsch: No, not necessarily. For example, if you take a look at the law library itself, they have far more reference books, okay, than the court has. For example, they may have Northeastern Reporter, they have United States Supreme Court Reporter. They'll have CCH, a lot of things that we don't need, that the court doesn't need, the individual judges do not need. We need statutes, we may need an encyclopedia or two. We may need a few reference books, that's it. The Prosecutor, I can't speak for the Prosecutor's office, but I can see how maybe, with the size of that office, that they would require more volumes or more books than – actually, when you talk about seven judges, okay, \$17,000 or \$20,000 or whatever

we're running is not a lot. You know, its not a lot compared to some other costs. All I can say is that we have no control over when a publishing company is going to come out with a new volume. But when they come out with a new volume, that means seven, okay? And if they come out in a given year with four new volumes, then that means 28. And they are not inexpensive, but they are essential. And if we could do with fewer volumes, we would do with fewer volumes. And every year I ask the court generally if that is possible, okay. Equipment Repair, which is 3520, we are asking for an additional \$1,500 this year and that's to cover the service contracts on all of the equipment plus the miscellaneous equipment repairs for those items that we do not have under service contract. For example, we still have a number of typewriters around and if something goes wrong, we don't pay a maintenance contract for those items because its too expensive. But we do have some additional expenses. 3620 Copy Machine Lease, we've asked for an additional \$500 and that's to cover the contracts on the two copy machines. We have two copy machines. 3790 Professional Services, Mr. Bassemier, I think I sent you a letter earlier this year informing the Council that we had received a \$4,000 grant to be applied toward interpreter services. And subsequent to that time, and before our budget was prepared, we received another \$1,000, so we received a total of \$5,000. When we prepared our budget we were not aware that we would have that money, so we asked for an additional \$8,000 over and above what we had requested in 2004. That probably will not be necessary now since we have that \$5,000. If that were cut to \$4,000 instead of \$8,000, our request, that should see us through and I base that on extrapolating figures. If we, for 2005, if we would take what we have spent to date in 2004 and carry that over for a 12 month basis for 2005, we would expend approximately \$18,000.

President Bassemier: So what are you saying we could put in that line item?

Terry Dietsch: I'm saying that we requested an additional \$8,000 in that account but if we got only an additional \$4,000 in that account, that should be sufficient to cover our cost. And it may not be quite enough. Oh, and I might say this, the \$5,000 that we receive from the state is money that's available to the court from July 2004 through July 2005. Needless to say, we are going to spend that money first, okay. And there are two reasons for that. We want to show that we're going to expend that money in a relatively short period of time in hopes that if there are additional monies in succeeding years, the amount of money that they are going to give to us for interpretive service will increase. But I may add this, there is absolutely no assurance that we're going to receive this kind of money from the state each and every year. It depends on what's appropriated for those purposes, okay? Pauper Transcripts, 3947, we have asked for an additional \$500 and we are simply guessing based upon 2004 that we're going to need that additional amount, okay? That's just an educated guess. Now, in the juvenile department –

President Bassemier: I tell you what, before we – let's go back and start from the beginning just in case one of the – we might miss something here. Let's go back on 107. You've answered most of our questions and we appreciate that but there might be another one out there that we missed. So any questions on 107? 108?

Terry Dietsch: Are you referring now to the book that's here?

President Bassemier: Yes. The blue book right there. You're right. We're on page 107. We're just in the salaries right now. There probably won't be any questions. 108? Page 109? On that page 109, sir, that Intake Probationary Officer, that will be 1480-1370 that went from 39 to 35. Is that just a new employee?

Terry Dietsch: Excuse me. I just now found the page. What number?

President Bassemier: 109, it's the third from the bottom on page 109, 1480-1370 that Intake Probation Officer. It was 39 last year and its dropped about, it looks like about \$4,000. I was just kind of curious, just make sure that's not an error there.

Terry Dietsch: I will check that.

President Bassemier: It was budgeted for this year for \$39,604 and for 2005 its budgeted for \$35,--

Councilmember Raben: Judge, it will be a new employee.

President Bassemier: Okay, 110.

Councilmember Sutton: Back on 109 –

President Bassemier: 109.

Councilmember Sutton: On the position 1440-1370, I'm assuming that that is a step increase for that position.

Terry Dietsch: Yes, we have, on Probation Officers, we have either five or six with step increases. I have the names somewhere, but I don't know if I have them...

Councilmember Sutton: Just trying to get an idea if that was a step increase in there because that's –

Terry Dietsch: Any change in the Probation Officer salaries is due to two things. One, a step increase or an adjustment according to that state minimum salary requirement, okay? And for the future I think, even for the people with a master's degree, until we get beyond year ten in service, we are always going to be ahead of that minimum salary. But then after that, those folks, and I think there are five or six of those with a master's degree, the state requires that they get a five percent increase. However, if they give them a two percent increase on the basic salary at the state and we give a three percent increase here, we're going to stay even. So it really shouldn't cost us anymore money. There will be occasions, like when we had to bring them up to date in 2004 and I think Mr. Raben and Mr. Winnecke met with us on that, that was an exception and there will be times when people will have a step increase and may be coupled with an increase because they have a master's degree or there could be an increase requested. And any increase that's been requested this year for Probation Officers are due to those factors.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Bill Fluty: I also believe that you've lowered Supplemental Adult Probation and that has also raised these Probation –

Terry Dietsch: Pardon?

Bill Fluty: You're not paying them in your Supplemental Adult Probation.

Terry Dietsch: That's right.

Bill Fluty: So that's the other part of why these have raised in the General Fund.

Terry Dietsch: The Council is aware of that, Mr. Fluty.

Bill Fluty: I was just bringing their attention to that.

Terry Dietsch: Pardon?

President Bassemier: Information purposes.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, for what purpose?

President Bassemier: For information. I mean, he was – we're aware of it but –

Terry Dietsch: That's right and as a matter of fact, the Council requested, once again, Mr. Winnecke and Mr. Raben meet with me on that, and we did and that was resolved. And regardless of the amount of money that we have in the Supplemental budget has nothing to do with what we arrived at.

President Bassemier: Yes sir. Sandie, you got anything to add? Everybody okay?

Terry Dietsch: And I'll discuss this further with you, Mr. Fluty.

President Bassemier: Page 110.

Terry Dietsch: Pardon?

President Bassemier: Page 110, I'm asking the Councilmembers if they've got any questions on page 110. Page 111, any questions? You answered the biggest one. Page 112. No questions on page 112. One that's already been answered on the law books. Page 113?

Councilmember Tornatta: I missed in the rationale, the Office Furniture, what was that going toward?

Terry Dietsch: Just a moment, you want to, let me see if I can balance this here --

President Bassemier: Was that on page 112 –

Councilmember Tornatta: 113. It was \$6,000.

Terry Dietsch: And what number are your referring to?

Councilmember Tornatta: 4210.

Terry Dietsch: And what's the title?

Councilmember Tornatta: Office Furniture.

Terry Dietsch: That was not included in our rationale, I don't believe.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I didn't know whether I just missed it or I didn't know if you had an idea of what you were using that for.

Terry Dietsch: Well, it all depends. The impending move of the juvenile department over to the Health department space, I don't know at this point what has been figured in by the Building Authority. Hopefully, equipment will be a part of the amount of money that's being used for that move.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's probably a good question.

Terry Dietsch: It really is a good question and one I intend to pursue.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, can you find that out before?

Terry Dietsch: I certainly could.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, that would be super.

President Bassemier: Anybody else on page 113? 114? No questions on 114?

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

President Bassemier: Okay, we'll move to 159, Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, 159. Any questions on 159? Judge, you zeroed out one over there, Probation Officer, oh, okay, never mind. I see what we're doing here. I had a question mark on another reason. Okay. Any questions on 159? Okay, 160?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President? Judge, remind us, in 1980 the Other Pay what that \$5,000 is for.

Terry Dietsch: In Supplemental?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Terry Dietsch: The juvenile division has a program where some youngsters who have been adjudicated delinquent or who have not been adjudicated delinquent but are on a type of probation are required to do work, okay? And when they do work they are supervised by people from the probation department and its usually on a weekend. And part of that money is used to defray, to pay those people to supervise the –

Councilmember Winnecke: So its overtime for them for supervision.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, I suppose you could view it that way.

President Bassemier: Anybody else on page 159? 160? No questions on 160? Okay. Judge, you got anything to add or anything? I think we've got all of it.

Terry Dietsch: I suppose the only other thing I have to add which is a part of the salaries, and we visited this in 2004 and that was the additional \$4,000 for the Magistrates, I included in the 2005 budget and I was told that was going to happen in 2004 but to wait until the state had certified the budget. Time slipped by, that was not done so I've got the cart before the horse. I'm doing one thing before I'm going to present the other.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Terry Dietsch: And that's simply a matter of equity, a matter of fairness.

President Bassemier: Alright, sir. Thank you very much.

Terry Dietsch: Thank you.

SUPERIOR COURT DRUG COURT

President Bassemier: Superior Drug Court. Morning Judge Trockman.

Wayne Trockman: Good morning, members of the Council.

President Bassemier: Please state your name.

Wayne Trockman: Wayne Trockman.

President Bassemier: Would you like to tell us anything before we get started? Anything you'd like to add or subtract or something we ought to be aware of?

Wayne Trockman: Just a couple of very minor items. This is the portion of the county's match for the Byrne grant that we receive from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute which helps us significantly with the budget for the drug court. As you probably know, there are three major funding sources for the drug court: Indiana Department of Corrections, which you match to the tune of 25%, this grant, the Byrne grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute which the county matches 25%, and the county does fund one position directly. And those are the three main funding sources other than our not for profit where we raise private funds to help with things that aren't budgeted. And so this is the Byrne grant portion of our budget. And I do have two items which I would like to request that are not in the budget. This budget, unfortunately, runs from April 1 until March 31st, so there's overlap and there are portions of it that don't get funded towards the end of the year, and that's why I have one request. And that is for the current budget year, and I don't know if this is the appropriate place to do this, Mr. President, but if it is, I'd like to request that we have three items that are unfunded and if they are not – and they are minor – and if they are not funded this year, then we lose that entire portion of the Byrne grant for the year. And one is our – and this was provided with our budget to the Council, I think, Sandie, it was sent to you. I hope so.

Councilmember Raben: Real quick, Judge, let me interrupt just a moment. Is this – you're stating that this is going to require an additional appropriation this year?

Wayne Trockman: This is an additional appropriation for this year.

Councilmember Raben: Then you'll need to file that for next month right now.

Wayne Trockman: Okay. Is that –

Councilmember Raben: The 15th? Tomorrow is the deadline, so they'll need to do that today.

Wayne Trockman: I can do that. And then the only other item on next year's budget that I would like to request is that under Contractual Services, on the existing budget I'm looking for –

President Bassemier: 3530, on 117.

Wayne Trockman: Yes, we are a total of \$295 short and that is, I believe, the county's FICA match for that particular position and so that's a very small amount, \$295. I could certainly provide that breakdown to you if you'd like for me to forward the copy of that Byrne grant to you. But that would be the county's portion of the FICA for our Home Verification Officer.

President Bassemier: And \$295?

Wayne Trockman: Please, if that could be approved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Would it be added there or up in the FICA line?

Wayne Trockman: In the FICA line is probably more appropriate. His pay comes out of Contractual Services and that is his FICA match, so you're probably right. It should probably go up into 1900, is that right?

President Bassemier: Yes, that's correct.

Wayne Trockman: \$295, that's the county's 25% of the FICA that we match for that position.

President Bassemier: Those are your two requests?

Wayne Trockman: Yes, and I will file this other request, I'll get that on file today and come to your meeting next month. That total is \$1,300, so it's not a large sum but if it's not funded it will affect some larger sums that we receive from the state.

President Bassemier: And we're talking about the last Wednesday of this month.

Wayne Trockman: I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Councilmember Raben: Wait just a minute, this last, this last \$295 in FICA is for next year.

President Bassemier: I'm talking about his other one, that other request.

Councilmember Raben: I just wanted to be clear on that because I understood it to be for next year.

President Bassemier: Yeah, that's –

Wayne Trockman: I kind of skipped back to the –

Councilmember Raben: You guys move back and forth –

Wayne Trockman: We're very slippery. That's right. Well, we started as lawyers, you know. Sorry, Jeff.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody got any questions.

Councilmember Raben: One subject at a time.

President Bassemier: Any questions on page 117. You covered most of it.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you. I'll excuse myself quickly. I know you have a long week. Be happy to answer any questions?

President Bassemier: Okay, have a nice day, sir.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you.

BOND DEBT REPAYMENT

President Bassemier: Okay, moving into Bond debt repayment, page 180, and that will be our Auditor, Mr. Fluty. Good morning, again, sir. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Bill, real quick –

President Bassemier: Wait a minute, Jim, let him identify himself.

Bill Fluty: Bill Fluty, County Auditor.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Real quick, and I know its probably putting you on the spot, I know you probably don't have this information, but just a round about, on USI, we refinanced that and that terminates in what, 2016?

Bill Fluty: I think that is about the – 2017 or 2016.

Councilmember Raben: And then on Azteca? That's, aren't we nearing a conclusion of that or pretty close?

Bill Fluty: I can look that up and then again, I think its still in that same area.

Councilmember Raben: Is it out that far? Okay. Did we refinance that?

Bill Fluty: No, we haven't. We did look at refinancing that, but the numbers just didn't work through.

Councilmember Hoy: And the Industrial Park?

Bill Fluty: The Industrial Park, we can cut that to zero. It's now, with the new assessed valuation, its bringing in enough money from the TIF to pay that bond payment.

President Bassemier: Put it at zero?

Bill Fluty: I believe we will be able to manage for a couple of years. We may have to revisit it, but I think it will be fine.

President Bassemier: That's pretty good. That's \$60,000. Any questions on page 180 for Bill?

AUDITOR

President Bassemier: Okay, on page seven, any questions on page seven? Page eight? Page nine? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Back on page eight, Extra Help.

President Bassemier: 1990, Extra Help.

Councilmember Sutton: I see \$10,000.

Bill Fluty: Last year we actually requested that same amount in reassessment. You see it zeroed here, but that is what we requested last year.

Councilmember Sutton: And that is for –

Bill Fluty: We usually hire two part-time workers through the summer to help with office work, two college students.

President Bassemier: Okay. You okay with that? Page 9? Okay questions on page 9? Contractual Services, Bill, what's that?

Bill Fluty: That's for GASB34. I requested money through the year this year and I have also repealed money back to that line item. I will repeal money in the September meeting that we've had from – I have three people on Family Medical Leave, and I've had them for a long time, so I will repeal that money back or some of that money back.

President Bassemier: Repeal it back, okay.

Bill Fluty: But actually, that \$15,000, last year, that was the beginning of GASB34 for accounting, which we are required to do and this will be training and transition, so we'll take over more of those responsibilities.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else on page 9? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, now you say under repeal, you're repealing lines from which...

Bill Fluty: I will repeal some money out of salary line items. I think I've done that in the past to offset what I've been spending in Contractual.

Councilmember Tornatta: Would that be...okay.

Bill Fluty: That will be new money that will be available to you this year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Do we have any money in the reassessment funds that can be put toward like Extra Help, like we did last year?

Bill Fluty: There is no money in the reassessment -- we have two reassessment accounts and we have spent our obligated for the reassessment we just completed. That money has run out or spoken for. They're still spending from that account, but there's no new money in that account. We are collecting money for the reassessment is out –

Councilmember Tornatta: 2008.

Bill Fluty: 2008.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, but all the other monies from the 2004, those are gone?

Bill Fluty: Those are gone at this time.

Councilmember Tornatta: Or spoken for.

Bill Fluty: Well, they are still spending some they've had left over in what they had this year because we did budget money this year out of reassessment.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's why you'll see tomorrow, if you look, all the Assessors that had like zero from last year, but they have numbers in this year because they were all in reassessment budget last year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, I guess I just didn't know if there was a balance that carried over, if that could be put toward anything.

Bill Fluty: We actually used, last year's budget we actually used some monies from the reassessment that is going to occur in 2008. We did get permission to do that and then I think –

Councilmember Tornatta: Because, I mean, you're still doing work with reassessment right now, your office.

Bill Fluty: It seems like I'm behind because of reassessment and I'm still doing corrections, reassessment corrections, and I think that will come out tomorrow. There will be many assessors saying they still have obligations from the past reassessment. That may be a way that we can – contact the state and ask if we can use some of that reassessment money that we do have for the next one.

President Bassemier: Okay, anymore questions on page 9? Bill, is there anything you'd like to add?

Bill Fluty: No, that's it.

President Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

President Bassemier: Anybody else have anything to say? Can I have a motion?

Councilmember Winnecke: Motion to recess.

President Bassemier: Got a motion to recess until tomorrow at 9:00. Do I have a second on that?

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second.

President Bassemier: I got a second from Mr. Hoy. See you all tomorrow at 9:00.

(Meeting recessed at 11:32 p.m.)

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 12, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 12th day of August, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to again welcome everybody to our third day of budget meetings for 2005. Would everybody please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Bassemier: Teri, take roll call please.

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

RECORDER

President Bassemier: The first on our agenda is the Recorder's Office, page 14. Good morning, Betty, please state your name and your office.

Betty Knight-Smith: I'm Betty Knight-Smith, and I'm the County Recorder. I've got the bug so I'm going to let my Chief Deputy give some details on this.

President Bassemier: Okay, that would be fine.

Rick Davis: Hello.

President Bassemier: Your name, sir?

Rick Davis: Yes, my name is Rick Davis and I'm Betty Knight-Smith's Chief Deputy at the County Recorder's office.

President Bassemier: Okay, I talked with Betty the other day and she has some numbers she wants to share with us, some monies we're getting back.

Rick Davis: Yes.

President Bassemier: Do you have those numbers?

Rick Davis: Yes, I do.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Rick Davis: I can kind of go over those with you. We've had what a difference a year can make. By July 31st of last year our office had contributed \$526,680 to the General Fund. This year by July 31st we had submitted \$375,410 to the General Fund.

President Bassemier: Wonderful.

Rick Davis: That's a difference of \$151,270. The reason for the drop is because the interest rates have inched up in the last few months and although interest rates are still considered at historical lows we aren't seeing as many refinanced mortgages as we used to. Refinanced mortgages were pacing our office in the last few years. Basically, anybody who had a high interest rate on their mortgage apparently has taken advantage of the lower rates and there is no reason for many people to refinance any more. Through the end of business yesterday we had recorded 28,118 documents and brought in \$606,476 total. We have generated \$393,821 for the General Fund as of yesterday, \$185,835 to the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund and \$26,820 for the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund. Last year through July 31st we had recorded 35,180 documents. At the end of July this year we had submitted \$25,455 to the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund and \$176,259 to the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. Combined with the \$375,410 we have submitted to the General Fund this year we have submitted a grand total of \$577,124 by the end of last month. Last year at this time we collected \$773,678 total by the end of July. Our daily average this year through July 31st was about \$3,980. If you take that average and it continues through the remainder of the year we will be within \$17,000 of collecting \$1 million for the third straight year. We're just a little shy of that.

President Bassemier: That's wonderful. Betty, I would like to commend you and your staff on all the hard work and this money you're bringing back to us. We really appreciate that.

Betty Knight-Smith: Thank you. We're proud of it, but right now this morning when I went to the mailbox we only got 25 letters, so it's going down. Hopefully we could do better, but that's all we can do if they don't send it in.

President Bassemier: That's good.

Betty Knight-Smith: Any questions?

President Bassemier: Yes, we'll start on page 14. Anybody got any questions on page 14? Betty, you and I talked about the extra help. You said we can cut that \$5,000?

Betty Knight-Smith: I could put money out of my perpetual account if we run out of money, so you can take that down to \$5,000 and if I need more I can add into there. The State Board of Accounts told me I could do that.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Betty, what about the whole thing?

Betty Knight-Smith: The whole thing is just with the—they don't furnish us anything other than employees and insurance.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, but I'm saying could you not just take the whole amount out of the Perpetuation Fund?

Betty Knight-Smith: Well, I did last year or this year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Betty Knight-Smith: For this year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. And it worked well.

Betty Knight-Smith: Yeah, it works fine.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess what I am saying—

Betty Knight-Smith: If you have to take it out you can take the whole thing and then we'll ask for later this fall.

President Bassemier: We'll work on that.

Betty Knight-Smith: Okay.

President Bassemier: I'll get back to you.

Councilmember Tornatta: My other question is you say you expected a million dollars in revenues this year?

Betty Knight-Smith: Well, we're expecting it and we hope we get it, but—

Councilmember Tornatta: But you're around where? You said you're around \$378,000 right now?

Rick Davis: That was for the General Fund. We contributed \$375,000 to the General Fund. There are three funds that the money is collected in and it's given one to the Surveyor's Perpetuation Account, one to the Recorder's Perpetuation Account and then the other to the General Fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Rick Davis: All total we have \$577,124 through the end of July and \$606,476 through yesterday.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, alright. Thank you.

President Bassemier: Anybody else on page 14?

Councilmember Sutton: This is one of the only offices where we don't have really any—

Betty Knight-Smith: We're completely self-supporting.

Councilmember Sutton: In 200, 300 or 400 appropriations or requests and that does make a big difference when we've got an office that is able to do that.

President Bassemier: Yes, it is. Anybody else on page 14? Page 15? It's pretty well self explanatory. Betty, do you have anything else to add?

Betty Knight-Smith: No.

President Bassemier: Good job.

Betty Knight-Smith: Thank you.

President Bassemier: See you soon. Ah, okay, next—

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Tornatta: Bill, on their revenues it shows through July 2004. It shows they have collect \$58,000. What's that number?

Bill Fluty: That's a monthly total, I believe.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, that's monthly? Okay.

President Bassemier: Anything else?

CORONER

President Bassemier: Next, Coroner's Office. Page 37. Don, please state your name and your office.

Don Erk: My name is Don Erk. I'm the Vanderburgh County Coroner.

President Bassemier: Mr. Erk, before we start is there anything you would like to point out to us before we get into your budget?

Don Erk: Well, I think the budget that I submitted is pretty much self explanatory. Most of the increases when you go through it are costs that I anticipate on operating the facility over there. The facility—what I would like to point out is it's a county owned building and the building is getting older and you need to keep in mind that the expenses do increase on all of the equipment over there. It's a little unique in the sense that most officeholders do not have to operate a building and do the maintenance like the shingles blow off and things like that, they have to be replaced. It's kind of unique in that situation.

President Bassemier: Okay. Alright, thank you sir. On page 38, are there any questions on page 38?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Winnecke: Actually, if it's alright I have a question on page 37.

President Bassemier: Okay, page 37, alright.

Councilmember Winnecke: Don, line 2710 Color Film, do you still use film? Do you not use digital technology?

Don Erk: We don't—I don't have the budget. It's not high enough to ascertain digital cameras. Yes we do, we still use Polaroid film and regular film. Qualex, is a matter of fact, has now quit developing out film so I am looking for another place to have it developed.

Councilmember Winnecke: How many cameras do you have?

Don Erk: Total approximately 16.

Councilmember Winnecke: If the county were to invest in digital cameras beyond that initial technology wouldn't the year-to-year expense of processing be decreased because you would only print the photographs that you actually want?

Don Erk: I believe that would be correct. I think it would take some years to gain that back, but I think eventually it would, yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: And do you have a feel based on the quality you would need what it costs per camera versus what I would go out and buy as a tourist?

Don Erk: Oh, I think within a \$200 range, somewhere in that area should get us a camera that would be satisfactory. The thing that I am a little apprehensive on the digital I don't know what the courts are going to do. A lot of the pictures we have and take need to be certified and entered into evidence. They haven't ruled against digital photographs at this point, but I think it's the same problem that the Sheriff's Department has or any other court related thing. I don't know whether they'll uphold it eventually. That's my real fear.

Councilmember Winnecke: So the \$3,000 for color film, that includes film and processing for a year?

Don Erk: That's correct.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, maybe along that same line, Councilman Winnecke, you say you've got 16?

Don Erk: Approximately, yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Is there a number of cameras—I guess I'm trying to get an idea of why you need that quantity of cameras.

Don Erk: Because I have part-time employees that use them.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Don Erk: And we don't have time to bring them back and forth and swap them on a daily basis.

Councilmember Sutton: I see.

Don Erk: It would be almost a nightmare and impossible to do that, so consequently the part-time employees I almost need a certain amount of equipment to issue to them that they carry in their trunks and be available for a call.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, at \$3,000 if we were in that \$200 range, I mean that's around 15 cameras itself.

Unidentified: You're not going to get them for \$200.

Councilmember Tornatta: You're not. That's too thin.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, it depends on what quality level you might be needing. I mean, obviously, you can go pretty high up in the market as far as the price on some of those, but prices have been coming down significantly on that technology. So it might be something worth taking a look at or just over time replacing out some of those Polaroids with the digital technology.

Don Erk: I am in the process, as a matter of fact, the Red Cross donated two digital cameras to me and we're in the process of using them now. I have one and my Chief Deputy has one, and so far they are working out fairly well. It was a donation to us and, you know, I wanted to go that route first to see how it would process and what we could with it. It's something that I am looking at and I think it's valid. I just want to make sure that we don't spend a bunch of money that is not going to be necessary in the long run.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, just over time just because of the technology it is going to be more and more difficult for you get the parts, the equipment that you need to do what you're doing right now.

Don Erk: Well, to be honest with you Polaroid has sent me a notice saying that they are going to quit making Polaroid film which will almost force me into going to digital because I need some kind of record of what I see on the scene so that I can tell these doctors when they're doing. They've got to have an idea of what they're looking at. I don't know whether that makes any sense to you, but the Polaroids are a big factor in the film that we have because we need instant processing. The regular 35's, the amount we spend on them are going down all the time. The reason for that is I think the digital would help in that aspect.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you know is there any timetable on the courts, etc., accepting digital or has it been tested? You indicated that there might be.

Don Erk: There has not been any court rulings on it. I don't think anybody has really challenged it in court. Digital can be altered and therein lies the problem. You know, I hope that no office would alter photographs, but the courts and the attorneys, if somebody challenges them I think they'll rule against it. That's my personal feeling.

Councilmember Hoy: Rule against using them?

Don Erk: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Because of being able to alter?

Don Erk: Yes. That's just a personal feeling that I have. Whether that will come about or not, I don't know.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, thank you.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Phil. Any more? Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: One other question.

Don Erk: Sure.

Councilmember Winnecke: Along the lines that you mentioned about the maintenance of your building, which line item do you account for funds for maintaining your building?

Don Erk: Well, I started to go with equipment and we decided that we would try to hold that off. I know the Council is having a lot of problem. I try to just maneuver Council around enough to the shingles or like one of the pieces of aluminum went off of the siding and we had a guy to come over and put it up. We just kind of juggle the accounts enough to get it done. To be honest with you a couple of my employees help me a bunch. He worked on the freezers and the coolers this last week and saved us about \$2,000, to be quite frank with you.

Councilmember Winnecke: So there is really nothing in the budget that you're proposing that accounts—that represents maintenance money or anything.

Don Erk: No, not really. I just wanted to point out that sooner or later the building will soon be 15 years old. It's like a house or anything else. It requires maintenance and I just wanted you to be aware that there is probably going to be times that I'm going to have to come back and ask for a little bit of additional in order to keep the thing running.

President Bassemier: Sure. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Don, I might recommend that on repairs and things of such maybe we'll work through the Superintendent of County Building where, you know, that's controlled by the County Commissioners and there is CCD funds that are available for repairs and stuff like that.

Don Erk: Okay, will do.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? Page 38. Don, on 3650 referring to this year's budget it looks like we didn't appropriate enough monies for you. You're going to have to come back, aren't you, on the autopsies?

Don Erk: Well, I was just back and you appropriated \$55,000 for Lab & Autopsy. I'm in hopes and I believe that will probably cover me until the end of the year.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Don Erk: So I don't think I'll have to come back, but each year I do come back and that is a Council decision. I can tell you that it runs somewhere in the area of \$150,000 for Autopsy and then you've got lab fees. It does no good to do an autopsy if you don't send off toxicology, because you have no idea what is going

on in the system. It's all a part of it if you get right down to it. Those figures do not vary as much as you might think. I mean, it basically comes out about the same each year.

President Bassemier: Okay. Anybody else?

Councilmember Hoy: I have said this to you privately, and I'll say it publicly. I appreciate the fact that when you come in here, because I was your liaison, but every year when you come in you do present a very tight, accurate budget. You don't inflate it and as a Councilman I want you to know that I do appreciate that very much.

Don Erk: Well, I appreciate your kind words. I try and I'm sure everybody else does. Every officeholder has got the same problem. I realize that the Council has their problems and I'll work with you in any way I can.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Bassemier: Yeah. Okay, page 39. Mr. Erk, do you have anything else to add?

Don Erk: I don't believe so. I think most everything is pretty much what we've discussed at this point. The real increase, if you go down through there, I think there is about \$6,000 worth of increases. The other increases are really the Lab and the Autopsy Fee. They're built in. I don't know how I can control them if I don't know the cause of death and, obviously, by law I need to find out. There is not much I can do to control that. You hope for the best.

President Bassemier: I, too, have got to agree with Mr. Hoy. We appreciate you working with us on your budget the way you do. Okay, well thank you, sir.

Don Erk: Anything else?

President Bassemier: That would be all.

Don Erk: Thank you.

EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH AIRPORT

President Bassemier: Next would be the Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport. Before we get started, Mr. Olson is our assistant manager out there. He has been my mentor for the last two years. He is a very hard worker and he puts in a lot of personal time out there and I've got to say I commend him for it. Before we get started, Mr. Olson, would you kind of like to give us—well, first of all state your name and then give us an overview of what is going on out at the airport.

Gene Olson: Okay. My name is Gene Olson, I'm the Assistant Airport Manager. Bob Working, the Airport Manager, my boss, wanted me to express his regrets at not being able to be here today. He had a longstanding commitment where he had to be out of town this week. Basically, we've had a busy year since we spoke to you last. Our passenger traffic is coming back up. I'm proud to report that June of this year compared to June of last year was up 22 percent. July of this year was up compared to last year seven percent. Our revenues are improving accordingly. We did an increase in our parking lot rates. We keep the hourly rates the same, but we

increase the maximum by \$1 a day for long-term and \$2 a day for short-term, but our revenues are up more than just what would be accounted for by that increase. We completed a major runway extension in June. We opened our extended runway 1836, the north/south runway. That runway is now 6,286 feet long. That increase in length was really to provide a better backup for the main runway for the airliners that are currently using the airport and also to keep the airport open to commercial traffic in case for some reason the main runway has to be shut down, for example, by maintenance or if we had an emergency landing and an aircraft blew a tire on the main runway or something like that. That development program was about a \$12 million program over many years actually. We started the planning for that back in '92 and did the environmental assessment back in '96. Ninety percent of that was paid for by Aviation Trust Fund revenues from the FAA Aviation Trust Fund, five percent came from the state matching grant program and five percent of that came out of our Accumulative Building Fund. As you have heard we are working on the Evansville to Indianapolis to South Bend airline service. We're calling that Indy Air. We've sold about 34 vouchers just in this community for that service which is pretty amazing if you think about it, that we've gotten 34 people or businesses to cough up \$1,800 each for a product that doesn't exist yet, so I think we've got some good community support and we're ready to go. We've applied for a \$1 million Department of Transportation grant that will fund operation of that airline and help cover our costs. We've committed about half a million dollars ourselves. We basically are committed to go on that. We're in partnership with the South Bend airport and they've indicated that the grant is critical for them to participate, but we believe that we'll be able to go with or without the grant. It will just really help us. We expect to hear back on that any day now. They were talking about identifying grant recipients about the middle of August time frame. That will be three flights a day to Indianapolis from Evansville from a Jetstream 32 aircraft. We have already selected the airline to run it for us. It's Corporate Airlines which is currently our carrier from Evansville to St. Louis. We're getting ready to kickoff an Airport Master Plan update. That's a 20 year plan that will look at all aspects of airport development, similar to the plan we completed in '92. We have two real big issues though, that we want to make sure we cover. One is trying to upgrade the instrument approach on the north/south runway to what we call precision approach that lets airliners land in basically all weather conditions. And then the other one is the development of the east side of the airport with compatible development on our property that will help support the revenue of the airport and also stimulate the economy of the area. We'll be forming two—one or two committees, we're not exactly sure yet on that, to look at the technical aspects of this study and also the policy aspects of the study. So some of you or some of the other county agencies, I'm sure, will be contacted to help with those committees. Just a reminder, our budget structure, we have a Capital Budget and our Operating Budget. Our Operating Budget is up I think a little over two and a half percent in total, but again that operating budget is entirely self supporting with revenues that we earn from the operation of the airport. With that I would like to turn it back over to you.

President Bassemier: Okay, well, thank you, sir. Good job. We're on page—I'm sorry, we're on page 150. Royce, did you have something you wanted to say?

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to ask you about the Evansville to Indy/South Bend air service. How many of those vouchers are you anticipating? What's the goal before you can say that you're then ready to go? You say you've got 36, I guess?

Gene Olson: We sold 34.

Councilmember Sutton: Thirty-four, and how many are you trying to get to?

Gene Olson: Just in Evansville? We didn't really set a minimum number of vouchers that we have to have before we can go. It's kind of a trade-off. If we get—there is three financial pictures—or pieces to that pie. There is the money we've committed out of the Cumulative Building Fund. There is the DOT grant and then there is the vouchers. We need, I don't remember the exact number, I think it was about \$1.5 million, so any two of those three we can go with. So it depends on how that falls out. We didn't really establish a target goal for how many we had to sell.

President Bassemier: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: I think you forgot one thing. You're not on the tax roll.

Gene Olson: That's right. Not for operating anyway.

President Bassemier: If anybody didn't hear, Curt said we're not on the tax roll.

Gene Olson: We have the ability to levy a property tax for operating, but we have not done so since way before I came to Evansville. I think like early '90's or something like that.

President Bassemier: That's great. That's wonderful. Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, Gene, on page 150, what is Other Compensation? Who receives that and how is that determined?

Gene Olson: That is temporary wages and salaries. From time to time we have need to hire a temporary staff person either through a vacancy or also in the summertime we hire a couple of summer helpers and a couple of interns.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: In terms of the increase that I guess you're looking at probably building into your salary and wage lines what are you guys kind of working with right now? I know you guys go more on a merit kind of based system, what are you looking at?

Gene Olson: We are looking basically at a three percent across the board. There is—if you look at each individual person's salary, because of the union agreement it may or may not work out to three percent, but with the unionized workforce it averages out to three percent.

President Bassemier: Anybody else on page 150? Okay, 151? Any questions on 151? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Miscellaneous Equipment, what rolls into that?

Gene Olson: That's where we—it's kind of a laundry list of equipment that we buy. It's some—it's hand tools. For example in Building Facility Maintenance we have to go out and locate underground cables very frequently so it's a new meter for that.

Some hand tools and fire fighting equipment for the Safety Department. It's those kinds of things. I have a detailed listing if you would like to get a copy of that.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's fine, thanks.

Gene Olson: Sure.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? Anything you would like to add Mr. Olson?

Gene Olson: No, that's it. Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak.

President Bassemier: Thank you, sir. You're welcome and I'll see you after while.

Gene Olson: See you.

President Bassemier: Alright. Okay.

CO-OP EXTENSION SERVICE

President Bassemier: Next, Co-op Extension Service page 78. Just give me a minute. Ma'am, would you please state your name?

Susan Plassmeier: Susan Plassmeier, County Extension Director for the Vanderburgh County Extension Service.

President Bassemier: Okay, anything you would like to touch on before we—

Susan Plassmeier: Really, the only thing that I had asked for—kept my budget the same as last year except the Contractual Service line item and I sent a letter of explanation about that line item. By the year 2007 we will have to increase that \$5,000 plus the three percent usually that is tacked on that every year so how we do that is up to the county. I added a little bit. After I talked with Troy we decided maybe it would be better to add a little bit each year to get up to that \$5,000 level, but bottom line is in the Contractual Service line item was Purdue has said that we need for this year is \$62,810. I had asked for about \$1,200 more than that at \$64,066.

President Bassemier: Okay. Alright. Well, okay, we'll start on page 78. Anybody got any questions on 78? Seventy-nine?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Bassemier: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: On line item 3370 that's Computer Data Management. Is that part of an ongoing program to—

Susan Plassmeier: That's a lease agreement.

Councilmember Sutton: That's a lease agreement?

Susan Plassmeier: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: What equipment are you getting?

Susan Plassmeier: That is for, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven computers and a printer.

Councilmember Sutton: And when does that lease expire, do you know?

Susan Plassmeier: We got those computers, I would say last year, so it's a three year rotation. We're on our second cycle. They replaced our computer last year. We got new computers and so we're in our second side of the cycle with the leasing agreements. We had our old computers for three years, got our new computers.

Councilmember Sutton: So when that expires, basically, at the same amount you'll get new units or different units?

Susan Plassmeier: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Bassemier: Okay, any other questions for page 79? Would you like to add anything, ma'am? Thank you very much.

Susan Plassmeier: Alright, thank you.

President Bassemier: Next Health Department, page 144.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, can I make a comment? I hesitated until she left the podium because I am not making this statement because of—well, it was just one of the reasons, but please don't take this personal because it's not at you, but, you know, in every office we have maintenance contracts, we have lease agreements. I would like to ask you to instruct maybe our Executive Assistant to send a memo out to all office requesting copies of all these maintenance contracts and lease agreements for us to look at.

President Bassemier: Good idea. Sandie. Okay. Everybody in agreement with that? Good idea, Jim.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim?

President Bassemier: Alright, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: What do you kind of have in mind with what we might do with it? Are you trying to get an idea on just the amount, the terms that we are dealing with maybe trying to consolidate some of these?

Councilmember Raben: Well, there are so many and they're large amounts. One, I would like to verify what is being requested is what is actually needed. When they say they have a maintenance contract that's \$6,000 a year I want to verify that the contract states \$6,000 a year. Some of them, you know, we may not be able to do anything with, but it's information that, you know, should be available to us and we can look at it. You know, anyone that is interested.

Councilmember Tornatta: And along those same lines just, you know, as you said not to pick on a certain group, but when you look at some of these \$5,000 a year for seven computers you're roughly throwing \$2,000 a computer a year. It just seems like it could be something we need to look at.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, if we look at all the computers, all the copy machine contracts we've got out there, if maybe there were a way to get some type of group discount rather than each individual office negotiating their own maybe through our Purchasing Department might see some savings here.

Councilmember Raben: Well, and I don't know if our Purchasing Department has one standard monitor that they look at. I mean, you know, I think when you walk through here you'll find 20 inch plasma monitors and some offices have 13 or 15 inch, you know, monitors. We need to standardize things because we do, we've got a lot of different departments out, you know, buying their own stuff, doing their own thing, and I don't think everybody needs a 20 inch monitor. I don't think everybody needs a plasma screen. You know, I don't have plasma screens and I probably don't have anything larger than a 15 inch monitor. Again, it is information that would be good for us to have and at some point maybe we can take the information we have to the Purchasing Department and see what they can do to get a handle on it.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, you still have a typewriter, right?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

President Bassemier: Okay, sir please introduce yourself.

Sam Elder: I'm Sam Elder, the Director of the county Health Department.

President Bassemier: Okay, good morning, Sam. Is there anything you would like to point out to us or say anything before we get into your budget?

Sam Elder: Well, we can take the good news first.

President Bassemier: We always like to hear good news.

Sam Elder: The rent is going to be \$32,000 less than it was in this year's budget and that was due to a reduction in the amount of space that we took in the facility, Oak Park.

President Bassemier: Okay, that would be on page 148. Yeah, is that \$32,000.

Sam Elder: It's \$32,000, I think it is.

Councilmember Hoy: Plus we're getting more space.

Sam Elder: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: We're getting, what is it, 25,000 square feet? We have about ten now.

Sam Elder: Versus what is here.

Councilmember Hoy: And it's a whole lot cheaper.

Councilmember Sutton: So the figure we have here in the book is that the correct figure or should we reduce that down?

Sam Elder: It was \$357,000 last year. We put in \$325,000 this year which is \$32,000 less.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, we've got \$325,248.

Sam Elder: Yeah, that's correct.

President Bassemier: It's already there. Okay, anything else? Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I had another conversation one here, what is the correct amount that should be in our book?

Sam Elder: What's in there.

Councilmember Raben: What's in there?

Sam Elder: The \$325,288 or whatever it is.

President Bassemier: We were kind of hoping you were going to drop that down \$32,000. That is some good news though. Okay, any questions on page 144? Okay, I don't see anything there. Page 145? Page 146? Page 147?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: Yes, sir, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Sam, Accrued Payments which is account 1971.

Sam Elder: I'll tell you we put that in in case you reversed your policy, you know, on the accrued payments on the payoff for accumulated sick leave. You know, it has always been in before, but I think for the last two years we just leave the position vacant. I think that's the instructions and we've not had any problem with it, but we put it in feeling that you were going to continue on the plan that you had last year you would take it out.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

Sam Elder: We expected you to take it out unless you were going to go back to the other way. Sometimes that kind of works a hardship. Like in our laboratory the Laboratory Director has resigned and we're unable to fill that for a couple of months. Well, we had two technicians in the laboratory. Both of them are not on the county payroll, they are grant employees, and they happen to be—we're lucky they are excellent employees and they have been able to carry it. I don't know if you're familiar with it, but we do all of the childhood blood lead tests for ten counties here and we do the water analysis for the swimming pools in two or three surrounding counties and that makes a whole lot of work in the summertime for the pools. They used to ship to the State Board of Health and the State Board of Health will still run them without charge, but you have to pay the postage and about two-thirds of the time there is a certain time element that they have to be run after they're taken, you know, from the source and they get to Indianapolis too late so they've got to take them over again and it costs more than paying us to take them.

We do for Warrick County, Gibson County for Posey County. It's require that they run, on a public swimming pool, a sample weekly and we do all of those samples. The point I am making is one of those two technicians is part-time, so we have to pay her out of other accounts for the extra time because we can't make it with one and a half employees. She is currently working 37 hours a week. I think that's what we've been told you could have her work without having to pay her fringes, considered part-time employee. We didn't save all of it.

President Bassemier: What tests are we talking about?

Councilmember Raben: And are we billing those surrounding counties for that work?

Sam Elder: Oh, yeah, we charge for the sample for everybody that brings them in. Our fee is less than what the commercial labs charge.

President Bassemier: Sam, what do—I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, to finish this, if the work gets too overwhelming they can send it off to the state though? I mean, it might be a matter that instead of paying you to test it—

Sam Elder: It's a service and, you know, we've always—

Councilmember Raben: If regular mail is too expensive they may have to overnight their samples or something.

Sam Elder: It's a service that helps all the businesses, all the motels, the hotels that bring their samples in. The schools from the surrounding counties bring them in. Actually, the county here provides a lot of services that the other counties don't pay for. For example, the Venereal Disease Clinic. Of course, we've got a lot of federal money in there. The employees there one, two, three, four of them are paid on federal grants and actually there are three of them that are on ours. We do the VD program for these same southern southwestern Indiana counties.

President Bassemier: Sam, I'm sorry, hold that thought. She is going to change the tape.

(TAPE CHANGE)

Sam Elder: A number of years ago, before we got federal funding in that program, there was some of either the Commissioners or the county objected to us spending money on the people out of the county. Maynard Miller, at that time, was the physician, the Health Officer, and he simply told them that if they can come here for treatment, they can come here to spread it. They probably caught it here anyway. That was the last comment on that. But, you can't have a program like that with county lines, the people come back and forth too much. This is a service that the other counties wouldn't have if we didn't have it, but it is, the big part of it, we more than pay for the work we do outside the county for the federal grants that we get.

President Bassemier: Okay, Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Sam, on 1990, Extra Help, \$15,000, you've never used any, that much before. We set that in at \$5,000 or \$5,600.

Sam Elder: What number was that again?

Councilmember Wortman: 1990, Extra Help.

President Bassemier: On 147.

Sam Elder: Well, you know, we pay the people in the mosquito control program, and that doesn't start until usually until June out of that, and both of those slots are filled now. So, we'll spend, usually spend the big end of it. If we have any outbreak of West Nile or St. Louis encephalitis we have to continue that up into October. If that happens, and I hope that it doesn't, that won't cover it.

Councilmember Hoy: You're actually going to show more expense than that in July and August anyway.

Sam Elder: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: This is a June, this is only through June.

Sam Elder: Well, this is when you normally have this disease being prevalent. It's the best time to spend your money. Now we don't normally do any adulticiding unless we've got an infection reported. Just recently in the southeast side we had some mosquitos that were positive for West Nile. We did some adulticiding last weekend in those areas. Normally we would just do larvaciding. The mosquitos that carry St. Louis encephalitis and West Nile breed mostly in polluted water. We have those all scheduled, all the places where we have sewage, and, believe me, we've still got a lot of places where that we've got sewage in some of our ditches, and we spray those. We check them weekly, all of these, that's what these two people on the extra employment do is check those. Then we've had light traps that we rotate. We have them all over the county. These are the mosquitos that we send to the state to be tested. We're doing them now in our own lab. There's a new test that we can do there. We check them for the encephalitis.

President Bassemier: Sam, on, this isn't much, but I was just kind of curious, for information purposes, Promotional Incorporated. Promotional, what's that on, 2430? What's that \$1,000?

Sam Elder: I tell you, a good part of that is the employees wellness day. I don't know if you've ever come down and looked at it, we've had it in the hall, and we intend to continue to have it in this building someplace, even after we move. All of the different organizations, they've even got some of the therapists come in, you can get a neck rub there, and blood pressures, and all kinds of different tests are done there. We buy things that we give them, give them an apple and several other things. Everybody, I think it's real well attended by the county employees. I would say probably over half of them come and go through it. Then, if you sign up for every one of the booths, and turn your ticket in, you get a little prize, and that's what that money is for.

President Bassemier: Thanks, that sounds like a good idea. I've never had the opportunity to take advantage of that. Anybody else got a question on 147? Okay, moving on, 148. Sam, on 3510, Other Operating, could you tell us, that's gone up a little bit, and you've only spent \$10,000 for this year, and you're asking for \$75,000 for next year, could you tell me what that expense is?

Sam Elder: I'll tell you, that more or less covers a multitude of sins on it. I can give you the—

President Bassemier: I guess it hits us at the end of the year, since you've only spent \$10,000, a little over \$10,000 up till June.

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible. Mic. not on.)

President Bassemier: Pardon?

Sam Elder: If we don't spend it, it reverts into the county unappropriated balance.

President Bassemier: Oh, I understand, no problem there. I was just curious. You just got something I don't know.

Sam Elder: We incurred some expense, like with the smallpox program that we had, I guess you're all familiar with that. We are the lead county for these ten counties in the smallpox and battle terrorism program. We spent some of the money out of that, but it's all was reimbursed by the state, but you have to have something to operate out of.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Sam Elder: When we get extra, or if we get an extra grant, we have to have something to pay it until we get reimbursed. All the grants are reimburse able, they say you shouldn't run a negative balance. I think a lot of the money that is paying for our move came from, probably, that reverted. I don't know if you're familiar with it or not, but with the exception of the rent, is almost all the cost, and this is over a million and a half dollars for this move, came from money that you appropriated that was not spent. Now, normally, they used to adjust the tax rate to take part of that back, and they haven't done it, you haven't done it, since we were moving. But, that money is all money that was appropriated, the big end of it, by this Council, that wasn't spent.

President Bassemier: Sounds pretty good. Bill, you got that noted?

Sam Elder: The Auditor can attest to that.

President Bassemier: Okay. Anybody else? Okay, page 149.

Councilmember Raben: Motor Vehicles, 4230, looks like you're asking for a new vehicle.

Sam Elder: I tell you, last year we didn't ask for a vehicle, and we don't usually ask for one until one of them is starting to cost us so much, you know, for the expense of keeping it running. If we waited until they were all in that shape, we would either be out of the transportation business....there's a lot of things, it's just like the insecticide vehicles, and this happens to be one of them that's used for that, you can't use that for anything else. They won't even let us keep them in the garages, because they smell. Those insecticides get impregnated all over the dang vehicle, and nobody wants them in their building. Of course, nobody wants to ride around in them, except when they are spraying mosquitos.

President Bassemier: Okay, Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, it looks like you got one in 2003, though, \$17,750.

Sam Elder: Yeah, but, now that was a travel car. It's much cheaper, we have a lot of meetings in Indianapolis that are mandated, you know, and the state law provides for them to mandate us to attend. If they drive their own vehicle it's more expensive than having that car. That car was a trip car, and it's still used as a trip car. That's the only time it's used. We have somebody that goes to Indianapolis almost every week.

President Bassemier: Okay. Any other questions? Do you got anything to add, Sam?

Sam Elder: No.

President Bassemier: Have a good day, sir.

Sam Elder: Thank you.

President Bassemier: Thank you.

ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR

President Bassemier: Okay, Armstrong Assessor, page 56. State your name please for the record.

Joyce Kron: Joyce Kron, Chief Deputy, Armstrong Township.

President Bassemier: Okay, anything you would like to tell us before we start?

Joyce Kron: No, I think my budget is pretty simple. Not a lot of changes.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody got any questions on page 56? On 3140, Telephone, is that for a cell phone or something?

Joyce Kron: The Communications? That's Internet service.

President Bassemier: No, under Telephone, 3140?

Joyce Kron: Oh, I'm sorry.

President Bassemier: You're asking for \$2,000.

Joyce Kron: No, that's two phone lines.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, what you'll see with all these assessors budgets is the last few years we've had the luxury of shifting the 2000 and 3000 accounts into reassessment, which that's not reflected here. They are back in their regular budget.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Jim. Any questions on page 57? Pretty easy. Do you want to add anything?

Joyce Kron: No. If you have no questions for me, that's fine.

President Bassemier: Thank you, ma'am.

Joyce Kron: Okay.

President Bassemier: Have a good day.

Joyce Kron: Thanks.

CENTER ASSESSOR

President Bassemier: Center Assessor, page 58. John, good morning, sir.

Councilmember Tornatta: Bill, do you have a number on how much we're going to add to the budget this year versus last year? Because we weren't able to take those 2000, 3000, 4000 lines out. In the assessors budgets.

Bill Fluty: Last year's, looking at (Inaudible. Mic. not on.).

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Bill Fluty: (Inaudible) don't have that exact number. (Inaudible).

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, that sounds right.

President Bassemier: Hi, John.

John Gerard: Good morning. John Gerard, Center Township Assessor. Just a few quick comments. I think we are still the fastest growing residential township. I know last year, even with, there were only two positive, with the business/personal properties Center and Scott. A few other ones, so, I know last year I think we added 70 million to rolls on real estate. This year I don't have a total for you, I think it's a little bit less, but not any great amounts. Really not much budget changes at all. Apparently from when I took over, and from the past ten years. So, I would be happy to entertain any questions.

President Bassemier: You run a pretty good budget there, John. Any questions on page 58?

Councilmember Tornatta: John, on, who do you support with your Extra Help?

John Gerard: I have, this year we've just, basically, we've had one college student, a USI student that helped us out with data entry and field work. That was the 17. I have also, there is for this summer we did have, because of times off and his vacations were able to fit someone else in. I did put in \$20,000, and the reason why I upped it just a little bit is because I'm sitting on about 3/4 of a year comp time with my employees that so far I have refused to allow them to take because we still haven't caught up with reassessment. At some point in time I can't keep refusing, and it's just, it's going to cause a problem with that out. So, that was the reason for that slight increase, to allow us just the one person overall, and then the one person during the summer that we can start getting rid of some of this comp time that they're sitting on.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, do you have anything next year that's going to be something where you're going to have to use more field people, or do any extra work?

John Gerard: I don't know about any extra more. We do have, there is supposed to be a 2005-2006 training adjustment this year. We haven't gotten what the state is sending down to us for running ratio studies again, which is going to be in conjunction with the County Assessor's office as well. There will have to be some redefining of neighborhoods with that to where, and final adjustments, because this is the time that we need to do that. We found out where things aren't exactly right, and we need to break things down. So, an answer to your question is, one is the growth in Center is continuing, we're still getting new subdivisions. So, I don't see that slacking down. I only have really two field people with that. Then, with the redivision of neighborhoods and trying to get rid of some of my comp time with the other is that, but, I mean, until we get those exact rules from state, I'm not sure.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thanks.

President Bassemier: Okay. Any questions on 59?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I was waiting to see if Councilman Winnecke addressed the film issue here again.

John Gerard: We do use digital, but our, that is what we're taking out of then for all the different color toners, we just take it out of there. We just really didn't change it over to another account. We have two digital cameras, one for each of the field people.

Councilmember Winnecke: So, you print your photographs in house?

John Gerard: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Then what is the Printing line?

John Gerard: The printing is also for plats and envelopes that we, that are done to mail out on, more on the personal property side than on the real estate side, with the others.

Councilmember Hoy: On the digital photographs, do you foresee any problem with legal challenges of those since they can be...that came up with the Coroner's office.

John Gerard: I don't see that as a problem, because on one of, if it's going to appeal, there can always be a site inspection that can confirm or deny one thing with the other. We use it more as an aid, hopefully, our computer system does allow for that to be incorporated in with that. So, you can print that out. We haven't gotten, unfortunately, that far along with ours. I think Pigeon Township has. They are the only township, I think, that has the capability of printing out the photo as well as the house information, at this time. But, it's more just to show if something is on appeal what the problem of that is. Showing a condition problem, or the other is just showing that this is the house that sits on that property. So, I don't see any legal challenges from the real estate side of that.

Councilmember Hoy: Because generally for every technology we come up with, you know, there's an up side and there's always a mirror image down side. I think we always need to look at that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Just one more question on that photo.

John Gerard: Sure.

Councilmember Tornatta: How many photos do you think you have to print out in a year? Would you have any idea? Is that a—

John Gerard: We try to take a front and back of each new home, and we've been running about 400 a year on those. Plus when you're having new industrial sites, you're probably running five or six. When you're talking about anything on an appeal, you're talking up to five or six pictures, probably per appeal to take, to, what am I trying to say, to verify what condition, or whatever of your running. So, I'm going to say probably in the neighborhood of 3,000 to 4,000 on color. We try not to use the color unless we have to on those things. We have everyone's preset, by my orders, is for the black, they have to switch it to the color to run the color.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Bassemier: Anybody else got any questions for John? Got anything that you would like to add, sir?

John Gerard: No.

President Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

John Gerard: Thank you.

President Bassemier: Have a good day.

GERMAN ASSESSOR

President Bassemier: German Assessor, page 60. Good morning, Tim.

Tim Schaefer: Tim Schaefer, Assessor of German Township.

President Bassemier: Do you got anything that you would like to point out to us, Tim, before we get into your budget.

Tim Schaefer: No, nothing....let's see here.

President Bassemier: Okay, any questions on page 60? Sixty-one? It looks like you're going to get off pretty light there, Tim. Thank you, sir. Have a good day.

Tim Schaefer: Thank you.

KNIGHT ASSESSOR

President Bassemier: Knight Assessor, page 62. Good morning, sir.

Al Folz: Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor.

President Bassemier: Good morning, sir. Would you like to tell us anything before we get started?

Al Folz: No. Yes, the budget is basically the same thing we've been using for years. There's nothing different, basically, with this. How about some questions? On both pages, why, I would say the Councilman wants a maintenance agreement that we do use, and we'll certainly see that you get that.

Councilmember Tornatta: On that headline here on the Extra Help. Who do you support with that? What types of things are you seeing this year, or in 2005?

Al Folz: Okay. I put in \$30,000, just like I did last year, although, I think we did use like \$34,000, we transferred some funds into that. You would have that. As you know that assessors are revenue producing. So, what we need to do is get people out there that can do the job as far as going out and looking, checking, measuring, and putting it into the computers, calculating. We find, and I'm sure that you have found, by using extra help instead of full time positions, that it's much more cost effective. Those that would go out and do the checking and such as this, use their own cars, do their own maintenance, the wear and tear on their automobiles, we're never billed for anything. If they're out there and they have a small accident or such like that, their insurance company takes care of it. So, I have one gentleman that's out in the field almost full time as a part time person, except when it rains or the weather is inclement, then, of course, then he does not work at all. We have such an influx anymore of large buildings, now, we're running out of land as far as residential is concerned. We still have quite a bit of building going on as far as residential, but a lot of ours now is getting to be these huge apartment buildings. If any of you have come out on to I-64 and Lloyd Expressway, new section going up right there. My people were out there the other day, there is going to be 214 new apartments in there, and as soon as that gets finished they are going to put out more, and they are aiming for...they are scheduling out like 500 new apartments just in that particular complex. Plus the rest of it that seems to be going up sporadically. It doesn't seem to be any small duplexes and such like that being out. Now, from out checking with that we also have them inputting and helping with reassessment. We still have, we probably won't be finished with our appeals maybe until the middle of October. There's about 250 yet that we need to go through. So, that's being helped also with my full time people. I had one intern this summer, whiz bang on the computers putting in disclosure forms, we need that, and we have to keep all this up and do that, because by March of next year we should have some communication say in January from the state of exactly how we're supposed to upgrade homes in neighborhoods. So, that's going to be that, and these people that I've had for a long time helping us. It is really a cost saving factor from what they can do.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and on that, how many people do you normally support with this Extra Help, and how long have they been with you?

Al Folz: Let's see, I've had, besides the intern, now that was this summer, okay. Now, he worked also last summer. He's a college student. I guess, one has been with me at least four or five years. Another one has been with me at least three and a half years. One has been with me, I would say, about two and a half years, and then plus the intern that I did have this summer, which worked last year also. He started in, I would say, latter part of May. I think school let out, and now he left a week ago. Goes back to St. Louis.

Councilmember Winnecke: So, three positions, plus your intern?

Al Folz: Yes. Yes, and the people have been with me a long time.

Councilmember Winnecke: Are we paying the intern? I didn't understand that.

Al Folz: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Al Folz: \$8.50 an hour, but it, you know, we need the extra help to be able to accomplish...we brought in, let's see our assessed value is about two billion six hundred thousand. You know, that's healthy. With the commercials going out on Burkhardt, I-64, the Lloyd Expressway, these huge things that are coming up also on outer Burkhardt almost to Morgan Avenue they've got some huge plans coming out there. Of course, you know—

President Bassemier: Anybody else?

Al Folz: But, I do need the Extra Help money.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you, this is aside from your budget—

Al Folz: Certainly.

Councilmember Hoy: —when you were talking about all the building.

Al Folz: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: You know I sit on the PTABOA, and a couple of weeks ago we saw two large department stores in Eastland Mall have their assessment reduced considerably. One of my concerns is that we keep seeing all these empty buildings, you know, and we talk about the new building, but do you have any crystal ball on this? Because I'm quite concerned about the deteriorating hole in the center of the donut. That hole seems to get larger and larger. Do you have any sense of what's going on there?

Al Folz: Well, those are two anchor stores that you're talking about.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Al Folz: Out there on Eastland Mall. We recommended against reduction.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that.

Al Folz: You were sitting there. You're on the PTABOA. You know, what they're doing is trying to say those huge stores that come in town, and purchase their own buildings, which they have, and then, of course, do retail business, and they tried to combine their skills at retail selling with the building, which I don't agree. But, be that as it may, the building is still there whether they go or not. Look at Elder Beerman, for example, Gene Hahn is sitting out there on Washington Square, owns that big, huge building out there, and really does not have anyone that he can actually say, well, they're very, very interested with it. I talk to Gene every once in a while on this building. Now, there's a building on there which is part of the mall,

the mall owns it, sooner or later that building is going to deteriorate by sitting there. It's going to be extremely difficult to rent without some form of maybe a tax reduction. We haven't come to that yet, he's not even asked that. After all, I'm sure most of you realize what Washington mall sold for, if not I would be...does everybody know that? Okay. You know, that was like a distressed sale. The land is worth more than that. But, we checked also around some assessors who I know most of them up in Indianapolis, and saying how do you feel about this, and what are you doing? Up there they talked about anchor stores also, and they went ahead and also gave a reduction to them because the sales were down. Not that the building had fallen apart or deteriorated or such like that, but the sales were down, so they combined that and said, well, now this is basically going to be the same. So, I don't know where it would end. I don't know of any new stores, as far as retail is coming out, it seems like the niche stores seem to be taking over.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you. I just, I'm looking at market value and what we may be facing in the future. That's, it's more than a curiosity I have, because we often talk about in terms about the growth, but we don't talk much about the deterioration.

Al Folz: Well, it seems like what they are basing now on is economy. I know when I talked to the two gentlemen from the anchor stores, you know, they were saying, well, the way we display things, and it may not be the right thing. Now we're setting some things up that we're trying different retail work. Sometime, you know, I get to thinking, well, maybe it's just bad management, or else some of the merchandise isn't what people are wanting.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Al. Any questions on page 63? Sixty-four? Anything that you would like to add, Al? Good job.

Al Folz: No, no. That's fine. I've talked enough.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

Al Folz: I wasn't going to say anything.

Councilmember Hoy: It's my fault, Al, you can blame me.

Councilmember Winnecke: I think the point that Councilman Raben made earlier about the maintenance contracts is really well made here. Last year you only needed \$2,000 for that, this year is \$3,540. So, it would be interesting to see, you know, what sort of escalators are in your maintenance contracts.

Al Folz: Certainly. We'll see—

Councilmember Winnecke: They are like that all throughout the building.

Al Folz: Sure. We'll be glad to mail those, send those to you, absolutely.

Councilmember Sutton: Before you get away, one other item.

Al Folz: Yes, Councilman.

Councilmember Sutton: Communications, what is Communications, line item 3141?

Al Folz: What is what?

Councilmember Sutton: Communications? I'm on page sixty, well, I don't know if you've got the same.

Al Folz: I've got 'ya. Right about here, 3141. That escapes me.

Councilmember Sutton: 3141, Communications.

Al Folz: I'll look that up and get back to you, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Thank you.

President Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

Al Folz: Yes. Thank you, Councilmen.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thanks.

PERRY ASSESSOR

President Bassemier: Next is Perry Assessor, page 65. Good morning, Glen.

Glen Koob: Good morning. Glen Koob, Perry Township Assessor. How are you today?

President Bassemier: Fine.

Glen Koob: I have added one item to my budget, and that's Recording Fees, for the deeds that we copy. Other than that, I believe everything's the same. My Communications, to answer your question is my T-1 line, that is connected to the computer system downtown. It's great too, by the way, thank you for that. Are there any other questions?

President Bassemier: Anybody got any questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: Extra Help, that's—

Glen Koob: Extra Help is not—

Councilmember Tornatta: —one full time field person?

Glen Koob: —one person. One person, field man, and he works six days one two week period in there, and the next two week period he works seven days. He makes \$8.50 an hour, and I believe we save the county by him being part time about \$20,000 to \$25,000. If I would put him in at full time in a COMOT VI, he's been there 18, 19 years, that would be around \$34,000, that's \$12,000 that we have now at \$8.50 an hour....\$12,500, or just \$12,000.

Unidentified: \$12,000.

Glen Koob: Okay, \$12,000, so, that would be, what, \$23,000 savings there, plus \$5,500 a year for insurance. That's almost 28, plus he doesn't get the nine sick days, I mean, yeah, the four personal days, nine sick days, and he doesn't get any

vacation. So, that's probably saving the county \$25,000-\$30,000 by using him as part time, and that's fine. Eight dollars and fifty cents an hour is fine. He goes out and does all the measuring. So, that's what my field man, it's one person.

Councilmember Tornatta: And that's your only field person?

Glen Koob: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Glen Koob: Well, the other people in the office have to go out, like the other day for mobile homes now that we're having appeals, and then the Hearing Officer, my Hearing Officer, Real Estate Deputy/Hearing Officer, she goes out and checks properties, and I go out, but that's all. We all go out, but that's his main, he goes out and measures and picks up buildings, that's what he does.

President Bassemier: Okay. Anybody else got any questions on 65? Sixty-six? You answered that on Communications.

Glen Koob: Yes, Communications is the T-1 line.

President Bassemier: Anybody got anything.

Glen Koob: Recording Fees, I don't know how much that is going to cost. That's just a wild guess. I have no idea. We got a bill this month for six dollars, so, I don't know how much that is going to be. It depends on copies of the deeds.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Glen Koob: I believe everything else is the same...we just brought it over from the reassessment budget. The rent stayed the same this year, \$10,000, well, I don't know, it might have went up, no, it did, last year, it went up last year, okay. Any questions?

President Bassemier: Thank you, ma'am.

Glen Koob: That was easy.

President Bassemier: Thank you.

Glen Koob: Thank you.

PIGEON ASSESSOR

President Bassemier: Pigeon Assessor, page 67. Good morning.

Judy Stricker: Good morning. Judy Stricker, Chief Deputy, Pigeon Township Assessor's Office. Mr. Hatfield is unable to be here because of a back injury. If there is any questions that I can't answer, he said feel free to call him at home.

President Bassemier: Okay. Anything that you would like to add?

Judy Stricker: He said, we need every dollar that we requested.

President Bassemier: Okay, well.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's a no brainer.

President Bassemier: We just got a no brainer. Okay, any questions on page 67?

Councilmember Raben: You say he didn't come in to save a back injury, or he's home with a back injury.

Judy Stricker: No, he's been off for awhile with his back injury. He's having a terrible time with it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Judy, about the Extra Help.

Judy Stricker: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Who do you support with that?

Judy Stricker: Yes, we have two gentlemen that have been with us for, you know, if I knew you were going to ask me this question, I would have gotten my figures. I'm thinking that at least five years, if not longer. They go out and check all of our building permits. We have sales disclosures that come in every month, usually there are over a hundred of them every month. We go out and take pictures of those to update our picture file. This is mostly for reassessment purposes. You know, we have a lot, not a lot of, we have some construction going on, even though we're an old township and there's not a whole lot of room, old buildings getting torn down and new ones get put up. We have mostly a lot of remodeling that we have to go out and check. But, these two gentlemen have been with us for quite a long time, and we do need them. I think it would be cheaper to have part time than it would be to put another full time on, and for the insurance and all that, I just think it's—

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and that's all we—

Judy Stricker: Well, we do have some high school students during the summer to, as you know, you never know when somebody's going to leave, retire, or whatever. We just had two to do that. We've had to hire part time people to make up for the time, because we have to, you can't put another full time person in until all their time is taken out, and we had two of them leave this time. So, we had to do that. Do you understand what I'm saying? Maybe I'm not saying it right.

Councilmember Tornatta: No, that's fine.

Judy Stricker: But, we have to put part time in there, until we can fill a full time position.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, I mean, do you anticipate how many part time people...I mean, let me ask you this. For the two guys that you've had there for the five year period, about what are they taking out of this \$37,000?

Judy Stricker: Just about all of it. I would say, just about all of it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's fine.

Councilmember Raben: One thing we need to remember though with the extra help is, you know, we're not going through a reassessment next year.

Judy Stricker: Well, right now—

Councilmember Raben: So, the needs are going to change for a lot of individuals.

Judy Stricker: The board, we're still working on appeals. We have 2003 and 2004 appeals. We're still working on 2002 appeals, and the board has asked, has requested Mr. Hatfield to redo another neighborhood, the historic area. So, we are still sending out people to investigate and check these properties also.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, but I'm looking at next year, reviewing this budget. I mean, we're in August of the current year, and you'll have a lot of that, probably, out of the way before January of next year. But, it's just something to consider that people are a little busier for, probably a whole lot busier during reassessment years where we're not looking at that next year. In fact, when is, what are they saying now, is it 2007, 2008? 2009 pay 2010, okay.

Judy Stricker: But, we're busy all the time. Some of the other accounts, we're just, we're real low on it, we're going to have to come in and ask for more money for this year to finish out.

President Bassemier: Judy, hold that thought.

(TAPE CHANGE)

President Bassemier: Anybody got anymore questions on that page? Jim, you okay?

SCOTT ASSESSOR

President Bassemier: Page 68, we'll do one more. I'm sorry, go ahead, Curt.

Councilmember Wortman: Are you ready for Scott?

President Bassemier: Okay, we'll do one more before —

Councilmember Wortman: I talked to Bob Harris, Scott Township. He has no Extra Help and he put it in like he — very conservative budget and he said he had to fill in kind of reassessment, took place last year, you know, so he's not here today.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that Scott?

President Bassemier: Yes, sir. Scott.

Councilmember Tornatta: Did he say what he needed furniture-wise?

President Bassemier: He's got \$1,000 down there, sir. Does he know what – is he asking for some kind of couch?

Councilmember Wortman: He didn't say, I didn't ask him on that, but we could question him on that. I can find out.

President Bassemier: Why don't we take a break, a ten minute break. Is that okay with everyone? Troy, you got another question? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah. I've got three questions that, Mr. Wortman, if you could take back to him: Computer Software, Equipment Repair and Office Furniture. Those are three that I had marked down.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll get back with you on that, the Council.

President Bassemier: Okay, why don't we take a ten minute break? I'm sorry, Royce, I was going to try to catch you before.

Councilmember Sutton: I tried to wait on you.

President Bassemier: Sorry about that. We'll take a ten minute break, folks.

(Meeting recessed)

UNION ASSESSOR

President Bassemier: – budget hearings, again. Now we're in Union Assessor, page 71. Is that right? Yeah, okay. Don't scare me like that. Please state your name for the record, sir.

John Bernard: Good morning, John Bernard, Union Township Assessor.

President Bassemier: Good morning, sir. Do you have anything you'd like to add before we get into your budget, or subtract?

John Bernard: Oh, not especially. I think probably if you guys turned your pockets out, I could buy all of your pocket change with this, with the size of this budget, anyway. But nothing, unless you have a question.

President Bassemier: Any questions on page 71? No questions on 71. 72? No questions? Anything you'd like to add?

John Bernard: No, that's about it.

President Bassemier: Okay, sorry you had to come down. Thank you. Have a good day.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

President Bassemier: County Assessor, page 52.

Cheryl Musgrave: Good morning, Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor. I'm happy that the budget as presented for us has been pre-cut and without taking the salaries at 3% into consideration, represents a reduction in the budget from the year before. So I'm happy to answer any questions that you may have, but before I do, you know,

you hear things in the hallways and rumors and so forth, so is it – do I need to defend part-time employees? Do I need to answer why we're going to have those because I hear that no one will get part-time employees in the budget, and secondly, do I need to defend a 3%, 2%, 1% or any increase in salary, is this also on the chopping block?

President Bassemier: If you want to talk about part time.

Cheryl Musgrave: Alright, well I have some handouts for you. The handouts that you have, this legal size document with multiple colors, this document is something that Tammy, my chief deputy, and I have been attempting to do for several years. I give it to you in its current form even though I've not been able to quantify the time added and time subtracted by virtue of the changes that the legislature has made over the past several years. If you start by looking at the bottom of page two, you'll see that we eliminated three full-time positions in 1995 and 1996, so we could easily quantify that number of hours that we're cut on that, 2080 per employee. So a cut of 6,000 some hours that were available to me as Assessor, – not available to me any more as Assessor because those three people were gone, and then I've shown you that the jobs that the legislature added, some of them were huge jobs. They took away me being president of the Property Tax Appeals Board, but they gave me secretary of the Appeals Board, something that the Auditor used to do. So, now instead of just attending the meetings, we have to attend, transcribe, distribute, maintain all the minutes for that and it's a big job, particularly this year. We had to take over several other jobs, and some jobs they made from nothing into something. I've heard the township assessors coming before me talking about the sales disclosures. In 1996 we began imaging those and putting them in a database. That job didn't even exist when I came here as County Assessor. So not only did I delete three people, but I have a new job that requires one full-time person to do almost nothing but sales disclosures. Same with exemptions. Exemptions have gone from a sleepy every four years, you know, take a sort of running glance at it as you go by to a you do it every two years, fill out a massive new report and now they've even added something new for this year which, thank heavens, the State Tax Board has said that we don't have to fulfill some of the requirements until next year. They want us to report, the County Assessor, to report to the state every lease that every city, township or county has on a piece of property. So, for example, this will impact the county by me having to ask for the leases that the, just for example, the Old Courthouse has. I will have to report to the state this county owned property has leases for this amount. I think on the city side I'll have to report to them that Bosse Field is leased out to the School Corporation. I also have to report the School Corporation leases. School Corporation leases that out to the Otters, so that is going to require quite a tedious search and this is something that the Assessor is going to have to handle next year. So part-time people, you have also the spread sheet here that documents the amount of vacation days, sick days, personal days and holiday required by county ordinance. I must give this time to my employees. It adds up to a total of 72 weeks out of a year that my 9 employees are cumulatively able to take. Without the part-time people to step in and cover for them on a normal year, not even a reassessment year, there's jobs that just don't get done. So over the past year since I've been in office, this Council has preferred to fund part-time instead of having another full-time. So, I would urge caution in the wholesale elimination of the part-time funds. They do critical, important work that I am not sure how that work would get done in the absence of these people in my office.

Councilmember Raben: And I'm going to try to do this as nice as I can, and believe me, I don't mean to offend anyone, any Assessor when I make these statements, but this is my take on the Extra Help, particularly in Reassessment budgets, when you

look at, compare these with a lot of other county departments, and there's a lot of county departments that have numerous more employees than our Assessors offices that don't have Extra Help. They all have people that qualify for sick days, vacation days, personal days, you know, every department that we have, and I think kind of what's evolved over the years, the Assessors do have the added responsibility, or the busy times like reassessment, and it kind of evolved into the part-time people. Then we had the luxury of reassessment funds which made it somewhat easier to fund those extra people or that part-time help. But that doesn't make it right. I mean, sometimes things get busier, sometimes things are expected of you that normally aren't expected of you, so I'm not defending granting or denying extra help, I'm just making a statement here that sometimes we just have to work through these issues.

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, in that regard then I would ask you to take a very strong look at the proposal that Mr. Hatfield has made in the public eye. He has suggested that you combine all the township assessors and put it into one office, he has a nice chart drawn up. And I'm not saying that I would support each and every detail of his plan but I note that Bart, call him "The Bold" Peterson, in Indianapolis has also suggested eliminating the township assessors there. There are those people who will come before you and say well, you can't do that without legislative action. Well, you can. Nothing in state law requires you to fund staff for township assessors. You could do a reorganization addressing your concerns about the ebb and flow of the work with and without a reassessment. So I would urge you, instead of taking a piecemeal look at the assessing process here in Vanderburgh County, create a task force. I'll help you. Look at every job that you have, look at the number of pieces of equipment. You were talking about maintenance contracts before. Could you realize some savings if instead you did all the assessing out of one office.

Councilmember Sutton: Question, on the handout that you provided, Cheryl?

Cheryl Musgrave: Which one is that?

Councilmember Sutton: On the staff, vacation days, sick days, etcetera, now this matrix shows what is available to each of these positions, right? Obviously, vacation days, sick days, but are all of these positions actually taking all of these days? I would assume everyone is taking their vacation days and, of course, holidays, those are going to be taken care of.

Cheryl Musgrave: Absolutely.

Councilmember Sutton: But are they using the maximum number as well on the sick and personal days, too?

Cheryl Musgrave: They always take all their personal days, so the only one that is ever an option is the sick days, and our county ordinance, I believe it is, allows you to accumulate up to, is it 80 sick days?

Sandie Deig: You can accumulate as many as you want, but you only get paid for 60.

Cheryl Musgrave: Oh, you only get paid for 60? In my office this year, I've had three people, between the three people they had four major surgeries and this Council granted me some money to take care of at least one of those folks who was out for a long time, so not only did they use these sick days, but they have the option, but I can tell you that most of the employees take it.

Councilmember Sutton: So this assumes the worst case, or maximum scenario that's –

Cheryl Musgrave: When you add in the sick days which is why I told you I didn't quite take 72 weeks as being out, I said between 52 weeks and 72 is where you're looking at. But these folks are gone. Most of them do jobs that like the sales disclosure person, when she's on vacation, it means that no one is there to scan in the sales disclosures, it has to wait for her to come back and it means that the newspaper doesn't get their weekly feed and they get upset with us. The people who are trending the market get upset with us, so we have to always have somebody who can step in at that last moment to quickly cram the information in to the computer and generally that ends up being my chief deputy who did that job as one of her steps through there. But just as you brought up sales disclosure again, you heard the townships talk about how they were doing work on sales disclosures, too, some of that work is entirely redundant to the work we do here. My deputy feeds this into a database that the townships could use. They choose, instead, to create a whole new database. They have a person key that same information all over again into a new database. It just makes my skin crawl, because I know that's duplication of effort. We have another example where it's a duplication of effort at the township level, I spear headed the GIS project, we got all those maps put on digital format. Most of the townships still maintain their paper maps. The time has come and gone to maintain those paper maps, we need to move on to the new technology and stop keeping those paper maps up. So there are other places that maybe you could look at that don't involve the part-time help. Particularly in my office, the part-time help, we wouldn't have gotten the exemptions done this year without part-time help. It's just, there is too much work.

President Bassemier: Okay, thanks, Cheryl. Any questions on 55?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, 52?

President Bassemier: I meant 52. I had something else on my mind.

Cheryl Musgrave: What is that page, sir?

Councilmember Tornatta: 52.

Cheryl Musgrave: Is which –

Councilmember Tornatta: He said 55, –

Cheryl Musgrave: I know, but what does it relate to?

Councilmember Sutton: In the blue book, the one that's –

Cheryl Musgrave: Is it PTABOA, Sales Disclosure?

President Bassemier: That will be next.

Councilmember Tornatta: This is County Assessors, out of the General Fund. It was just Extra Help. How many, do you normally support a certain amount of people with this Extra Help. Does that take care of one person or two people normally?

Cheryl Musgrave: Three.

Councilmember Tornatta: Three?

Cheryl Musgrave: Two who are there in the summer and one who is there most of the year-round.

Councilmember Tornatta: And that person is cross trained in a lot of the different aspects of your office, that one person all year around?

Cheryl Musgrave: No, generally, it's a college student and they come and go, but as far as cross trained, generally, they answer the phones, work the county, we teach them how to answer questions that come through our first portals.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you do much cross training in the office?

Cheryl Musgrave: Oh yeah.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. And how long have these people been with you?

Cheryl Musgrave: Two of the summer people have been here, this is the third summer for one, the second summer for another. And the one who was here all year went to work for Fifth Third and so now we have a college student who just began, I believe, in July and we're hoping that she will stay through the year. She goes to college here in town, the other two do not.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Troy. Page 53?

Councilmember Wortman: Ed? On this Extra Help, I can see where there's a lot of times that these people need Extra Help and that would – because there's a lot of workload out there for Assessors and there's some that may not be needed, but a lot of times these Assessors need Extra Help and you know, if they don't get the tax money in, we don't have no money to spend. So you've got to look at it like that.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else?

Councilmember Sutton: Contractual Services? Cheryl, line 3530, can you give us some explanation on that particular line item? I think that was in your Reassessment budget, I guess, last year.

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes, that explanation was contained in the document that we sent to you at your request, the rationale for the 2005 proposed budget. Did you get a copy of that?

Councilmember Sutton: I have a copy right here, but they don't have a copy.

Cheryl Musgrave: Because I'm never sure whether this actually makes it to you all. I want to read it, "This is a decrease, a decrease of \$85,432 from the amount that was previously funded out of the County Assessors Reassessment Fund in 2004. This fund pays for the annual maintenance for ProVal, McCarter and Associates for database assistance and Cinergy for website additions and updates.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else?

Councilmember Hoy: We do get the – they're in this yellow book that we all get in good time.

President Bassemier: Page 54.

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

President Bassemier: Okay now we're in page 55, the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, PTABOA. Anybody got any questions on 55? Okay, no questions? We'll move to 155.

Councilmember Tornatta: I tell you what, I've got to go back to 53.

President Bassemier: To page 53?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I had a mark there and I was making sure that – in Dues & Subscriptions, what was that last year, because I don't have that? Royce said \$10,100. Is that...you were transferring some money out of that just this past month. I just didn't know if that was accounted for in the new number that you have here.

Cheryl Musgrave: It's a reduced number that we have this year and –

Councilmember Tornatta: I didn't know if all that amount was accounted for out of that.

Cheryl Musgrave: I believe it is.

Councilmember Tornatta: What did we not have to do this year?

Cheryl Musgrave: There was confusion about who was going to pay for some of the GIS licenses and the townships ended up having that in their budget, and so we did not need to pay that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thank you.

Cheryl Musgrave: Do we do the Sales Disclosure Fund as well?

REASSESSMENT/PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEAL

President Bassemier: 155. Any questions on 155? Cheryl, would you like to add anything or...

Councilmember Tornatta: If you could explain to me who you support for that Extra Help. Is that one of the same three?

Cheryl Musgrave: It is one of the same three.

President Bassemier: Okay, Jim, thank you, sir. That will be it unless you want to add something, Cheryl.

SALES DISCLOSURE FUND

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, there is the sale Disclosure Fund. I think I had an appropriation in that.

President Bassemier: Oh, okay, 169. I'm sorry.

Cheryl Musgrave: I don't have anything to say about that, but if you have any questions I would be more than happy to answer them.

President Bassemier: Anybody got any questions on that fund?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, if you could throw just the training and what you use for training there and the computer—is that a program that you have?

Cheryl Musgrave: No, there are only two things that this fund, which was set up by the state two or three years ago, there are two things you can use it for. So instead of asking for computer money out of the General Fund we decided it would be better, I hope we made a good decision, to ask for it here. We moved it to this fund. We knew you were looking for ways to get this stuff off the General Fund so we moved it here. Training, we have set up in the past many classes that are for the benefit of the entire assessing community and we pay for a trainer to come in. All the assessors can come and send staff and that's what this is. One thing, the townships—one or two of them may have touched upon this, but I'm not sure that they elaborated very much. Next year the assessors are required to send out, I believe, new Form 11's, although that is still up in the air. It's not a reassessment, but we will be required to revalue all the property with this reevaluation of the neighborhood itself, how much did it go up based on the market in every neighborhood, did it go down, and then that neighborhood multiplier is getting changed. Will they make us send out Form 11's? I don't know. I just got a copy of the proposed rule today. The state, and I know you'll be shocked to hear this, is way behind on getting this out to the assessors. The PTABOA asked me to have a vendor or two or three come in to see if the analysis of the neighborhoods could be done by the vendor and then given to the townships so that the townships don't have to do all their own study to come up with each and every number. I haven't done that yet because we're working our way through the appeals. We're going to get that done first, but there is a major requirement that has a whole lot of unknowns for 2005 pay 2006 next year.

Councilmember Sutton: That software, on that 3370 Computers, how many units are you looking at and what type of software are you intending to purchase with that?

Cheryl Musgrave: It would be any kind of upgrade. For example, the sales disclosure program is not ProVal, it's a program called File Magic. They come out with upgrades occasionally. It would be something like Windows or Quicken that we use to run our books or maybe ArcView would come out, you know the GIS software. They come out with upgrades every so often and you have to stay current with that.

Councilmember Sutton: And hardware?

Cheryl Musgrave: Hardware? Computers die and you have to keep some money back to deal with a dead computer, a dead monitor or a printer that blows up. It's just good planning to keep some money available for that.

Councilmember Sutton: You have an idea—you say you just kind of, I guess, just more or less in case of emergency, but you don't necessarily have a particular number of units or hardware that you intend on buying?

Cheryl Musgrave: No. If a computer hard drive died and we had to replace a computer you're looking at around \$2,000 depending. If monitors die they cost, you

know, varying amounts. Some people do need bigger monitors than others. The people who are running the map software the bigger your monitor the more you can see without scrolling, scrolling, scrolling.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else? Cheryl, anything to add?

Cheryl Musgrave: No, thank you.

President Bassemier: Thank you, ma'am, have a good day.

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

President Bassemier: Convention and Visitors Bureau, page 170. Marilee has got a doctor's appointment at 11:30, is that right dear?

Marilee Fowler: That's right, thank you. Marilee Fowler, Executive Director of the Evansville Convention and Visitors Bureau. I would just like to point out that this last year, in 2003, we knew we had 48 conventions or meetings booked. I just went back and looked at those same bookings for 2004 and at this point in time we have 70 bookings, meetings and conventions through the rest of the year, so they continue to grow. We discovered our markets are religious conferences, state associations and sporting events. When we talk about state associations this fall is a cornucopia of those. The third week of September is when we'll be hosting the Indiana Judicial, the fourth week of September will be the Indiana Cities and Towns and the first week of October, which is when I hope all of you will be involved, is Indiana Counties. This is phenomenal to have those three state associations in Evansville three weeks in a row. So we're real excited about what we're seeing with our efforts to bring meetings to Evansville. On the leisure side, with the completion of the Greenway, the traffic that we see down at the Pagoda now is phenomenal. It is just very exciting to see people coming and using what that was designed to do, to bring people down to the river. So we're seeing a lot of visitors down there as well. Any questions on my budget?

Councilmember Tornatta: I've had a habit now of asking about extra help. How do you support with your extra help?

Marilee Fowler: Our extra help are summer college students. In the summer we extend the hours at the Pagoda. Normally we close at 5:00, but in the summer we extend those hours to 7:00 p.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day so that extra help helps us to take care of staying open longer. Also, because of this volume of increase with the completion of the Greenway we're actually having to have extra—instead of having just one person in there sometimes it requires two.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody have any questions on 170? Phil, you looked over here are you okay? Uh, 171? One seventy-two? Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: The only—I missed it on 170. You've answered this before and I think I'm clear on it, but on the office assistant that was for 2004 is at \$19,000.

Marilee Fowler: She is actually paid from two different sources.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Marilee Fowler: That's to take care of the Convention and Visitors Bureau side, but she is also the manager for the Visitor Center so she is paid—actually she receives two different paychecks.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I remember now, but I couldn't—I looked at that and said, no, that's not a living wage.

Marilee Fowler: She gets substantially more.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just a couple of comments. I think for future reference I really appreciate seeing the previous year's expenditures and budgeted items. I don't know if that is a function of the officeholder getting that to the Auditor's Office or what, but that's a really good reference, I think, so going forward I think this might have been, maybe the airport didn't either I don't remember, but just for future reference it's a good tool. The other comment I would have how do you see—you budgeted roughly a three percent pay raise based on the total salaries. How as the board elected to—or has the board elected yet to decide how that money is going to be allocated?

Marilee Fowler: We wait and do it at the year end that way we know—several of our people have goals and objectives they have to achieve to receive an increase or maybe a portion of an increase, so we have to wait until we're closer to year end to see if they have reached those goals and objectives.

Councilmember Winnecke: Is there a personnel committee within the board that does that?

Marilee Fowler: Yes, there is.

Councilmember Winnecke: Does everyone—let me get my grammar right here. Does each member of the office have specific written goals and they're evaluated against those by this committee?

Marilee Fowler: They all have job descriptions so I base their evaluations and raise increases based on if they are achieving what their job description says, but on our sales staff they have real specifics, real hardcore numbers that they have to achieve and that is what will determine their raises.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. I guess the last is more—well, it could be a question, I guess. Two or three months ago we were talking about the use of funds to help offset expenses at The Centre and you and your board were going to come back to this body with ideas about how to improve that situation. Do you have those or when will that board—

Marilee Fowler: We can certainly—after you had taken your position they decided at that point to just table it, but they would be glad to meet with you at any time if there are some of you that would like to meet.

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, I think if there are legitimate ideas that a board has about how to make that more efficient or if we can skin a cat in a better way we need to know what the ideas are.

Marilee Fowler: We can do that.

President Bassemier: Marilee, you said you was going to give—it was suggested on the salaries to give us what everybody made last year.

Marilee Fowler: What's on here is what they're making currently this year, the 2004 column.

President Bassemier: That's what I meant.

Marilee Fowler: As soon as year end gets here and we determine what those raises will be I would be glad to submit those to the County Auditor's office.

President Bassemier: That's for 2005.

Marilee Fowler: Right, so you'll have them. We would like to wait until closer to the year end to see if they have reached their goals, especially the sales staff.

President Bassemier: And some of them could probably go over three percent, right?

Marilee Fowler: It's possible—if one person should get more than three then somebody else would probably get two.

President Bassemier: Oh, okay.

Marilee Fowler: You know, so it would be whatever that total pool of money is of that three percent will be allocated. Last year it was a three percent across the board for everybody, but if somebody is doing just an outstanding job it is possible that they would receive more. If somebody is doing less than outstanding they may receive less.

President Bassemier: I think this Council kind of feels that we should give—let's see, I'll put this in a nice way, that whatever we decide, if it's a three percent or it's a two percent I think the Council kind of we agree that's what everybody should make. But we feel like—

Marilee Fowler: We think we're kind of a different entity in the fact that we are a sales agency. I mean, our job is to sell hotel rooms and get people to come and spend money in Evansville and if the sales staff is doing that, then by all means they will receive those kinds of increases, but if somebody is not that's why we set the goals and objectives for them. They have measurements for us to be able to do that, so that's what is going to determine their pay increases.

President Bassemier: Okay, but, I guess, what I'm trying to say is there are other departments in the Civic Center, even though they're not in marketing or whatever they feel like they're working harder, too, or whatever. Do you think it would be fair if, you know, we just give them a two percent even though, or a three percent, but you're going to rate yours on, you know—

Councilmember Hoy: The thing is this body, us, the seven of us, need to remember is we are the folks who cut this loose for this sort of budgeting.

President Bassemier: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: I mean, that was our decision. Whether it's a good decision maybe Council wants to reconsider, but we did give the green light for this change.

President Bassemier: Right.

Marilee Fowler: In another environment, in another life, my office was actually part of city government, I actually reported to the city manager, and it was the same thing. We had whatever that budget increase was, that pool of money, it was up for me to determine, based on what the sales efforts were by that staff, to achieve them, those raises, so it wasn't just an across the board raise that everybody got. It was based on what they had accomplished in that past year.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just add I have no problem with this concept. I mean, in private business there are people in sales who make additional money based on what they sell and you have staff functions that support them and some that do not. When you're in a marketing/sales environment that's what is, I mean, that's the norm. I guess my only concern will be if we opt to provide a pay raise of less than three percent or no increase at all, what the translation is. But, I have no problem with someone who provides, who has an exceptional sales year, earning more money, versus someone who doesn't live up to their sales expectations.

Marilee Fowler: Exactly.

Councilmember Winnecke: As far as I know this is the only government kind of office that is sort of sales oriented.

Councilmember Tornatta: Marilee, do you have some type of contingency plan in effect if there were no raises?

Marilee Fowler: Well, that would just be it, there would be no raises—

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. I mean, that's, it is an incentive program, and you do try to make it so that, you know, they're out to achieve their goals, but you achieve your goals and then you get nothing to show for it—

Marilee Fowler: I think—

Councilmember Tornatta: —in that position.

Marilee Fowler: —we've been very fortunate. We've had no change in staff at the Convention and Visitors Bureau, raises or no raises. I think they like what they do. I can't speak for all of them personally, but I think they enjoy the environment and what they are doing, what the services that they provide. So, if there are no raises across the county, then that would be it, and that would be for them to determine whether or not they are going to stay. But, I think they are very happy in what they do, and I think pay raises are the frosting on the cake. You have to like what you're doing.

President Bassemier: (Inaudible. Mic. not on.) Page 172. (Inaudible)

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

Councilmember Hoy: Do you—

Councilmember Winnecke: Go ahead.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Councilmember Hoy: Looking at those three, I know that the African American Museum is fresh, and that's going to be a half a million dollars, I believe.

Marilee Fowler: That will be a half a million dollars. It's \$125,000 over four years, starting in '04.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah. The Pagoda, that's payment, isn't it?

Marilee Fowler: Yes. Those are the mortgage payments.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, so, and the Soccer Fields are too.

Marilee Fowler: Soccer fields are--

Councilmember Hoy: How much longer do we have, do you remember on, I'm just curious, on the Pagoda?

Marilee Fowler: On the Pagoda, it should be paid off. That \$52,000--

Councilmember Hoy: That will pay it off?

Marilee Fowler: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, good.

Marilee Fowler: I know, there's light at the end of the tunnel finally. The soccer complex we have debt on that through '07. The African American Museum is four years, so that would be '08.

Councilmember Sutton: The income from that fund, I guess, the assumption is that we, I'm not going to make any assumption, what--

Marilee Fowler: It's one and half percent of the Innkeeper's Tax is dedicated to Tourism/Capital Development. Only brick and mortar projects, and that's what all three of these are.

Councilmember Sutton: How much did that total up to be in '03?

Marilee Fowler: Oh, let's see. I think it's about between \$450,000 and \$500,000 annually.

Councilmember Hoy: So, there should be, there will be some money kind of in reserve?

Marilee Fowler: A very small amount. The Pagoda, we will be going into the tenth year we've been in that building. It was dedicated in 1995, so there's some major upkeep that it needs, some painting and some structural work. So, we're anticipating that because the debt will be paid that we'll have some funds to take care of those maintenance things.

Councilmember Hoy: And keeping people off the roof.

Marilee Fowler: That's right. The big thing is keeping them off the roof. When they built the Greenway, they had to raise it, and there is one point where the way the roof lines of the Pagoda comes very low, and it's very easy for young people to either be up on the roof and jump off, or the new thing is to climb up. So, it's broken tiles and we're really concerned about the liability more than anything. So, we've got to figure out some way to keep them off of that portion of the roof.

President Bassemier: (Inaudible)

Marilee Fowler: Barbed wire would work. I'm sorry?

President Bassemier: (Inaudible)

Marilee Fowler: The Pagoda? Yes, yes.

President Bassemier: Anybody else on 173? Any questions? Marilee, anything you would like to add?

Marilee Fowler: No.

President Bassemier: Okay. You're going to make it on time. Okay, Area Plan Commission, page 80.

(TAPE CHANGE)

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

President Bassemier: Ready? Please state your name, sir.

Brad Mills: Brad Mills, Area Plan Commission. Nothing new to add from what we talked about at the joint meeting. I would be happy to answer any questions that you have.

President Bassemier: Okay, any questions for Brad on page 80? Okay, page 81? I'm sorry, Lloyd.

Councilmember Winnecke: No, I'm waiting for the next one. Sorry.

President Bassemier: Page 82, Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Brad, the Intern Program, given the financial straits that the county faces, what would be the impact to the office if we eliminated pay for interns?

Brad Mills: What we're using the intern for this year is that we're working to try to get all of our information electronic, and onto our GIS system. This year she is starting to put in our land use data mapping. She has in the past helped us to do the zoning information layers, and also helped us with trying to get, I guess, the base GIS data into the computer system. So, for the dollar amount that we pay, she makes, I don't know what it is, eight or nine dollars an hour, I believe we get a lot of bang for the buck, so to speak.

Councilmember Winnecke: You get one intern per summer?

Brad Mills: That's what we get.

Councilmember Winnecke: And is it through U of E or USI?

Brad Mills: This is through U of E is who we have.

Councilmember Winnecke: Through U of E?

Brad Mills: So, we've had this one for three years now.

Councilmember Winnecke: Do you feel that these interns generally do it because they need the money, or because they want the experience?

Brad Mills: I'm sure it's a combination of both. I mean, obviously, they need some money, they use it for their school expenses for the next year, but it does give them some, I guess, real world experience.

Councilmember Winnecke: Ideally, recognizing that this is probably not the way that you would want to do it, but based on your relationship with the university, do you feel like you could recruit an intern each summer for no pay?

Brad Mills: No. I mean, we could ask that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Based on your experience with the university?

Brad Mills: We can request that.

Councilmember Winnecke: We do that at the bank, we don't pay interns, and we get interns a lot, so.

Brad Mills: Right. Well, with you, obviously, I hope that there's a chance that they might get employment when they graduate. With us we have very low turnover, so, they're going to have to go somewhere else, and say what have you done. It might be a valuable tool for them to say this is my experience there. We could try it, but I would say that we would have a difficult time.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thanks.

President Bassemier: Okay, page, well, it looks like, anybody else got any questions? Brad, do you have anything that you want to add?

Brad Mills: No.

President Bassemier: Okay, thank you. Have a good day.

Brad Mills: Alright. Thank you all.

SURVEYOR

President Bassemier: Surveyor, page 35. Bill, thanks for your patience. Appreciate it.

Bill Jeffers: I wish I could say that I had something more exciting to do. Bill Jeffers, County Surveyor. The budget we propose for 2005 is bare bones. Unlike the Pigeon Township Assessor who claims to need every dollar, the County Surveyor

needs every penny we're asking for. I would like to emphasize that we're not asking for anything beyond what we absolutely need to maintain the level of services appropriate to the statutory and customary duties of the County Surveyor's office. Plus some new duties that we anticipate being added to our office in 2005. We're not asking for any new vehicles to replace the two vehicles that are both now over ten years old. We're not asking for any bells and whistles. As you know from the past we've cabbaged on to just about every piece of surplus equipment we can get. All of our furniture is retro. Some of the desks came from the Old Courthouse in 1969 with Mr. Sam Biggerstaff. The computer system that you were told today died, we went down in the basement and resurrected it, and it's now operating in our office. So, if there's anything the Council has regarding specific line items, we can proceed with that.

President Bassemier: Bill, you keep this up and we want to give you money.

Bill Jeffers: I hope, that was the intent.

Councilmember Tornatta: That was the intent.

President Bassemier: We feel sorry for you.

Bill Jeffers: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Tornatta: Bill, I was just curious, I don't know the ins and outs on the Corner Perpetuation Fund, but Dues and Subscriptions or any of the Training or what have you, would they fall within that fund or not?

Bill Jeffers: Some do.

Councilmember Tornatta: If they do, could we transfer them to—

Bill Jeffers: Could we transfer some to that, okay. That's a fair question. I hadn't thought of that. Most of our Dues and Subscriptions involve continuing education, membership of professional organizations, cross training, technical certificates that we have to obtain and maintain, the GIS license, that could go to perpetuation, and some computer program access, that could go to Corner Perpetuation. Some of the membership in professional organizations held by employees who 99% of their work is section corner work, we could move those over there, yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Any supplies?

SURVEYOR'S PERPETUAL FUND

Bill Jeffers: What I had proposed to introduce at this time, when we get to Corner Perpetuation, which apparently we're at that now. We currently have a cash balance in that account of \$64,500 as of today. We project to have \$28,000 year end surplus in that account. We project to have \$35,000 in collections from the five dollar per deed assessment for that account. Five dollars for every recorded deed. So, next year we are projecting \$63,000 in that account to spend. Last year we asked if you would consider transferring our Chief Deputy to that account, so that you wouldn't have to pay our Chief Deputy, Doug McDonald, out of the General Fund, and his salary was \$40,773. So, with a raise his salary would be right at \$42,000, \$41,997. We're offering to pay his salary again out of that account. Looking at our projected balance in that account for next year we could also pay his FICA, PERF and Carl

Hansert's salary and that would total \$54,297 if we went with that. Then the difference between that and what did I say earlier, sixty–

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you already have the FICA and PERF, well, you don't have it in that salary now, right?

Bill Jeffers: No, not in Doug McDonald's.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Bill Jeffers: All we had in Doug McDonald's was the \$40,773, but if you want to pay his PICA, or excuse me, FICA and PERF, plus–

Councilmember Tornatta: Alright, but you don't have it in that Perpetuation Fund now?

Bill Jeffers: Not now, no, sir.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. I guess, I'm doing 42 and 14 would be 56, and say \$9,000 in benefits would put you over.

Bill Jeffers: Okay, I've been given the wrong figures. Or I gave you the wrong figures. We can, I think we can spend up to \$63,000 out of the Corner Perpetuation Fund next year, and that will break the fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: FICA and PERF would be fine and we'll pay the Insurance out of the regular fund.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time. You say this is the Chief Deputy to the Perpetuation Fund, and what was the other position you proposed?

Bill Jeffers: Special Deputy, 1210-2650, on page 162. Special Deputy. Chief Deputy, and then whatever is left over, out of what we project is \$63,000. We've got everything else, there's some other things we're asking for, but we'll cut it as close as we can.

Councilmember Winnecke: We appreciate it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thanks.

President Bassemier: Thank you.

Bill Jeffers: I think I'll refer you to Linda Freeman, Administrative Deputy, to work out the details between now and next week. Would that be okay?

Councilmember Tornatta: That sounds great.

Bill Jeffers: And she'll probably try to finagle more than I am. She's the one that has to make it balance.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Bill Jeffers: Any other line items that you would like to discuss?

President Bassemier: Let's see, 35 we've covered. Thirty-six, we've covered the Perpetuation Fund, 162. Any questions on those?

MAP FUND

President Bassemier: Map Fund, 154.

Bill Jeffers: On the Map Fund we are not making much money on maps anymore, because, along with other departments we offer so much on line, free of charge, I think we discussed that a couple of years ago when GIS first came up. So, we're only asking for Radio, well, Supplies for mapping, \$1,000, the same as last year. Radio/Pagers, \$500, because the 911 committee wouldn't let us piggy back on their system to communicate with our technicians in the field. The cell phones we're asking for there is the cheapest thing that Linda Freeman could find. We feel, it's a safety measure, we need to be able to communicate with our guys out in the woods.

President Bassemier: Anybody got any questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: Is this fund going to be necessary?

Bill Jeffers: Map Fund?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Bill Jeffers: Well, we buy—

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, how, is there a penny, or a certain amount that goes into this fund?

Bill Jeffers: Any maps we sell, we use that money to purchase paper to print additional, print those maps on, subsequently. That includes all the political district maps that are requested, along with people coming into our office and wanting a copy of a plat, we have the original mylars of all recorded plats in our vault. If an engineer comes in and needs a copy of a plat, we run it on that, and we collect three dollars from that engineer through the County Auditor's office and that goes into this Map account to pay for paper purchases.

Councilmember Tornatta: Bill, is this going to be something that will be encompassed by the Surveyor's office at some point? Or is there any monies that go into this account other than what is paid? I mean, that's it?

Bill Fluty: Just the monies that he's—

Bill Jeffers: Just what we've collected. We don't collect—

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm just saying \$1,500 in a budget, why would we keep this a separate fund?

Bill Jeffers: Well, it's a bookkeeping, that's true, Mr. Hoy, we don't deal in cash in our office. We run everything by quietus through the Auditor and the Treasurer and the collections are made down there. So, when someone wants a hard copy map or document from our office, they pay for it downstairs and it's managed out of this account. When we get a surplus we do things like ask to pay for the Radios/Pagers out of it. But, I doubt you'll see much more than \$1,000 surplus in that account,

considering that most of our product, most of it, not all of it is available on line, and more of it's becoming available on line. If you were to work out a method of collecting for that service on line, you would probably see a greater account balance, but I don't know of any way that's practical.

President Bassemier: Anybody got anything to add? Bill, thank you.

Bill Jeffers: Thank you.

President Bassemier: Appreciate it.

CIRCUIT COURT

President Bassemier: Circuit Court, page 98. Good morning, Judge.

Carl Heldt: Good morning. Carl Heldt, Circuit Court judge. If we could start on the regular budget. I'm going to give you something back, because I know you're going to ask me to. Where I can do it, is I'm going to tell you where I can do it. Go to 1620, Staff Attorney/Administrator, I had asked for \$48,125, and the purpose of that was to try to get all that paid out of my general account, because I've been paying some of it out of my Probation Fee account, and that really is not the purpose of the Probation Fee account, but I can save that for another day. What I would like to change that \$48,125 to is to \$45,082, and that's a 3% increase, if you give that, over the budget you gave me last year, \$45,082. Everything else, and I think that you know that Circuit Court over the years, if you look at the past history, our general operating expense has been kept level, pretty much, I mean, without any increase at all through the years. I'm not asking for any increases to speak of. I do want to talk to you about 3260, which is Law Library Books, which you have, you've always budgeted \$30,000, and I've always taken \$45,000. I come back and ask for it. Last year you didn't give it to me, so I squirreled it out of some other left over money, but the county still paid \$45,000. Frankly, I wish you would just say \$45,000 in this budget, I think it would be more honest bookkeeping, and I'm asking you for that. That's not an increase over what I'm spending, it's just it's going to say what I'm going to spend, and you all know I'm going to spend it, because that's the way it is every year, and it's no increase. Other than that, the only other increase, I think, is the Probation Officer, no, a 20 year step on 1270, which is, I guess, by the employment policy.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Carl Heldt: If I just go into my Supplemental Adult Probation User Fee fund, you'll need to go to 1530, which is once again Staff Attorney/Administrator, and instead of zero put in \$3,043, that's three oh four three.

President Bassemier: That's page 157.

Carl Heldt: The only other change in that then is also the Probation Officer that has 15 years and a masters degree and that comes out of the User Fee fund. So, what's that?

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that 157?

Councilmember Winnecke: 156.

President Bassemier: 156.

Councilmember Tornatta: Alright, what was that number?

Carl Heldt: What are you talking about now?

Councilmember Tornatta: 156--

Councilmember Sutton: Staff Attorney, \$3,043.

Carl Heldt: The Staff Attorney is \$3,043 instead of zero. 1530-2600, \$3,043. Other than that I think everything, we've held the line on everything, and not asking for anything extra.

President Bassemier: Questions? Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Judge, I just had a couple of quick questions. I never remember, first in the regular court budget, 1980, Other Pay, what does that entail?

Carl Heldt: Do you know what that is? Part time bailiffs. Bailiff interns. I heard you asking the previous folks about it. They help us a lot, they are college students. They act as bailiffs for us, when our regular bailiffs are doing other work, they do filings, do everything a Bailiff does. We pay them seven dollars an hour. I don't think we would get them for nothing. I mean, they are all going to college, they need to work somewhere. They are sacrificing, they're working for seven dollars an hour. If, you know, if we didn't have that it would be like cutting an employee. I wish you wouldn't do that, because we need them.

Councilmember Sutton: Is this a year round thing?

Carl Heldt: It is year round.

Councilmember Winnecke: The other question that I had back in the Supplemental Adult Probation, on the Special Stipend and the Assistant Chief Stipend, I don't remember what those are.

Carl Heldt: What is that?

Councilmember Winnecke: Page 156, it's line 1600-2600 and 1610-2600.

Karen Angermeier: The Special Stipend has always been the Assistant Chief Stipend, and then when the judicial center changed the guidelines they increased that to \$5,000.

Carl Heldt: This is extra money that the Chief gets, and the Assistant Chief for performing those functions.

Councilmember Winnecke: The Chief Probation Officer?

Carl Heldt: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Were you talking about the Other Pay in the Circuit Court, or in the Probation?

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, we've done both now.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, so both of those together take care of those.

Carl Heldt: I think the Other Pay in Probation, aren't those the interns over at APS and DAPS?

Karen Angermeier: Yes.

Carl Heldt: We have interns over at our drug and alcohol abuse probations service, which is supported by the Probation User Fee fund, like taking urine drops from people and helping those folks over there.

President Bassemier: Anybody else got any question? Got anything to add, Judge?

Carl Heldt: That's all.

President Bassemier: Okay. Thank you, sir.

Carl Heldt: Thank you.

VOTERS REGISTRATION

President Bassemier: Voters Registration, page 76.

Tony Bushrod: Connie Carrier and Anthony Bushrod, Voter Registration. We know you all are busier than a Tennessee crab doctor, so we're going to make this quick. We asked for a few slight increases and that's due to increases in cost. We're asking like \$280 more than what you granted us last year. You might say why haven't we spent what we have, we spend it as we need it not because we got it.

President Bassemier: Anybody got any questions on 76?

Councilmember Tornatta: We've asked for any of the lease agreements or any type of maintenance that you have.

Tony Bushrod: I called and they are faxing it to us today.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thanks.

President Bassemier: Okay, page 77. Connie, do you want to add anything?

Connie Carrier: No, he's doing fine.

President Bassemier: Anybody got any questions? Thank you all. Have a good day.

Connie Carrier: Do you want us to stay for you guys? You're next.

COUNTY COUNCIL

President Bassemier: County Council, do you want to stay for us?

Tony Bushrod: We'll switch seats.

President Bassemier: Okay. Page 126, County Council. Do you want to take a break? Curt, I see where you're overpaid. Oh, no. Okay, anybody got any questions on the County Council's. Sandie, do you want to say anything?

Sandie Deig: Not really.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Sandie Deig: I put it in my rationale.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Sandie Deig: The \$249,000 may be transferred over in to the Computer Services, but that's for the Council to decide what they want to do with it.

President Bassemier: Okay. Over in Computer Services?

Sandie Deig: That's 3461.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Could I, refresh my memory on those Contractual Services. I saw it was \$3,500, then it bumped up, and I know it's there for something, but I can't remember.

Councilmember Winnecke: The 3530.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I'm sorry, 3530.

Sandie Deig: Bill.

President Bassemier: Bill, 3530.

Bill Fluty: I'll have to check on that.

Sandie Deig: Somebody requested that it be put in my budget, to be honest. I don't administer it.

President Bassemier: We'll get back on that, okay. Anybody else.

Councilmember Winnecke: I just had a question relating, the other day we talked about the Court Technology going to the Commissioners budget. Bill, from the Auditor's perspective does it matter really where that stands? Is it just...this is the last year for that payment, isn't it, Sandie?

Sandie Deig: Yes, it is.

Bill Fluty: I think we started off a couple of years there were some other line items, and I think they're here with Training and Consultant, or maybe not Consultant but Training, and we had other line items when we bought computers and printers when they were installing the Court View, at that time the Council decided to put it into Sandie's line item. Now, what we have left right now is that money has been depleted, we just have that lease payment. So, I think we were talking the other day that maybe it makes a better mix to be put in ACS's budget on that particular Court View.

President Bassemier: Okay. Anybody else. Okay. Do I have a motion to adjourn? Or recess rather?

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Until next Tuesday.

President Bassemier: I've got a motion and a second. See you next week.

(The meeting was recessed at 11:36 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Jim Raben

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 17, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 17th day of August, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome officeholders, departmental heads and all visitors out there to our August 17 budget hearings. Would everyone please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Bassemier: As you all know, last week was your week and our week of asking questions and whatever, so today it will be our turn and we're going to be doing most of the talking today. I'd also like to point out all salaries will be set in during the final budget session September 8th. Right now, I'd like to turn everything over to our – oh, let's get a roll call.

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

President Bassemier: Now I'd like to turn everything over to our finance chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to make one quick comment and I'll be very brief. Over the next three days we're going to attempt the difficult journey of cutting, you know, approximately five to six million dollars from this budget, so we may get into areas that we ordinarily wouldn't have gotten into in years in the past. Some of the decisions are tough, I asked everyone to support the cuts and hopefully we'll get where we need to go and we won't be faced with any cutbacks in regards to full-time employment and stuff like that.

LEVEE AUTHORITY

Councilmember Raben: So first we're going to go to page 175, Levee Authority. Mr. President, I'll move that all FICA, PERF and Insurance be set in at our final budget meeting in September. What is that date?

President Bassemier: The 8th.

Councilmember Raben: September 8th? All 2000, 3000 and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Page 90. First, Mr. President, I'll move that all salary lines including –

Teri Lukeman: Could you hold up just a second?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be set in at our September 8th meeting. Moving into the 2000 accounts starting with 2210, I move that be set in at \$2,000, 3120 \$150, 3130 \$300 –

President Bassemier: I'm sorry, Jim, could you talk a little louder, please?

Councilmember Raben: 3130 \$300, 3310 zero, and 3580 \$1,500. All other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1302-2210	Gas & Oil	\$2,000.00
1302-3120	Postage & Freight	\$150.00
1302-3130	Travel/Mileage	\$300.00
1302-3310	Training	\$0.00
1302-3580	Vehicle Repair	\$1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, County Treasurer, page 11. Again, I move that all FICA, PERF & Insurance lines will be set in at our September 8th final budget hearing. Starting with 1900, Extra Help zero, 2600 Office Supplies –

Councilmember Tornatta: Hold on, 1990.

Councilmember Raben: 1990, excuse me, is zero, 2600 \$5,000, 2841 \$300, 3310 zero, 3370 \$2,500, 3410 \$4,500 and 42, or excuse me, 3410 \$45,000, – that was cut a little deeper than I wanted to, that \$4,500. 4220 Office Machines \$2,000. All other accounts as they listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1030-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1030-2600	Office Supplies	\$5,000.00
1030-2841	Copy Fees	\$300.00
1030-3310	Training	\$0.00
1030-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	\$2,500.00
1030-3410	Printing	\$45,000.00
1030-4220	Office Machines	\$2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CLERK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next County Clerk, page 1. I move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September 8th final budget hearing, account 1990 zero, 2600 \$60,000, 3360 zero, 3520 \$500, 3540 \$20,000 and 3603 \$60,000. All other accounts as they listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1010-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1010-2600	Office Supplies	\$60,000.00
1010-3360	Cash Fund	\$0.00
1010-3520	Equipment Repair	\$500.00
1010-3540	Maintenance Contract	\$20,000.00
1010-3603	Record Storage	\$60,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CLERK IV-D

Councilmember Raben: Okay page 6, County Clerk IV-D. I'll move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now turn to page 85, I'll move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance be set in at our final September the 8th meeting. Moving down to account 2600 \$7,000, 2690 zero, page 86 account 3020 the correct figure is \$727,903, 727,903 –

Teri Lukeman: I think that should be 908, Southwestern Mental Health.

Councilmember Raben: 908?

Teri Lukeman: 727,908.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I stand corrected. The correct figure is \$727,908. 3050 \$1,700,000, 3051 \$200,000, account 3080 the correct figure is \$197,000, the top of page 87 line 3130 \$15,000, 3140 \$210,000, account 3314 zero and that is in our budget. 3420 \$5,000, moving to page 88 account 3500 Human Relations the correct number is \$39,100, 3530 \$1,500, 3600 Rent the correct figure is \$3,033,924.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time?

Councilmember Raben: \$3,033,924. 3610 \$90,000, 3750 the correct figure is \$116,142, 3850 the correct figure is \$501,050, 3860 the correct figure is \$802,592, 3870 \$827,730, that was account 3870. Is everyone –

President Bassemier: Jim, I'm sorry, that 3870, what was it again?

Councilmember Raben: \$827,730.

President Bassemier: 730, okay.

Councilmember Raben: And 4260 zero. All other accounts as they are listed and I

make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman, line 3100 what number for Animal Control did you have?

Councilmember Raben: I have 157,893.

Councilmember Winnecke: I think the correct number is \$154,330.

Jeff Ahlers: What line are you on?

Councilmember Winnecke: 3100.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll amend my motion to read under County Commissioners account 3100, the correct figure is \$154,330.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll amend my motion to Mr. Raben's.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Mr. Wortman. That's \$154,330 on Animal Control 3100, is that correct? Okay. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

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1300-2600	Office Supplies	\$7,000.00
1300-2690	Demolition	\$0.00
1300-3020	Southwest Mental Health	\$727,908.00
1300-3050	Patient/Inmate	\$1,700,000.00
1300-3051	Lodging of Inmates	\$200,000.00
1300-3080	Emergency Medical	\$197,000.00
1300-3100	Animal Control	\$154,330.00
1300-3130	Travel/Mileage	\$15,000.00
1300-3140	Telephone	\$210,000.00
1300-3314	GIS Contractual	\$0.00
1300-3420	Legal Advertising	\$5,000.00
1300-3500	Human Relations	\$39,100.00
1300-3530	Contractual Services	\$1,500.00
1300-3600	Rent	\$3,033,924.00
1300-3610	Legal Services	\$90,000.00
1300-3750	Purchasing	\$116,142.00
1300-3850	Building Commission	\$501,050.00
1300-3860	Contractual Computer	\$802,592.00
1300-3870	Computer Facility Mgmt	\$827,730.00
1300-4260	Voting Machines	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CCD/COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 141, starting with 1300-4129 \$567,808 –

President Bassemier: That's what it was, wasn't it? Jim, that's what it was, right?

Councilmember Raben: Right. There's – 1300-4230 \$95,000. And, Mr. President, we can assign this account number, I guess, in September, but we need to insert a new line Old Courthouse Building Contractual in the amount of \$30,000, all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

2031-1300-4129	Energy Savings Contract	\$567,808.00
2031-1300-4230	Motor Vehicles	\$95,000.00
2031-1300-3580	Old Courthouse Contractual	\$30,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRAINAGE BOARD

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 83. Mr. President, I'll move that this budget be approved as listed.

President Bassemier: I have a motion, do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: Second, Mr. Winnecke. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RIVERBOAT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 128, Riverboat. Starting with account 3110 \$150,000, 3111 \$500,000, 3112 \$300,000, all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1490-3110	Economic Development	\$150,000.00
1490-3111	Initiative Based Assistance Program	\$500,000.00
1490-3112	Infrastructure/Drainage	\$300,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND

Councilmember Raben: Page 174 Convention Center Operating Fund. Mr. President, I'll move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 118, The Centre. Mr. President, I'll move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second as is. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

President Bassemier: Hold on, Jim, it has salaries in there.

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me. Let's go back. Let me amend that motion and thank you for catching that. On page 118, The Centre, I'll move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at our September the 8th meeting. All other lines as they are listed.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll amend my motion to accept Mr. Raben's.

President Bassemier: Alright, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 96, Superintendent of County Buildings. First, Mr. President, I'll move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September the 8th meeting. Moving down to 1990, that account should read Building and Groundskeeper, page 97 3550 I move that that be set in at \$2,500, 4120 zero. And if you recall, when we were in CCD we established a line to offset those cuts. All other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second by Mr. Sutton. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1310-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1310-1150-1310	Building & Groundskeeper	\$8,000.00
1310-3550	Repair to Bldgs & Grounds	\$2,500.00
1310-4120	Buildings	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 84 Veterans Administration. I move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at our September the 8th meeting. Account 3110 Training zero, all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1270-3310	Training	\$0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, County Highway under 129, that will be set in at our September the 8th meeting.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Let's move to page 135, Cum Bridge. The same with that one. That one will be set in in September.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Local Roads & Streets, page 152, we will wait until September on that. There is a project meeting Thursday of this week so we're waiting for the complete updates on that and again, we'll set those in September the 8th.

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Burdette Park, page 120, first, Mr. President, I'll move that all – well, excuse me, account 1180-1450 be set in at \$450,000, all other salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 8th. Moving down to the 2000 accounts, 2210 Gas & Oil \$8,000, 2220 \$2,500, 2310 \$8,000, 2600 \$2,500, page 122 at the top, 3120 \$1,500, 3190 \$8,000, 3440 \$15,000, 3590 \$45,000. All other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

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1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	\$450,000.00
1450-2210	Gas & Oil	\$8,000.00
1450-2220	Tires & Tubes	\$2,500.00
1450-2310	Laundry & Cleaning	\$8,000.00
1450-2600	Office Supplies	\$2,500.00
1450-3120	Postage/Freight	\$1,500.00
1450-3190	Solid Waste Disposal	\$8,000.00
1450-3440	Advertising	\$15,000.00
1450-3590	Pool Operation	\$45,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID

Councilmember Raben: Okay, moving into Legal Aid, page 124. First, Mr. President, I will move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be adjusted September the 8th, moving down to account 3120 \$2,000, all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1460-3120	Postage/Freight	\$2,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Legal Aid/United Way page 178. I move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be adjusted at our September the 8th meeting. All other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, allow me one moment. Okay, under page 168, 911 Emergency Service. I move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: I had a motion and a second by Mr. Hoy. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 167, Local Drug Free Community.

President Bassemier: 166, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, 166. I'm ahead of myself here. Mr. President, I'll move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last, page 167 Local Drug Free Community. I'll move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE (Continued)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that we reopen page 168, 911 Emergency Service.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: I got a motion and a second to reopen 911 Emergency Service. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President –

President Bassemier: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes to reopen

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, account 3890, the correct figure is 904,366. All other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

3290-3890	Central Dispatch	\$904,366.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, that concludes our cuts for today. I thank all the officeholders that were present today and while some of these cuts may not be welcomed, we ask you to work through them and do the best you can.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Raben, since we did move through our departments rather swiftly today, I don't know how we maybe have this advertised, but if we are this swift, is it possible we could combine days two and three tomorrow? I don't know how much additional work you have to do on the budget, but if we're done in a half an hour, I don't know if there's a whole lot more that we have to do, but that would take off one more day on the budget process and just complete it if that's something we might want to consider.

Councilmember Raben: I think it's a great suggestion, –

Councilmember Hoy: Is it legal?

President Bassemier: I don't think so.

Councilmember Sutton: How do we have it advertised?

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Jeff Ahlers: I don't know how its advertised, but I'd suggest you leave it the same just because the public, if somebody shows up on Thursday here to hear these budgets and nobody is here, there's where you may run into an issue if it has already been advertised that – I guess it depends on how it was advertised, whether it was advertised as to these offices would be conducted on Thursday. If it wasn't, if we've just got three days of budget hearings and it's nondescript as to what budgets are being heard on what day, then you probably can go ahead and do it all tomorrow.

Councilmember Raben: Can we look into that?

President Bassemier: I don't think we should. You know, we've got to contact other officeholders and, you know, they'd like to be here on their budget and if we do them both tomorrow, they'll be here Thursday and won't hear what we have to say. There's no way we can contact everybody in the next – so I don't think that's a good idea.

Teri Lukeman: All of those days were actually advertised, though, the 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, and 19th, that you would be conducting public hearings. So if you don't have a meeting that day, then you would be...

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Mr. President, that's fine. That's your call as president, so we'll leave it as it is.

President Bassemier: Yeah, leave it as is.

Councilmember Winnecke: Good thing to note for next year, though.

Councilmember Sutton: And since the officeholders aren't coming up to speak. So just something we give some thought to.

President Bassemier: But I really feel like there's always that possibility they might have a change. I know last year Mr. Mosby came up and there was some changes that we made a mistake on that helped us. So anyway, with that, do we have a motion to recess until tomorrow at 9:00?

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Thank you, sir.

(Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.)

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The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 18th day of August, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome the officeholders, departmental heads and other visitors today to our August 18th, 2004 County Council budget hearings for the second week. Last week we gave you all the opportunity to ask questions and present your budget. Today there will be no debates. We've got a hard job to do today. We've got to make our cuts and so with that, would everybody please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Bassemier: Roll call please.

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

President Bassemier: Just a reminder, today all salaries will be set in on September the 8th. Now I'd like to turn the chair over to our finance chairman, Mr. Raben. I think he's still working on numbers. Jim?

DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First is page 142, Division of Family & Children Services.

President Bassemier: Jim, I forgot, would you kind of take it a little bit slower today? I don't hear as good as I used to, so if you'd kind of slow it down and let my good ear hear what you have to say.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I will move that this budget be adopted as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: I believe there are updated numbers in each of these line items.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, there is. Correct. Excuse me. The correct figure is \$15,668,280 and...do you want to take them line by line?

Councilmember Sutton: Probably want to give them line by line because that's cumulative.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, quick question. Are there salaries involved here that we need to possibly delay any of this until September 8th?

Sandie Deig: I don't see any.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. The correct figure on the first account 30090 is \$296,500, 32500 is \$1,548,925, 32510 is \$1,118,900, 32520 is \$6,370,775, 32530 the correct figure is \$22,500, 32540 is \$2,325,880, 32550 is \$235,000, 32560 is \$5,000, 32600 is \$3,727,300, 32700 is \$15,500 and 32920 is \$2,000 for a total of \$15,668,280.

President Bassemier: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Bassemier: Second by Royce. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

2042-30090	Child Welfare Services	\$296,500.00
2042-32500	Out of Home Placements-Foster	\$1,548,925.00
2042-32510	Out of Home Placements-Therapeutic	\$1,118,900.00
2042-32520	Out of Home Placements-Institutions	\$6,370,775.00
2042-32530	Independent Living for Wards	\$22,500.00
2042-32540	Preservation Services	\$2,325,880.00
2042-32550	Misc. Cost of Wards	\$235,000.00
2042-32560	MRO	\$5,000.00
2042-32600	Adoption Services	\$3,727,300.00
2042-32700	Foster Parent Insurance	\$15,500.00
2042-32920	Interest on Temp. Loan	\$2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CHILDREN’S PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES

President Bassemier: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 143 the correct amount is \$910,960 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

2045-32926	Other Services & Charges	\$910,960.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 40. Starting at the bottom of page 41, 1380-1080 zero, top of page 42, 1390-1080 zero, 2600 \$4,000, 3520 \$1,500, I move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 8th. All other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and I have 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1080-1380-1080	Deputy	\$0.00
1080-1390-1080	Deputy	\$0.00
1080-2600	Office Supplies	\$4,000.00
1080-3520	Equipment Repair	\$1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR IV-D

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 44, first I move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our final budget meeting September the 8th, moving down to page 45, account 3120 \$4,000, 3140 \$4,800, all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1081-3120	Postage/Freight	\$4,000.00
1081-3140	Telephone	\$4,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR GRANTS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we have several grant accounts coming up next. I am going to move that page 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 and 51 be set in at our September the 8th final budget hearing meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Bassemier: I have 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 161. I move that this budget be set in at our September the 8th final budget hearing.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 92. I move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September the 8th meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I've got –

Councilmember Sutton: Go ahead, keep going.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Thank you for being there, though. Page 94. Item 3310 \$2,000, 3482 \$30,000, 3943 \$40,000, 3947 \$40,000, all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Got a second, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: We've got a double second.

Councilmember Raben: See, I made you mad, now you're not going to second.

President Bassemier: Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1303-3310	Training	\$2,000.00
1303-3482	Investigative/Cont Svcs	\$30,000.00
1303-3943	Pauper Expense	\$40,000.00
1303-3947	Pauper Transcripts	\$40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 16, County Sheriff. Going through 17, 18, 19, 20, – let me make sure I’m not skipping something here. Yeah, I move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance to be set in at our September the 8th meeting, starting on page 24 account 1510 zero, 1530 \$65,000, 1540 \$2,500, moving down to 2210 \$90,000, account 2600 \$9,000, 2610 \$3,000, 2640 zero, 2650 \$4,000, 2700 \$4,000, and moving down to page 27, 4230 zero, 4250 zero, and 4290 zero and I might add that this budget was reviewed yesterday with the Sheriff and his Chief Deputy and all these cuts were agreed upon. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1050-1510	College Reimbursement	\$0.00
1050-1530	Shift Differential	\$65,000.00
1050-1540	Process Server Vacation	\$2,500.00
1050-2210	Gas & Oil	\$90,000.00
1050-2600	Office Supplies	\$9,000.00
1050-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	\$3,000.00
1050-2640	Narcotics	\$0.00
1050-2650	Canine Corps.	\$4,000.00
1050-2700	Other Supplies	\$4,000.00
1050-4230	Motor Vehicles	\$0.00
1050-4250	Miscellaneous Equip.	\$0.00
1050-4290	Vehicle Equipment	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 28 down to – let’s start with 30. We will clearly identify these lines that will represent these new employees in our September the 8th meeting, but what this motion will include is 20 new people. It will be comprised of two EMT’s and eighteen correction officers. The request is actually for, of the eighteen, five of them to be Detention Officer Supervisors. We don’t have a classification as of yet in the Job Study, so we’ll address that at our next Job Study

meeting, and all other salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September the 8th meeting. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Got a motion and a second by Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Raben: Bill, will that motion work for the sake of the record?

President Bassemier: I'm sorry, Sandie? She wants to know what you're going to zero. What did you say, Jim? I can't hear you.

Sandie Deig: For the salary ordinance we will need to know what line items are not going to be there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, alright. Just one moment. Let's do this. Let's back up. Starting with 1130-0339 down through 1130-0343 set in at zero.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time?

Councilmember Raben: On page 30, starting with 1130-0339 through 0343 zero.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll amend my motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: Let me – we're not finished yet. Then, page 32, 1130 –

President Bassemier: I'm sorry, Jim. Sandie pointed this out, that 1130-0339 has already been approved, those two.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, those two are the two new ones. Let's amend that motion, or its not already been seconded yet. 1130-0338 will be adjusted September the 8th, 1130-0339 will be set in September the 8th, the first cut is 1130-0341, next is 1130-0342, 1130-0343 also at zero, then page 32, starting with 1130-0368 zero, 1130-0369 zero, 1130-0370 zero, 1130-0371 zero, I think that takes care of us. All other salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September the 8th meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: Second and I amend my motion to that effect.

President Bassemier: Jim, I'm not sure if that's right or not. Do you want to recheck that?

Councilmember Raben: That's why the original motion was to zero out the individual lines in September. Mr. President, I'm going to go ahead and just to simplify matters, I'm going to amend my second or third amendment, whichever it is, to my original motion that the motion is, we are approving twenty new people: two EMT's, and eighteen Detention Officers. And along with that, we've established hire dates. The first two will come on board January 1st of 2005, six more will come on board January 11th –

Councilmember Tornatta: June.

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, July 11th.

Councilmember Tornatta: How many more?

Councilmember Raben: Six in July, ten in August with the first payroll date of the 22nd, so they can begin working August 22nd, and then the final two begin in September.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, since you aren't setting in salaries, PERF & insurance on the other lines, you're probably trying to go through like you were doing on those other motions and saying these precise lines might be a little difficult, and so you might be just fine with what you were originally doing and just not really touching it at all and then when we come back we can set in the specific lines, the precise amounts, might be the more appropriate thing to do.

Councilmember Raben: The hire dates were of a matter for informational purposes. So everyone was aware of what the motion includes. And again, Mr. President, this motion is that all other salary lines will be set in and adjusted in our September the 8th meeting. Let's stop with this motion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll amend mine subject to his conditions and I'll second that.

President Bassemier: And you'll second the new one. Any discussion on amendment number three? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: This was a very hard budget and Jim, it's pretty tough, so Jim did a good job.

Councilmember Raben: I knew this part was going to be critical because, again, we just agreed upon the hire dates so there's no way of actually setting in lines today. Okay, moving down to page 33, starting with account 2200 \$50,000, account 2300 \$6,000, page 34 4230 zero, 4250 zero, 4290 zero, all other 2000, 3000, and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1051-2200	Jail Expense	\$50,000.00
1051-2300	Uniforms	\$6,000.00
1051-4230	Motor Vehicles	\$0.00
1051-4250	Misc. Equipment	\$0.00
1051-4290	Vehicle Equipment	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING

Councilmember Raben: Page 164. Mr. President, I'll move that this budget be set in at our September the 8th meeting and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Raben: Community Corrections. Mr. President, I'll move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be adjusted at our September the 8th meeting. Moving to page 104, starting with account 1750 \$20,000, 2260 zero, 2750 zero, 3140 \$2,000, 3310 zero, page 106 4352 \$15,000, all other 2, 3 and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a second on that. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1361-1750	Clothing Allowance	\$20,000.00
1361-2260	Food	\$0.00
1361-2750	Wk Release Supplies	\$0.00
1361-3140	Telephone	\$2,000.00
1361-3310	Training	\$0.00
1361-4352	Maint. & Repair	\$15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Page 115.

Jeff Ahlers: What about 163?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, excuse me, 163. Mr. President, I'll move that this budget be set in at our September the 8th final budget hearing.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now page 115. Mr. President, I'll move that line 1980 be set in at zero. All other salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at our September the 8th final budget hearing. Moving down to account 3120 \$1,000, 3370 zero, 3410 \$650. Page 116, 3630 \$1,500, 3770 \$6,500, all other 2, 3 and 4000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1371-1980	Other Pay	\$0.00
1371-3120	Postage/Freight	\$1,000.00
1371-3370	Computer	\$0.00
1371-3410	Printing	\$650.00
1371-3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	\$1,500.00
1371-3770	Treatment Cost	\$6,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 107. Starting with--page 107 starting with account 1171-1370 through 1174-1370 zero.

President Bassemier: Jim, repeat that again please.

Councilmember Raben: 1171-1370 through 1174-1370 zero.

President Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Turn to page 11, 1821-1370 zero. That is in the other budget.

President Bassemier: Jim, repeat please.

Councilmember Raben: 1821--

President Bassemier: Could you repeat that again?

Councilmember Raben: Page 111, 1821-1370 Technologist zero.

President Bassemier: Okay, I got it.

Councilmember Raben: Right, that's in the other computer budget.

President Bassemier: Uh-huh, okay.

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Councilmember Raben: 1990 on top of page 112, zero. All other salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in September the 8th.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Just we had talked possibly I think all the magistrates are on the state insurance and I went back and checked on that and possibly picking up their insurance tab as a way to offset the magistrate's \$4,000 cost. We could set that in at that September meeting if we wanted to.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we could.

Councilmember Tornatta: Just a thought on that.

President Bassemier: Okay, I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, starting on page 112, or back to page 112 starting with account 2230 \$1,500, 2270 \$7,500, 2600 \$22,000, 2700 \$3,000 3310 zero, 3410 \$6,500, 3520 \$11,000, 3620 \$8,500, 3730 \$8,000, 3790 \$16,000, 3903 \$60,000, 3932 \$39,700, 4210 zero, 4220 \$4,000 and 4230 zero. All other 2, and 3, and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Jim, what was 3730?

Councilmember Raben: \$8,000.

President Bassemier: Okay, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1370-1171-1370	Magistrate	\$0.00
1370-1172-1370	Magistrate	\$0.00
1370-1173-1370	Magistrate	\$0.00
1370-1174-1370	Magistrate	\$0.00
1370-1821-1370	Technologist	\$0.00
1370-1990-1370	Extra Help	\$0.00
1370-2230	Garage & Motor	\$1,500.00
1370-2270	Juror Meals/Lodging	\$7,500.00
1370-2600	Office Supplies	\$22,000.00
1370-2700	Other Supplies	\$3,000.00

1370-3310	Training	\$0.00
1370-3410	Printing	\$6,500.00
1370-3520	Equipment Repair	\$11,000.00
1370-3620	Copy Machine Lease	\$8,500.00
1370-3730	Continuing Education	\$8,000.00
1370-3790	Professional Services	\$16,000.00
1370-3903	Petit Jurors	\$60,000.00
1370-3932	Casa	\$39,700.00
1370-4210	Office Furniture	\$0.00
1370-4220	Office Machines	\$4,000.00
1370-4230	Motor Vehicles	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT DRUG COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, page 117. I'll move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in and adjusted at our September the 8th meeting. All 2, 3 and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 159. Mr. President,--

Councilmember Tornatta: Jim, Jim, hold on one second. I was just making a point that the judge had said on the 117 account 1900 FICA, I know we're setting that in, but just so we know he had that number at 972.

Councilmember Raben: It was two hundred and something more than what is listed.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, just so we're clear when we go back.

Councilmember Raben: Right, we'll set that in in September. Okay, page 159. Mr. President, I'll move that this budget be set in at our September the 8th final budget hearing.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim.

President Bassemier: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: On line item 1980 were you going to rename that line item?

Councilmember Raben: Not on this one.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Bassemier: Any more discussion or questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BOND DEBT REPAYMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, page 180, Bond Issue. I'll move that account 5598 be set in at zero. All other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

4300-5598	Vanderburgh Industrial Pk.	\$0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move that account 1990 be set in zero. All other salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance be set in September 8th. Moving down to page nine starting with account 3310 zero, 3520 \$1,000, 3540 \$1,000, 3700 \$2,000. All other 2, 3 and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1020-1990-1020	Extra Help	\$0.00
1020-3310	Training	\$0.00
1020-3520	Equipment Repair	\$1,000.00
1020-3540	Maintenance Contract	\$1,000.00
1020-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, that concludes the cuts for today. I'd like to thank everyone for their patience and help to get through these first two days.

President Bassemier: Do I have a motion—

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Councilmember Tornatta: Just real quick, there is going to be two meetings at 2:00 and we're going to move the committee meeting to look at the opportunities for revenue sources up to 1:00.

President Bassemier: Is that today, sir?

Councilmember Tornatta: No, it's Thursday.

President Bassemier: Thursday.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thursday at 1:00. We're going to move it up an hour.

President Bassemier: Same room?

Councilmember Tornatta: Same room, so there won't be any problems.

President Bassemier: Okay, thank you, sir. Sounds good. Do I have a motion to recess until 9:00 tomorrow?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: Mr. Hoy, second. Everybody in favor say aye.

(Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.)

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
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The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 19th day of August, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome the officeholders, departmental heads and other visitors to our August 19th, 2004 final day of budget hearings. As you know, last week it was your turn to talk. We asked questions and information was provided to us. Today its our turn. We will not have any rebuttals or any debates on anything. We've got to make some cuts. Its going to be a very hard job for us today, and we've got to make these cuts or the state is going to do it for us. With that, would everybody stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Bassemier: Teri, roll call please.

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

President Bassemier: Now I'd like to turn the chair over to our finance chairman, Jim Raben.

JAIL (Continued from Wednesday)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President, and good morning to everyone. Before we begin our agenda items, we've got a little housekeeping to take care of from yesterday. There was some discussion back and forth on the requests under the jail yesterday and our Executive Secretary has supplied everyone with a listing of those employees and line items. Along with that is a sheet that lists the deletions on the extras so, Mr. President, if you'd like I can read these line items into the minutes or we can just move that these be made part of the minutes.

President Bassemier: Do we have to reopen, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we'll have to move to reopen, but when we make the motion do you want these read in or just made –

President Bassemier: I think we ought to read them in. I know its going to take a little more time, but for the record let's read them in.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move that we reopen the Sheriff Jail budget.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a second by Mr. Hoy. Roll call vote please to reopen.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first, Mr. President, I guess we can take care of the deletions first. Starting with account 1051-1130-0361, –

President Bassemier: Jim, give the page.

Councilmember Raben: Well, –

President Bassemier: That's okay, we won't need it, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: I'm just going through the accounts, 0362, 0363, 0364, 0365, 0366, 0367, 0368, 0369, 0370, 0371 and 0407. I move that those line items be set in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1051-1130-0361	Detention Officer	\$0.00
1051-1130-0362	Detention Officer	\$0.00
1051-1130-0363	Detention Officer Spvr	\$0.00
1051-1130-0364	Detention Officer Spvr	\$0.00
1051-1130-0365	Detention Officer Spvr	\$0.00
1051-1130-0366	Detention Officer Spvr	\$0.00
1051-1130-0367	Detention Officer Spvr	\$0.00
1051-1130-0368	Jail Clerk	\$0.00
1051-1130-0369	Jail Clerk	\$0.00
1051-1130-0370	Jail Clerk	\$0.00
1051-1130-0371	Jail Clerk	\$0.00
1051-1130-0407	Emergency Med Tech	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, then we have two sheets with the new line items starting with 1341, 1342, 1343, – its not actually a 13 number. Let me start again. It's 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359 and 360, I will move that those line items be set in the budget with the correct salaries put in place September the 8th.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1051-1130-0341	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0342	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0343	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0344	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0345	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0346	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0347	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0348	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0349	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0350	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0351	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0352	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0353	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0354	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0355	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0356	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0357	Detention Officer	

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1051-1130-0358	Detention Officer	
1051-1130-0359	EMT	
1051-1130-0360	EMT	

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RECORDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we're back on schedule. First on the agenda today is County Recorder, page 14. Mr. President, I will move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September 8th final budget hearing. Account 1900 be set in at zero –

Councilmember Tornatta: 1990.

Councilmember Raben: 1990, excuse, me. 1990 be set in at zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second, that 1990 Extra Help be set in at zero. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1040-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now under the County Coroner. Mr. President, I will move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be set in at our September the 8th meeting, 1990 should read Assistant Coroners, 2210 \$1,500, 2230 \$1,500, 2700 \$2,000, 2710 \$2,500, 2720 \$7,000, page 38 line 3160 \$2,000, 3190 \$4,000, 3200 \$8,000, 3310 zero, 3520 \$2,000, –

Councilmember Tornatta: Hold on. 3310?

Councilmember Raben: 3310 zero.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, you said 3210.

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me. 3520 \$2,000, 3650 \$150,000, 3660 \$100, all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Bassemier: I have a motion –

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

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1070-2210	Gas& Oil	\$1,500.00
1070-2230	Garage & Motor	\$1,500.00
1070-2700	Other Supplies	\$2,000.00
1070-2710	Color Film	\$2,500.00
1070-2720	Lab Supplies	\$7,000.00
1070-3160	Radio/Pagers	\$2,000.00
1070-3190	Solid Waste Disposal	\$4,000.00
1070-3200	Utilities	\$8,000.00
1070-3310	Training	\$0.00
1070-3520	Equipment Repair	\$2,000.00
1070-3650	Autopsies	\$150,000.00
1070-3660	Forensic Dentistry	\$100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 150, Evansville Airport. Mr. President, I'll move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be set in at our September the 8th meeting. All 2, 3 and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Abstain.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0/Councilmember Bassemier abstained from vote)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 78, County Co-op Extension. I move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be set in at our September the 8th meeting. Starting with account 1990 zero, 2600 \$4,500, 3130 \$5,000 –

President Bassemier: Wait a minute, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: 3130 \$5,000, 3310 zero, 3530 the correct figure is \$62,810, all other 2, 3, and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Tornatta: Just a real quick question. I don't recall if this Extra Help was a person. Do we want to find out if that's an individual?

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you. Do we want to find out if this is a person that they've had on staff or if this is just college kids or what constitutes that?

Councilmember Raben: Whose assignment is this?

Councilmember Tornatta: Its mine.

Councilmember Raben: Its yours?

Councilmember Tornatta: I wasn't aware of that Extra Help line in that account.

Councilmember Raben: Lets leave it stand as is and we can revisit that later. Let's see, we have a motion and a second.

President Bassemier: Yeah, we need to vote. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1230-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1230-2600	Office Supplies	\$4,500.00
1230-3130	Travel/Mileage	\$5,000.00
1230-3310	Training	\$0.00
1230-3530	Contractual Services	\$62,810.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, page 144. Again, I'll move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be set in at our September the 8th final budget hearing, account 1971 zero, that's on page 147, 1971 zero, 1990 \$5,000, page 148 3120 \$9,000, 3510 \$50,000, 3930 \$20,000, all other 2, 3, and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

2130-1971	Accrued Payments	\$0.00
2130-1990	Extra Help	\$5,000.00
2130-3120	Postage/Freight	\$9,000.00
2130-3510	Other Operating	\$50,000.00
2130-3930	Other Contractual	\$20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is page 56, Armstrong Assessor. I'll move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be set in September the 8th, 1990 zero, all other 2, 3, and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Bassemier: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1100-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CENTER ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 58. I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be set in at our September the 8th meeting, 1990 zero, 2600 \$3,500, 2610 \$2,000, 2710 \$1,000, 3130 \$2,000, 3310 zero, 3380 \$2,000, 3410 \$3,000, 3520 \$3,000 and 3700 \$800, all other 2, 3, and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1110-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1110-2600	Office Supplies	\$3,500.00
1110-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	\$2,000.00
1110-2710	Color Film	\$1,000.00
1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	\$2,000.00
1110-3310	Training	\$0.00
1110-3380	Photography/Blue Print	\$2,000.00
1110-3410	Printing	\$3,000.00
1110-3520	Equipment Repair	\$3,000.00
1110-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GERMAN ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 60, German Township Assessor. I move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be adjusted at our September the 8th meeting, starting with account 3310 zero, all other 2, 3, and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1120-3310	Training	\$0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

KNIGHT ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Page 62. I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September the 8th meeting, 1990 zero, 2710 \$1,000, 3130 \$2,500, 3310 zero, 3520 \$1,000, 3540 \$2,000, 3700 \$600, all other 2, 3, and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1130-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1130-2710	Color Film	\$1,000.00
1130-3130	Travel/Mileage	\$2,500.00
1130-3310	Training	\$0.00

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1130-3520	Equipment Repair	\$1,000.00
1130-3540	Maintenance Contract	\$2,000.00
1130-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$600.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PERRY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 65. Alright, I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be set in at our September the 8th meeting, 1990 zero, 2600 \$2,000, 2840 \$300, page 66 at the top 3130 \$1,500, 3310 zero, 3380 \$500, 3520 \$1,000, all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1140-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1140-2600	Office Supplies	\$2,000.00

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1140-2840	Recording Fees	\$300.00
1140-3130	Travel/Mileage	\$1,500.00
1140-3310	Training	\$0.00
1140-3380	Photography/Blue Prints	\$500.00
1140-3520	Equipment Repair	\$1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PIGEON ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Page 67, Pigeon Township. I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be adjusted September the 8th, 1990 zero, 2600 \$3,500, 3130 \$1,500, 3310 zero, 3372 \$2,000, 3520 \$1,500, 3700 \$1,500 all other 2, 3, and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1150-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1150-2600	Office Supplies	\$3,500.00
1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	\$1,500.00
1150-3310	Training	\$0.00
1150-3372	Computer Software	\$2,000.00
1150-3520	Equipment Repair	\$1,500.00
1150-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SCOTT ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 69. I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be set in September the 8th. Account 2600 \$1,000, 2700 \$1,200, 3130 \$1,000, 3371 zero, 3372 zero, 3410 \$1,000, 3520 \$1,000, 4210 zero, 4220 \$500, all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

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1160-2600	Office Supplies	\$1,000.00
1160-2700	Other Supplies	\$1,200.00
1160-3130	Travel/Mileage	\$1,000.00
1160-3371	Computer Hardware	\$0.00
1160-3372	Computer Software	\$0.00
1160-3410	Printing	\$1,000.00
1160-3520	Equipment Repair	\$1,000.00
1160-4210	Office Furniture	\$0.00
1160-4220	Office Machines	\$500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

UNION ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Page 71, Union Township. Mr. President, I'll move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be adjusted September the 8th. All 2 and 3,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I've 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 52, I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be set in September the 8th, 1990 zero, 2600 \$3,000, 2700 \$1,200, 3530 \$25,000, 3540 \$3,500, 4210 zero, 4220 zero, all other 2, 3 and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Jim? One more time. Jim, what came after line item 2700? I think I may have missed one or two.

Councilmember Raben: 3530 \$25,000, 3540 \$3,500 –

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, that's the one. Thank you.

President Bassemier: Okay, I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

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1090-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1090-2600	Office Supplies	\$3,000.00
1090-2700	Other Supplies	\$1,200.00
1090-3530	Contractual Services	\$25,000.00
1090-3540	Maintenance Contract	\$3,500.00
1090-4210	Office Furniture	\$0.00
1090-4220	Office Machines	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

Councilmember Raben: Turn to page 155. Mr. President, I'll move that all salary

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lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be set in September the 8th, all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Extra Help?

Councilmember Raben: I stand corrected. I move that – I'd like to amend my motion on account 1990 to read zero.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll accept the motion and second it.

President Bassemier: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

2490-1091-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CONVENTION & VISITORS COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 170. Mr. President, I will move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be set in at our September the 8th final budget hearing. All other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Councilmember Raben: Page 173. Mr. President, I will move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I will move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be set in at our September the 8th final budget hearing, moving down to page 81, 2230 \$500, 2600 \$2,500, –

(Inaudible)

President Bassemier: Everybody okay with that?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that was on 81, 2230 \$500, 2600 \$2,500, 3120 \$2,000, 3130 \$2,000, 3310 zero, 3311 \$6,000, 3520 \$500, page 82, 3740 zero, 4250 \$4,000, all other 2, 3 and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1240-2230	Garage & Motor	\$500.00
1240-2600	Office Supplies	\$2,500.00
1240-3120	Postage/Freight	\$2,000.00
1240-3130	Travel/Mileage	\$2,000.00
1240-3310	Training	\$0.00
1240-3311	GIS License	\$6,000.00
1240-3520	Equipment Repair	\$500.00
1240-3740	Intern Program	\$0.00
1240-4250	Misc. Equipment	\$4,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 35, starting at the top, 1120-1060, that needs to be set in at zero, and if you recall, they're going to pay that out of their Perpetuation Fund, all other salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 8th, 2210 \$1,200, 2220 \$500, 2230 \$1,000, page 36 2600 \$2,000, 3310 zero, 3371 zero, 3700 \$4,000, all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1060-1120-1060	Chief Deputy	\$0.00
1060-2210	Gas & Oil	\$1,200.00
1060-2220	Tires & Tubes	\$500.00
1060-2230	Garage & Motor	\$1,000.00
1060-2600	Office Supplies	\$2,000.00
1060-3310	Training	\$0.00
1060-3371	Computer Hardware	\$0.00
1060-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$4,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 162. Starting with account 1220-2650 should be set in at \$41,997...let me, Mr. President, let me go back on that because we'll have to actually make that or verify that at our September the 8th meeting. So let me move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 8th. All other 2 and 3,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR MAPS

Councilmember Raben: Page 154, Surveyor Map Fund. I will move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SALES DISCLOSURE FEES

Councilmember Raben: Page 169, Disclosure Fees. I move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 98 Circuit Court. Mr. President, I'll move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be adjusted at our September the 8th meeting. Account 1980 zero, 2270 \$6,000, 2600 \$9,000, 3903 Petit Jurors \$30,000, 3944 \$20,000, all other 2, 3, and 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1360-1980	Other Pay	\$0.00
1360-2270	Juror Meals/Lodging	\$6,000.00
1360-2600	Office Supplies	\$9,000.00
1360-3903	Petit Jurors	\$30,000.00
1360-3944	Special Reporter	\$20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, page 157, I'll move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 8th, all other lines as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Councilmember Raben: Page 76. I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be adjusted at our September the 8th meeting, account 2600 \$1,500, account 3371 zero, 3410 \$1,500, 3520 \$100, all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1220-2600	Office Supplies	\$1,500.00
1220-3371	Computer Hardware	\$0.00
1220-3410	Printing	\$1,500.00
1220-3520	Equipment Repair	\$100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: County Council, page 126. Mr. President, I'll move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be adjusted September the 8th. Moving down to page 127 starting with 3315 zero, 3461 zero, 3530 the correct amount is \$192,500.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time.

Councilmember Raben: 192,500. Has that changed?

Bill Fluty: \$234,542.

Councilmember Raben: \$234,542. Excuse me, \$234,542.

President Bassemier: That's in 3530 –

Councilmember Tornatta: I liked the other number.

President Bassemier: \$234,542.

Councilmember Raben: We better get away from this budget before it goes up anymore. All other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

1480-3315	Court Technology Training	\$0.00
1480-3461	Court Technology	\$0.00
1480-3530	Contractual Services GIS	\$234,542.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, that pretty much concludes the agenda items for today. I would like to take this time to thank everybody for all their hard work. I know everybody pretty well, pardon my French, but busted their butts to see that we got through this and hopefully we've made the cuts we need to. There's no promises, there's a possibility we may have to look at additional cuts September the 8th, you just never know, but we're going to run the numbers to verify that we're on target and hopefully we're where we need to be. And I'd like to thank everybody once again.

President Bassemier: I echo that, too, Jim. I want to thank everybody. Anybody else got anything to say?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I'll just make a comment, this was a very fair process this year. The officeholders worked well with the Council to make sure things were kept in line. I commend Councilman Raben for taking the lead and really going after and making sure we could find some cuts where maybe we didn't see some cuts, and everybody else on the Council that helped to make that possible. So a good show so far.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I would like for the media present to make a note that for a long, long time we have not been The Gong Show, we've done very well.

President Bassemier: Thank you. With that, I need a motion to recess until September the 8th.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Bassemier: Motion and a second. Everybody in favor say aye.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Thank you, everybody.

(Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Ed Bassemier

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 1st day of September, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:43 p.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everyone to the September 1st, 2004 County Council meeting. Attendance roll call please.

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

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Bassemier: Would someone please make a motion for approval of the minutes for August 4, 2004, regular meeting please?

Councilmember Wortman: I make a motion for approval.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Bassemier: Got a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Now we'll move into our Appropriation Ordinance and I'll turn it over to our finance chairman, Mr. Raben.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda today is the County Treasurer. The request is \$700, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-2841	Copy Fees	600.00	600.00
1030-3530	Contractual Services	100.00	100.00
Total		700.00	700.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next under the Sheriff’s office, we have a request in the amount of \$24,976. I’m going to move that this be set in at zero and we can have some discussion on this if we need to, but I think there’s probably, time allows us to wait on addressing this issue.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion and a second. Any discussion on it?

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we know what kind of time we’re talking about?

Councilmember Raben: Well, you know, I think that the Health Department is scheduled to be out by the end of October. Mr. Hoy is on the board here. And I think that they’re looking at spring before the renovations are complete, so you know, we might have six or seven months yet.

Councilmember Hoy: The soonest the Health Department will move is sometime next month and that has not been laid out yet, it’s in process. I think it will happen next month.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that beginning the move or completing the move?

Councilmember Hoy: No, they’ll do the move. The move has got to be accomplished in a very expeditious way because of the kind of work they handle, so they’re trying to have as much down time as they can. And the new landlord has been very, extremely accommodating in that regard. They’re just trying to get everything, phone lines and all that stuff in place so that the move can go as smoothly as possible. There will be a brief shutdown in certain departments. That’s my information. It could change, but they’re trying to make it as brief as possible. But I’d be surprised if they’re not moved by October. I think that will happen.

Councilmember Tornatta: These individuals would have to go through training and go through all the essential courses that you have to do to become a Deputy, I assume.

Eric Williams: Eric Williams, Chief Deputy Sheriff’s office. Even if you were to approve them today and we were able to bring them on next month, there is a 12 month period for a merit Sheriff’s Deputy to go through the academy and get off probation under the state laws, so if they came on today, a period of time after this court opens, we are going to have to staff it using overtime. We had already planned on that. Now, basically, putting it off just means that period of time is going to increase a little bit. And we’ll do our best to accommodate that. The sooner we can address the issues and get them worked out, the better. But, you know, we understand the dilemmas and we’ll just have to make do with using extra staff from

overtime or something to cover that court when it opens. Because it's 12 months, so if you approve them today, 12 months from now, that place will already have been opened, so...

President Bassemier: Anybody else? Thank you, Eric.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a –

President Bassemier: Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Hoy: Go ahead. No, go ahead. I'll ask my question later. It's about another matter that's related.

President Bassemier: Yes. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm going to vote no on this.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0068	Patrolman	4,955.00	0
1050-1130-0091	Patrolman	4,955.00	0
1050-1130-0104	Patrolman	4,955.00	0
1050-1130-0230	Court Screener	3,475.00	0

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1050-1900	FICA	1,403.00	0
1050-1910	PERF	192.00	0
1050-1920	Insurance	4,000.00	0
1050-1911	Sheriff Retirement	1,041.00	0
Total		24,976.00	0

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

President Bassemier: That passes five/two.

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Thank you. Next, Mr. President, under Jail I'll move that this be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second from Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1130-0341	Detention Officer	7,646.00	0
1051-1130-0342	Detention Officer	7,646.00	0
1051-1130-0343	Detention Officer	7,646.00	0
1051-1130-0344	Detention Officer	7,646.00	0
1051-1130-0345	Nurse	9,689.00	0
1051-1130-0346	EMT	6,999.00	0
1051-1900	FICA	3,617.00	0
1051-1910	PERF	4,019.00	0
1051-1950-1051	Teamsters Educ. Fund	104.00	0
Total		55,012.00	0

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: It passes 7/0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President, under Community Corrections we have a request in the amount of \$4,113 and I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second to approve. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1320-1361	Corrections Officer	1,715.00	1,715.00
1361-1350-1361	Corrections Officer Supervisor	2,080.00	2,080.00
1361-1440-1361	Corrections Officer	318.00	318.00
Total		4,113.00	4,113.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Court. We have a request in the amount of \$22,640, that’s been withdrawn also. I’ll move that this be set in at zero.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second to set it in at zero.

Councilmember Tornatta: It’s been withdrawn.

President Bassemier: Been withdrawn, okay. Any discussion on that? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1171-1370	Magistrate	4,000.00	0
1370-1172-1370	Magistrate	4,000.00	0
1370-1173-1370	Magistrate	4,000.00	0
1370-1174-1370	Magistrate	4,000.00	0
1370-1200-1370	Juvenile Magistrate	4,000.00	0
1370-1900	FICA	1,530.00	0
1370-1910	PERF	1,110.00	0
Total		22,640.00	0

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Superior Drug Court, we have a request in the amount of \$1,306. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Have a motion and a second to approve. Any discussion? Roll call vote. I'm sorry, Phil, did you have your hand up? Oh, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1372-1140-1372	Home Verification Ofcr.	407.00	407.00
1372-3130	Travel/Mileage	335.00	335.00
1372-4220	Office Machines	564.00	564.00
Total		1,306.00	1,306.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under The Centre, I'll move approval in the amount of \$140,828.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion. Who made the second? Mr. Wortman? Any discussion on The Centre? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1850	Union Overtime	35,000.00	35,000.00
1440-1900	FICA	2,678.00	2,678.00

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1440-1910	PERF	3,150.00	3,150.00
1440-3798	Food Services	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total		140,828.00	140,828.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REPEAL REQUESTS

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that concludes the appropriation requests. Now we have a repeal under United Way in the amount of \$1,815, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

LEGAL AID UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-3530	Contractual Services	1,815.00	1,815.00
Total		1,815.00	1,815.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**CLERK
SUPERINTENDENT OF CO. BUILDINGS
RIVERBOAT
AUDITOR (LATE)
JAIL PROJECT (LATE)**

**WEIGHTS & MEASURES
CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHWAY
JAIL (LATE)**

President Bassemier: Transfers.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, under transfers, if no one has any problems with it, I would move that we approve all transfers as listed, and along with that we have three late transfers. One, under County Auditor, line 1020-1130-1020 in the amount of \$8,000 to account 1020-1990 in the amount of \$8,000. Then under Jail Project, in account 3660-3051 Lodging of Inmates \$25,000, transfer be made to account 3660-2240 Medical in the amount of \$25,000 and I can explain that one if anyone has any questions on that. Then we have another late transfer under the Jail, which will be account 1051-2200 and that line is the Jail Expense account in the amount of \$38,600 to account 1051-2240 Medical. I'll make all those in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion on those?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I don't know if I didn't see this or have a chance to ask this question about all the Extra Help in the Clerk's office. I didn't see anything on that, and that's why I was – I thought I was missing that.

Councilmember Raben: Just people with time off that – I don't know the exact explanation. The Clerk is here.

Marsha Abell: Which part do you want to know, what we're taking it out of or we're moving it in to?

Councilmember Tornatta: No, just the –

President Bassemier: State your name please.

Marsha Abell: I'm sorry, Marsha Abell.

Councilmember Tornatta: \$5,800 in the Extra Help.

Marsha Abell: Well, it's to get us through to the end of the year. We had a person off on medical leave that we didn't get to replace, we got a rather nasty comment from Circuit Court because we weren't getting our abstracts done, and I'm short-handed. I can't put temporary people in if I don't have something in my temporary line. If I don't use it by the end of the year, you can have it back but I don't want to be stuck like that again.

Councilmember Tornatta: How much money do you normally use in that Extra Help line?

Marsha Abell: Well, the one year I had seven girls pregnant in one year, you know,

it's hard for me to tell you. I didn't know that we had – (employee name omitted) just got back off six weeks leave for surgery, I've got (employee name omitted) off on leave for surgery. The only time I use it is when I've got people that are gone because I have to be fully staffed or we don't get the court's work done.

Councilmember Tornatta: And is there any Extra Help in – we zeroed Extra Help out of next year's budget.

Marsha Abell: I have none for next year's budget or whoever will be the Clerk won't have any for next year's budget.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, so what are they going to do there?

Marsha Abell: I don't know. It will be a problem because the first six weeks of next year you've got two people retiring and they'll be short those two people, for sure. One of them is the person that does certified mail and we send out 250 pieces of certified mail every day.

Councilmember Raben: Or they'll do exactly what's taking place here.

Marsha Abell: They'll have to come in and hope to –

Councilmember Raben: Funds that have been used out of those individual lines will be transferred –

Marsha Abell: Well, we didn't get our transfer through last time, which was our fault, but then we didn't have somebody for the last three weeks that (employee name omitted) was off. Because that department does the abstracts, we didn't get the abstracts out and Judge Heldt sent a note over and said you're not getting your abstracts out. Well, you know, when you've only got a certain number of people, you can only do a certain amount of work. So I just don't want us to be stuck. I don't want to be here in December and have somebody come in and say they're going to take off the whole month of December for surgery and I don't have any money to hire somebody to put them in there.

Councilmember Hoy: I would like to ask that the names not be mentioned. I think that medical leave is a personal thing, if you would not do that.

Marsha Abell: That's fine.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? I have a motion and a second to approve all transfers including the three late transfers. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1320-1010	Dep. Clerk-Sm. Claims	264.00	264.00
1010-1330-1010	Criminal Court Clerk	666.00	666.00
1010-1380-1010	Dep. Clerk-Misd.	720.00	720.00
1010-1500-1010	Collection Clerk-Misd.	343.00	343.00
1010-1550-1010	Counter Clerk-Circuit & Superior	1,330.00	1,330.00
1010-1570-1010	Counter Clerk	30.00	30.00
1010-1670-1010	Court Clerk	10.00	10.00
1010-1680-1010	Deputy Clerk-Misd.	401.00	401.00
1010-1580-1010	Misd. & Traffic Clerk	46.00	46.00
1010-1520-1010	Order Book Clerk	4,236.00	4,236.00
To: 1010-1440-1010	Bookkeeping Clerk	2,193.00	2,193.00
1010-1990	Extra Help	5,853.00	5,853.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1302-4250	Misc. Equipment	200.00	200.00
To: 1302-3140	Telephone	200.00	200.00

SUPERINTENDENT OF CO. BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1310-2860	Building Supplies	300.00	300.00
To: 1310-2210	Gas & Oil	300.00	300.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-2270	Juror Meals/Lodging	2,000.00	2,000.00
1360-3730	Continuing Education	500.00	500.00
To: 1360-3620	Copy Machine Lease	1,300.00	1,300.00
1360-4120	Buildings	1,200.00	1,200.00

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1490-3112	Infrastructure/Drainage	180,650.00	180,650.00
To: 1490-3114	Jobes Lane Project	180,650.00	180,650.00

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-2230	Garage & Motor	20,000.00	20,000.00
To: 2010-2300	Uniforms	20,000.00	20,000.00

LATE TRANSFERS

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-1130-1020	Administrative First Deputy	8,000.00	8,000.00
To: 1020-1990	Extra Help	8,000.00	8,000.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-2200	Jail Expense	38,600.00	38,600.00
To: 1051-2240	Medical	38,600.00	38,600.00

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 3660-3051	Lodging of Inmates	25,000.00	25,000.00
To: 3660-2240	Medical	25,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: That passes seven to zero.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next is the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. I'll run through these real quick. First is Community Corrections. I move that we amend salary ordinance numbers 1361-1320 Correction Officer, 1361-1350 Correction Officer Supervisor, 1361-1440 Correction Officer as previously adopted. The additional funds, as everyone knows, is for cross training. Superior Drug Court, there is no change in the annual salary, these are just additional funds approved for matching grant purposes. The Centre, amend salary line 1440-1850 Union Overtime as previously adopted. County Clerk, salary line 1010-1440 Bookkeeping Clerk as transfer previously approved. The current employee is a COMOT VI/Step 4, with an annual salary of 31,981. I also move we amend salary line 1010-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. Then last is Health Department, I move that we amend the salary ordinance to include a line item 2133-1110 Environmental Health Specialist. This is a new Indiana State Department of Health grant. The current employee is to be paid at an initiation rate at \$29,155, which is a Step 1, the salary is \$30,574. And that's all we have and, again, that's my motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: Got a motion and a second for amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Any discussion on those? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, then under well, I'll let you take care of Old Business first.

President Bassemier: I don't think we've got anything in Old Business. Anybody got anything to bring up in Old Business?

**REQUEST BUILDING AUTHORITY PROVIDE BREAKDOWN OF SQUARE
FOOTAGE BY COUNTY OFFICE, COPY OF BUDGET AND LIST OF
COUNTY OFFICES THAT HAVE PAID CABLE TV HOOKUP FEE
DISCUSSION ON SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman? I'd like to ask a request of Mrs. Deig here, write a letter to the Building Authority requesting that all Councilmembers, the Council Executive Assistant, and the Auditor be furnished with a listing of the breakdown of all county offices and the square footage of these offices. That's the budget, what they submitted. In addition to the square footage and breakdown, I'd also like to request that the Council be furnished a copy of the Building Authority's budget. Also, I'd like a listing of all the offices that paid a cable hookup fee and any other charges to the county for this service. I'd like to have that request back by September the 7th, if that's alright with the Chairman and the Councilmembers.

President Bassemier: That's alright with me.

Councilmember Wortman: Because I have a problem with this cable TV in these offices.

President Bassemier: Okay, no problem. Anybody got any – want to discuss that a little bit, Royce?

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to ask, Councilman Wortman, can you give us maybe a little bit more detail on maybe what you're requesting because I'm not quite sure – what's the concern here?

Councilmember Wortman: The Building Authority has got a budget and I never have seen it and I'd like to have that request. I'd like to know how they got the cable. Was there a line item in there to hook these cable TV'S in these offices or what, see? How are they paying for it, see, that's still taxpayer's money. I'd like to request that.

Councilmember Sutton: How many, just by chance, would you happen to know how many offices have cable TV?

Councilmember Wortman: I don't, but I want to find out.

President Bassemier: Anybody got a problem with that? It doesn't hurt to –

Councilmember Hoy: What's the purpose for the cable hookup? I'm confused, why would you do that?

Councilmember Raben: Could that be part of your request that we get an explanation as to why they need cable TV in offices?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, that was the main reason.

Councilmember Raben: That does kind of strike me funny because, you know, if you think about it, there's a lot of people that are footing the bill to operating county government that can't afford cable themselves, that don't have cable, and now we're

taxing them to install cable in offices. So that strikes me funny also.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I don't know, I'm not really aware of what the situation – but I'm wondering if this may in some way be related to maybe the computer hookups, the internet hookups or something like that. I mean, I don't know.

Councilmember Wortman: For instance, let's say if they was interested in the weather, you know, they can turn a radio on and the internet, they don't have to have cable to watch the weather on cable TV, you know what I mean? The next thing, if they get cable in their office and a TV, they'll be watching soap operas or something, you never know, shut the door. So I want to find those things out –

President Bassemier: I'm sure they've got a good reason but it doesn't hurt to find out why. That's a good request. So what time do the Cardinals play?

Councilmember Raben: I mean, I don't know if there's other department heads here and officeholders –

Councilmember Sutton: Not quite, might want to get a bullhorn.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I mean, does anybody – is it for computer work or is it for cable TV?

Bill Fluty: I don't have cable.

Sandie Deig: I think all the offices received a memo saying if we wanted to pay a one-time hundred dollar hookup to have cable TV furnished to our office, we could have that. The story that I got, not in the memo, but from the Building Authority was that, when we had 9/11 and when we had the Iraq war, everybody was congregating down by their TV's, watching it, and maybe we would like to have one in our individual offices. Personally, I didn't want one.

Councilmember Raben: In the spirit of productivity, that doesn't make a lot of sense to bring TV's into an office.

President Bassemier: Eric, you got something you want to say or...

Eric Williams: I guess I'm looking for officeholders and department heads.

Councilmember Sutton: You stand alone.

Eric Williams: I stand alone today as an appointee to an officeholder.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we do actually have an officeholder.

Eric Williams: That's true. I can speak on behalf of the Sheriff's office. We've been inquiring with the Building Authority for as long as I can remember about getting cable TV into our section of the building. Originally, the goal was to get it for the jail cells because reception is horrible up in the jail for the inmates. We wanted to have a system that would allow us to disallow certain channels, obviously, but to be able to get the local broadcast channels in, because the reception is horrible in this building. That didn't pan out. We got far enough along in the project for the new jail that we decided that we're just going to drop that issue and we'll deal with it in the new jail. The Building Authority then came along to us and said we are running it

into the building, would you like it somewhere in your offices? The other reason we've always wanted it, as I said, the reception is horrible in this building for both radios and for television, we base a lot of what we do around what the, you know, the media and what's going on, so we had one run placed into our conference room so that when there's major breaking news stories when we're having news conferences or we're covering something, we can watch the news to see what's going on. I can assure you from the Sheriff's standpoint, it's not going to be used to watch soap operas, MTV or VH1, those kinds of things, it's to be able to watch the news. That's our reason and I think we were prepared to take the hundred dollars for our cable run out of our commissary account or some budgeted line item, but you know, if somebody tells us they don't think that's an appropriate use, then so be it. But we felt that being able to watch the news and especially the local broadcast since they're carried on local cable TV, that that was a valid use of the resource.

Councilmember Sutton: That sounds very plausible, I mean, especially offices that deal with emergencies and you need to know certain things that relate to broadcasts or with storms or other issues that may arise like Emergency Management –

President Bassemier: I'll agree with you.

Councilmember Sutton: -- Sheriff's department, possibly maybe the Health department, but the others it would be interesting to see what information we get back in terms of their rationale and how many offices actually do have it. But outside of maybe emergency purposes, I'll just wait to see what we get back.

President Bassemier: That's a good point, Curt, I'm glad you brought that. I'll be curious to...

Councilmember Tornatta: I was just going to say, I'd just like to make a comment just to kind of put a closure from the Council side, and I think maybe it needs to be on the record, maybe it's understood, but we have had an issue on people, maybe officeholders thinking that they can sell stuff in order to maybe get monies back into their office. And just to put it on the record that nothing is for sale in this building without going through the proper channels and then those monies cannot go back to your office just because you sell something out of it. So I think maybe that got, we were talking about computers at one point and maybe that got construed with how things were going to progress, but I mean, obviously, they can pick up the minutes and read that. Won't be any officeholders here, but I think that's something that we need to at least have on the record so if we need to go back and explain to people how the system works, we can.

President Bassemier: Phil?

Councilmember Hoy: My comment is that I can see where perhaps someone in, like the Sheriff's office, might need access to that, but as a person who has run a large operation, I sure would not be piping cable in, you know, for that reason. I mean, somebody in charge needs to know what's going on but we don't need the public thinking that people are sitting around watching cable TV in this building, and I don't think they should be, and I think we need to look into it. That's my feeling. I think Mr. Wortman's suggestion is a good one, let's see where and what's going on. I would, if I walked into an office and I saw somebody watching cable TV, I'd be pretty upset as a Councilman, as a taxpayer, as a citizen.

President Bassemier: Troy, I think what you was trying to say on computers, or selling anything if we're going that way, I'd just like to say I hate to see anything

given away without first trying to sell it for whatever value it is. I mean, I know we've been reading a lot here lately about the Commissioners on the computers in the Clerk's office, but anything, I think, it ought to be put up for surplus and we ought to try to get whatever we can out of it. Of course, giving it to people in other departments or the Civic Center, if they can use it, but I just can't see giving things away without trying to put it up for surplus first.

Councilmember Tornatta: If I'm not mistaken, we had a meeting that we discussed that and we opted to be able to donate those computers to those places who needed them, any of those parts or whatever. So I thought that was handled at that point and we were doing a good – I say a good service, sometimes, because I really don't think those computers were much. It was for somebody that was going to use it in the most basic of ways. It was not going to be anything that could be used in a – like you normally use a computer because I've actually talked to some of the people that have gotten those computers and they were grateful they got them but they had to combine two or three to make one halfway decent one. So it was probably something that might have cost us more to get rid of than it was to donate. And so I mean, I thought that was a moot point, but I didn't think selling those computers was going to be, and I definitely knew that if we sold them, it was not going to go back to the office no matter what office, those monies were not just going to go back to that office.

President Bassemier: Well, I just thought that just opens the door. You was using computers as an example, but it could be anything. Like the Police department, they auction off different stuff they confiscate or whatever, anything that's – you know, I just don't think that we should just give things away without –

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, for the record so it's in the minutes, I was a person who asked for computers for a charity, specifically the Youth Service Bureau. I called Mr. Halbrook, the Youth Service Bureau did receive 18 computers and they are using them. They are using them in the Healthy Families Program, and whatever else is going on about the computers, that's what I wanted to check out because that was my connection with a specific charity and they did get the computers. And we do fund some things, you know, as a Council, in connection with that office and so I don't have any problems with that at all. If that's the case with – you know, I think that needs to be checked out but, so far, I'm happy with what I arranged.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President, in years past they always had an auction, all surplus property, and then they bid on it. What was left over, they could give away. That's always been the practice for years.

President Bassemier: Yeah, that's what I thought. It would go out first, and then if nobody would buy it – that would be cleaner, I would think. And I use the computers as an example, but –

Councilmember Wortman: For instance, like the furniture down there, that's not the Building Authority's property, that's the county's property. But the Commissioners can authorize it, I guess, you know, from that standpoint. But still, like desks and all, see, that's the county's property.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Curt. Jim?

Councilmember Raben: I was never going to allow myself to become part of this argument but there is a few valid points that need to be addressed here. One is, you

know, I think it had been discussed in this room about the possibility of upgrading the better equipment that may be removed from offices. I still think that that's a strong possibility. And, you know, we do it with our computers at home and we do it with computers, you know, at the places we work. And I still think we need to further look into making upgrades to some of that equipment. But I don't necessarily have a problem with giving it to worthy charities. You know, I think they -- from an educational standpoint, it's great and there is a lot of organizations that need them, but I do think they should go through a public meeting. I don't think anything should be donated that's not addressed through a public meeting. Now whether that did or didn't happen, I don't even know. But I assume that it did happen in a public meeting, I don't know.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I know there was a discussion here about those computers and what would happen to them and I know I had a discussion with County Clerk, Marsha Abell, about some of those computers going over to a program, after school program, over at the C. K. Newsome Center. We both felt pretty strongly that that was a good organization that could benefit from them and they did actually get some of those units. But I think what's been said earlier by several of you, you know, all the property, furniture and fixtures are acquired by the county and it's the county's property. So at some point in time when it says expired in its useful life, you can either put it on the salvage heap or try to go ahead and have a surplus sale. So I think, as we all know, because of the rate in which technology is going, you know, a computer that is four years old is pretty antiquated these days so it can't handle the processors and the software that goes along with some of the computers. So when you're talking about a six year old unit, it's a good thing if we can get those into the hands of people who don't necessarily need to have the latest and greatest tools when it comes to technology. But probably the market for those units is -- there's probably not much really value there if we were to have some type of sale, we'd probably find ourselves with a whole lot of units kind of sitting there. So I don't know if it's really a matter where, at this point in time, whether the Council can do much or add much value to -- other than just reiterating that it's our body that handles from the financial end, as far as acquiring the furniture and fixtures around here. So that's about all we can really add.

Councilmember Hoy: We probably need to frame a resolution to send to wherever it needs to go declaring that computers are no longer under the category of durable goods since they only last about a year.

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean there could be some good will, I think the county can have a good will presentation because people pay taxes, they want to know what they get back. This is an opportunity to give back to some of the charitable organizations and we're really giving it back to kids because all these organizations that I've talked to were on a waiting list. That waiting list was handled in an order of how it was taken, and those computers were doled out and really thought it was professional how they did it. I didn't know they had such a list, but they had that list and they doled those out and, you know, I think it's a good opportunity to give back to the community.

President Bassemier: But I was just going to say a final thing, I still think it ought to be turned over to surplus because you just can't pick and choose. And after, because we are looking out for the taxpayer's money, they first bought the computers, we bought them with taxpayer's dollars and if we can get anything out of it, then what we don't get out of, then I have no problem with that. But I don't think we can just pick and choose what we're going to donate and what we don't. I think it ought to go through the processes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President, those were surplussed.

President Bassemier: Okay, well, if they were put on the auction and nobody bought them or whatever, that's fine. I have no problem with that. But if they wasn't and somebody said we can get a hundred dollars a piece of out them, I think that's wrong just to give them away. I know they're going to good places but moving on –

<p>BUILDING AUTHORITY FUNDING FOR EQUIPMENT, INSTALLATION AND BROADCASTING COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS FUNDING FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT RENOVATIONS</p>
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Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I don't know whether this is old or new, but the other thing I wanted on record is I read in the newspaper this morning that the Building Authority is going to install the TV equipment and pay the \$20,000 for broadcasting Commissioner's meetings. My understanding is that that's not a gift, that's a loan. And that bothers me if that's just a loan because I need to have clarity on that, because if it's just a loan, then I don't know that we should be obligated for something that this body has not voted to fund. The second question I have is, the 2.3 million for renovating the old Health department section which started out at 1.8 million, now it's up to 2.3, is that a loan or is the Building Authority paying for that out of their own funds? I don't know the answer to that, but I'd like to know because –

Councilmember Raben: That's our – that's being paid for out of our debt service. That's money that would have otherwise, now I don't know what it's going to be with the 2.3, do you, Bill? But I know when the figure was the 1.5 or 1.8, that was going to be with the money that we have coming back to us when they terminate the bonds officially on this facility.

President Bassemier: Don't you think we ought to call Mr. Rector in and let him clarify what he's saying? I don't fully understand, I was just reading in the newspaper –

Councilmember Hoy: It's \$230 a square foot.

President Bassemier: Yeah, just let him, you guys got a problem with that because he's made a statement in the paper that he's going to –

Councilmember Raben: Again, the renovation was actually the county's reserve, would come back to us had we not renovated the space. And I will tell you I was in a meeting in part of that discussion –

President Bassemier: Well, I was, too, but it's changed.

Councilmember Raben: – funds, but now that the figure has grown to 2.3, I wasn't aware of that.

President Bassemier: So you want to ask him to come in and explain this to the Council?

Councilmember Raben: That's your call, you're the president.

President Bassemier: Because it's changed. I'd kind of like to –

Jeff Ahlers: Do you want to have it in the Personnel meeting?

President Bassemier: We can have it in the Personnel and Finance meeting. And I wish he'd kind of bring us up to speed before reading it in the newspaper, too. You know, that's why I'd like to see him in here, you know, yeah, so if you'll send him a letter for next month. Okay, anybody else?

RESOLUTION TO APPEAL FOR PROPERTY TAX SHORTFALL
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Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, are we ready to move into new business?

President Bassemier: New business, I think you've got the resolution.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we discussed the resolution last week, Mr. President, and I'll move we approve the resolution. Everyone has a copy before them. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Raben: I guess I should read it, it's a resolution to recover property tax shortfall.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion. Do I have a second? Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion on that? Bill explained it last week, Mr. Fluty. So if there's no questions, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: And finally on the agenda is remind everybody the final 2005 budget hearing will be September the 8th, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

Councilmember Raben: And, Mr. President, just one – I hate to end on a sour note, but we do have some concerning news or bad news to share with everybody before we leave. The Department of Local Government Finance has given us our preliminary COIT numbers for 2005 and it looks like it's going to be roughly \$600,000 less than it was this year, so it just makes our year that much tougher going into next year or for next year so I just thought I'd share that with everybody. The actual decrease is almost 5.6%.

Councilmember Sutton: What's the total estimate on that, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Well, the estimate on our collection or our revenue, the total is actually a little over twenty-nine million dollars, but we get 46% of it, the city gets roughly 46% of it, then township offices, the Town of Darmstadt make up the balance, so our amount equates or our decrease equates to about \$600,000.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I'm just trying to get the – if we're talking about a \$600,000 decrease, do we know what that actual figure will be on the county's portion that we will receive?

Councilmember Raben: Oh yeah, the county's portion that we'll actually receive is 11.9 million dollars. Last year we receipted about 12.6, so –

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: 11.9.

President Bassemier: Okay, anything else?

Councilmember Hoy: Move we adjourn.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: We're adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Ed Bassemier

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 8th day of September, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everybody to the final 2005 budget hearing, September 8, 2004. Roll call please.

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

President Bassemier: Would everybody please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Bassemier: Just so I get this straight, I'll read this into the minutes. This is a final budget hearing and the purpose is to complete this adoption of our budget and establish the salaries and all employees' benefits, and also to 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 will ask Councilman Raben, the finance chairman, to begin with the corrections, amendments and additions. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, just one moment.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President, I've just got something to add, if I may.

President Bassemier: Okay, sir.

Councilmember Tornatta: Its been a long process and a tough process, and I think that's something that we expected. I appreciate the fact, as I said once before, that this Council has worked very well together to try and make the cuts necessary, and I appreciate the officeholders coming out and supporting this as well. Its going to be a tough time for the county in the next couple of years, I think, but everybody has made their concessions and I guarantee this Council appreciates everything. It was thrown out that we were going to try and do a certain amount across the board, but this Council, in the spring, decided that they were going to give a three percent raise and I would make the motion that we stand by that three percent raise. This year, more than any year, I think we need to put our employees as our top commodity and hope that they can help us save money down the road. I talked with Mr. Hoy, Mr. Raben, in fact, everybody on the Council, Mr. Sutton, we've had concessions upon concessions with the Sheriff's office. The Commissioners have come out and have essentially went back to our insurance company and said hey, you've got to do

better. And we've come back with some great rates from our insurance company to help us make some cuts which I think will get us the three percent for all our employees.

President Bassemier: Okay, Mr. Raben, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, let me first address this and then we'll move on. Troy, you're exactly right, this has been a tough road. I guess from the first week of August, looking at what we had before us, you know, I've got to be honest, I was doubtful for the biggest part of that time as to whether or not we were ever going to find anywhere near five million dollars in cuts. And, you know, we're there, but it's not been an easy road. I mean, we've gone into budgets and into areas that this Council and probably every Council before us have not gone into. I mean, if you look at what got us there, you know, we've skinned the cat. We've taken any bit of fluff – in fact, you know, we've gone deeper than fluff. We've asked a lot of budgets to – or we've told budgets, we've cut Extra Help out, we've cut Training out, we've gone to the Sheriff's budgets, his three budgets, we've taken areas, again, that this Council and no other Council has ever taken. You know, we've asked them to use Commissary monies, user fee monies, anything possible to make up those cuts and, in fact, this is probably – well, it's the first year that I've been on the Council that we're not even buying new cars. So, I mean, in good conscience, I can't, at least today, support a three percent pay raise when we've done what we've done to other budgets. If there are any funds, additional funds, and we don't even know that today, I guess what I'm asking is that we delay taking any action and we approve a special meeting September 15th, this room is available at 9:00 a.m., we can advertise it today. We don't even have a Salary Ordinance prepared for three percent pay raises. I don't know legally that we can even vote to approve a three percent today without a Salary Ordinance in place. And it just makes good sense to have the Salary Ordinance in place where you know exactly what you're voting on to the penny. As far as the insurance information, I think or at least I caught wind that the numbers were finally available yesterday around 3:30, about 17 hours before today's meeting. We didn't actually get it in print until quarter to eight this morning. So we need time to see what these new figures really represent. I think if we can, Mr. President, I'm asking that we delay any vote related or associated with pay until September 15th. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll second it.

President Bassemier: We have a motion and a second. Troy, I appreciate your comments and Mr. Raben, I think that will be the smart thing to do. I think (inaudible – microphone not turned on) salary ordinance, so I think it would be the smart thing for us to wait until when was it, Jim, the 15th?

Councilmember Raben: The room is available at 9:00 a.m., this room 301, September the 15th, which again, Mr. President, regardless, if we're not, if that's the direction that the majority of the members on the Council wish to take, we have to have that meeting anyway, because we have to adopt a Salary Ordinance before September 20th.

Councilmember Hoy: That's a bad, a really bad day for me. I'm supposed to be at a property tax replacement commission meeting in Indianapolis.

President Bassemier: Jim, can you change that or...

Councilmember Raben: If possible, I would like to make it available for all seven of us, so we'll need to look at that.

President Bassemier: When do you want to make it, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: I guess it depends on the availability of the room, that was a time that was available. Can Sarah find out? What day? Is that the only day that's really an issue for you? Does anyone else know of any other days other than —

Councilmember Sutton: How does that next day look, Phil?

Councilmember Hoy: Good, its good. The rest of the week is good.

Councilmember Raben: Eight o'clock would be great.

Councilmember Sutton: While she's checking on that, Mr. President, if I could, you know, I agree there's definitely been a lot of work put in on this budget and there's a lot of things that we've had to do that maybe we would rather not have had to do but in light of where our revenues are placing us right now and the increasing demands, we've had to make some really hard choices and I think we all are supportive of the hard choices because that's what we have to do, that's what we are on this body to do, to try to do what's best for Vanderburgh County as a whole. I think I came into this whole process and I made this known, I guess, a few weeks back is, my number one priority was securing and ensuring that the insurance was protected and it appears that we're going to be okay in that regard and the increase is not going to be to such an extent as what we were anticipating it would be. We've been eating double digit increases each of the last several years. And it looks like we're in the single digits this year which is a really encouraging sign, so like I said, the insurance line is really important and making sure any contractual obligations that we have out there, that we protect those as well. So whatever we come up with, obviously, there's still a little bit more work to get to that Salary Ordinance next week whenever we figure out when that meeting is going to be, just looking forward to seeing what we have there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and Mr. President, our legal counsel has advised me to make it clear that we will be recessing today's meeting and continuing September 15th?

Councilmember Sutton: 15th?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, excuse me, yeah, we'll come back to the date on that. Let's move on to other items and we'll come back to this issue.

President Bassemier: Do you want to wait for Sandie?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that's fine.

President Bassemier: She wants to sit in on the meeting. I mean, she's got to take some notes.

Councilmember Raben: That's fine, we can allow a minute.

President Bassemier: I'm going to have to agree with the three percent raise, too.

I'm going to do my best to see that our hard working county employees get a three percent raise. I've been for it all along. Jim has had a very tough job, all of the officeholders that he's worked with say that they've sacrificed and I'm going to do my best to see that the county employees get a three percent raise. But I'm going to say if we can't, there's been talk that we give \$500 across the board. If we give the five across the board raise, I won't take a raise because that's about a three percent raise to me, if I get \$500 and I'm not going to accept it. If I can't give it to the county employees, a three percent raise, I'm not going to take one myself. That's all I have to say.

Councilmember Raben: 8:00 a.m., September 16th, 2004.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion and a second for 8:00 a.m. September the what, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: September the 16th.

President Bassemier: Any discussion on that date? Everybody okay with that? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: That's a yes, and thanks for getting it changed.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes, you're welcome, Mr. Hoy.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>LIST B</p> <p>2005 BUDGET ADDITIONAL CUTS/ADDITIONS/CHANGES</p>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President, all Councilmembers have been given a list of additional cuts and/or additions, okay, that is List B. I'm going to move that List B be made part of the record.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion and I have a second on that. Everybody want to look at it before we... Okay, no discussion on it? Okay, I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>LIST C</p> <p>2005 BUDGET HEALTH DEPARTMENT</p> <p>ADDITIONAL CUTS/ADDITIONS/CHANGES</p> <p>ADJUSTMENTS TO LEVEE AUTHORITY BUDGET</p>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President, all Councilmembers have been given a list of additional cuts and/or additions for the Health department, those are given to everyone as List C. Along with that, Mr. President, I have some adjustments to make to the Levee Authority budget, which Levee Authority is on page 175. It looks like there's a total of about 10 changes. The overall total comes

out about the same, but starting with account 1100-4250, the correct figure is \$499,392, 1200-4250 is \$22,600, 1900 FICA the correct figure is \$38,307, 1910 PERF is \$42,249, 1920 Insurance the correct figure is \$128,765, –

Councilmember Wortman: 765?

Councilmember Raben: Yes. 1940 \$20,835, 1930 is \$715 –

Councilmember Sutton: 1950?

Councilmember Raben: 1930 is \$715, that's a new line, excuse me. That's Unemployment, 1930.

Councilmember Sutton: And the amount is?

Councilmember Raben: \$715. Then we skip down to account 3000 Bond & Insurance, the correct figure is \$40,356, 3130 is \$1,000, 3200 \$70,525, 4250 is \$46,000, and 4251 is \$22,500. So the new grand total is \$1,144,834. Just roughly about a \$6,000 overall change to the budget. Mr. President, I'll move that these changes be approved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Motion and a second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Any changes? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

4250-1100-4250	Salary/Wages	\$499,392.00
4250-1200-4250	Clerical Reimbursement	\$22,600.00
4250-1900	FICA	\$38,307.00
4250-1910	PERF	\$42,249.00
4250-1920	Insurance	\$128,765.00
4250-1940	Workman's Comp.	\$20,835.00
4250-1930	Unemployment	\$715.00
4250-3000	Bond & Insurance	\$40,356.00
4250-3130	Travel/Mileage	\$1,000.00
4250-3200	Utilities	\$70,525.00
4250-4250	Misc. Equipment	\$46,000.00
4250-4251	Equipment-Union Twp.	\$22,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Just one moment, Mr. President.

APPROVAL OF 2000, 3000 AND 4000 ACCOUNTS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next I'm going to move that all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts for the 2005 budget be adopted as previously approved for the following, and I'll run through this list which is quite lengthy: Airport Authority, Area Plan, Armstrong Assessor, Assessor, Auditor, Bond Issue, Burdette Park, Center Assessor, Circuit Court, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, County Clerk, County Clerk IV-D, Community Corrections, Convention Centre Operating Fund, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Co-op Extension, County Coroner, County Commission, County Commission/CCD, Cum Bridge, Drainage Board, Drug & Alcohol Deferral, Election Office, Family & Children, Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services, German Assessor, Health department, County Highway, Jail, Knight Assessor, Legal Aid, Legal Aid/United Way, Levee Distribution Tax, Local Drug Free Community, Local Emergency Planning Commission, Local Roads & Streets, Perry Assessor, Pigeon Assessor, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals/Reassessment for 2006, Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D, Prosecutor Check Recovery, Prosecutor Drug Law Enforcement, Prosecutor Victim/Witness Assistance Program, Prosecutor Stop Domestic Violence, Prosecutor Adult Protection Services, Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion, Prosecutor Community Gun Violence, Public Defender Commission, Recorder, Riverboat, Sales Disclosure, Scott Assessor, Sheriff, Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, Sheriff VCC 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, Veterans Administration, Voters Registration, Weights & Measures, and Emergency 911. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Have a motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Raben, one question, on the Commissioners/CCD fund, did we take those items that she had placed out and redo those out of the CCD or are we commenting –

Councilmember Raben: You're talking in regards to Local Roads & Streets?

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: I'm coming to that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Bassemier: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ADOPTION OF TAX RATES AND LEVIES

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Mr. President, I move that the County Council set a tax rate as deemed appropriate by the Indiana State Tax Commissioners following review of our budget. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ADOPTION OF CUMULATIVE BRIDGE TAX RATE

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Mr. President, I'm going to move to set the Cum Bridge tax rate in at three cents per hundred assessed valuation.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Mr. President, under Local Roads and Streets, which is in your budget book page 152. And what Councilman Tornatta was referring to, on September the 2nd, we received a letter from the County Commissioners office from Commissioner Fanello with suggestions as to what cuts should or shouldn't be made from this budget. In fact, I've said suggestions, I don't really know that it was suggesting necessarily anything but maybe allowing us to make that decision which, I guess, we've never really made before on that budget. But, Mr. President, one of the suggestions, I guess, would have been to move or shift several of the projects into CCD. I'm not real comfortable at this time making this proposal. For one, its really not this body's call to select what projects do or don't get done in regards to roads and road improvements. So what I would like to do, Mr. President, is go through this budget, for the sake of today's budget, zero out those projects and then ask the Commissioners to come back to us before the end of December and prioritize these projects and we'll set these in CCD January 1 or at our first meeting in January, if that sounds reasonable. And that gives them time to revisit all this because, you know, they were kind of put under the gun on this, too.

President Bassemier: Make that in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Bassemier: Motion and a second –

Councilmember Raben: Well, no, Mr. President, I haven't actually gave you those lines that, for the sake of the budget, we need to take out. So if you start on page 152...the first one would be 4329, I would move that we set that in at zero, page 153, 4741 set that in at zero, 4823 set that in at zero, 4824 set that in at zero. And again, I'm not advocating that any of these projects be axed, just simply it will allow them more time to consider what they want to do, too. That's my motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: Any discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I thought we'd already done that. I thought they'd already prioritized those to be set in to CCD. I mean, that's what my understanding was. I think there was just one issue that they were worried about. And unfortunately, I, along with my partner here, left that at the office, the memo, but I think there was just one question on that.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I guess, the way I understood it, one of the questions was Green River Road-Millersburg Road project as to whether or not that could be paid out of the TIF. Its my understanding that that may be their priority, so these other ones may not - if their priority is that one, and it can't be funded out of TIF, they may want to use that, CCD for that. So, you know, again, these funds will accumulate. I mean, this fund isn't going to go anywhere between now and December or the first of January. So it really doesn't matter, Councilman, if we act on this today or not but it simply gives them the opportunity to figure out what direction they really need to take. That was my understanding.

Councilmember Tornatta: And that's not going to make a difference if they move that to CCD?

Councilmember Raben: No, the CCD fund will be there, the same amount of money will be there whether we do anything today or not.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Bassemier: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

2160-4329	County Line Rd.	\$0.00
2160-4741	Eickhoff-Koressel Rd.	\$0.00
2160-4823	Oak Hill Rd-Bergdolt Rd.	\$0.00
2160-4824	Green River Rd.- Millersburg Rd.	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DESIGNATE ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX (COIT) TO LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS FUND

Councilmember Raben: And, Mr. President, I apologize, I could have included this in that same motion, I move that we set in one million dollars in COIT in Local Roads and Streets budget.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last, Mr. President, just to clarify where we're going September the 15th, we – September the 16th, excuse me, we will be approving a Salary Ordinance of some sort and along with that we'll finalize our

motion will set forth FICA, PERF and all Insurance figures, too. So as for today, I'd like to thank everyone for, again, for all their hard work and efforts and, like has been said, its been a challenging year for all seven of us and when you have that much help it certainly makes it easy to be finance chairman.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 2004 BUDGET MINUTES

President Bassemier: Jim, before (inaudible – microphone not turned on). I need a motion for approval of the budget minutes for August 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, of 2004.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Bassemier: Okay, lets take a roll call vote just to make it – get it on the record.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Now I need a motion to recess until September 16th, 2004 at 8:00 a.m.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: Motion and a second –

Brad Ellsworth: Public comment? I thought you said you'd have public comment after the – after he got done. You said we wouldn't take any comments until the finance chairman was done, that kind of inferred you'd take comments after.

President Bassemier: Sheriff, do you want to deal with it next meeting?

Brad Ellsworth: I'd like to deal with it right now.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, it's a public meeting. I think we have to open it up.

President Bassemier: I'm just asking. Okay. Sheriff, you want to come forward please?

Brad Ellsworth: Good morning. My name is Brad Ellsworth, Vanderburgh County Sheriff. And I also appreciate what the Council has done in their budget hearings, however, I do have a concern as an officeholder and I'll remind you I speak only for my office and I, too, appreciate all the county employees and the 268 that work for me. As you know, we had Council hearings in early August and meetings where a couple of the Councilmembers came and visited my office and explained it was going to be a tough budget year and that we would have to make cuts and, like I said, we met with Councilmembers and did that. As late as last Friday, I was again visited by Councilman Raben and had what I would call a productive meeting, not for my office, but for the Council, explaining that we needed to cut \$500,000 more out of my budget. As you can see, this is one of our documents, and you can see by the red on there that we went through and zeroed out just about everything in my budget that was not salaries and benefits for employees, to the tune of about \$268,000, maybe a little more than that. As late as yesterday afternoon I again got a call from Councilman Wortman at about 3:30 yesterday afternoon explaining that we still needed \$250,000 more out of my budget and I told Mr. Wortman that I didn't think that was possible, that I didn't know if I could bear the load anymore, what we'd already done. And when Councilman Raben left, I think he understood and thought that we'd done about all we could do in that area. When Mr. Wortman and I got off the phone, it got to the point where we even talked about the possibility of laying off employees, that if we couldn't move them over into the user fee account, that we may have to lose them. I got to the point where, and I don't think – tell me if I'm misquoting, that I said if we have to lay off employees, at least let me pick the ones that we get to lay off. Less than 24 hours later, I get this phone call this morning that we're not going to approve the – that things were better than we thought and that we're now going to approve a three percent raise for the county employees, and I'm not saying – I'd love to see that, but at a time when officeholders – I'm now thinking who I'm going to lay off in my office, and now we're – less than 24 hours later we're talking about, things are better than we thought and we can give these raises. And yet, nobody came back and said we can restore some of these budgets. I mean, you all know what we just did, what I've got zeroed. Like Councilman Raben said, there are no replacement cars. When people call 911, they expect a deputy sheriff to arrive. If I can't get there, if my cars are broke down, and I'm not saying that's going to happen, but every item I have in here is zeroed out and I'll try to make it work. But I don't know if we can bear the load and it's just a little disconcerting for an officeholder who has the biggest budget and has the most employees, when I'm thinking about laying off employees at 9:00 last night and at 7:00 this morning I get the call that we're going to give the normal raise to employees. And I'd like the

Council to consider that or if you can do that, replace my budget first and then decide what we can do with what we – you know, you said you made severe cuts, and we have, and I think the Council needs to take that into consideration, while trying to give raises to the employees along with letting us do our job to provide the services to the citizens of Vanderburgh County. And if anybody has a question, I'd answer that, but –

President Bassemier: Sheriff, on the new cars, though, you're getting all your new cars this month, aren't you? From last year? They were –

Brad Ellsworth: Right, cars is not – by a fluke, the manufacturer didn't get our order, so we will get cars this year. We'll get the 2004 cars this year. But that's one example. That's one minor thing in this whole budget cut thing. So I think the Council needs to think about these things, you know, and not that I don't want the employees to get a raise, but I just think they need to replace some of this stuff also. Thank you.

President Bassemier: Anybody else like to address us?

Councilmember Raben: Just as a matter of clarification, on the insurance figures, we actually got a hard copy today at quarter to eight this morning, so had we been provided that information a week ago, we wouldn't be going through the motions we're going through today. So that's all.

President Bassemier: I need a motion to recess until September 16th.

Councilmember Wortman: I make that motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

(Meeting recessed at 9:41 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 16th day of September, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everybody to the final 2005 budget hearings. Would you please take attendance roll call, please?

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

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Bassemier: I'm going to read this into the minutes so I get it correct. This is the final budget hearing and the purpose is to complete this adoption of our budget and establish the salaries and all employees' benefits, and also to 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'm going to ask Councilman Raben, the finance chairman, to begin with the 2005 County Salary Ordinance followed by the corrections, amendments and additions. Mr. Raben?

2005 SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First, I move that all county employees receive a \$500 raise for year 2005 as listed in the 2005 Salary Ordinance, for all salaries in accordance with the county Salary Ordinance. This would exclude – I'd like to honor the Airport union employees new contract and then all other employees in regards to the Airport and Convention & Visitors Bureau receive a \$500 raise for year 2005. All salary rates are listed in your 2005 Salary Ordinance that is being passed around right now, and I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: And I'd also ask that this be made part of the record, the Salary Ordinance.

President Bassemier: Okay, no discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I still want to vote for the three percent, so I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Are we going to have discussion after this – can you hear me?

President Bassemier: Yes, sir. Go ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I vote yes in favor of the –

President Bassemier: To the \$500.

Councilmember Sutton: I did want to add something after we get done.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: No. It passes 4-3.

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

President Bassemier: Mr. Sutton, I'm kind of disappointed. Go ahead. I was also for a three percent raise and I'm kind of disappointed. Go ahead, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to ask our finance chairman and then also, Mr. President, I know that when we talk about an across the board increase, that especially in some cases where we've got percentages or ranks involved and there could cause some, it could mess up the, kind of the, what we put in place with the Salary Ordinance and, not the Salary Ordinance, but some of the things that we've done with the Job Study, and if we could look at that very carefully in making sure that we try to still respect those different ranks or the difference between say, a chief deputy and the officeholder, and the percentages there, and the \$500 across the board would kind of damage that, so if we could look at the whole, if we could look at each office and there may be some situations where we may need to take, say

you've got 100 employees in an office and you take each office as a pool, so you've got \$500 per person, but you divide that pool so that you respect those differences in pay per rank, I think that would be very prudent on our part to make sure that we do that. I looked at the, for example, like the Sheriff's department, if you took like an average deputy's salary and you took that \$500 increase, it would come up to just shy of a 1 ½ percent increase. So if we could apply that maybe across the board, up and down, in departments like that so that we don't find ourselves in a real situation where we've got to come back and make some major adjustments to salaries to offset what a flat, across the board increase would end up resulting in the departments, I think it would be a very good measure on our part.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, my disappointment is that I feel we have an obligation to keep our folks at a good level and to set the pace for the community. And a lot of our folks at the lower end of the scale are barely making enough to make ends meet from the studies that we've done of a living wage. And I think we can afford the three percent and I'm sorry we didn't.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? Lloyd?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just, I mean, I think at the outset we all wanted to make sure that there was a three percent pay increase in 2005 for the employees. I think given the way, the manner by which we had to strip so many budgets so deeply, that I think the most prudent thing in this regard is to return some of that money that we stripped out initially to restore some of these budgets. We're fortunate in the sense we've not had to cut employees, unlike the city. So I think we're fortunate. Although we'd like to give more, I think we're lucky to have what we have.

President Bassemier: Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to echo some of all the comments made here. It is disappointing that we can't provide a three percent this year, but you know, reflecting back just on my career, you know, I think this is probably the ninth year I've served as finance chairman and, you know, over that period I think the smallest, with the exception of 1992, the smallest we ever granted was a three. And it's always been between a three and a five. But Councilman Winnecke stated this was a challenging year and we did strip lines from budgets that we've never stripped before. We may have made cuts in the past but never before did we strip them. So, you know, there's a lot of needs out there that, you know, I think the best use of any additional monies at this point is to do just what they said, restore some of it back in the budget. Never before have we gone without buying Sheriff's cars. You know, never before have we denied the Assessors of their part-time help and training and a long list of other lines, so I think the fact that the insurance figure came in reduced, along with the \$500 across the board, I think that guarantees that the employees really aren't going to go backwards and we can look at next year. But, you know, not every year is that possible. But hopefully, next year we can get back on track.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Jim. I'd just like to say, I really was for a three percent raise. I thought we was home free when the insurance figures came in. We was \$300,000 better off. To me, it's a slap in the face to the county employees and it's a sad day not to give you hard working people a decent raise. So that's all I have

to say. Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I'd just like to kind of reiterate that when we were making these cuts, we were counting on \$500 with a different tone on the insurance. Once the insurance comes back, the Commissioners tell their insurance provider they need to go back and get a better rate, they go back and get a better rate, come in so we can give that three percent that we dangled in front of all these employees to begin with. And then we come back and we don't give them a three percent when we do have the money available to give them a three percent. And probably that's my biggest gripe. If we're going out and doing this in the future, I would rather put zero or \$500 in the line item as opposed to go three percent and not give them three percent.

Councilmember Sutton: One thing I think we can be encouraged about, I mean, I know there's probably nobody that's excited about what's taken place here. I think we all would like to do more if we could. I know I surely would like to have done more on the salary side, but what we've been able to do on the insurance side and that's maintained. And I know, for me, that was the number one priority. I know that's what I hear from the county employees is, you know, can you protect the insurance line so they don't have more of a burden on their family or more on them personally. And we've been able to do that in this budget. Fortunately, we've been able to keep that insurance line in very good shape and it didn't cost us near what we thought it would be and good budgeting just requires us to try to estimate high and hopefully, that it will come in low. Fortunately, it did come in low for us. And I'd like to echo just some of the other thoughts, and that is the lines where we've made some pretty drastic cuts, I'd like for us to go back in and revisit and restore some of those lines in particular in the Sheriff's department. I don't know if it's cars or some of the other things, but get with the Sheriff's department as soon as we possibly can to find out the areas where we've maybe cut a little bit deeper than what we really need to cut and find out what we can do to restore there. We've also, with the Extra Help line and also the Riverboat lines as well, where we've made some cuts, go back and make the adjustment. I think the amount is somewhere around \$335,000, something like that, if we can go back and reapply those to some of those lines, I think we will have done a great job here in a budget process. No, everyone is not leaving here happy. No one is totally satisfied, but given where we are, I don't know if we really had a whole lot of options available to ourselves.

President Bassemier: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just like to respond to Councilman Tornatta. I say this with all due respect, I don't think we've ever dangled a three percent pay increase out there. We asked that department heads and the officeholders to prepare a budget for planning purposes. We've never promised it, and each of the four years I've been involved in this process, we've always set it up, we've always teed it up that this is what we'd like to do. And I don't think you can construe that as dangling or teasing an employee. We've worked, I think, in really a bipartisan fashion in good faith to do the best we can for county employees, and I think it's unfair to say we've dangled something in front of them and then taken it away.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I disagree with that because I think that we could go through this whole process without having a number in those line items because we know what that number would be. We can figure that number out. That's not as big of an issue. We know what the numbers of salaries are, so we can have, whether it's from a half a percent all the way up to four percent, drawn up to figure out what

those numbers are going to come in. So I don't think that's it at all. And when I talked and when we talked to the finance chair, it was established that we needed \$300,000 to get this job done. I found out and came through that we were going to have that amount, the amount that we were trying to achieve, we were going to have it with the insurance when the insurance came in low. And yet, we go back to the \$500. And that's my only issue.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Troy. Let's go ahead and move on, Mr. Raben.

FICA AND PERF ADJUSTMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, just as a matter of clarification, I don't know if in my original motion if I included this, but I'd like to move that all FICA, PERF by adjusted accordingly as well.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

EXHIBITS A THROUGH H

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I'd move that Exhibit A through H be approved

as listed in the 2005 Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LIST A, 2005 BUDGET CORRECTED POSITION TITLES & SALARIES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now I'd ask all Councilmembers to check the listing of salary and position title changes from the budget book and move to approve List A and make that part of the record. Everyone has List A.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: Got a motion and who was the second? Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDED LIST B, ADDITIONAL CUTS/ADDITIONS/CHANGES
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, next all Councilmembers were given a list of additional cuts and/or additions. I move that the amended List B be approved and made part of the record as well.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

2005 HEALTH INSURANCE DATA

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, all Councilmembers have been given a list of the final insurance data. I move that the Council approve the 2005 insurance budget as listed. These figures represent the county's share of the county's three current health plans with the total employee contribution of eight percent. The figures are for full-time county employees and do not include Superior Court magistrates. I make this – I'd like to make this insurance data made part of the record as well, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion on it, please? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>CORRECTION TO COMMISSIONERS GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND LOCAL ROADS & STREETS BUDGET</p>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, last, Mr. President, we need to address the 2000 and 3000 accounts but first there are two corrections. One is in the Commissioner's budget, Emergency Management which is 1300-3210. The figure we had is wrong, so I'm going to move first that we reopen account 1300-3210 and in Local Roads & Streets 2160-3481.

President Bassemier: I have a motion to reopen. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a second. Let's get it on the record. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under 1300-3210 Emergency Management, the correct figure is \$161,771. Then under Local Roads & Streets, account 2160-3481 Traffic Department, the correct figure is \$165,774. And then all other 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts for the 2005 budget be adopted as previously approved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion on those

changes? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS

1300-3210	Emergency Mgmt.	\$161,771.00
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LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

2160-3481	Traffic Department	\$165,774.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, that pretty much concludes the business we have before us today. Once again, I'd like to thank each and every Councilmember for their help and hard work in passing this budget with all due respect of each and every one of us. You know, it never does come down exactly what everyone wants, but sometimes you just try to find a happy medium, and thank you.

President Bassemier: You know, being a public meeting and all, before we close, is there anybody out there that would like to come before us and voice their opinions or anything? It looks like its too early in the morning so –

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President, I just want to get this in the record that the Councilmen will take no raises in this new budget, just as a side note, out of the booklet. And the only thing I'll say is, you know, that vote is over. We did, I want to reiterate, we did work to get this thing through a tough year. We did work to get it done. I'm very proud that we came in under where we thought we could never

make. The disappointment is in the salaries. Thanks.

President Bassemier: I really kind of think if we was only going to give a \$500 raise, I wish we just would have put it on insurance or something so we don't have to pay taxes on it, you know, we could have worked it out differently. But anyway, here or there, do I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Got a motion and a second. Everybody in favor say aye.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Thank you very much.

(Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Ed Bassemier

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th day of October, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everybody to the October 6th, 2004 Vanderburgh County Council meeting. Attendance roll call please.

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

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Bassemier: I need a motion for approval of the minutes from September 1st, 2004 regular meeting minutes. Take that one first.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion, second, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: It passes. Now I need a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8th and 16th 2005 budget hearing minutes.

Councilmember Wortman: Motion for approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second from Mr. Hoy. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Now I'm going to turn everything over to our finance chairman, Mr. Raben.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President, first on the agenda today is the County Sheriff’s office, 1050-2210 Gas & Oil. I move that be set in at \$30,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2210	Gas & Oil	40,000.00	30,000.00
Total		40,000.00	30,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, next under Jail, and I spoke with Sheriff Brad Ellsworth, he is going to try to transfer funds or do whatever he needs to do to make up the difference here. 1051-2200 Jail Expense \$16,000, 1051-2240 as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes. Thank you, Sheriff.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2200	Jail Expense	32,900.00	16,000.00
1051-2240	Medical	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total		132,900.00	116,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under the Prosecutor, 1080-3900 Return of Fugitive as listed and 1080-3901 for a total of \$8,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-3900	Return of Fugitive	5,000.00	5,000.00
1080-3901	Witness Fees	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total		8,000.00	8,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR IV-D

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Prosecutor IV-D, 1081-1180-1081 down through 1081-3120 for a total of \$10,520. I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion on that? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1081-1180-1081	Receptionist	6,000.00	6,000.00
1081-1900	FICA	460.00	460.00
1081-1910	PERF	360.00	360.00
1081-3140	Telephone	1,700.00	1,700.00
1081-3120	Postage/Freight	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		10,520.00	10,520.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Commissioners, 1300-3050 I move that it be set in at \$400,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Before we go any farther, Jim, I'd like to say a little something about that. I've been checking on some figures and I know in the near future we're going to have to address this because just this year alone we've spent over 2.3 million dollars on these offenders and maybe this is maybe where we could possibly use the old jail for the juveniles. I've got something even here local, we're spending an average per month \$60,071, so that's a lot of money, guys. So like I said, in the near future we're going to have to address the juvenile offenders. So that's all I have to say. Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think Mr. Sutton has addressed some of those issues as well, so that's something we ought to entertain and look for some future ideas on things to do with that old jail. And that's an outstanding choice.

Councilmember Sutton: We had an opportunity – I had the opportunity to sit down with Judge Niemeier over here within the last few weeks to talk about some of those rising costs and he's doing everything possible to try to reduce some of the burden and some of the cost upon the county and some of the new policies and procedures that they are now implementing or they have implemented will help to reduce some of that burden. But when you look at what we have spent this year, it is up there pretty high. Of course, that doesn't necessarily include all of the resources that we're spending toward this particular expense. When you look at the OFS, Office of Family and Children, that allocation we're spending. So it's even higher than what we see here.

President Bassemier: Well, I know, you know, we was talking about housing, you know, state and federal prisoners which I still think is a good idea but I think that average there was like \$35 a day. Here local, we're paying \$172 per day on our juvenile offenders. So, and its not just this year, I've got figures from 2002, we spent \$1,787,935. In 2003 we spent \$1,884,746, so I think the new jail would be an ideal location and make it be regional, and I know there would be grants out there for that, I'm sure. And I think in the future that could be self-supporting, too.

Councilmember Hoy: The only comment I would make is that for humanity sake, we might want to lobby the legislature to do a better job of providing mental health. Half of these kids could use treatment and our beloved state right now is trying to close down our one children's hospital here in Evansville by starving them out. Not a good idea and a far better way to approach the problem with these young people than incarceration. That doesn't work too well. It's a good place to learn crime and we need for some of these kids to experience healing.

President Bassemier: Thank you. Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I talked to the Commissioners and besides this \$750,000, we've got another \$56,000 bill, too.

President Bassemier: Oh yeah. Oh, it's not going to end. And that's why I say, we're going to have to address it in the near future especially next year when the new jail is going to open. I'm sorry, Jim, got a little side-tracked here. I have a motion and a second. I need a roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	750,000.00	400,000.00
Total		750,000.00	400,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next under Circuit Court, 1360-3260 I move that be set in at zero and Circuit Court is going to look into finding transfers to make up for those purchases.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Of course not. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-3260	Law Library Books	15,000.00	0
Total		15,000.00	0

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under transfers, if its okay with everyone, I'll simply move that all transfers be --

President Bassemier: Drug And Alcohol?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, well, we'll take care of that first, then. Drug and Alcohol 1371-2600 and 1371-3120 for a total request of \$1,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1371-2600	Office Supplies	600.00	600.00
1371-3120	Postage/Freight	400.00	400.00
Total		1,000.00	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

JAIL COMMISSIONERS COUNTY COUNCIL CIRCUIT CT. SUPPLEMENTAL REASSESS./KNIGHT ASSESSOR (LATE)	ELECTION OFFICE SUPERIOR COURT REASSESS./KNIGHT ASSESSOR SHERIFF (LATE)
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Councilmember Raben: Okay now, Mr. President, I will move that all transfers be accepted as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0323	Detention Officer	4,000.00	4,000.00
1051-1130-0311	Detention Officer	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1051-1850	Union Overtime	6,000.00	6,000.00

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1210-2700	Other Supplies	16,150.00	16,150.00
To: 1210-1120-1210	Election Assistant	15,000.00	15,000.00
1210-1900	FICA	1,000.00	1,000.00
1210-1910	PERF	150.00	150.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-2690	Demolition Fund	3,500.00	3,500.00
1300-3140	Telephone	2,400.00	2,400.00
1300-3021	Hillcrest-Washington	400.00	400.00
1300-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	250.00	250.00
To: 1300-3130	Travel/Mileage	5,000.00	5,000.00
1300-2600	Office Supplies	1,550.00	1,550.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-4220	Office Machines	1,500.00	1,500.00
To: 1370-4210	Office Furniture	1,500.00	1,500.00

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-1920	Insurance	4,714.00	4,714.00
To: 1480-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	4,714.00	4,714.00

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1130-1120	Office Coordinator	5,200.00	5,200.00
2490-1130-3530	Contractual Services	4,450.00	4,450.00
To: 2490-1130-1990	Extra Help	5,200.00	5,200.00
2490-1130-4220	Office Machines	4,450.00	4,450.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2600-1240-2600	Probation Officer	500.00	500.00
To: 2600-1930	Unemployment	500.00	500.00

LATE TRANSFERS

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-2660	Reserves	10,000.00	10,000.00
To: 1050-2300	Uniforms	5,000.00	5,000.00
1050-2210	Gas & Oil	5,000.00	5,000.00

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1130-3310	Training	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 2490-1130-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Now under the salary ordinance amendments, first I'll move under Prosecutor IV-D, amend salary line 1081-1180 Receptionist as previously adopted. The employee is a COMOT IV/Step 6 with an annual salary of \$30,089. Under the Jail, I move we amend salary line 1051-1850 Union Overtime as previously adopted. Election Office, salary line 1210-1120 Election Assistant as transfer previously approved. Knight Assessor, salary line 2490-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: Got a motion and a second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, before we move on to other business, I just wanted to hit on something here real quick. After the appropriations today, our general fund balance is going to be in the area of 349,000, okay? And someone mentioned that we're going to be looking or know that we're going to be faced with further lodging of inmate costs and medical bills associated with outside housing. So everyone needs to know, really from this day forward that we're probably not going to entertain other appropriation requests. So if it requires a letter coming from this body, I would ask that you make that call. But I think, once again, we need to send out a reminder that only emergency requests will be heard by this body for the balance of the year.

President Bassemier: I have no problem with that. Anybody got a problem with that? Sandie, would you draft up a letter please stating that?

Councilmember Sutton: Now I think that's a good action but I don't know how we might deem or classify emergencies, what's an emergency to one person might be – you know what I mean? So I –

President Bassemier: I guess we have to decide, I guess.

Councilmember Sutton: So I don't know if we may want to – I mean, if there are, well, like I said, we just may want to just make sure in our explanation that they clearly understand what the county's financial position is and any and all requests would be scrutinized with a very close eye and if they aren't deemed to be of a very great urgent need or safety is being compromised or jeopardized, then we wouldn't consider them. So, like I said, I don't know how we would get that message out clearly so that everyone understands that we really need to be very careful with our dollars here.

President Bassemier: Nothing listed –

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Bassemier: Okay, I see nothing under old business. New business, I've got an appointment here –

Marsha Abell: Excuse us.

President Bassemier: I'm sorry.

Marsha Abell: We tried to jump in.

President Bassemier: Come on in here. I bet you we're going to talk about elections.

Marsha Abell: Yeah. I just think that it would not be prudent of me to not advise the Council that we hope we're going to be able to get by with just transfers but we may have to come for an appropriation for staff. We've added two more people

yesterday, we're adding two more people tomorrow. We've got 600 pieces of mail today and its every day like that. Both of the major parties have done major mailings for absentee ballots. The staff, we're now working from 7:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. They're working every Saturday and we're going to have to pay overtime, so we are going to be hitting that budget pretty tough with what we've got. This transfer is going to get us through for a while but if this continues, I don't know when we're going to run out of money, but we might run out of money.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I might offer one suggestion. Maybe it's a challenge to both parties to look towards volunteers.

Marsha Abell: That would be fine with me. I haven't seen any of them come forward and want to do that.

President Bassemier: Jeff, what are you doing that day?

Marsha Abell: Part of the problem is that the state statute says that we have to get the ballots out the day we get the applications in. That's become an impossibility at this point. We can't possibly, the staff is worn out today and they're going to go home at 5:00, but I just want the Council to be aware of the situation that we're in down there. We've already voted like 1,600 people and we only voted 2,000 through the whole last general election absentee. And we've only been open for absentee voting, this is just Wednesday, we only opened Monday. So that gives you an indication, we are going to have, if we stay all month like this, we may not have to open the polls November 2nd, everybody may have voted by then. But we are going to be in trouble. So I just want the Council to be aware of it.

President Bassemier: It must be because of the local candidates, right?

Marsha Abell: I can't say, but I can say it's pretty heavy.

Councilmember Sutton: I think that's an encouraging sign. The last few elections we've seen turnouts that (inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Marsha Abell: Oh, I'm not disappointed in the turnout, I just want everybody to understand that when you get the paperwork, you've got to have the manpower to process it.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm pretty excited about the level of interest that we're – what we're hearing really around the state and the metro area (inaudible).

Marsha Abell: I just was in the Clerk's meeting yesterday and they indicated the same thing across the state. All the Clerks that were here for the AIC conference went home yesterday, they're not even staying because they are so busy. If any of you were in the building Monday, Voter Registration had over 700 people standing in the halls waiting to register the last day, so its heavy, its very heavy, and we're going to run out of money if our staffing remains, you know, if we remain where we are. And I just wanted to let the Council know that so in light of what Mr. Raben said, I wanted to let you know I'm aware of the tight budget but I have got to get the election done by November 2nd. Thank you.

President Bassemier: Okay, thank you, Marsha.

Councilmember Sutton: We did kind of classify it for emergency purposes (inaudible) can you hear me? I was going to say, we did say emergency purposes. Maybe we ought to include in that, items that are state mandated as well that we obviously have

to carry out in the election would be one of those and there would probably be some other situations that may place an officeholder in a situation where they have to carry out certain responsibilities and duties.

President Bassemier: Okay.

**SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC.
APPOINTMENT**

President Bassemier: Alright, I've got an appointment here, this is to the Southwestern Indiana Mental Health Center, Incorporated appointment. It's a three year term. I understand this Mr. Gene Koch has held this for several years. He's done a fantastic job and we called him today and he will accept it again. So I'm going to appoint Mr. Gene Koch to that position.

**EUTS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE AMENDMENT OF EUTS
ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT**

President Bassemier: Now I need a resolution for the Evansville Urban Transportation Study, resolution supporting the amendment of the EUTS Articles of Agreement. Can I have a motion and a second on that?

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: There's somebody from EUTS here.

President Bassemier: Yeah, I'm sorry. Pam, I'm sorry.

Pam Drach: Yeah, just briefly, our articles of agreement, our previous or current one, we cover Evansville-Vanderburgh County, Newburgh and Warrick County, and the city of Henderson in Kentucky, and as a result of the 2000 census, our area has expanded and we need to amend our articles of agreement to include all of Henderson County, not just the city in Henderson, and that's what the amendment is.

President Bassemier: Everybody got their – has the other bodies already passed it?

Pam Drach: We've had approval from Henderson city, Henderson County, Warrick County, and the town of Newburgh. And we are on the agendas for the other agencies.

President Bassemier: Anybody got any questions? Okay. Do I have a motion and a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, you've got a motion and a second.

President Bassemier: Anybody got anything else to say? Roll call vote please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Before we adjourn, –

Councilmember Hoy: I have a – if you all don't know it, the Health Department has moved. I would encourage you – they're busy still setting up their office but if you get a chance just drop by and take a look and I think you'll be happy with what you see.

President Bassemier: Okay, before we adjourn, is anybody out there – John, would you like to say something? You never come up here. Let us critique you for a – Sheriff, anybody? You okay?

Brad Ellsworth: Happy as I can be.

President Bassemier: Okay, do I have a motion to adjourn? Okay, let's go home.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Ed Bassemier

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd day of November, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everyone to the November 3rd, 2004 Vanderburgh County Council meeting. Attendance roll call please.

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

*(Councilmember Sutton arrived after attendance called)

President Bassemier: I'd like to have a motion to approve the minutes of October 6th, 2004.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Teri Lukeman: Are you going to have the Pledge?

President Bassemier: We already did it. Do you want to do it again? The Pledge of Allegiance?

Councilmember Wortman: Its another meeting.

President Bassemier: Okay, would everyone please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Bassemier: Do I have a motion to approve the minutes of October 6th, 2004?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CLERK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I guess you are waiting on me. Alright, first on the agenda is the County Clerk, 1010-3603 Record Storage in the amount of \$15,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-3603	Record Storage	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total		15,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Sheriff, 1050-2210 Gas & Oil \$20,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2210	Gas & Oil	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Burdette Park, 1450-1180-1450 and 1450-1900 for a total request of \$19,377, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	18,000.00	18,000.00
1450-1900	FICA	1,377.00	1,377.00
Total		19,377.00	19,377.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's it for General Fund, we'll move into Reassessment Funds. Under Pigeon Township Assessor, 2490-1150-1990 and 2490-1150-1900 for a total request of \$2,220, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, it's \$2,220. I think I –

(Inaudible – more than one speaking at once)

President Bassemier: Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1150-1990	Extra Help	2,000.00	2,000.00
2490-1150-1900	FICA	220.00	220.00
Total		2,220.00	2,220.00

(Motion unanimously approved 50)

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 911 Emergency Service, 3290-3890 Central Dispatch in the amount of \$49,389, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3290-3890	Central Dispatch	49,389.00	49,389.00
Total		49,389.00	49,389.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

JAIL PROJECT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under Jail Project 3660-2240 and 3660-3051 for a total of \$215,000, I'll move approval.

President Bassemier: I have a motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: Second by Mr. Winnecke. Any discussion? Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I don't think we ought to get into that and save that for the jail first operating out there. We're going to need that money (inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Bassemier: You're welcome, sir. Anybody else? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3660-2240	Medical	15,000.00	15,000.00
3660-3051	Lodging of Inmates	200,000.00	200,000.00
Total		215,000.00	215,000.00

(Motion carried 4-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

COIT WINDFALL

Councilmember Raben: Next, Mr. President, 4131-3630 in the amount of \$67,099, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just offer one comment, last week I asked about whether there was existing money in the Election Office budget that we could transfer from to pay for this and there is not. We did transfer out money in that line item earlier in the year, so that money does not exist so this is imperative that we do.

President Bassemier: The chair recognizes Mr. Sutton. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

COIT WINDFALL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4131-3630	Equip. Lease & Rental	67,099.00	67,099.00
Total		67,099.00	67,099.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, if its alright with everyone I'd like to move that all the transfers –

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Councilmember Raben: No? Is there a particular one that you want me to –

CLERK

Councilmember Tornatta: We discussed it last week. We're not doing anything in Extra Help next year for the Clerk, we might as well get started this year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so we want to single out the Clerk...Okay, Mr. President, first we'll take the County Clerk account 1010-1420-1010 to account 1010-1990 for a total transfer of \$2,200. I move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: Motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, my only discussion last week and I talked to was

we're not giving any Extra Help to this group next year and I don't see any reason why we were offering Extra Help money. You did come before us and get Extra Help money already, I think it was last month and so I don't know why we keep divvying up Extra Help money when we're not going to have any next year.

Marsha Abell: Its not Extra Help money, these people are off on medical leave, I'm just moving some money out of their line item for their salary to cover their seat while they're off on medical leave. It isn't Extra Help. I'm not overstaffed so I can't do without two people out on medical leave for six weeks.

Councilmember Tornatta: You have 54 people in your office and I think that's adequate staff. If you've got to cross train them, move somebody over for that amount of time, so –

Marsha Abell: I don't think you work in my office, you have no idea what's adequate staff.

Councilmember Tornatta: The comment is, you have 54 people in your office, use them wisely, you will have no Extra Help money or the person that fills your office will have no Extra Help money for next year, we gave you some money last month, therefore, I don't think that we need to give money to this for the rest of the year.

Marsha Abell: I have never had Extra Help. I only replace people who are off on medical leave. I have people that have been in that office that have six and eight weeks off counting all their time and their vacation time. You put that with giving somebody six weeks off for medical leave, I can't do it and I can't issue warrants and pull warrants if the person that does that is off right now and may not even be back until the first of the year.

President Bassemier: Okay, lets move on. Royce?

Councilmember Sutton: In terms of the two positions that you're referring to here, you did talk about this a little bit last week, and how much time are you anticipating the two being off and the Extra Help that you're wanting to or the assistance that you are wanting to fill into those roles, are they going to be there for the same length of time? What's kind of the thought there?

Councilmember Raben: Can I interrupt real quick before you say this? Please exclude names from the conversation here.

Marsha Abell: Okay, one person is an appeals clerk. She is the only appeals clerk that I have. I have trained someone else to take her place, but while someone else is doing her appeals, someone else has got to do their work. She's off on a six week medical leave approved by the County Commissioners. I am just asking to transfer money into an account to put someone in her seat the number of days that she's gone. The minute she comes back, that person will be gone. That person will not be able to do nearly the workload that she does because they're not trained to do clerical court work.

Councilmember Sutton: How far along is she in that leave?

Marsha Abell: How long has she been gone?

(Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Marsha Abell: She'll be back around Thanksgiving. The other person is off on medical leave approved by the County Commissioners. I don't know that she'll be back. She is approved for six weeks. She's had surgery. I don't know that she's going to be back. She has a heart problem and she's trying to get medical disability and she may leave the county employment if she can't come back to work. She is the person who sits in Misdemeanor court and pulls all the warrants that are issued in Misdemeanor court, which is a crucial job. If we don't pull the warrants when the judge orders them pulled, the police pick them up, you've been picked up on a bad warrant, you can sue the county. I'm not overstaffed, I'm totally understaffed, quite frankly. Fifty-four people is a minimal amount that I am getting by with in the courts and I am sure that every judge over there will tell you that that's the truth. We are working – I, myself, worked 59 hours the week before last. You can't work people day and night. And overtime, supervisors work overtime but they don't get paid for it to fill in for these positions and...its just, I need the staff. That's all there is to it. I have to have people sitting in those seats. If I didn't need them I'd be overstaffed.

President Bassemier: Okay, can we move on?

Councilmember Tornatta: I want to know, how they are going to be paid next year? How are we going to pay for, what if this scenario comes about, how do we pay for it next year?

Marsha Abell: The line item is there. Its this person's salary you approved for the budget for 2004. I'm not asking for extra money, I'm just wanting to use their money for their salary to pay for someone to sit in their seat while they're gone.

President Bassemier: Are you alright with that, Troy? Let's move on. Okay, thanks. I've got a motion and a second here. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1420-1010	Minute Calendar Clerk	2,200.00	2,200.00
To: 1010-1990	Extra Help	2,200.00	2,200.00

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

President Bassemier: Jim, before you go to the next one, since they're both here, we had a democrat and a republican, I just want to congratulate them both yesterday on their win. So we'll move on.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you, Ed.

**SHERIFF
ELECTION OFFICE
CIRCUIT COURT
SUPERIOR COURT
LEGAL AID
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
REASSESS./PIGEON ASSESSOR**

**SURVEYOR
SUPT. OF COUNTY BUILDINGS
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
THE CENTRE
COUNTY COUNCIL
REASSESS./CENTER ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Next, Mr. President, all other transfers as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion on the rest of them? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0114	Major	13,000.00	13,000.00
1050-1130-0007	Lieutenant	15,000.00	15,000.00
To: 1050-2210	Gas & Oil	13,000.00	13,000.00
1050-1300	Overtime	15,000.00	15,000.00

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1060-2220	Tires & Tubes	414.41	414.41
1060-2230	Garage & Motor	214.74	214.74
1060-3310	Training	100.00	100.00
1060-3520	Equipment Repair	600.00	600.00
1060-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	75.00	75.00
To: 1060-2210	Gas & Oil	629.15	629.15
1060-2600	Office Supplies	300.00	300.00
1060-3371	Computer Hardware	475.00	475.00

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1210-2700	Other Supplies	725.00	725.00
To: 1210-4220	Office Machines	725.00	725.00

SUPT. OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1310-3510	Other Operating	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 1310-3530	Contractual Services	1,000.00	1,000.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-3902	Grand Jurors	2,000.00	2,000.00
1360-3903	Petit Jurors	12,400.00	12,400.00
1360-3944	Special Reporter	5,000.00	5,000.00
To: 1360-3260	Law Library Books	14,400.00	14,400.00
1360-4120	Buildings	5,000.00	5,000.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1361-1400-1361	Corrections Officer	1,521.00	1,521.00
To: 1361-1250-1361	Corrections Officer	1,029.00	1,029.00
1361-1260-1361	Corrections Officer	492.00	492.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-3903	Petit Jurors	4,600.00	4,600.00
To: 1370-3250	Law Books	4,000.00	4,000.00
1370-1803-1370	Legal Trans/Pauper	600.00	600.00

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1440-3536	Centre Operating Account	100,000.00	100,000.00
To: 1440-3798	Food Services	100,000.00	100,000.00

LEGAL AID		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1460-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	913.00	913.00
1460-3730	Continuing Education	1,050.00	1,050.00
1460-3680	Malpractice Insurance	990.00	990.00
1460-3000	Bond & Insurance	100.00	100.00
1460-3010	Other Insurance	261.00	261.00
1460-3450	Yellow Pages	69.00	69.00
To: 1460-3410	Printing	3,383.00	3,383.00

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-3315	Court Technology Training	5,000.00	5,000.00
To: 1480-3461	Court Technology	5,000.00	5,000.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-2000	Materials	80,000.00	80,000.00
2030-2230	Garage & Motor	40,000.00	40,000.00

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2030-3520	Equipment Repair	70,000.00	70,000.00
2030-4230	Motor Vehicles	40,000.00	40,000.00
To: 2030-4250	Misc. Equipment	230,000.00	230,000.00

REASSESSMENT/CENTER ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1110-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	2,500.00	2,500.00
2490-1110-3410	Printing	3,500.00	3,500.00
2490-1110-3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	1,000.00	1,000.00
2490-1110-3380	Photo/Blue Prints	1,900.00	1,900.00
To: 2490-1110-4220	Office Machines	8,900.00	8,900.00

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1150-3310	Training	1,000.00	1,000.00
2490-1150-3371	Computer Hardware	504.50	504.50
2490-1150-4210	Office Furniture	500.00	500.00
To: 2490-1150-2600	Office Supplies	1,504.50	1,504.50
2490-1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	500.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Bassemier: No repeals.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: There are no repeals, so we'll move into the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance and first is Burdette Park, I move that we amend salary line 1450-1180 Other Employees as previously adopted. The funds are to be repaid in the General Fund from the Float Stand account. That account number is 3590. Pigeon Assessor/Reassessment salary line 2490-1150-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. County Clerk salary line 1010-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. Community Corrections salary line 1361-1250 Correction Officer as the transfer has been approved. The base salary is \$30,817 with longevity in the amount of \$2,000, and that will be paid in four increments at \$500. This employee is considered cross trained and was originally hired as a Detention Officer in the Jail, bid on the job as a Correction Officer in the Community Corrections department, with an annual salary of \$32,817. And then we also have salary line 1361-1260 Correction Officer as previously approved. Again, this employee has been cross trained and this, according to the union contract, base salary is \$30,817 with a longevity in the amount of \$1,758. This will be paid in three increments at \$500 and one partial increment at \$257.58. The current salary is \$32,575. And Prosecutor, amend the salary ordinance to pay one part-time employee at a rate of up to \$9.00 per hour. This employee will be paid out of their infraction fund. That's all I have

and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p>RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3801 N. GREEN RIVER ROAD CINERGY COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY</p>

President Bassemier: Do we have anything under old business? Okay, new business. We need a motion to approve a resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council confirming the declaration of an economic revitalization area located at 3801 N. Green River Road/Cinergy Communications Company. Do I have a motion and a second?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING FILING DEADLINE

President Bassemier: I just want to remind everyone and set our Council meeting filing date is November 12, 2004.

LUZADA HAYES TASK FORCE TO END HOMELESSNESS IN EVANSVILLE AND VANDERBURGH COUNTY

President Bassemier: I see under new business we have a Miss Hayes from the task force to end homelessness in Evansville and Vanderburgh County. Is she here? Is five or six minutes okay for you?

Luzada Hayes: Yes.

President Bassemier: Okay, Great.

Luzada Hayes: I am Luzada Hayes with the Evansville Coalition for the Homeless, but for the last two years I have been serving as the facilitator of the task force to end homelessness in Evansville and Vanderburgh County. Two years ago we started this process and we attempted to gather a group of a variety of community leaders. So at that time, Councilman Sutton had agreed to serve on our task force, so he has been the County Council representative for this project. So today I just want to, on October 22nd we mailed you a draft of the current plan. I just wanted to update you on where we are with this project and get any feedback you have to take back to the task force so that we can complete this project and hopefully, in 2005, actually begin to end homelessness in Evansville and Vanderburgh County. The draft was made available to you. It was on our website for public comment, so if you have any comments about it I would be glad to take those or answer any questions you might have about the project.

Councilmember Sutton: Luzada, there's been so many people involved with this and

I know you had mentioned the committee but because of the comprehensiveness of time and efforts and energy that has been put into it and how this document has been put together, which is really part of a national effort along this line, I know I'd like to see the final draft of this on the new city/county website for people to be able to see and view exactly what we're doing here in Vanderburgh County and Evansville, Indiana to end homelessness, so people who are from wherever they may be from or if they are here locally, they want to see what we're doing, I think it would be a great example of an organization and community leaders coming together on a common cause and an issue.

Luzada Hayes: Great. We had over 200 participants that was broken up, not only the task force, but we had ten working groups that broke out homelessness in specific, the root causes. The whole premise behind the blueprint is to look at homelessness differently, it's a paradigm shift. We have come to see that homelessness is a normal way of life for some of our residents. I don't believe its normal, and we are creating a second generation of homeless. And the theory behind the blueprint is to actually look at the root causes, address those causes. The problem that we need to address is not homelessness. Homelessness is the result of a variety of other problems. So if we separate out those problems and invest resources in those areas, ultimately, homelessness will reduce because you are addressing each of these individual projects or problems. And that's the theory and method behind the blueprint is to shift, currently, the majority of our services that are being provided are emergency and crises based. The blueprint suggests that we need to invest more in prevention, keeping families from becoming homeless and providing the infrastructure that they need, which the ultimate is affordable housing. And the group that we're targeting is the 30% area median income, or roughly, the people that make \$15,000 and below in this area, are the group that are at risk for homelessness. So it is part of a national model, there is a group out of Washington, D.C., the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Once our draft is finalized it will also be on their website and people all across the country that are interested in this will actually be able to access Evansville's plan. Indianapolis is the only other Indiana entity that has completed a plan. We will be the second in the state of Indiana.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I will make that request to make sure that we get that on our website if that meets the approval of the rest of the body here. I don't know what you guys' thoughts might be, but it would probably be an excellent document for us to have available for the community to see.

Councilmember Winnecke: I think it's a great idea. I think one of the great things that ECHO has done is really reached out to the youth of the community. I mean, the project that you undertook with the Signature School during the Auto Fest was really a great tool to educate the young people about the issue. I think your efforts should be applauded.

Luzada Hayes: Thank you. Any other comments or questions? Okay, well if you do, I remain available and I welcome your input and your involvement hopefully once we begin to implement some of the projects and strategies. Thank you for your time.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Bassemier: Anybody out there like to address the Council? Can I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Ed Bassemier

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

ABSENT
Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council held a special meeting on November 3, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:21 p.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everybody to our November 3rd, 2004 special meeting. Roll call please.

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

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX
ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3801
N. GREEN RIVER ROAD/CINERGY COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY**

President Bassemier: I was asked, before we get started, that when we speak if everyone would turn off their mikes except the one that is speaking. I think they worked on the system and if the mikes aren't all off except the one speaking, it won't carry very well. So, let's get started. We need a motion to approve a preliminary resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council declaring an economic revitalization area for tax abatement for redevelopment of property located at 3801 N. Green River Road, Cinergy Communications Company.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Bassemier: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a second. Any discussion? Now this is a first reading right, Counselor? And the next one afterwards, we need two readings.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, this is the preliminary resolution and then at the regular meeting here we will consider the confirming resolution. So it works sort of that way, but it's a little different.

President Bassemier: Okay, I wanted that on the record. Okay, with no discussion, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes. It passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Bassemier: Do I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Bassemier: That's all.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Ed Bassemier

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

ABSENT
Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

ABSENT
Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

Recorded and transcribed by Teri Lukeman.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2004**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 1st day of December, 2004 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by County Council President Ed Bassemier.

President Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everybody to the December 1st, 2004 County Council meeting. Attendance roll call please.

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

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Bassemier: Okay, I need a motion for approval of the minutes from November 3rd, 2004, special meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Bassemier: Got a motion and a second. Roll call vote please, we'll take them separately.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Okay, I'd like to have a motion for approval of the minutes of November 3rd, 2004 regular meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: I make a motion to approve.

President Bassemier: We have a motion, have we got a second?

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Bassemier: Second on Troy, okay, thank you. Roll call vote on that one, too, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SUPERIOR COURT

President Bassemier: Now we’re going to get into our appropriation ordinance and I’m going to turn that over to our finance chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda today is Superior Court, account 1370-3941 and 1370-3994 for a total request of \$6,692, I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3941	Guardian Ad-Litem	1,000.00	1,000.00
1370-3994	Special/Matching Grants	5,692.00	5,692.00
Total		6,692.00	6,692.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Cum Bridge, 2030-4250 Miscellaneous Equipment in the amount of \$40,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4250	Miscellaneous Equip.	40,000.00	40,000.00
Total		40,000.00	40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next under County Treasurer, account 2490-1030-4220 Office Machines, last week I had asked that the Treasurer go to the Commission and request that through the Contractual Computer account. And she has, in fact, done that and the Commissioners granted that approval Monday night, so I'll move that this be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1030-4220	Office Machines	46,745.00	0
Total		46,745.00	0

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Jim, before you go any farther I just wanted to say that was a good move on your part last week to suggest that, so –

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, he beat me to it and thanks to Z Tuley, the Treasurer, for following through on that. That worked out well.

President Bassemier: Yeah, she followed up right away. She was over there right after the meeting, so I just want to commend you guys. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you very much.

CONVENTION CENTRE OPERATING FUND

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Convention Centre Operating, 3650-3203 Utilities and Electrical. If you recall, there was some discussion on this, that \$50,000 represented bills that won't be payable until January of the new year, so Mr. President, at this time I'm going to move that that be set in at \$25,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I've got a motion and a second to set it in at \$25,000. Any discussion on that? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CONVENTION CENTRE OPERATING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3650-3203	Utilities-Electrical	50,000.00	25,000.00
Total		50,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REPEAL REQUEST

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under – that's it for the appropriations. We have a repeal for Superior Court in the amount of \$6,719. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1311-1370	Bailiff-Trans-Officer	3,077.00	3,077.00
1370-3903	Petit Jurors	3,642.00	3,642.00
Total		6,719.00	6,719.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

- CENTER ASSESSOR

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

CIRCUIT COURT

SUPERIOR COURT

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT

SHERIFF (LATE)
- ELECTION OFFICE

SUPT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

COUNTY COUNCIL

FAMILY & CHILDREN

REASSESSMENT/GERMAN

REASSESSMENT/PERRY

CONVENTION CENTRE OPERATING

ELECTION OFFICE (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last Mr. President, you will see that there is quite a few transfers. If it's okay with the other Councilmembers I'll move that we take all the transfers as listed with one correction. Under Sheriff, this falls under a late transfer, I'll give everyone time to locate that, its on page 5. The very first line under Sheriff 1050-1130-0035, the correct amount should be \$3,742. Just below that, 1050-1210 College Incentive, the correct figure should be \$3,700. And then all other transfers as they are listed –

President Bassemier: Has anybody got a problem taking all of these?

Councilmember Tornatta: I just had one question maybe – I know I am picking on the Election Office, can I ask you a question?

Councilmember Raben: Before we – while you are waiting for her to come up let me amend my motion. Councilman Wortman would like for me to exclude Riverboat from this motion. Has anyone seconded?

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion and a second.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I had a quick question here. There was talk that if we went through a private audit, that there might have to be monies come out, are we not going to do that, go through an audit for legal services? I think this is why this was put over, transferred.

B.J. Farrell: The legal services that I'm asking the money to be transferred into, that was to pay Mr. Shively for his work on the lawsuit that was filed. Its my understanding that's above and beyond what he would normally make as the Election Board attorney. Was that your question?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

B.J. Farrell: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thanks.

President Bassemier: Everybody okay with that then? Troy? Everybody, to take them all together? Okay, do I have a motion and a second? Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

CENTER ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	87.42	87.42
To: 1110-1900	FICA	5.88	5.88
1110-1910	PERF	4.62	4.62
1110-1972	Level II Certification	76.92	76.92

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1210-2700	Other Supplies	852.00	852.00
To: 1210-3610	Legal Services	852.00	852.00

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1240-2810	Drafting Paper	774.00	774.00
1240-3410	Printing	774.00	774.00

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1310-3550	Repair to Bldg & Grounds	12,000.00	12,000.00
1310-4120	Buildings	16,800.00	16,800.00
To: 1310-3530	Contractual Services	28,800.00	28,800.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-3130	Travel/Mileage	500.00	500.00
1360-3723	Psychological Eval.	800.00	800.00
1360-3903	Petit Jurors	300.00	300.00
To: 1360-2270	Juror Meals/Lodging	600.00	600.00
1360-2610	Copy Machine Supply	500.00	500.00
1360-3620	Copy Machine Lease	500.00	500.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1361-1750	Clothing Allowance	3,655.00	3,655.00
1361-1400-1361	Correction Officer	3,420.00	3,420.00
1361-1980	Other Pay	1,895.00	1,895.00
To: 1361-1530	Shift Differential	700.00	700.00
1361-1950	Educational Fund	66.00	66.00
1361-1390-1361	Correction Officer	2,397.00	2,397.00
1361-1430-1361	Correction Officer	2,899.00	2,899.00
1361-1460-1361	Correction Officer	2,889.00	2,889.00
1361-1260-1361	Correction Officer	19.00	19.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-3903	Petit Jurors	30.00	30.00
To: 1370-1803	Legal Trans/Pauper	30.00	30.00

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-1920	Insurance	68,190.00	68,190.00
To: 1480-1971	Accrued Payments	60,000.00	60,000.00
1480-1900	FICA	4,590.00	4,590.00
1480-1910	PERF	3,600.00	3,600.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4725	Darmstadt Rd. Culvert #1286	30,000.00	30,000.00
To: 2030-4733	Schaeffer Rd. Culvert #1385	30,000.00	30,000.00

FAMILY & CHILDREN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2042-32600	Adoption Service	12,500.00	12,500.00
To: 2042-30090	Child Welfare Service	12,500.00	12,500.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2160-4328	Mt. Pleasant Road	175,000.00	175,000.00
2160-4827	Lynch Road Extension	175,000.00	175,000.00
To: 2160-4741	Eickhoff-Koressel Road	350,000.00	350,000.00

REASSESSMENT/GERMAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1120-3540	Maintenance Contract	33.20	33.20
2490-1120-3410	Printing	198.72	198.72
2490-1120-4220	Office Machines	44.02	44.02
To: 2490-1120-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	33.20	33.20
2490-1120-3130	Travel/Mileage	242.74	242.74

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1130-3530	Contractual Services	375.00	375.00
2490-1130-1920	Insurance	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 2490-1130-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	375.00	375.00
2490-1130-1930	Unemployment	1,000.00	1,000.00

REASSESSMENT/PERRY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1140-3310	Training	600.00	600.00
2490-1140-3410	Printing	600.00	600.00
To: 2490-1140-2600	Office Supplies	1,200.00	1,200.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2600-2720	Lab Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 2600-3530	Contractual Services	1,000.00	1,000.00

CONVENTION CENTRE OPERATING FUND		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 3650-3205	Utilities-Gas	19,000.00	19,000.00
To: 3650-3203	Utilities-Electrical	19,000.00	19,000.00

LATE TRANSFERS

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0035	Deputy Sheriff	3,642.00	3,742.00
To: 1050-1130-0051	Deputy Sheriff	14.00	14.00
1050-1130-0072	Deputy Sheriff	14.00	14.00
1050-1130-0096	Deputy Sheriff	14.00	14.00
1050-1210	College Incentive	3,600.00	3,700.00

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1210-2700	Other Supplies	4,020.00	4,020.00
1210-3410	Printing	9,700.00	9,700.00
To: 1210-1130	Absentee Teams	2,250.00	2,250.00
1210-1210	Ballot Aides	1,470.00	1,470.00
1210-3130	Travel/Mileage	500.00	500.00
1210-1120-1210	Election Assistant	8,000.00	8,000.00
1210-1900	FICA	1,500.00	1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RIVERBOAT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I don't think you heard me, you were working on something else. I excluded Riverboat from that motion, so I'll now move that we accept the Riverboat transfer as listed.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Bassemier: Okay, I have a motion and a second. Thank you, Jim. Any discussion on that?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, the reason I have a problem with that, they have access or did have access to the Barrett law like everybody else, and I don't know why the taxpayers should do this. Although Riverboat could be used for economic development or something of that nature as far as I'm concerned, we might need it. But originally, \$230,000 was set aside for this. We could have used that money instead it spending it for a certain amount of people. To me, that's not fair to the people that did the Barrett Law, they have access to it.

President Bassemier: Okay, anybody else?

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Wortman, can you kind of explain what you were sharing there because maybe I am catching it in the middle of it, I know that there were – are you saying that there are some that did not participate in the Barrett

Law, is that what you are saying?

Councilmember Wortman: No, anybody that had a problem went to the Commissioners and the Barrett Law, they pursued it, so they went through the Barrett Law to process that through there. They pay so much for so many years to get the sewer extended. These people here were just ten people. They had access but they didn't use the Barrett Law, that's my argument.

Councilmember Sutton: Now I understand.

President Bassemier: Okay. Roll call vote then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1490-3112	Infrastructure/ Drainage	40,000.00	40,000.00
To: 1490-3114	Jobes Lane Project	40,000.00	40,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next we have Amendments to the Salary Ordinance and there is quite a few of them. First under Community Corrections, I move that we amend the following salary lines in the 2004 budget book and set in as follows: 1361-1260 Correction Officer in the amount of \$29,683; 1361-1390 Correction

Officer \$30,817; 1361-1430 Correction Officer at \$30,817; 1361-1460 Correction Officer at \$33,327; and also amend salary line 1361-1530 Shift Differential as previously adopted. Under County Council salary line 1480-1971 Accrued Termination Pay as previously adopted, setting that line in at \$60,000. Armstrong Assessor, amend the 2005 salary ordinance line 1100-1110 setting salary in at \$3,571; German Assessor, same thing, amend salary ordinance line number 1120-1110 setting that salary at \$10,780; Scott Assessor, amend salary, the 2005 salary ordinance line number 1160-1110 setting that salary at \$10,780; Union Assessor, amend the 2005 Salary Ordinance line number 1170-1110 setting that salary at \$3,571. And under Sheriff, move that we amend the following salary lines as previously adopted and the transfer that we just approved which is 1050-1130-051 at \$39,344; 1050-1130-072 at \$39,344; 1050-1130-096 at \$39,344. And last, under Sheriff/Community Corrections, amend salary ordinance to allow the Sheriff in the Community Corrections department account 136Y-1990 to pay a maximum of four employees up to \$8.50 an hour. That's all I have and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Tornatta: I've got a question real quick. Were the additions to the Assessors an upgrade on the salary for the \$500?

Councilmember Raben: If you recall during budgets, they weren't actually given anything because \$500 would be excessive for those amounts. So these bring it down – they are based at about 2½ to 3%.

Councilmember Tornatta: We went up that amount for them?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I mean, again, if we would have given a \$500 pay increase to those salaries it would have been –

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, some of them showed that they got nothing, so this shows they get something.

Councilmember Raben: This corrects that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thank you.

President Bassemier: Okay, I've got 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Bassemier: Okay, moving into Old Business, and before we go any farther, I just want to apologize, I'm a little late in the game here but I want to welcome our new Councilman Goebel there. Welcome to our staff here, our Council, and I know you'll do well. So I apologize, I didn't introduce you the first go around. Anything you want to say or –

Councilmember Goebel: Well, Ed, thank you. Is this thing on?

President Bassemier: Just flip it.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you, and it certainly is down to business right away and I appreciate that. I do feel honored to be here, be part of this County Council and to represent the people of Vanderburgh County. I think it's a privilege to work with the people on this board, to work with Vanderburgh County. I know we have challenging times ahead and I really feel that we're going to overcome those. I feel very optimistic about the future of our county not just for us but for our children and I want to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome and for being accessible. I hope to do my very best to represent the people of Vanderburgh County just like you. So back to business, Ed.

President Bassemier: Thank you, sir, very much.

Councilmember Tornatta: And he knows that's only for the first couple of meetings.

<p>EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENT</p>
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President Bassemier: Okay, anything under Old Business? Okay, under New Business, every year we do this, Evansville-Vanderburgh County Building Authority Board of Trustees appointment, and I'd like to, as President, make a recommendation of Pam Gallagher. I'd like to have a motion and a second on that.

Councilmember Wortman: I'd like to make a motion we approve her.

Councilmember Raben: And I'll second.

President Bassemier: I know she's served on it this year and I understand she wants to serve on it again, so I have a motion and a second. Let's take a roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>FILING DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY 5, 2005 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING</p>
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President Bassemier: Okay, under New Business again, for the filing date, January 5, 2005 County Council meeting filing date will be December the 2nd, 2004. Sandie, would you send a letter?

Sandie Deig: We already have.

President Bassemier: Okay, you did? Okay, that's done.

<p>TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE</p>
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President Bassemier: Rob Schaefer from DMD, tax abatements for the compliances. I know we've got one problem but...

Rob Schaefer: Rob Schaefer, DMD. Annually, the Council has to sign off on the compliance forms for tax abatement and I have them here in my hand and I prepared a spreadsheet for you. I think that you've got it. And the only one that is below the 90% in job creation is Graham Packaging. They're at 75%. You talked

to them last year and you requested that they send a letter and kind of update you on the progress. And the letter that I received, they are up to 42 employees and then I called them on November 11th, and they were up to 46. He said that they would probably would get up to 48 employees by the end of the year so if you'd like to not sign that one and ask them to come in and speak to you, you could or we could sign that one and basically say they're in compliance. It just depends on how you want to handle it.

President Bassemier: Royce?

Councilmember Sutton: Rob, I know in the past we have brought companies in and for the most part, we've got relatively strong compliance across the board, but I know I'd be interested in hearing Graham Packaging come in. I know they still are very young in the infancy stage and getting ramped up, but you know we have made a pretty significant investment as far as Vanderburgh County is concerned. And if they can update us on their progress that would be extremely helpful. Now they have been, they are in compliance related to the equipment investment, so they're okay there. I also wanted to add, Indiana Tube, you know, they are at 97% on the job creation side, so pretty good there, but on the equipment investment, they were below 70% there. So if there were some unusual circumstances that arose, some different things, I know I'd like to at least hear that since they're below compliance in two areas on this particular, on the worksheet.

Rob Schaefer: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: I'm sorry. Troy?

Councilmember Tornatta: I would like to hear about the equipment on Indiana Tube as well. However, I do have an explanation for Graham Packaging for some of their issues. Of course, they are working strongly with Bristol-Myers, one of the reasons they came in town. I talked to a contact over there at Bristol-Myers who has the development for the project that they're working with. He said that they were supposed to do a larger bottle; that larger bottle is not going to be in any of the future plans and was not supposed to be set up at that time which took out a line; therefore, we're kind of – are we banging Graham Packaging at this point or are we banging Bristol-Myers, and so as far as I'm concerned, they are trying to ramp up numbers doing other things and bringing other business to this community and not necessarily relying on what Bristol-Myers brought to them. So that's kind of why some of those numbers have slacked, but even so they still tell me that they're going to bring some of those numbers up. So I think that's what they're going to tell you at this point and that was my last conversation.

Councilmember Winnecke: So are you saying that Bristol-Myers is saying they're never going to be at that number?

Councilmember Tornatta: Bristol-Myers told them that they will not handle one of the volume lines that they were supposed to come in here and provide. So they kind of told Graham to find some more business to put in that space. So we're kind of giving tax abatement to Bristol-Myers, but Graham Packaging is the front man.

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, Bristol-Myers doesn't own the property. And we're not giving an abatement to Bristol-Myers.

Rob Schaefer: I think what he's saying is –

Councilmember Winnecke: I understand where he's coming from but I don't think that its right that they are getting the abatement.

Rob Schaefer: No, Graham is getting the abatement. I think maybe you might have meant that Graham is so reliant on what Bristol-Myers is doing, they almost have their hands tied.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, that was the reason for the location.

Rob Schaefer: Yeah. Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: And so I think that they know exactly what's going on as far as – I think Bristol has a real good idea why they're not at some of those numbers but in looking at what Graham has done, they've went and it forced them to bring in more business to this area and I think we might even see some other numbers coming down the pipe once some production starts to pick up.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would say, Mr. President, in light of – I mean, I think its great information to have, I mean, I think it would be interesting to hear from a representative of Bristol as well.

President Bassemier: Anybody got a problem with it?

Councilmember Tornatta: I can make that contact.

President Bassemier: Well, great.

Councilmember Raben: Other than, I guess –

President Bassemier: What's everybody's pleasure? You want to bring them in here are you saying next week – I'm sorry, the counselor needs to say something.

Jeff Ahlers: One of the things that I wanted to address just to make sure – to understand whether you're just wanted to informally call them in or whether under statute we need to send them notice that this is a hearing, a show cause hearing if you want, because under the statute, you know, we'd need to take a vote that there's been an initial finding that they're not in substantial compliance with their statement of benefits and that therefore, they're being called in on a hearing to show cause why, and then you know how we went through that procedure in the past. Or whether what you're doing here is, you don't want an official hearing so to speak because what we've done with some in the past, you're just asking them to come in and speak with you. So just so that he knows what kind of notice to send and then like I said, if you're wanting it to be an official hearing we probably need to have a motion indicating what the initial determination has been.

President Bassemier: Are you suggesting that they need to go ahead and have an official motion to get them in here? Is that your –

Jeff Ahlers: No, I'm not making any recommendation. I guess I'm just asking, I mean, I would make a recommendation after receiving the clarification as to what your intent is. I don't know what the intent of this body is, whether we're just saying we're not really wanting a show cause hearing at this time, we're just wanting to come in and you know, have them talk to us, or whether we're actually going to have

a show cause hearing. Because then by statute, we have to make a motion that there's been an initial determination that they're not in compliance with their statement of benefits and that they're hereby notified that they must appear for a hearing on X date, whenever our next meeting is, to show cause why their abatement shouldn't be terminated and then you question them then. I mean, we've done it both ways. I'm just wanting you to understand that if you're wanting it to be an official hearing where you have the right to vote to terminate, you know, their abatement, we need to send them the appropriate notice and make the appropriate motion now. If that's not your intent, we don't.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is this document supposed to be signed this year or January? Can it be signed in January?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, actually, I don't think we have to sign anything, technically. I mean, they continue to get the abatement until we revoke it, legally. Now maybe for your internal paperwork, I don't know if you have something. But by statute, as far as I know, the only thing that's ever been done is they get the abatement until we revoke it at one of these hearings, which I don't know, we may have done that on one occasion or something. I mean, we've had the hearings and called a lot of them in, but I can only think of maybe one or two occasions over the past eight years that I've been your attorney that we've actually revoked it. So anyway, I just wanted to make sure that you remembered the protocol if that's your intent.

Councilmember Raben: Rob, what's the date on the initial abatement, where we granted the abatement?

Rob Schaefer: For Graham?

Councilmember Winnecke: 2001.

Rob Schaefer: 2001.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, is there a date on that outside of the year? Early 2001, late 2001?

Rob Schaefer: Yeah, I don't know.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. And that would have – I mean...

Rob Schaefer: They applied...no, it doesn't show it.

Councilmember Raben: That would have been probably prior to the start of construction. Well, in fact, it would have been, wouldn't it?

Rob Schaefer: It should have been.

Councilmember Raben: I guess my question is, what is our real intent here? They've probably, after the construction, you know, allowing for the construction, they probably have been in operation for I would say less than two years. You know, they made a substantial investment in good faith based on what Bristol's or the information that Bristol-Myers had supplied to them. I don't think that they're probably not doing everything they possibly can to develop new clients, new business to make up for that not only for the sake of the abatement that's been granted, but for their own well being, so I don't know that maybe we may be a little premature here in calling them in at this point but I'm one of seven here. I think we

may need to allow themselves more time to work on, you know, replacing this business.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, given that this is generally the time period when we look at this, I don't think we should view this process as a call on the carpet type of situation. I think, if anything, that because they came before a public body and they requested support and that public body provided that support. In those documents they ask for certain things and there are certain things that they are going to do. And if there are some problems that have come up along the way in between being able to carry those out, this would be an opportunity for them to respond. We just got this sheet here, you know, that kind of lays out where they are and it may not tell the whole story. And I think since they are in a situation where their business has really been put in a public light, they need to publically respond to any challenges or opportunities that may – so I don't think we should look at it as a negative, in other words, is what I'm trying to say.

Councilmember Raben: I understand your point and I think its reasonable.

Councilmember Winnecke: I guess I have mixed feelings. I'd have to go back and look at the minutes from when we discussed this a year ago, but I'm fairly confident that we heard a lot of the same points although at that point I don't think Bristol had told them that the line would not be – they would not need what they initially contracted them to do. I think at that point it was, the project was going to be delayed and Graham came before our body and told us we are looking for other means of revenue. So I guess my question would be, you know, they may have the best of intentions, I don't doubt that, but how long will we give them to keep finding new means of business? I agree with Councilman Sutton, I mean, they did come before our body seeking public assistance and I think its only right that they come back and answer in a public fashion.

Councilmember Tornatta: And one other comment. I'm worried right now about if a company does not allocate all of the equipment that they said they were going to, because obviously, without equipment, it might be hard to put jobs in place so I mean, that's really one of my concerns at this point to make sure that at least they get the equipment that they say – at least get the level of equipment that they promised us.

President Bassemier: Counselor?

Jeff Ahlers: The only thing is, if it would be your intent to hold a hearing to determine whether to revoke the abatement, if you're wanting to do it for the next tax year, I'd have to look at the statute, but that does have to be done like in the first 45 days or something of the year because that's when the determination is made. And I don't know, Bill, if you know what that date is, otherwise I can look in the statute, but if you want to take official action, then again, you don't have to decide that until you hear what they have to say, but if you want it to be an official hearing it would need to be done shortly after the first of the year at some point, I think its within 45 or 60 days because shortly thereafter, I think, is the deadline to determine your tax rate for that property. Is that right?

Bill Fluty: Well, we're preparing for the 2005 billing and this is just part of the process, whether they do or don't get an abatement will determine their bill. So that's what we're after right now.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I think its your call. I mean, –

President Bassemier: Well, I was just kind of thinking we maybe just ought to call them in and hear them out. Ask them some questions just on the record before we vote on – anybody can make a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: I second that.

President Bassemier: Everybody okay with that?

Councilmember Wortman: Just for information, I think –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Wortman: I wanted to ask another question. There was another building that was built out there last year, it was from St. Louis, and we haven't heard nothing on them. Is that Precision Plastics?

Rob Schaefer: Are you talking about out at VIP? Vanderburgh Industrial Park?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, how they're doing. That building was setting there for a long time.

Rob Schaefer: I don't know. Its still empty, isn't it?

Councilmember Tornatta: They did not come.

Councilmember Wortman: Woodward –

Rob Schaefer: Oh, I know who you are talking about. That plastics – what was – I can't remember the name right now. Yeah, they go – I think they're in Warrick County.

Jeff Ahlers: Perfect Choice?

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Wortman: No, they built a building out there. Woodward courted her. This lady come in here.

Rob Schaefer: Perfect Choice didn't build it, though, Woodward –

Councilmember Sutton: They didn't come.

Councilmember Tornatta: There was a building built out there but it was a spec building so nobody is in that at this point.

Councilmember Wortman: All I remember is they were going to move their business from St. Louis over here. And the building has been sitting there and that's the reason – okay, thank you.

Rob Schaefer: So what are we going to do? Is it informal or formal?

President Bassemier: Well, I think we've got informal.

Rob Schaefer: Because if its formal we're going to have to –

Jeff Ahlers: You know what you might want to consider would be, I don't know what the date of the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting is this month, whether you would want to bring them in informally then which still gives you enough time if there is something that concerns you to then make your motion or to put them on notice to come in sometime in January while you still have time if you want to take official action versus maybe if they come in in January you get a little more pressed on time. If you don't see that there's any way that anybody thinks they're going to make a motion to revoke then it doesn't matter, just you can call them in like anybody else and if an informal question and answer, but I just wanted to make sure he knew that to have the ability to do that, there are certain statutory notices we have to give if you want the ability to take action.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would think we'd want to keep our options open. I like the idea of having them at our Personnel & Finance Committee meeting on the 15th and if we hear something that's a red flag, we can decide whether to have a formal hearing at a later meeting.

President Bassemier: Everybody okay with that?

President Bassemier: Rob, you got that?

Councilmember Goebel: Can I ask a question?

President Bassemier: Yeah, I'm sorry, Mike.

Councilmember Goebel: Point of clarification for me, I know you have more background in this, but Graham Packaging has projected 22.2 million in equipment and they have now met or they have already put in 24 million? That means they're operating in good faith according to this body, is that correct?

President Bassemier: We're going to determine –

Councilmember Goebel: So they are, within the three year period they are trying to keep up with their end of the bargain? I'm just asking.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right. No, I think that's a fair question and generally companies make an investment commitment and an employment commitment to meet the standards for an abatement.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, they're already 110% at the equipment compliance or over, but the employees, they need to work on. Thank you very much.

President Bassemier: Okay. Good question, Mike.

Councilmember Sutton: Are we going to go ahead and act on this or put it on the agenda?

President Bassemier: Well, we can call a vote on it if you want to, but we just decided it was going to be an informal meeting at our Personnel & Finance or we can make a recommendation then. Is that okay with everyone?

Councilmember Sutton: That's fine with me.

Rob Schaefer: That's December 15th? Is that the meeting you're talking about?

President Bassemier: Yes, that's correct.

Jeff Ahlers: You will notify them then to come in. So its Graham Packaging and Indiana Tube, is that what I'm understanding? Okay. And then Troy, I guess, was going to call somebody at Bristol?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'll take care of it.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to ask, just related to this whole topic and discussion, and in light of some of the things that have transpired with a couple of companies here locally that have received tax abatement and ultimately for one reason or another had to go out of business, how do we track the financial soundness of a company? If they're meeting, you know, the things that we see here on job creation, investment, they're doing fine there, how do we know how that company is doing just in terms of just the financial fitness from an overall standpoint? Do we have anything that we track or that they provide for us that can give us an opportunity to gauge how they're doing?

Rob Schaefer: No.

Councilmember Sutton: That's something we maybe ought to take a look at down the road because, I mean, as we see here most of the companies are doing very well and some are doing extremely well and meeting all the requirements that we asked for but that really doesn't tell the story in terms of how the company's health, what it might actually be and we may want to look at putting something together that gives us a regular report or a gauge on all the companies that we provide tax abatement to, something that speaks to their financial health so in case they are getting into trouble we won't read in the newspaper that the company is, you know, rolling up out of town or something like that.

Rob Schaefer: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm not, the only problem I have with that is somebody is going to read those forms and somebody has got to go through their pro forma. I don't know if anybody is qualified to do that in your office but they'd have to rely on us and I don't know if that's a good spot for us to be in. Could we not go ahead and maybe look at doing some type of bonding or some type of issue that they could take a policy out on if they don't commit, and if they don't make their tax abatement on the monies due then they would have to bond that amount. And maybe that would be a better idea than to try and go through a pro forma?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, I understand your point there, the only thing is if you've got a company that's going under, are they really going to keep their commitment to any type of bonding, are they really going to be able to do anything to really redress what the county has provided if they can't even make payroll? You know?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm saying they have to take out a bond when they take out a tax abatement, so at that point, it would be taken care of or it would go away. Its like a performance bond but its not called that.

Councilmember Wortman: Performance bond is what you're –

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, its not called that, I've checked on it.

Councilmember Wortman: But that's an expensive thing to put it on a company, though.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, its one of the give and take issues that we need to look at to have protection so that we know that we're going to get our money in the end as opposed to a Roundy's, which they took the tax abatement and ran. There's no money coming out of them.

Councilmember Wortman: If they'd exceed that, you know, the company might say just abandon tax abatement, too, see –

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't think its going to – I mean, think about it. How much could it actually cost to get insurance in different areas for that? Would it be worth it to them instead of paying taxes?

Councilmember Wortman: It's something to think about.

Councilmember Tornatta: It is something to look into just to see. I haven't gotten any numbers back, I'm still checking on it.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay.

President Bassemier: So its going to be informal and you'll notify them?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, still, I'd like for you to follow up on my idea, too. I mean, I think Councilman Tornatta has a good idea about – at least give some thought to how we can regularly gauge the financial soundness of the companies that we're providing abatement for.

Rob Schaefer: Okay.

President Bassemier: Thank you, Rob.

Rob Schaefer: Okay, so can I get these signed then, the ones that are okay and give them to Teri?

President Bassemier: Is that okay with everybody, the ones that are okay? Okay. And Jim, you were going to take the last one?

<p>RESOLUTION AMENDING I.C. 6-9-2.5-7.7 TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR DEPOSITING FUNDS INTO THE CONVENTION CENTRE OPERATING FUND</p>

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, Mr. President, briefly before we adjourn, this was brought up last week at our Personnel & Finance meeting which I felt was an excellent idea but Councilman Sutton had made mention of the resolution that we passed back in August in regards to the two cents that is now coming into the county through the Innkeeper's Tax that's used to offset the operational end of The Centre. He felt that it would possibly be a good idea to reaffirm that resolution. Basically, everyone was given a copy that was prepared this week by our legal counsel and basically its states everything that the one in August stated. Nothing really more or nothing less. And again, its just to reaffirm our position on our stance and the

importance that that two cent tax continue to come to Vanderburgh County to offset that operation for the next five years. Its my understanding that there's a push by the Convention Board members to ask the legislature to rescind this tax and extend it to them for other projects. And I don't think there's a greater need right now on behalf of the county than –

President Bassemier: Jim, hold that thought please.

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Councilmember Raben: But again, I think everybody understands how critical it is that that two cents stays intact at least for the next five years and I would only ask, Mr. President, that you would make sure that a copy of this resolution, if passed and signed, gets in the hands or is mailed to all the local legislators so they're aware, again, that we've passed this resolution. So with that being said I'm going to make a motion –

President Bassemier: Did you hear that? How many are there?

Sandie Deig: Pardon me?

President Bassemier: Did you get that? Are you going to send them all a letter?

Councilmember Raben: Well, that would be Representative Vaneta –

President Bassemier: Okay, so you've got that?

Councilmember Raben: So I'm going to move that we adopt the resolution for the Indiana General Assembly to amend I.C. 6-9-2.5-7.7 to extend the expiration date for depositing funds into the Convention Centre Operating Fund with this resolution number 2004 CO.R-12-04-022. That's my motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Bassemier: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion on that? Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Wortman: I guess, I've talked to some people over at the Convention, there's two sides of this story. One is, I guess, that concerns me is the Centre over there doing everything they can to get out of the red? I guess that's my question. And I'm just concerned about that. Now I know we're in a financial crisis and all this and which is not good, but we've got to go along with this or I guess I do, but at the same time, is the Centre over there doing whatever they can to get out of the red? That's what I'm wondering about.

Councilmember Tornatta: They will always be in the red.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, they –

Councilmember Tornatta: Always.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, yeah, but –

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, that's just –

Councilmember Wortman: We've got to lower it or do something. We can't go on and keep fronting, we've got Burdette Park out there that only brings in half, you know, we just can't fund these white elephants all the time in plain words is what I call them. Somebody has got to be efficient here.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, and I understand what you're saying but from being in government and seeing how things work, there are services that we provide for constituents in Vanderburgh County that we provide the service. And we don't ask them to pay for that and we count their taxpayer dollars toward funding these entities. And this is just one of them. The parks are – we don't ask people to pay a dollar every time they use a swing. So I think that we see that there are certain things that we ask them to pay for. Should they get lean over there at that Centre and should they be more responsible? Yeah, and I think they're working toward making their selves more responsible entities in this community. However, its something that we have to look at and we have to fund and we have this mechanism set in place to fund this project and I really think that with how the county budget looks, that we need to keep this in place.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know if we've ever really taken the time – I know the CVB probably has some numbers to show the impact of the convention and tourism business that is generated in our community by the use of the Centre, and I think the dollars and how they are recycled back in our community, I think that really would be helpful for us. And I think we all agree, it is an expensive facility, expensive operation, but if we did not have that facility operational, if it wasn't open for that, it would be a sure loss to this community if we didn't have that. I know I'd like to see the numbers improved and perhaps maybe that's a topic of discussion that can be taken up by the Commissioners or the new Commissioners that come on in 2005 and how we can improve that or increase the number of shows or go back and take a look at the present agreement, but as it stands right now, we really do need those dollars to keep that building operational by using the Innkeeper's Tax, we really do need that right now. So if we don't have that, granted we aren't the ones that ultimately are going to make that decision, but hopefully they can look at the local leaders, the ones who are charged with the responsibility of trying to create some things and they will be supportive of what we're trying to do here. So with that said, hopefully this resolution at least sends some message there's some support there, and I would also ask – I'm going to speak with the Commissioners and see if they likewise could put together a similar resolution that lends credence to more than one body thinking along the lines of what we need to do here.

Councilmember Wortman: Another thing is, to me, all those people are down at the Pagoda. They belong over at the Centre here, to me. That's a waste of money down there. To me, they belong over at the Centre. That's their operation. That's what they concentrate and try to develop is tourism through the Centre. That's their main draw. And they could get rid of that thing or rent it or do something. That's another expense, to me that they could cut back. There's a lot of things they could do to be more efficient.

Councilmember Raben: I'm glad you made that statement because I was going to ask that you pose that question. I know I have but you had made the statement, is the management team that is responsible for operating the Centre doing all they can? And I would ask you to pose that question to the Convention & Visitors Bureau, are they doing all that they can to see that we're filling that facility up and bringing in more attractions. So they themselves are partly responsible for what we're finding or what many people are finding as the fault of the management company, and that's simply not so. They're both at fault.

President Bassemier: We've got a motion, do we have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Ed? I'm going to ask that the Commissioners, if they can get their resolution on their agenda for Monday to grant some support for what we're trying to do here.

President Bassemier: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Bassemier?

President Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, there's one other business matter that we do need to address and this was asked by the County Commissioners at their meeting a month ago, they had asked that I address an issue in regards to the enhanced 911 fund and the 35 cents that we collect on the phone bills. Here again there is a push by another body to make changes, possibly strip that away from us and it's a push through the legislature to allow the city to quietus that money into their coffers. Again, with all the balls that we have in the air and all we have on our plate, you know, that would have an impact of roughly 7 to 900,000 dollars a year on our budget should that happen. I think the County Commissioners are waiting for some direction from us as to what action we want them to take. Again, I'd like to make a motion that we overture them to fight to continue or the continuation of the 911 funds to be quietused to the County General fund be used towards the operation and capital improvements of the Central Dispatch.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Is there a way that we could put this off until the 15th to get some more information? I've got a couple of calls, was going to meet with the Mayor's office just to see exactly what the thought process was on – I mean, I guess I know some of the ideas but I'd like to see what type of things the city is going to pick up if we let them have those funds and then what we're going to get in return. I mean, that's the only thing –

Councilmember Raben: I'd say you're probably not going to get what you've been accustomed to, for sure, or they wouldn't – I mean, if they're wanting it put in their coffers, you're going to get less than you're getting today and that's the important thing here. As far as waiting until the 15th, I don't really know what the Commissioners' schedule looks like – I don't know how many more meetings they're going to have for the rest of the year, but they asked that we give them some sense of direction as to what our stance is in regards to this matter, so I really see it quite urgent that we take action today if possible.

President Bassemier: I tell you what, I'd kind of like to hear them out, too, but we've got a motion and a second, but I'd like to hear where they're coming from myself. I've received some calls on it, too.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President?

President Bassemier: I was going to say, I've got a motion, I'll hear it but I've got a motion and a second, anybody else got any discussion? We're going to vote on it.

Councilmember Wortman: If I understand it right, now the 911, we pay the lowest in the state, 35 cents, right?

Councilmember Tornatta: Is it 35 or 25?

Councilmember Wortman: Its 35. Okay, and I understand, I got calls probably like everybody else, they'd like to raise it up say maybe a minimum of 80 cents. Of course, as conservative as I am, I don't want to go over 35 cents. We know that. The idea is that way, it would pay for the city and the county, the way I understand it, if you get it up there to 80. But some of them in Indianapolis, I forget what that it, its way up there. But that's the only thing, what they're trying to do, see, but its another tax, its adding to the tax and I'm against that. But I just thought I'd throw that out as information.

Councilmember Tornatta: My biggest concern is, are the city taxpayers getting hit twice and, of course, that's part of my district is dealing with city as well, so that's probably my main goal is to find out what the Mayor and the City Council plans on doing, trying to figure out how the county comes out in the end, but looking at everybody on the whole, and the city, if they're paying twice for that same bill, you know, we want to try and not – we don't want to double tax everybody and so that's my –

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, the city is using their two-thirds, the way I understand it and the county a third, see, they've got all these other entities on their tower, see, out there, and that's the way I understand it. So that's why it was divided up two-thirds and a third, see.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, let's do this, if we can, let's – and this would

be at your pleasure, let's appoint three people to work with the Commissioners. I'm sure they'll probably have at least three more meetings between now and the end of the year. Lets be firm with a deadline as to when we'll get back with them. I think, you know, tentatively we ought to plan for a week from today or maybe Thursday of next week to allow time for them to get it on an agenda for one of their last final meetings.

Jeff Ahlers: One of the things that you can do is, I mean, if you vote on this resolution and pass it if there's any information that you come up with that changes your opinion, you can always amend it or pass a new motion if that's what you want to do.

Councilmember Raben: This wasn't a resolution, this was an overture, basically.

Jeff Ahlers: Ah, okay.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, let me withdraw my motion. And I, again, I'd only ask that you would assign three people to work with the Commissioners over the course of the next seven or eight days.

Councilmember Winnecke: And I'll withdraw my second.

President Bassemier: Okay, thank you, sir. Troy, would you like to be one of them? Curt, are you wanting to volunteer?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, I'd just like some information. Now if we take away one cent over at the Centre and then this here 911, if I recall, that's going to be about a million, eight hundred thousand dollars we've got to make up and we just don't have it, in plain words. So I think that's very good information to keep that in mind while we're discussing this and tossing it around.

President Bassemier: Alright, sir. Jim, would you like to – okay, Jim and...okay, we've got three now.

Jeff Ahlers: Just one thing. Mr. Tornatta, I don't, I mean, I can give you a copy of the statute, I don't know in terms of you talking about the city being double taxed, I mean, I think it's the same regardless of if you're city or county. I mean, they just charge a rate per line.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, but understand it goes into our – that money that they spend goes into the county coffers.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, but then that's used to reduce –

Councilmember Tornatta: The city has to come up with additional money to pay for their side, which comes out of county tax dollars. So the person in the city that uses the phone pays in and then when they get billed on their city taxes, they pay in again because they have to take care of their portion of the 911.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, except for –

Councilmember Tornatta: And what we need to see is, is there any way to get that issue worked out that compromises both sides or that stays the same? I'm not opposed to doing it like we've done it because we've also taken care of a lot of the extra expenditures through the county, where if they needed upgrades or if they

needed other things out there at the headquarters, we would take care of that. But on the other side of it, is that the best way that we can use those monies? And that's the mission I'm looking for.

Councilmember Wortman: One more question, you're right, what it is, the city takes that money out of the general fund where we take it out of the 35 cents, the county. That's the difference.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, that everybody paid for. So therefore, city members would actually be paying twice.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, a couple of key points here. All things aren't equal. I mean, the city gets a much larger percent of Riverboat funds than we do. I'm not asking them for more of their money there. Secondly, you brought up a good point as far as capital improvement projects. I ran these numbers last week. I didn't bring them with me today, but it was approximately 1.9 million in capital expenditures that we appropriated from that fund since 2000 for the Central Dispatch Center. So we're already doing more than our share. So we're responsible for one third of the operation and one third of the capital side, and we've put in a lot more than our one third on the capital end of it. So we'll have an opportunity to meet with the Commissioners, Mr. President, and we'll try to work through this.

President Bassemier: Anybody else? John, you got anything you want to say? The gentleman in the back, would you like to say anything? Okay, do I have a motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.)

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