

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of January in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by County Auditor Bill Fluty.

Bill Fluty: Welcome to the County Council 2005 meeting. Madam Secretary, could I have a roll call?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	

Bill Fluty: Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Bill Fluty: The Chair would now entertain a motion for the President of the Vanderburgh County Council.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, I'll move that Councilman Lloyd Winnecke be nominated as President.

Councilmember Wortman: And I second that.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Bill Fluty: I'll turn the meeting over to our new president.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

President Winnecke: At this time we'll move on to election of a Vice President.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move that we nominate Councilman Marsha Abell as Vice President.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL ATTORNEY

President Winnecke: At this time I'd like to make a motion that we reappoint Jeff Ahlers as the Council Attorney. Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND FINANCE CHAIRPERSONS
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President Winnecke: At this time I'd like to appoint the Personnel Chairman and I will appoint Councilman Wortman to that position and appoint Councilman Raben to the position of Finance Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DECEMBER 1, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

President Winnecke: At this time I will hear approval on the minutes from the December 1st meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and do I hear a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

**SHERIFF
JAIL**

President Winnecke: Okay, at this time I would like to turn the appropriations over to the Finance Chair, Jim Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you very much. Mr. President, let me real quick outline a few things as we address the appropriations. And I have already shared my concerns with most of the Councilmembers but I think going in, at least for this January meeting, that its probably best that we, as a body, do not appropriate any General Fund monies until we get our certification back on our 2005 budget. So with that being said I'll begin with the Sheriff's Office and first on the agenda is 1050-1130-0199 on down through 1050-1130-0215. I'll move that those be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I know that today generally is not the day for questions but Chief Deputy Williams did want to discuss a few of these matters and give us an update. I had asked him to give us an update as to how soon and what the plans were in regards to the court screener, so Mr. President, if that's okay, I'd like to call him to the podium.

Eric Williams: Forgive my voice. Chief Deputy Eric Williams for the Sheriff's Office. I did speak with Councilman Raben today realizing that you were probably not going to appropriate funding out of the General Fund for any new positions. We were already behind the eight ball on the Court Screener and the Deputy if that court is to open mid-year, so another one or two months is not going to make a huge difference in how we move forward so we were okay with that. While I am up here, so I don't take all of your time, we realize this is going to be a very trying year and so we're looking forward to working with you on getting the budgets together for the jail, getting the staffing to where it needs to be and we're willing to entertain questions and meetings. I think I am privileged to know who our liaison is going to be and we would like to go on and withdraw our requests for all the 1051 items for the Jail until we have sufficient time to bring our new liaison up to speed and get them on board so that they can help relay that information and our needs to the Council in the appropriate manner. So on behalf of the Sheriff, I'd like to go on and pull all those from the agenda.

President Winnecke: Questions or comments for the Chief Deputy?

Councilmember Raben: I don't really know that this question would be for Eric as much as possibly at some point in time I'd like to see what the real plan is for the screening area, you know, how that's to be designed and what type of effect its going to have on the main corridor through the building here.

Eric Williams: If, in the future, I have a copy of the plans for those changes. The Building Authority may be the appropriate people to address the actual layout. But we did have a hand in laying out the security area of it so that we could make it work as efficiently, but those changes will make a dramatic change to the view of the first floor of the Administration Building. It will be a big change.

Councilmember Raben: Well, it might be, Mr. President, if you wouldn't – it may be your call but I might ask that you would send a letter to –

President Winnecke: I'll send a letter and ask them to come to the next meeting and bring a copy of the plans. Any other questions for the Chief Deputy? Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Prosecutor, I guess I'll go ahead and give a sermon on this one, too, Mr. President, it would be my intent when we do –

President Winnecke: Jim, we did not vote on that.

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

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second on the Sheriff's being set in at zero.

Councilmember Raben: Well, can I amend my motion to also include the Jail, all the 1051 accounts be set in at zero as well?

President Winnecke: He's withdrawn them so...

Councilmember Raben: They still need to be set in.

President Winnecke: Okay. Who made the second?

Teri Lukeman: Curt.

President Winnecke: Curt, is that okay?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Winnecke: Okay. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know if necessarily – like a reason if it gets listed as a withdrawal or its listed in at zero, either way – but I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0199	Part-time Clerk	9,497.00	0.00
1050-1130-0008	Lieutenant	5,600.00	0.00
1050-1130-0053	Deputy Sheriff	161.00	0.00

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1050-1130-0068	Deputy Sheriff	33,393.00	0.00
1050-1130-0091	Deputy Sheriff	33,393.00	0.00
1050-1130-0104	Deputy Sheriff	33,393.00	0.00
1050-1130-0230	Court Screener	26,391.00	0.00
1050-1900	FICA	9,683.00	0.00
1050-1910	PERF	1,452.00	0.00
1050-1911	Sheriff Retirement	7,013.00	0.00
1050-1920	Insurance	40,000.00	0.00
1050-1130-0215	Property Mgmt. Clerk	3,919.00	0.00
Total		203,895.00	0.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1130-0339	Detention Officer	395.00	0.00
1051-1130-0340	Detention Officer	424.00	0.00
1051-1130-0359	Detention Officer	26,898.00	0.00
1051-1130-0360	Detention Officer	26,898.00	0.00
1051-1130-0361	Detention Officer	26,898.00	0.00
1051-1130-0362	Detention Officer	26,898.00	0.00
1051-1130-0363	Detention Officer Supv	29,359.00	0.00
1051-1130-0364	Detention Officer Supv	29,359.00	0.00
1051-1130-0365	Detention Officer Supv	29,359.00	0.00
1051-1130-0366	Detention Officer Supv	29,359.00	0.00
1051-1130-0367	Detention Officer Supv	29,359.00	0.00
1051-1130-0368	Jail Clerk	22,567.00	0.00
1051-1130-0369	Jail Clerk	22,567.00	0.00
1051-1130-0403	Nurse	34,230.00	0.00
1051-1900	FICA	25,532.00	0.00
1051-1910	PERF	18,357.00	0.00
1051-1950	Teamsters Ed. Fund	1,144.00	0.00
Total		379,603.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, under the Prosecutor, if you recall back in December at our prior meeting we had discussed this somewhat in depth. This request is part of a matching grant. There were two employees, two Deputy Prosecutors, one was being picked up by the grant side, the County General side.

It would be my intent when we do begin appropriating money from our General Fund that we would go ahead and continue this individual. But for now I'm going to move that we set this in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: I believe at the Personnel & Finance meeting last month when we mentioned or had discussions about this particular position, there was a timing situation and I don't know if the Prosecutor wants to speak to it, that if we didn't act on this and those persons would lose their jobs, so if we're maybe waiting until March, this gap here, I don't know if we end up losing these staff members here. Can you speak to that, Stan?

Stan Levco: Stan Levco, I'm Prosecuting Attorney. I would prefer to have the person right now. But really, if I were assured that I would get the person in March, that wouldn't cause me any undue hardship.

Councilmember Sutton: So you would be able to carry over until March?

Stan Levco: One of the persons I have in mind is planning on having an operation and would be out for at least a month anyway. So it really wouldn't cause me undue hardship if I – I would be pleased if I were to get it in March.

Councilmember Sutton: So the time period where they will actually be there, outside of the time when they're off, there is adequate funding that you can make available to carry that person through?

Stan Levco: No. She just wouldn't be carried through up to then.

Councilmember Sutton: How much time period are we talking about there?

Stan Levco: Well, March...I'm not sure what you're asking me.

Councilmember Sutton: How long would it be when that – outside of the period when they would be off on this leave – would they actually be off work because there isn't funding in place?

Stan Levco: Oh, I would think it would be a matter of weeks. I, you know, I would prefer to get it now but I...

President Winnecke: But to clarify, it does not put your office in a hardship if we delay it until March?

Stan Levco: Not an undue one.

President Winnecke: Okay, other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I would prefer to go ahead and get it now, but according to his statements, if he’s fine with it until March, we can wait until then so I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1380-1080	Deputy	47,223.00	0.00
1080-1900	FICA	3,613.00	0.00
1080-1910	PERF	2,763.00	0.00
Total		53,599.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY ASSESSOR
KNIGHT TWP ASSESSOR
PIGEON TWP ASSESSOR

CENTER TWP ASSESSOR
PERRY TWP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Mr. President, we have County Assessor, Center Township Assessor, Knight Assessor, Perry Assessor, Pigeon Assessor...I’ll stop there. I’m going to move that these requests be set in at zero and well, let me get that on the floor and then I’ll further explain.

President Winnecke: There’s a motion, do I hear a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: And a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I think I spoke with most of the Councilmembers today in regards to this but it would be my intent, Mr. President, that we pick up enough in the Reassessment end or the Reassessment budget to allow for their extra help through the first quarter of this year. I had stated last month that I’m not comfortable spending from Reassessment this early so I’m not going to suggest that we appropriate all the monies that are requested today. I think when we find

out what our real situation looks like in March we'll make that determination whether we pick up the balance in General Fund or Reassessment. So I'll address the amounts when we get into the Reassessment side.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion relative to the General Fund request? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1900	FICA	1,186.00	0.00
1090-1972	Level II Certification	500.00	0.00
1090-1990	Extra Help	15,000.00	0.00
Total		16,686.00	0.00

CENTER TWP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1110-1972	Level II Certification	500.00	0.00
1110-1900	FICA	39.00	0.00
1110-1910	PERF	30.00	0.00
Total		569.00	0.00

KNIGHT TWP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1130-1990	Extra Help	35,000.00	0.00
1130-1900	FICA	2,678.00	0.00
Total		37,678.00	0.00

PERRY TWP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1140-1990	Extra Help	12,000.00	0.00
Total		12,000.00	0.00

PIGEON TWP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-1990	Extra Help	22,000.00	0.00
1150-1900	FICA	1,683.00	0.00
1150-4220	Office Machines	8,000.00	0.00
Total		31,683.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Next under Superior Court, I'll move that this request also be set in at zero. I am going to address the salary correction when we do our amendments to the Salary Ordinance. And again, we'll pick up the additional funding here after March.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1290-1370	Court Reporter	16,288.00	0.00
1370-1900	FICA	1,247.00	0.00
1370-1910	PERF	937.00	0.00
Total		18,472.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**REASSESSMENT/PTABOA
REASSESSMENT/CENTER TWP ASSESSOR
REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, back to the County Assessors and the township assessors, first, under Reassessment you see Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, I'm going to move that that be set in at zero. In fact, just as a matter of clarity I'm going to move that Center Township Assessor be set in at zero, and Pigeon Township Assessor's request be set in zero, then I'll read in the correct figures.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second, questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Run that by me one more time. Do you want to take out a line item, reset a line item?

Councilmember Raben: I can do that. I tell you, part of the problem is, is not all the Assessors that had Extra Help requests filed appropriation requests in Reassessment, so I was going to actually just single those Extra Help lines out under those budgets but if you don't like that motion I'll withdraw it and we'll do it this other way.

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't – does that work with the accounting side? I mean...okay. That's fine.

President Winnecke: Okay, so the motion is to set in PTABOA and Center at zero, all those lines? Is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: Along with Pigeon.

President Winnecke: Along with Pigeon, all those line items in at zero. Okay, any other questions or discussion? Roll call vote on that.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT

BOARD OF APPEALS

REQUESTED

APPROVED

2490-1091-1900	FICA	1,148.00	0.00
2490-1091-1990	Extra Help	15,000.00	0.00
Total		16,148.00	0.00

CENTER TWP ASSESSOR

REQUESTED

APPROVED

2490-1110-3380	Photo/Blue Print	1,000.00	0.00
2490-1110-3410	Printing	500.00	0.00
2490-1110-3520	Equipment Repair	500.00	0.00
2490-1110-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	400.00	0.00
2490-1110-1990	Extra Help	20,000.00	0.00
2490-1110-1900	FICA	1,530.00	0.00
2490-1110-2600	Office Supplies	1,000.00	0.00
2490-1110-2610	Copy Machine Supply	500.00	0.00
2490-1110-2710	Color Film	500.00	0.00
2490-1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00	0.00
Total		27,930.00	0.00

PIGEON TWP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1150-1990	Extra Help	22,000.00	0.00
2490-1150-1900	FICA	1,683.00	0.00
2490-1150-4220	Office Machines	8,000.00	0.00
Total		31,683.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PTABOA

KNIGHT TWP ASSESSOR

PIGEON TWP ASSESSOR

CENTER TWP ASSESSOR

PERRY TWP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under Reassessment Fund, and I think as you look at this list it just makes it a little clearer doing it this way because we're not zeroing out lines and adding lines, and again, some of these aren't even on paper there to follow. First under Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, I move that that be set in at zero, we're following our sheet here. Center Township Assessor 2490-1110-1990 Extra Help \$5,000; 2490-1110-1900 FICA \$383, for a total of \$5,383. Knight Township Assessor 2490-1130-1990 Extra Help \$5,000; 2490-1130-1900 FICA \$383, for a total of \$5,383. Perry Township Assessor 2490-1140-1990 Extra Help \$3,000; 2490-1140-1900 FICA \$230, for a total of \$3,230. Pigeon Township Assessor, 2490-1150-1990 Extra Help, \$5,000; 2490-1150-1900 FICA at \$383, for a total of \$5,383. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: We have a motion and a second. Jim, could you clarify the PTABOA portion of that motion?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, that should be set in at zero.

President Winnecke: Okay, there's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PTABOA		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1091-1990	Extra Help	15,000.00	0.00
2490-1091-1900	FICA	1,148.00	0.00
Total		16,148.00	0.00

CENTER TWP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1110-1990	Extra Help	20,000.00	5,000.00
2490-1110-1900	FICA	1,530.00	383.00
Total		21,530.00	5,383.00

KNIGHT TWP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1130-1990	Extra Help	0.00	5,000.00
2490-1130-1900	FICA	0.00	383.00
Total		0.00	5,383.00

PERRY TWP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1140-1990	Extra Help	0.00	3,000.00
2490-1140-1900	FICA	0.00	230.00
Total		0.00	3,230.00

PIGEON TWP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1150-1990	Extra Help	22,000.00	5,000.00
2490-1150-1900	FICA	1,683.00	383.00
Total		23,683.00	5,383.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last under Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, I'll move that 2620-1220-2620 and account 2620-1900, 2620-1910, for a total request of \$5,273 be approved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

**SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL
ADULT PROBATION**

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2620-1220-2620	Probation Officer	4,646.00	4,646.00
2620-1900	FICA	355.00	355.00
2620-1910	PERF	272.00	272.00
Total		5,273.00	5,273.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

**SHERIFF
COUNTY HIGHWAY**

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Mr. President, we have the transfers, there are three today, the Sheriff, Commissioners and County Highway. Everyone has copies of these. Is everyone clear on them? Can we lump these together?

Councilmember Wortman: I'd rather exclude that one.

Councilmember Sutton: On County Highway, the Assistant Supervisor to Accrued Payments?

Councilmember Raben Okay, that is, as you may or may not be aware, the County

Commissioners last night appointed a new superintendent of the Highway garage. The outgoing superintendent has vacation time, probably sick days and personal days and what have you, this is to pay him what he’s due. Mr. President, I’m going to back up on what I’ve said. Councilman Wortman would like me to separate the Sheriff’s request, so first I’m going to move that the Sheriff’s transfer be approved as listed.

President Winnecke: There’s a motion on the floor, do I hear a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0007	Lieutenant	3,005.00	3,005.00
To: 1050-1130-0199	Part-time Clerk	3,005.00	3,005.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Commissioners and County Highway, I’ll move that those transfers be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-1120-1300	County Attorney	56,956.00	56,956.00
To: 1300-3612	Contractual/Legal	56,956.00	56,956.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-1002	Asst. Supervisor	2,880.00	2,880.00
To: 2010-1971	Accrued Payments	2,539.00	2,539.00
2010-1900	FICA	195.00	195.00
2010-1910	PERF	146.00	146.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last are the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance. First is Superior Court, I move that we set salary line 1370-1290 Court Reporter in

at \$51,000. The current employee is a PAT V, Step 7. Center Township Assessor/ Reassessment, set salary line 2490-1110-1990 Extra Help in at \$5,000 as previously adopted. Knight Township, salary line 2490-1130-1990 Extra Help in at \$5,000 as previously adopted. Perry Township Assessor/Reassessment, 2490-1140-1990 Extra Help in at \$3,000 as previously adopted. Pigeon Township Assessor 2490-1150-1990 Extra Help in at \$5,000 as previously adopted. Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, set salary line 2620-1220-2620 Probation Officer as previously adopted. The salary line will be listed as \$8,385. This is to meet the state's guidelines. Under the Sheriff, approve salary line 1050-0199 Part-time Clerk as previously approved. Set the hourly wage in at \$8.8314 per hour. County Commissioners, set salary line 1300-1120 County Attorney line in at zero as previously approved in the transfer. And county garage, set accrued payments line 2010-1971 as previously approved. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY RECORDER 2004 COLLECTIONS REPORT
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President Winnecke: Okay, at this time we move on to new business. I'd ask that County Recorder, Betty Knight-Smith, she has a 2004 collections report for us.

Rick Davis: Good afternoon. My name is Rick Davis, I'm the Chief Deputy at the County Recorder's office. We, in the Vanderburgh County Recorder's office have some exciting news to share with you today. Although the Recorder's office narrowly missed its third consecutive million dollar year in user fee collections during 2004, we still submitted a total of \$627,668 to the Vanderburgh County General Fund. I am also extremely proud to announce that during Betty Knight-Smith's first four-year term in office, her staff collected a total \$4,106,004.70. We did so while recording a total of 200,214 documents. As most of you know, for two straight years the County Recorder's office topped the million dollar mark in fees collected, fueled with a record-breaking pace in refinanced mortgages. While mortgages are still offered at historically low interest rates, people have simply had several years to take advantage of the low interest rates and have already taken advantage of the ability to refinance. That's why our recordings dropped from an all-time high of 58,640 in 2003, to 45,125 documents in 2004. While that is a drop of 13,515 documents, 2004 was the third highest number of documents recorded in more than a ten-year span. We deposited a record \$1,272,992.20 in 2003, which was nearly \$300,000 more than we did in 2004. We missed the million dollar mark in 2004 by \$26,704, collecting a total of \$973,296, the third highest total ever brought in by our office. As many of you know, fees in our office are distributed into three accounts, the General Fund, the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund, and the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. We submitted \$43,510 to the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund and \$302,118 to the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. It is worth noting that we took in \$164,565 in copy fees during the 2004 year, all of which was deposited into the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. We recorded 9,063 deeds, 13,744 mortgages, 17,377 releases and assignments, and 4,941 other documents in 2004. Thank you for your time this afternoon. We'll be happy to come before you again this summer and give you our 2005 forecast for your budget hearings. It's also worth noting that our office came within \$9,704 of predicting this year's total deposit. Not bad considering we basically lost a day and a half due to the blizzard and another half a day of business due to the jail fire in June. We averaged \$3,956.49 a day during the year, not counting the one day the Civic Center was closed due to the inclement weather in December. So we likely would have nailed our forecast had it not been for those unfortunate events. If you have any other questions I'd be glad to answer them.

President Winnecke: Questions or comments for Rick?

Councilmember Sutton: Are you guys...when was the last time you guys had a fee increase?

Rick Davis: That's a good note. It's been several years since we've had a fee increase, up until January 1 of this year. A new mortgage fee was implemented on January 1. Mortgages were nine dollars for the first page and two dollars for each additional page. There has now been a three dollar fee added to each mortgage on the first page, so the first page is now twelve dollars and two dollars for each additional page. That's the only fee increase we have this year and the only one we've had in several years. The three dollars is going to the state, but most of it, a dollar twenty-five, is going to fund what is called the Home Ownership Education account, and another one dollar and twenty-five cents of that three dollars is going to the Homeowner Protection Unit. Fifty cents of the three dollars stays with the Recorder's Perpetuation account, and we've already set up a new fund in our computer for the \$2.50 that will be sent to the state, and the fifty cents that goes to the Recorder's Perpetuation account.

President Winnecke: Other questions or comments?

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Rick Davis: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Good job.

President Winnecke: Missing your projection by only \$9,700 is pretty close. At the bank, we consider that right on the money.

Rick Davis: We were very consistent. Luckily, the averages held out through the year and it should be that way this year, too. But with a three dollar increase we may top a million again if we stay consistent.

President Winnecke: And to your point, we'd welcome you back in the mid-year to look at forecasts for next year. Thanks, Rick. Thanks, Betty.

Rick Davis: Thank you.

2005 AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE

President Winnecke: Okay, next we need to consider the salary ordinance for 2005. Do I hear a motion to that effect?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

President Winnecke: You have before you the liaison appointments for the new year made in conjunction with discussions around the table. I would just, those are, I believe, my appointments to make so...consider them appointed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Winnecke: Appointments to the Personnel Committee, you also have that before you. Councilman Wortman will be the Chairman, also members: myself; Councilman Raben; Councilman Sutton; Judge Trockman; Commissioner Crouch; County Clerk, Susie Kirk; Betty Knight-Smith; Doug Bell; Steve Woodall from the Sheriff's Department; Wallace Corbitt and Cheryl Lawrence, I make those appointments as well. We have one on your list of County Council appointments –

Marsha Abell: You said Doug Bell, did you mean Doug Brown?

President Winnecke: I did mean Doug Brown. There's someone at the bank named Doug Bell. Sorry about that. Doug dyslexia today.

ABC BOARD APPOINTMENT

President Winnecke: Okay, we have an appointment to the ABC Board, that is on your sheet of appointments like this, but one that we have to vote on individually is our appointment to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and we are nominating Bettye Lou Jerrel to that position. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll second that motion, I guess I can.

President Winnecke: Okay, motion and a second. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

President Winnecke: Also on that list are all the rest of the appointments and if you'd like I'll note the ones that are new ones for the year: Area Plan Commission, Mr. Wortman; Area Plan Commission, Mr. Foster; Paul Farmer to the Property Tax Board of Appeals; Khri Seger to the same board; Bob Swallows for the Burdette Park Advisory Board; Michael Harp for that board; myself to Central Dispatch; Councilmember Abell to the Data Processing Board; Al Umbach, Jr. to the county's Economic Development Commission; myself to EUTS Policy; Councilman Raben and Councilman Sutton to the Jail Overcrowding Assessment Committee, Ellis Redd to the M/WBE Utilization Board along with Kathy Decker; Nancy Drake to the Museum Board; Councilman Wortman to the Solid Waste; Councilwoman Abell to the Southwestern Indiana Regional Development Committee; Commissioner Crouch to the same; Rolland Eckels to the same and Fred Kitch to the Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Authority. Those are all new appointments for the year.

Jeff Ahlers: I think you need to approve the list.

President Winnecke: Right, I was just noting which ones are new for the year. We need a motion to accept those.

Councilmember Wortman: I make a motion we approve.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2005
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President Winnecke: The final order of business today, approval of our meeting dates for the new year. Just a note that the budget hearing dates, I think, worked well for generally everyone last year. They are nine to noon on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of those two weeks. And so we'll need a motion to approve the meeting dates.

Councilmember Wortman: I make a motion for that.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Councilman Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, just a couple of items. I had a chance to meet with the Initiative Based Assistance Program officials today and I was given a report on their allocations or appropriations during the course of 2004. I had encouraged them that in the course of their dialogue that they get an opportunity to come before the Commissioners but also come before the Council as well to give an update on their progress and report on those allocations. I've got a copy of the report if anybody would like to see a copy of that, but they've come before us in the past. It might be good idea here at the beginning of the year if they also come before us again just to give us an idea of just how things are going.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, I was distracted.

Councilmember Sutton: Long story short: encouraging officials from the Initiative Based Assistance Program or Welfare to Work, as we commonly refer to it, to come before us sometime here in the next couple of months to give us a report on or update on how things are going, how things went last year and what they expect this year.

President Winnecke: Okay, I'll make that.

<p>GRAHAM PACKAGING AND INDIANA TUBE 2004 TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE</p>

President Winnecke: I did overlook one item on the agenda. We do need to approve the tax abatement compliance and I believe Teri has got that for us to sign, so I guess I need a motion to approve the compliance report.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Anything else? If not, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Winnecke: We are adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Marsha Abell

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

Recorded and transcribed by Teri Lukeman.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of February in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon. I'd like to call the February 2nd meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council to order. Attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2005**

President Winnecke: First I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our January 5th meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Winnecke: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Abell: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. All in favor say aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Winnecke: Opposed, like sign.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Winnecke: Okay, we'll jump right into the appropriation ordinance. Mr. Raben?

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda today is County Treasurer, 1030-3610 Legal Services in the amount of \$1,854. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Any questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-3610	Legal Services	1,854.00	1,854.00
Total		1,854.00	1,854.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RECORDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is County Recorder, 1040-1990 Extra Help in the amount of \$10,000. And as everyone recalls, she's putting this money back in through the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: 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)

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I’m going to run through three of them, Center Township Assessor, Knight Township Assessor, and Pigeon Assessor, I’ll move that those three requests be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1110-1990	Extra Help	15,000.00	0.00
1110-1900	FICA	1,148.00	0.00
Total		16,148.00	0.00

KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1130-1990	Extra Help	35,000.00	0.00
1130-1900	FICA	2,678.00	0.00
Total		37,678.00	0.00

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-1990	Extra Help	17,000.00	0.00
1150-1900	FICA	1,300.00	0.00
1150-4220	Office Machines	8,000.00	0.00
Total		26,300.00	0.00

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Mr. President, under Superior Court, 1370-1290-1370 down through 1370-1910 PERF, for a total request of \$18,472. If you'll remember, this was an error during budgets where the salary was figured at the initiation rate instead of a step 7, I believe. So that's all this is and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1290-1370	Court Reporter	16,288.00	16,288.00
1370-1900	FICA	1,247.00	1,247.00
1370-1910	PERF	937.00	937.00
Total		18,472.00	18,472.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that does it for the General Fund requests. Next, under Reassessment, I'll move that Center Township Assessor, Knight Township Assessor and Pigeon Assessor be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1110-1990	Extra Help	15,000.00	0.00
2490-1110-1900	FICA	1,148.00	0.00
Total		16,148.00	0.00

KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1130-1120	Office Coordinator	22,139.00	0.00
2490-1130-1990	Extra Help	35,000.00	0.00
2490-1130-1900	FICA	4,372.00	0.00
2490-1130-1910	PERF	3,343.00	0.00
2490-1130-1920	Insurance	4,200.00	0.00
Total		69,054.00	0.00

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1150-1990	Extra Help	17,000.00	0.00
2490-1150-1900	FICA	1,300.00	0.00
2490-1150-4220	Office Machines	8,000.00	0.00
Total		26,300.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REPEAL REQUEST

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, moving right along, under repeals, 2010-1002 under County Highway be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: That’s probably the best move.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-1002	Assistant Supervisor	24,281.00	0.00
Total		24,281.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
AREA PLAN
COUNTY HIGHWAY**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under transfers, Mr. President, I'm going to move that Pigeon Township Assessor transfers be approved as they are listed. Area Plan as listed and County Highway be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote on the transfers.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1150-3410	Printing	2,000.00	2,000.00
1150-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00	1,000.00
1150-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	1,040.00	1,040.00
1150-2600	Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00

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1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00
1150-3372	Computer Software	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1150-4220	Office Machines	8,040.00	8,040.00

AREA PLAN REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 1240-2810	Drafting Paper	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 1240-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2010-1002	Assistant Supervisor	16,003.00	0.00
To: 2010-1001	Supervisor	16,003.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, under amendments to the Salary Ordinance, first is County Recorder, I'll move that we amend salary line 1040-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. Under Prosecutor, I move that we amend the salary ordinance under the Check Recovery Program account 1082 to allow a part-time employee to be paid at the rate of \$16 per hour. This will be for only one employee in the program. This was formerly one full-time employee. Next, I move approval to change salary line accounts as follows: under Prosecutor Infraction account 2501-1110 Chief Deputy, needs to be changed to Prosecutor Incentive Fund 2670-1110 Chief Deputy in the amount of \$12,204. And existing Prosecutor Infraction account 2501-1120 Chief Trial Deputy at \$15,354, needs to be changed to the Prosecutor Incentive Fund 2670-1120 Trial Deputy in the amount of \$16,315. And then I also move to amend salary line 1081-1130 as follows: delete Director PAT IV/Step 1 in the amount of \$31,074 and insert Enforcement Agent/Investigator COMOT VI/Step 1 in the amount of \$28,227. Next under the County Health Department/WIC, 213.4, there is a long list of salary account numbers and basically, Mr. President, what this is about, these are salaries that are in a grant account and the grant did not acknowledge any pay increases for 2005, so this is setting them back in at the 2004 level. So moving down through these salary lines, we have 213.4-1110 Nutritionist at \$36,369; 213.4-1120 Nurse at \$36,569; 213.4-1130 Nurse at \$36,809; 213.4-1150 Nutritionist at \$36,369; 213.4-1160 Nurse at \$37,169; 213.4-1170 Bookkeeper/Secretary at \$32,794; 213.4-1180 Intake Clerk at \$21,103; 213.4-1190 Intake Clerk at \$24,312; 213.4-1200 Intake Clerk at \$21,103; 213.4-1210 Intake Clerk at \$24,312; and last is 213.4-1240 Intake Clerk at \$21,103. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes. Could you go over that?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel:

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROPOSAL FOR TELEVISIONING COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

President Winnecke: Under new business, I'd like to read a letter I received from the Vanderburgh County Commission regarding the issue of televised County Council meetings. Basically, the Commission in its meeting yesterday voted to ask the Council, meaning this body, to allow broadcast of its two regular monthly meetings at no expense to Vanderburgh County. Essentially, they are using the budget they have been allotted for the year from the Building Authority and sharing that. They would broadcast two of their meetings and we would broadcast two of our meetings a month and my personal opinion is, I think this is a good gesture on their part. I think it's a good way to give this Council more public exposure and I would entertain a motion to approve this request.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: What is that cost going to be?

President Winnecke: I believe the annual budget from the Building Authority is approximately \$20,000 a year. And so basically, they have \$20,000 a year to spend in televising meetings and they think that will get them through sometime, the

November time frame.

Councilmember Sutton: But what about the installation cost? What is that –

President Winnecke: The installation costs, moving the cameras from the small chambers to this chamber are being picked up by the Building Authority at no expense to...

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the taxpayers still pay, I mean, for the expense even though it doesn't come out of our general fund, so I'm just trying to get an idea what the –

President Winnecke: Well, the estimate was about \$4,000. But again, the Building Authority agreed to pay for those funds, too.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, I think we have an opportunity to televise them, that's good. I know we've brought before our body a couple of times last year and it was more so from a funding standpoint, the reason we could not support that. But just recognize as well, that I mean, though it didn't come out of general fund money, I mean, there was \$45,000 spent over in the other room to install the camera equipment and all for that. So we're adding on an additional \$4,000 with moving the equipment over to here. And, like I said, just an awful lot of expenditures there. And when was a decision made to go with two meetings a month? The Commissioners' meetings were traditionally once a week.

President Winnecke: They still will be once a week. I believe what they've offered to do is televise two of their meetings a month in order that would could televise our two meetings a month. They will still meet four times a month as I understand it.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess over in the other room they had an opportunity to televise all of their meetings, it just seems a little odd –

President Winnecke: I think its merely an issue of budget, how much money is available to use during the balance of the year. I think what this does to us, one, it gives the public exposure to this body and it gives this body, if we're so inclined, several months to find a mechanism that is less than \$200 an hour to televise these meetings going beyond this year. And we have until roughly budget time to do that.

Councilmember Sutton: And then, I guess, the last question related to this, at some point in time there were some discussions about the camera equipment being placed in this room, that more than one body would share in the cost of that, one being the city. Has there been any additional dialogue or discussion about them offsetting some of the costs associated with this or participating in this in some type of way?

President Winnecke: I believe the Commissioners have only made an overture to, in terms of paying for the expense, I believe they've only overtured the Building Authority.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I might interject something. The cost of the equipment was taken care of last year if you recall, so the equipment is already purchased. The only additional cost is the actual, the labor to televise the meetings. Am I not correct? So if the city would opt to televise City Council meetings, they would have the hourly fee that they would be responsible for with

Channel 9, just as we would. So that's really, I think, the only additional cost at this point.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, but the discussion was that the city would help in offsetting some of the cost of moving that over here. Now since the Building Authority is picking up that cost to move it over here, I guess initially the discussion was helping with the installation and then also the televising cost, they pay for their share, we pay for our share, whatever, some type of way or another. But now, at this point, I guess the city, the only thing they have is if they decide to televise their meeting would be just the cost of just the televising and not installation itself.

President Winnecke: Except that, if I'm not mistaken, the rent that the city government pays into this building goes to fund the Building Authority as well.

Councilmember Sutton: It does, but –

President Winnecke: So, I think it would be kind of difficult to discern what percent of four or five thousand dollars in moving expenses would be, city and county, if both bodies pay into that.

Councilmember Sutton: But what is the city getting out of it now? I mean, they aren't televising the meetings. I mean, if we're talking about they're both sharing it. I just, it just, just an awful lot is just being expended here by one side of it on the installation side and I just think that there should be some additional consideration there on the cost.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: I just, just a real quick point, the only problem I have with this, I mean, I think its good to get all bodies on record, on as much access as possible, but the problem I've had in the beginning is the lack of planning from the Commissioners when they decided that they're not going to televise meetings after it gets started. It's a positive effect and now its not being televised. Now they're going to televise, but they're only going to do certain ones. So you essentially don't know exactly which meeting is going to be on, those who want to follow government, that's my only problem because what I'd rather do is televise all their meetings, if we want to do ours, that's fine, but then they know after six months they have to be able to come up with a funding mechanism to take care of them after that period of time.

President Winnecke: I think there would be a plan, its just not any two of their meetings a month, they would determine if it's the first, you know, it could be the second and third because our meetings are the first and fourth, I don't know, –

Councilmember Tornatta: But you see what I'm saying. We might have a meeting on the fourth and then that next meetings there's a big meeting that's not going to be on because we're not planning ahead for the funding of how this mechanism is going to come across. And I just think the whole planning is lacking and I've seen that many times just in the past month we've been moving before we start planning. And its starting to affect the public because the public might want to follow government. In this capacity, they cannot because we're going to be choosing what meetings we would like them to follow and that's my only problem with it. I think its great. We want to see access. I think we all agree that we wanted access in the Commissioners' Office but we couldn't get it funding wise. Once it was made

available funding wise, then we were happy and all on board. But right now we're picking and choosing kind of what's going on and I think we need to either have full access or not have access at all.

Councilmember Goebel: I was going to ask, the plan that we'll go with is, we will be televised 100%, the Commissioners will be televised 50%, correct?

President Winnecke: That is correct.

Councilmember Goebel: That does seem to be a little bit lacking, I think, as far as strategy goes.

Councilmember Raben: I might, just so I understand, I think this kind of follows what a wise man once told me, no good deed goes unpunished. I think this is, again, they've gone to two meetings and allowed us two more as a gesture. I'm sure they would be happy to go back to, you know, all four of their meetings each month being televised. So –

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm not doing it for vanity. I'm not doing it because I want to be on T.V. The fact of the matter is, you want to be able to provide access to the voting public and that's where I'm coming from. And if you only do two meetings and they're both pretty much down the line meetings, but the two meetings that you miss were the ones that had the action in it, the stuff that you hope to catch when you watch so you can learn about government, then you're not really doing what you meant to do in the first place, and obviously access is the point.

Councilmember Sutton: Right now they have the opportunity to have all four of their meetings or every meeting that they have, if its five meetings in a month, right now they have that ability in the room that they're in. And then as well, not only do they have the ability to televise all their meetings, when you look at the numbers on their meetings, which is one of the rationale, the reasons why they said they wanted to move over here because the numbers were too large to be able to accommodate over in that room over there, that room seats about 25 people comfortably, you can get more in there. I mean, their last couple of meetings, you had ten people and twelve people, so the numbers really don't, I don't think adequately justify the reason necessarily to move over here. I really am not really concerned whether they are over here or over there, but right now, since they've made the commitment over there and they spent \$45,000 in equipment over there and they can be on every Tuesday, whereas if they move here, they're only on two times a month, so if they're on an issue that carries over from one meeting to the next, you may only get a partial part of that meeting. So why not just stay where they are, they've got the hookup there, it would be nice if County Council as well could be televised. But we don't have the ability to make that commitment, I guess, at this particular point in time.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, could I offer what may be a reasonable compromise here? Again, you know, maybe we can say thanks, but no thanks at this point. We'll allow the equipment to be moved, the funds that they were going to allow us to use to televise two of our meetings, we'll tell them to keep to televise all of theirs. Hopefully, in the next thirty days we'll have a better picture of what our finances look like and maybe if things look good, maybe we can televise ours for the balance of the year.

President Winnecke: Okay, the motion on the floor is to approve the request, so I

forgot who made the motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Curt made the motion and I seconded.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: I just, again, I know, I think that's a good suggestion, Councilman Raben, but even though the money is not coming out of the general fund, in a sense, taxpayers are still paying for the cost of moving that equipment back over here. And the rationale was that room was too small for them and their numbers clearly support that it is adequate. So why not keep it where it is?

Councilmember Tornatta: Could we possibly table this and ask them to see what direction they want to head or are we just voting to move the equipment at this point?

President Winnecke: The meeting –

Councilmember Tornatta: So we're not worried about the televising.

President Winnecke: We have no say in whether the equipment is being moved. That's being done. That funding mechanism is in place for that. We're acting on their request to televise our two meetings a month, basically on their dime. That's the request that's before us.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: So if Councilman Raben is, I mean, we can table it for further discussion if you'd like or we can –

Councilmember Tornatta: Let's vote on it.

President Winnecke: We have a motion to accept it and a second, so we'll take a roll call vote on that. And this vote is to accept the proposal as presented to televise our two meetings per month.

Councilmember Sutton: And theirs two times.

President Winnecke: And two of their meetings per month.

Marsha Abell: I have a question then. If we decided we – if we said thanks, but no thanks to them, that's no guarantee they're going to do their four anyway, I guess.

President Winnecke: Well, they could –

Marsha Abell: And they still may just do their two.

President Winnecke: That's correct.

Marsha Abell: That isn't a make or break, whether we take it or not. If they've decided they're only going to do two, they may still just do two, is that correct?

President Winnecke: Right.

Councilmember Raben: I've not discussed this issue with them, so I don't know.

Marsha Abell: This is the first I've heard of this issue.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President, what about the budget process and what about special meetings? Would that be involved or just the two meetings per month?

President Winnecke: Until they exceed their budgeted, their annual budgeted amount which is approximately \$20,000 a year, or they anticipate that being able to last through November.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Wortman, were you referring to our budget process? Our budget meetings? So we would not –

Councilmember Wortman: I'm just interested in ours..

Councilmember Sutton: So that would not include televising our budget meetings?

Councilmember Wortman: I was just asking the question.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'm concerned about the outcome of this vote for the simple reason that I don't – if this is voted down, I don't want it to be construed as if this body does not support televising our meetings. And I know a lot of people in the past several months have expressed a real interest in doing that, so we need to clarify that if we vote no, its we're simply not accepting their offer, that we'll pay for our own, I guess, is basically what's being said, if I understand the conversation that's taking place here.

Councilmember Goebel: I think everyone here is supportive of televising these meetings. I don't understand, this is the first time I have heard of this proposal, I don't understand the nature that they want half of their meetings and a full 100% of our meetings, and has there been any collaboration or talk with the city about coming on board also with their Council meetings and other meetings?

President Winnecke: I do not know the answer to that. They took this action last night or yesterday afternoon at their meeting, so this letter just came to me as a result of that meeting. So I don't know the answer to that question.

Councilmember Goebel: Is there a way we could make, if we table this now, a motion that we support being televised along with the other bodies of government locally, too?

President Winnecke: We certainly can, I would just tell you that from the budgeted amount that the Building Authority has provided for the year, \$20,000 will probably not go very far in terms of televising Commission meetings, County Council, City Council, Board of Works, Board of Safety, all those bodies, you know, its not going to go very far in that regard. So the motion on the floor is to support the request before us and that is to televise our two monthly meetings. And let's take a roll call vote on it.

Councilmember Sutton: Wait a minute. And two of theirs, right?

President Winnecke: Well, it says – I'll read the paragraph to you, "In order to allow the public the greatest possible access to county government within the existing budget and contract, the Commissioners voted at their February 1, 2005 meeting to ask the Council to allow broadcasts of its two monthly meetings. Two of the four regular monthly meetings of the Commission will also be broadcast. This would last through the end of the contract in November, 2005 or the exhaustion of the set aside funds, whichever comes first."

Councilmember Tornatta: And we call for the vote.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, in my vote, I just want to say that obviously what I've said before still applies, its their opportunity to be on four times. I think for the public its necessary that they see that, but, Jim, as you said, never look a gift horse in the mouth, and I'm happy to accept that the Council would get on and have access. So I want to see the Commission start planning better, but I will accept this motion. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think it obviously favors us in terms of the ability to get our meetings on but county government, as a whole, I don't think is really getting, the public doesn't get a chance to get the whole picture and the Commission is on, have the opportunity to be on four times or the full month now and I hate to see that that's disrupted, so I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I agree with Councilman Sutton on the issue that I think that the County Commissioners should also look for ways to make sure that all their meetings are televised because I think there are important things that happen in every meeting and perhaps some of those important points might be missed, but I will go with a yes because I do believe that these meetings should be televised.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

President Winnecke: Motion passes six to one and I'll communicate that with the Commissioners and they do not know exactly when the equipment will be moved, but we'll do our best to notify you. Yes?

Councilmember Tornatta: Before we got kind of into that, I was just going to bring up, have we talked to the Commissioners about, is dropping that Supervisor position, they obviously thought that was something that could be done in the Highway department, can that be dropped? I mean, why wouldn't we keep the repeal?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President, I think I can answer, we're going to maintain the Assistant Supervisor, is that what you're speaking in reference to, Troy?

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, and it was thought that we could get rid of that position and now its said that we're –

Councilmember Wortman: Its my understanding they're going to maintain that position.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, why could we get rid of it before?

Councilmember Wortman: That would be the Commissioner's call.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I guess I'm asking you, you're the liaison, if you could find that out, that would be great because if we could get rid of it before, but now we need it, I'm just trying to figure out why we would do that.

Councilmember Wortman: I know in the Personnel Committee meeting why they said they was going to maintain it, see, too. So I'll come back next meeting and let you know for sure. But that's my understanding, though, that they want to maintain that, see. And then they dropped the raise.

Councilmember Tornatta: Alright, thanks.

MARCH FILING DATE

President Winnecke: Okay, next on the agenda is a reminder of the March filing date, February 10th.

ORDINANCE TO INCREASE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

President Winnecke: Also, the last time we, as a county, increased the mileage reimbursement was in 1997. The current rate is \$.28 cents. I am proposing that we increase that to \$.30 per mile effective March 1st, and I would entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: And Mr. Ahlers had a point to make.

Jeff Ahlers: Just so that you know, since this is an ordinance, I think it was the intent that they wanted this to go into effect March 1st. In order to do that, if its passed unanimously, this can be the first and final reading. If it is not, it will have to come back again next month, which we may have to change the effective date then, so just so that you understand in terms of whether or not we can do the effective – in order to have the effective date be March 1st, it would need to pass unanimously today as a first and final reading.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, real quick, as a matter of record, the ordinance should be read into the record.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: And then you might withdraw your motions until you hear the ordinance, I don't know.

President Winnecke: "Whereas, in 1997, the Vanderburgh County Council established that the rate for reimbursement of mileage expenses to County officers and employees for travel expenses on approved County business would be \$.28 per mile; and Whereas, the Vanderburgh County Council deems it appropriate to amend the rate for reimbursement of mileage expenses for County officers and employees on approved County business to \$.30 per mile, effective March 1, 2005. Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the Vanderburgh County Council that the rate for reimbursement of mileage expenses for the use of a County officer or employee's private vehicle for travel expenses incurred on approved County business shall be \$.30 per mile, effective March 1, 2005, and thereafter until modified or amended by the Vanderburgh County Council. Passed and approved by the Vanderburgh County Council this 2nd day of February, 2005." Any other questions or comments?

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President? Are we hedging on the word approved and who is that approved by? Is that – maybe that's a counsel question.

Jeff Ahlers: I put that word in there only because I assumed that you want to make sure that its clear that any county employee can't go off and drive their vehicle wherever and then start submitting receipts, so I mean, if you want further clarification, we can. I just put that in to give you an element of safety. I assumed that our county employees and officers would do that, but I guess what's approved, I would assume that each department head or Council would have to approve that, but that's why I put that to make sure that everybody realizes that they can't just drive their vehicle and charge us.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Troy, if you would like to consider amending your motion to make it first and second and final reading, is that the best way to phrase it?

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. I make a motion for the Ordinance Establishing Mileage Expense Reimbursement Rate from \$.28 to \$.30 as read, and make this be the first and last reading on a unanimous vote.

Councilmember Wortman: And I'll amend my motion to do the same thing.

President Winnecke: Okay, further discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT
OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 530 AND 600 CROSS POINTE BLVD AND
7323 E. COLUMBIA STREET
S PROPERTIES, LLC.**

President Winnecke: Thank you very much. Our last bit of business, tax abatement. Mr. Schopmeyer.

Jeff Ahlers: The Department of Metropolitan Development is represented by our resolution that was enacted years ago by one of the city attorneys, but because Mr. Schopmeyer is from my firm, I'd like to excuse myself and not have any involvement concerning this discussion. If there are legal questions concerning this, then we will arrange for the county attorney or other suitable counsel concerning this matter.

President Winnecke: Could you state your name for the record?

Mike Schopmeyer: Mike Schopmeyer here on behalf of S Properties. We had been advised that this was continued until March, so we were surprised to find out this afternoon that it was on the agenda. We think its probably better that we wait until March and have clients here because I'm not sure we could appropriately answer any questions you have without the clients here. So –

President Winnecke: We're seeing all of this, this afternoon for the first time, so I

am fine with —

Mike Schopmeyer: Yeah, we were told it was not by DMD and they're obviously not – yeah, Rob's here. We were told it wasn't on, so we were surprised –

President Winnecke: I'm fine with deferring this until March.

Mike Schopmeyer: Okay.

President Winnecke: Okay, we'll see you next month. Thanks, Mike. Any other business to come before the Council?

Councilmember Sutton: He can't come back till March.

President Winnecke: No, he can't come back till March.

Councilmember Tornatta: Let's defer it until June.

President Winnecke: Motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

(There being no further business to come before the County Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Marsha Abell

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of March in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon. I'd like to call to order the March 2nd meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council and begin with attendance roll call.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2005**

President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain approval of the minutes from our February 2 meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Okay, at this time I'll turn the microphone over to our finance chairman, James Raben, to discuss and consider the appropriation ordinances that are before us.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CLERK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda today is the County Clerk. I'll move that 1010-1990 Extra Help be set in at \$481; 1010-1900 FICA \$37, for a total appropriation request of \$518.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Councilmember Abell: Mr. President, I'd just like to request that when Extra Help or actually, I think this is from some monies that someone that was worked last year and they've already put in the time, that the department head provide us with either the Kronos printout that these people did, in fact, work those hours or some type of documentation. I'd like to see that attached to this.

President Winnecke: Okay, very well. Other discussion or questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-1990	Extra Help	481.00	481.00
1010-1120-1010	Chief Deputy	1,147.00	0.00
1010-1900	FICA	88.00	37.00
1010-1910	PERF	66.00	0.00
Total		1,782.00	518.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President, County Auditor, County Treasurer, County Recorder, those three requests have been withdrawn so we'll move on to the County Sheriff. First, under 1050-1130-0008, Lieutenant \$5,600; 1050-1130-0053 Deputy Sheriff \$161; 1050-1130-0199 Part-time Clerk, the correct figure is \$6,215; 1050-1130-0215 Property Management Clerk in the amount of \$3,919, for a total request of \$15,895. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, in reference to the Auditor, Treasurer and Recorder, should that be set in at zero when its withdrawn, Mr. Chairman?

President Winnecke: I believe for the purposes of what we're doing, I think withdrawals are fine.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: We can set it in...let's finish up with this vote. I can go back and set those in at zero to make it clean.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0008	Lieutenant	5,600.00	5,600.00
1050-1130-0053	Deputy Sheriff	161.00	161.00
1050-1130-0199	Part-time Clerk	9,497.00	6,215.00
1050-1130-0215	Property Mgmt. Clerk	3,919.00	3,919.00
Total		19,177.00	15,895.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

AUDITOR
TREASURER
RECORDER
COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, for a matter of record, County Auditor, County Treasurer and County Recorder, I move that – along with that, I'll also add County Assessor, that those line items be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-1120-1020	Chief Deputy	1,147.00	0.00
1020-1900	FICA	88.00	0.00
1020-1910	PERF	66.00	0.00
Total		1,301.00	0.00

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-1120-1030	Chief Deputy	1,147.00	0.00
1030-1900	FICA	88.00	0.00
1030-1910	PERF	66.00	0.00
Total		1,301.00	0.00

RECORDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1040-1120-1040	Chief Deputy	1,147.00	0.00
1040-1900	FICA	88.00	0.00
1040-1910	PERF	66.00	0.00
Total		1,301.00	0.00

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1120-1090	Chief Deputy	1,147.00	0.00
1090-1900	FICA	88.00	0.00
1090-1910	PERF	66.00	0.00
Total		1,301.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Jail, 1051-1130-0339 in the amount of \$395; 1051-1130-0340 \$424; 1051-1301 Civilian Overtime in the amount of \$1,000; 1051-1531 Shift Differential in the amount of \$100; 1051-1850 Union Overtime \$25,000; 1051-1950-1051 Teamster Educational Fund \$2,000, for a total appropriation of \$28,919. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1130-0339	Detention Officer	395.00	395.00
1051-1130-0340	Detention Officer	424.00	424.00
1051-1301	Civilian Overtime	5,000.00	1,000.00
1051-1531	Civilian Shift Differential	1,000.00	100.00
1051-1850	Union Overtime	35,000.00	25,000.00
1051-1950-1051	Teamsters Educ. Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		43,819.00	28,919.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Under Prosecutor, 1080-1380-1080 Deputy, the correct figure is \$36,937; FICA the correct figure is \$2,826; PERF \$2,124, for a total request of \$41,887. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, did you say \$41,887?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, 41,887.

President Winnecke: Thank you. Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1380-1080	Deputy	47,223.00	36,937.00
1080-1900	FICA	3,613.00	2,826.00
1080-1910	PERF	2,763.00	2,124.00
Total		53,599.00	41,887.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: And Mr. Raben, before you go on, I think I'd just like to remind everyone that these are all issues that we heard and had discussion on at last week's meeting.

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Center Township Assessor, this request has been withdrawn, I will move that we set that line in at zero or that request in at zero. Knight Township Assessor, zero; Pigeon Township Assessor, zero. And I'll stop there and we'll pick those back up under Reassessment.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1110-1990	Extra Help	15,000.00	0.00
1110-1900	FICA	1,148.00	0.00
Total		16,148.00	0.00

KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1130-1990	Extra Help	35,000.00	0.00
1130-1900	FICA	2,678.00	0.00
Total		37,678.00	0.00

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-1990	Extra Help	27,000.00	0.00
1150-1900	FICA	2,600.00	0.00
1150-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00	0.00
1150-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	1,500.00	0.00
1150-3410	Printing	1,000.00	0.00
1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	0.00
1150-3372	Computer Software	3,000.00	0.00
Total		38,100.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ELECTION OFFICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Election Office, 1210-1910 PERF in the amount of \$84. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: We've got a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1210-1910	PERF	84.00	84.00
Total		84.00	84.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Community Corrections, I'll move that the request be approved as listed for a total of \$17,091.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1210-1361	Correction Officer	1,120.00	1,120.00
1361-1250-1361	Correction Officer	4,731.00	4,731.00
1361-1260-1361	Correction Officer	2,877.00	2,877.00
1361-1270-1361	Correction Ofc. Spvr.	3,528.00	3,528.00

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1361-1370-1361	Correction Officer	2,489.00	2,489.00
1361-1560-1361	Case Manager	2,346.00	2,346.00
Total		17,091.00	17,091.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Drug Court, I'll move that the appropriation be approved as listed for a total of \$11,459.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? I would just add as a reminder, that April 4th is the next graduation date that Judge Trockman told us about last week, at 5:00. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1372-1130-1372	Day Reporting Ofcr.	125.00	125.00
1372-1900	FICA	10.00	10.00
1372-1930	Unemployment	1,248.00	1,248.00
1372-2600	Office Supplies	1,483.00	1,483.00

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1372-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,318.00	1,318.00
1372-4220	Office Machines	625.00	625.00
1372-3530	Contractual Services	6,650.00	6,650.00
Total		11,459.00	11,459.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**REASSESSMENT/CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President, under Reassessment funds, again, Center Township Assessor, that request has been withdrawn. I'll move we set that in at zero. Under Knight Township Assessor, account 2490-1130-1120 Office Coordinator, zero; 2490-1130-1990 Extra Help, \$7,500; 2490-1130-1900 FICA \$575; Perf & Insurance both set in at zero, for a total of \$8,075. I can continue on or I can stop.

President Winnecke: Let's take them individually please.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, since we did get a request in the General Fund budget and now on the Reassessment side, under the Extra Help side, is the intent to try to address that same line item in these other requests? Is that why you're going to take them all together or is this the only one that we're going to address the Extra Help on?

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to address the Extra Help with the other ones as well.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I just wanted to make sure we're equitable across the board or we'll definitely see some people visiting our microphone, if not.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1110-1990	Extra Help	15,000.00	0.00
2490-1110-1900	FICA	1,148.00	0.00
Total		16,148.00	0.00

KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1130-1120	Office Coordinator	22,139.00	0.00
2490-1130-1990	Extra Help	35,000.00	7,500.00
2490-1130-1900	FICA	4,372.00	575.00
2490-1130-1910	PERF	3,343.00	0.00
2490-1130-1920	Insurance	4,200.00	0.00
Total		69,054.00	8,075.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, Perry Township Assessor, Extra Help in the amount of \$3,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1140-1990	Extra Help	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total		3,000.00	3,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Pigeon Township Assessor, 2490-1150-1990 Extra Help \$7,500; 2490-1150-1900 FICA \$575; all other requests as listed, for a total appropriation of \$16,575. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Could you repeat that one more time, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Extra Help \$7,500; FICA \$575; and then Office Supplies, Dues, Printing, Travel/Mileage, Software as they are listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. And the total amount is –

Councilmember Raben: \$16,575.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I might, if I can, Mr. President, I spoke with the Pigeon Assessor, Paul Hatfield, I don't know if he's in the audience or not. In the event that we see other requests, if everyone recalls, these other accounts are where he transferred funds earlier in the year because he had a need for a scanner/copier. I spoke with him about the possibility, should we see additional requests like for instance, Knight Township that's kind of in the same block that he's in, if it looks possible for him to share that piece of equipment. He's volunteered to do that. He said it's something they don't use every day, something they need, but something they don't use every day so he would share that if there's any needs to or requests from other offices.

President Winnecke: Other discussion or questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1150-1990	Extra Help	27,000.00	7,500.00
2490-1150-1900	FICA	2,600.00	575.00
2490-1150-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
2490-1150-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	1,500.00	1,500.00
2490-1150-3410	Printing	1,000.00	1,000.00
2490-1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00
2490-1150-3372	Computer Software	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total		38,100.00	16,575.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we'll move on to County Surveyor, we've already zeroed that out or did we?

President Winnecke: We did not.

Councilmember Raben: County Surveyor, I'll move that that request has also been withdrawn, we'll set that in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2650-1220-2650	Chief Deputy	1,147.00	0.00
2650-1900	FICA	88.00	0.00
2650-1910	PERF	66.00	0.00
Total		1,301.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, I'll move that this request be approved as listed for a total of \$15,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2780-1850	Union Overtime	8,000.00	8,000.00
2780-1530	Shift Differential	2,000.00	2,000.00
2780-1920	Insurance	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		15,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

SHERIFF
JAIL
ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: And last, Mr. President, I move that we accept all transfers as listed, that being the Sheriff, the Jail and County Assessor.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Just a comment and –

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I talked to our County Assessor on this, as far as furniture, although we’re not going to be into buying a lot of furniture in a tough year like this, she has no furniture in her office and when I talked to her about it, we do need to provide her with furniture as an officeholder and make sure that there is something up there that’s respectable when people come in there. So just mentioning that for those who see the furniture issue if somebody outside another office sees that, we’re just taking care of an officeholder and making sure that we have. And Curt, there are no desks available downstairs. Thank you.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman?

President Winnecke: Yes sir?

Councilmember Wortman: What's happened, I think the former Assessor put her own furniture up there and took it with her, so that left her with card tables, more or less.

President Winnecke: Actually, I understand that the previous two Assessors had their own furniture in there, so...

Councilmember Wortman: Okay.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: May as well keep tradition going.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1301	Civilian Overtime	3,827.37	3,827.37
1050-1130-0208	Clerk Typist	2,451.00	2,451.00

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To: 1050-1850	Union Overtime	3,827.37	3,827.37
1050-1130-0217	Post Command Receptionist	2,451.00	2,451.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0314	Detention Officer	20.00	20.00
To: 1051-1130-0312	Detention Officer	20.00	20.00

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1090-3530	Contractual Services	4,000.00	4,000.00
To: 1090-4210	Office Furniture	4,000.00	4,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next under the Salary Ordinance amendments, it's quite lengthy today. In fact, there's four pages of them, so I'm going to ask that this document be made part of the record and I will list or I will call out the departments and names which are associated with this: County Clerk, County Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Sheriff, Jail, Prosecutor, County Assessor, Center Assessor, Knight Assessor, Pigeon Assessor, Community Corrections, Superior Court, Center Assessor/Reassessment, Knight Assessor/Reassessment, Perry Assessor/Reassessment, Pigeon Assessor/Reassessment, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund, Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing and Burdette Park. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT
OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 530 AND 600 CROSS POINT BOULEVARD
AND 7323 E. COLUMBIA STREET
S PROPERTIES**

President Winnecke: Any old business to come before the Council? At this time County Attorney Ted Ziemer is going to replace Council Attorney Jeff Ahlers. As you may know, Mr. Schopmeyer is from the same law firm as Mr. Ahlers, and Mr. Schopmeyer is representing Mr. Schroeder and the Crestline folks on the abatement, so Mr. Ziemer is going to join us. Thank you. First I'd like to offer Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Schopmeyer the opportunity to answer any questions that anyone may have. I know we have a couple of other folks who are here to speak to the issue, too, we'll give everyone the opportunity if they so desire. Mr. Schopmeyer?

Mike Schopmeyer: My name is Mike Schopmeyer, Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, here on behalf of S Properties, which is affiliated with Cresline, Wabash and Crescent, and several other companies that you're looking at building their new nationwide corporate headquarters in Evansville and Vanderburgh County, of course. I'm not going to go through everything we talked about at the committee meeting last week to save time, I'd just like to emphasize a few points. This project is in front of us largely because of the expansion of Diamond Avenue and it's the parking for this office building and these national headquarters is across the street and the adding of the lanes and so on is going to make that obsolete and the building unusable. The construction jobs on this are obviously going to be created at a sizable set of new incomes for the community. The amount of the investment, to remind you, is 2.5 million. It's a 20,000 square foot facility and the wage levels on these are \$50,000 and above. These are very high paying wages, preservation of jobs. I would like to add five or six points that we did not talk about last time that I've discussed with several of you over the phone since the committee meeting. First of all there's been a question I believe Councilman Wortman had raised on the number of jobs, and we had tendered an application to you with non – our clients are very conservative, as you know, there's an annual reporting requirement. We have looked at this closer with the board of directors and we would on the record today say that we will commit over a five year period, three to five jobs. Now if you look at this in the sense of manufacturing or the typical job, it would probably be more like 15 jobs, which is what Wabash had a related company in, I believe, a 2001 application, maybe not quite that many, but these are higher paying, \$50,000 plus jobs. The commitment on those, I don't know that in year one or two you'll see it

because it will have the building which takes up a lot of time and they have a considerable computer system, a large investment, which of course will be taxed that they're putting in, which will be at this facility. Is that right, John? Which is not, you cannot on non-manufacturing facilities, we can't apply for that. But that will be coming in, it will make some inefficiencies for this phase-in process, but the commitment will be three to five high paying jobs, executive level, most of them probably college educated, USI, we hope, grads or U of E, over the next three to five years. The other thing we want to talk about that I don't think has been made clear is that there will be no tax increase on any other taxpayer in the community as a result of this project. None. In fact, this land currently lies vacant, there is nothing on it, its been laying vacant for a long time, folks. I mean, this question of cessation of growth, while this is a wonderful center, I think its one of Evansville's finest, Cross Pointe has not seen a lot of development. This will be the largest office building. I would contend to you, this subdivision has been there for as long as Lloyd Expressway and the interstate have been built, which probably, I didn't check, but better than a decade that we've not had investment here. This will be a two-story steel construction building. Many of the buildings that are out there have been one story wood construction. Mr. Fluty understands because he works with taxes, there's a big difference in the tax that will apply to a metal constructed two-story building and a one-story building which is generally, can be wood construction. We assess based on a cost approach in Indiana, so the amount of tax here is considerable. One point that was not made before, the taxes that are paid at this point by the company on their other buildings, and there are buildings in Kentucky, there is the alternative site very much available in Kentucky, and depending on today will determine whether the investment is there or here and Warrick County is an option. Folks, I think most of you know and I've spoke to a few of the Councilmembers, Epworth Road is the subject of a TIF and is being expanded, so we do have competition now at this intersection. And Epworth Road within a year will be just like Burkhardt. Okay, its being expanded all the way, as I understand, we've been involved in that project with the Deaconess expansion that's being taken all the way up to Morgan Avenue and I believe all the way down to at least Lincoln and maybe on down to Newburgh Road, I think its 662 there. Its almost a quarter million dollars, from 200 to 250 thousand that's being paid right now. This building will be taxed at the highest rate because its an office building, brand new. It will be considerable tax and there will be taxes starting right away, within five years, even if you were to abate this at eight years as was recommended by the DMD, there will be considerable taxes paid within five years, probably in excess of \$100,000 paid within the first five years even with the tax phase-in, even with the tax phase-in. The only way in which we can raise our tax rolls is for new investment. All property is depreciated. Personal property, under the tax codes today, if you had an accountant here, they depreciate in about five years. So if someone invests in a new machine, unless it's a large piece of machinery, it will almost be off your tax roll in five years. Real estate, which is all we're before you today on, only on real estate, is 40 year property. So this property, and these are the kind of investments, if we want to fund our schools, which are as we know, 60 percent of everything we pay here, and whatever your small share is in the county, 10%, but its not a very big share, we have to have new investment. The Diamond Avenue facility, one question was raised as we talked to several of you since the committee meeting, Diamond Avenue is not going away, it will continue to be there on the tax roll. One question that comes up many times as you have a tax phase-in that's before you, are you going to lose tax revenue from one township? Our facility, currently, Diamond Avenue is in Pigeon Township and that's been a concern. Pigeon, as we all know, has suffered the greatest in terms of tax roll and the tax assessment. This property will remain, Diamond Avenue is not going away, and will remain on the tax rolls, so we want to make that clear that this is not a trade-off to Knight Township from Pigeon.

That will not occur. So we'd ask your support today. We're agreeable to eight years which is what the DMD recommended. As you recall, our original application was for ten years and I think that covers everything. I think I've covered the six points to elaborate from the last meeting. Mr. Schroeder, John C. Schroeder, is here from Wabash as well as Cresline and Crescent and S Properties, and he'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Schopmeyer. Any other questions for Mr. Schopmeyer or Mr. Schroeder? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I have a question for the attorney, if we vote on it today, and its unanimous, you don't vote on it the second time?

Ted Ziemer: That's correct.

Councilmember Wortman: That's correct, just like it always has been in the past.

Ted Ziemer: Right.

Councilmember Wortman: I do have some problems beings there is not a lot of new employees being put on because that's always been the basis for them, but on the other hand, this company has been very successful. They've got good leadership, good management, they're diversified, and they're hometown people. And I've weighed this thing and weighed it and almost lost sleep over it, but the taxpayers I've talked to, they say kind of stay away from this because its not creating any jobs for the, more or less, you can use the word "working man", you know what I mean? But its something to think about and I know I talked to Mr. Tornatta over there and he talked about that. But you emphasized a lot of points there in your little sermon there and so that's kind of enlightened me a little more, but at the same time, you know, if we had a lot of companies like you, Mr. Schroeder, we probably wouldn't need tax abatements, in plain words, is what it amounts to.

Mike Schopmeyer: If Kentucky and Illinois did not have tax phase-ins, we would not need tax phase-ins, but the problem we have in Evansville, Indiana where we're in a tri-state region is that companies can go to Warrick, they can go to Henderson, they can go to Owensboro. For that matter, they can go to Mt. Carmel, and in most places, not lose a single employee. Many of our employees commute that far right now from Henderson, from Warrick, from – we have employees that drive all the way from Illinois to work at our place and I'm sure Mr. Schroeder's. So that's the – the disadvantage we have where we live, because we build a facility in Washington which is up against an ocean and there's no competition, there isn't tax phase-ins there. That's on their code, but they don't have to offer them because there's no competition. But here, unfortunately, as we live in the tri-state, you know, that's the reality of where we live unless those states will enter a treaty with us, and so that's what we have to – and as you know, this company has been here since '49 and has a large tract, large acreage, more than enough to build this office complex on land they already own and a buy-back right on this property here in Evansville that they have presently. They have the land in Henderson, a buy-back in Evansville. It really does come down to this vote, though, for this long-time employer. I appreciate your comments. My great-grandfather was a preacher.

John Schroeder: Can I make one other point? Over the years we've added a number of employees here in the Evansville area. Out total employment, I think I mentioned last week, is about 500. And as we continue to grow and we intend to continue to grow in the future, we're obviously going to have to add more

administrative people and they will be at this location. So it only fits that yes, we are going to add more production jobs in the future, and when we do that, more people will be added to this location, too. Its just pretty hard to tell right now how many and at what time frame that will be. But we will tend to grow as we have in the past.

President Winnecke: Any other questions on this?

Mike Schopmeyer: If I may, there will be working jobs, the point that Curt made. There will be working jobs, we can't put those in this one. If you have more administration, you can grow, there will be more working jobs that you were talking about at Diamond Avenue, at Birch Road, and as well at the Henderson plant.

Councilmember Sutton: I did want to bring up one point that was made last week and I think we need to make sure we are very clear on it and as we are in a competitive environment when it comes to economic development with neighboring states, they have some contingencies upon their tax abatements or tax phase-ins that maybe we do not have. In particular, Kentucky, you know, a company receives tax phase-in or tax abatement there, then they must hire people that are from Kentucky. So if we lose an employer that was located here to another state like Kentucky, those who reside here and work for that particular company, those jobs would, obviously, be lost. Truly, indeed, its more than just the relocation to another place for that company, but for all those employees. It is, obviously, jobs that are lost. So things that we can do to retain our base here locally, we are fortunate enough, we do have a diverse economy here. We've got some very strong companies like we have here before us and its good to see that there are some opportunities to be able to work to expand our existing companies in this competitive environment.

Rob Schaefer: I just wanted to say one thing, Rob Schaefer, DMD, this is in the Burkhardt Road TIF area, so it has to go to the Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Commission and it has to be approved by them, and then this will come back again next month for a confirming resolution. I just wanted to make sure that everyone knew that.

President Winnecke: Thank you. Is there anyone else from the audience who would like to speak to this? Good afternoon. Could you please state your name for the record?

David Coker: I'm David Coker, I'm president of the Vanderburgh County Taxpayers' Association. And I happened to watch a portion of the presentation made last week on television and that was wonderful to be able to actually see you guys working on TV. And I'm thankful that we have that now. I wish we could get the school board on there, too, and show the public how they conduct their meetings and how it differs from the County Council and the City Council. Its been rather murky as to precisely how much money we're talking about here. I don't know whether its \$50,000 or \$100,000 or \$150,000 a year, and its probably inconsequential to the overall tax base of the county, but I'm here speaking on behalf of my members and quite honestly, they're shell shocked. They are getting their e-mail caches barraged almost daily by e-mails from particularly Democratic members of the General Assembly who have been relaying to us what is taking place in Indianapolis. And we're currently seeing the budget that may raise taxes as much as 270 million dollars for fiscal 2006. Because of changes in the formula, we're looking at an additional possible 71 million dollars in the school tax formula and they see these dollar figures and they're alarmed. And then they hear that a tax abatement is being considered and there's not essentially one new job being promised or required and

they're angry. And they think there's an issue of fairness here that they're very concerned about. A number of our members are farmers and they go out and buy a new hundred thousand dollar combine or a \$70,000 tractor or they put up a new grain bin that costs 20 or \$30,000 to dry grain and they don't get a tax abatement for that. And they wonder why. And there are other business people around this community that may not employ as many people as this company does but they pay their taxes and they behave themselves, they follow the laws and all the rest of it and they wonder where their tax abatements are. So I think there's an issue of fairness that we need to consider in light of all this. And there was some discussion about this land that the company owns in Henderson and that this decision could be a make or break proposition as to whether they build in Vanderburgh County. Well, I think that if that's the case then perhaps its time that we start seriously considering a commuter tax in Vanderburgh County to recoup the taxes that we are losing to neighboring counties and across the river for people that happen to work in Evansville or work in Vanderburgh County and reside elsewhere. I don't know if that's ever been discussed before but I know that it is the case in other states, we've had commuter taxes for years. And its another way to equalize the burden. I mean, these people come here, they're employed here, they travel on our streets, they use water and sewer and fire and police protection and all the rest of it, and yet, their tax dollars go elsewhere and we need to ameliorate that some way. I realize that my remarks here are probably not going to change any votes on the board and they're really not meant to, but I just thought you all would like to know that our people are watching this very closely. They're watching all of these tax abatements and they're very concerned about them. And we want you to do the right thing, we want to keep decent businesses in this community, but on the other hand, there is the issue of fairness and what's right for everybody in the community.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Coker. Appreciate it.

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick question, Mr. President, if its okay. This is a pretty general question and I don't even know if you want to answer it, but have you ever considered or do you have any thoughts in regards to what type of value you put on a good paying job? I mean, if you look at it on an individual basis per job over the period of ten years, I mean, is it fair to say that you would agree that if that's what we have to do to retain business or bring in additional jobs, that its fair for the county to share some of the burden? I mean, is that a fair assumption?

David Coker: It's a philosophical question, actually, is what you're asking. By hook or by crook we have emerged into a mixed economy. I mean, the lines between the private sector and the public sector have blurred significantly in recent years particularly in light of the, like the thing they did with Toyota. That was 50 million dollars. I still scratch my head frequently, the state doesn't buy any of their vehicles, neither do any local units of government. There's a lot of vehicles they build up there that we could probably use. And I realize there's reasons why that doesn't happen, but you know, we're not recruiting Toyotas in this community, unfortunately. We went after Boeing in sort of a half-hearted way not long ago and we understand that went to Lafayette because of the location of Purdue and that community. You know, maybe we need to take a second look at who is doing the recruiting perhaps. We need to be generating high value added jobs and I think our academic institutions right now are doing everything they possibly can to provide the manpower for that. But, you know, I've been telling people for years, you cannot build the future of Vanderburgh County on river boats and taco factories. I'm sorry, that's not going to do it. We need to be going into areas of high tech, high technology, aerospace, more of what we already have and emerging technologies instead of what we used to have in the way of smokestack industries around here.

Our air quality situation has placed real constraints on high polluting industries, so you know, we're in a box and we've got some major problems and –

Councilmember Raben: Not to interrupt, I guess we've gotten way off of the mainstream of – to make my question simpler, if it's a good paying job –

David Coker: What do you consider a good paying job?

Councilmember Raben: Well, according to state records, and Councilman Hoy quoted that quite regularly in here, I think anything below eight something an hour is considered poverty –

Councilmember Wortman: Ten?

Councilmember Raben: I thought it was eight something, but you know, I think, what I consider good jobs is probably upwards of 12 –

David Coker: That's what I'd say. Twelve, fifteen, seventeen. Hospitals pay that to nurses.

Councilmember Raben: My point is, looking back at Mr. Schroeder's business, I don't know where he was at when we granted the first abatement in '93 or '94 ten or twelve years ago, I'm sure that business has, as he stated, has grown to 500 employees. I don't know that it would or would not have done that without the abatement. I think it probably had something to do with it and I guess that's my point, you know, do we risk, do we take that gamble when there's opportunities before us for not only for job retention, but job growth? Do we take that risk and not offer, you know, tax abatement? And that was my question. Do you, I mean, do you consider that there is a value to taking that risk?

David Coker: As you well know, –

President Winnecke: Excuse me, we need to change the tape. We'll take this opportunity to change the tape here.

(Tape changed)

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

David Coker: Well, as you well remember, we went round and round on Azteca and we sat in Bettye Lou's office one night and talked about the Azteca vote. And you know, they created somewhat of an environmental problem out there and we gave them tax abatements and I'm not sure that that's totally dealt with. I still have problems with that one and there are probably others. I haven't actually seen a printout of all of them recently. In fact, that might be a good thing to do is to get a copy of that, an updated one. I haven't seen the comprehensive listing of all the tax abatements in the county, but I understand your point, but how do you explain that to a senior citizen on a fixed income that struggles to pay their property taxes on their house? That's what you're weighing here and there's a lot more of those people in this community any more than there are of these kids here in this audience right now.

President Winnecke: We're going to try and move this along. Mr. Goebel, did you have a comment or question?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I am relatively new to the Council, but I think back to the issue of the abatement, for this particular company its, to me, supporting the type of jobs that you are in favor of: white collar, low pollution, high paying, taping the market of our local community schools, and if we would lose those 40 jobs, high paying, we also lose the union construction that will go on and I think the factories will probably remain regardless – is that correct? So we're taking a risk, I would think, of maybe not allowing that expansion to happen but it might benefit – an abatement of some sort might benefit us and it might grow in that area the type of jobs that we really are looking for here in Vanderburgh County and I think we would probably see eye to eye on that. I know you don't agree with the abatement, and the issue of abatement in general, but this particular case, I think we have to handle one by one.

David Coker: Well, as I said, I realize I'm not going to change any votes here, but could we roll it back perhaps to four or five years instead of the full eight? I think that would be a smaller bone to stick in the throat of the taxpayers out here if they're going to – if we have to go in this direction. Maybe that's what you ought to do because, you know, like I said, there are other employers in this community that do not receive tax abatements and they get upset about them all the time and I hear about it. And they feel relatively helpless and most of them won't come up here and talk to you about it to be honest with you. Its easier for them to sit in their offices and write the check and pay their taxes as opposed to saying anything about it.

Councilmember Sutton: One of the more difficult things with this, and we probably can't, haven't maybe been as thorough maybe in the detail and I think they've tried to make a presentation to present some of the merits of this project is, I think what we're trying to do is we're trying to be competitive. We're trying to be competitive with another offer that's on the table so that we can keep the jobs here in this community. Is it totally fair across the board? I don't think that's ever going to happen. Is it going to advantage one over another? Maybe in some cases it could be viewed that way. Are we trying to do what we feel is in the greater interest of the community? I think that's what we're trying to propose here. The initial proposal on years is at eight and I think there have been some other discussions about what that length will end up being. I think probably if we were down to four we probably would lose the advantage competitively if we're down quite that low.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta is going to make a comment and then we have at least one more person from the audience who would like to speak to this, so Mr. Tornatta and then we will move on.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think we all appreciate the effort that this tax group has come up with and they're keeping the heat on and we all realize it. And, of course, we do the same in our personal thoughts about different abatements. I think that we have thought about the issue on the length of time. Understand, this is an economic tool. Its an investment that reaps additional taxes; where we have low or no taxes on this property, we're looking to try and reap a tax. Have you ever spent money with an investment firm and then they –

David Coker: County option income taxes –

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, but my point is, you don't spend with an investment, you can't spend money on an investment and expect the next day to get all your money back. Its an investment in the future and I think that's kind of the way we're looking at it. And also, we'd like to have people build and have other people build toward the success of the people that are building. And although I agree with you

that I think eight and ten is too strong on the years, we can vary that back from one to ten. We can vary a tax abatement and if there is something that we can negotiate a fair settlement for the county, and I think that's what we're looking to do. And we want to have successful people in this area and we want to breed success next to them so then when they build in an area, hopefully, other people see that that's a great place to go and they want to build next to them which enhances our investment. And to your point on the tax abatement, a ten year tax abatement, I believe, is \$153,000. A five year tax abatement should be about \$93,000. So its not yet half when we go through and that's some numbers that I got, in fact, from –

David Coker: 93, and at five?

Councilmember Tornatta: – from the people – at five years.

David Coker: In revenue?

Councilmember Tornatta: In revenues. Now, the numbers that they're producing now at that location is low or –

David Coker: No, its like 15 or something like that.

Councilmember Tornatta: So its nothing, but what I'm getting at is you can see how that will compound over the years and it would turn into a good investment for Vanderburgh County.

David Coker: And you're probably going to recoup a part of that through county option income tax.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, with their salaries.

David Coker: So, you know, I understand all that. I just wanted to say that people are paying attention and they're watching this very closely and they asked me to say something about it.

President Winnecke: And we appreciate your comments and your time and you made good points. So thank you. Anyone else from the audience? We'll come back around. Please state your name for the record.

Kim Howard: I am Kim Howard, I'm with the Chamber of Commerce, and I'm glad to hear that people are watching and people are looking. I think the economic development issues are significant. I think this is the kind of thing that allows us to take a leadership role. What I've seen in my last 90 days with The Chamber is that people think about economic development and they think about bringing in new business, bringing in new industry, its got to be new, we've got to bring them in. And they don't take time to acknowledge the significant contributions of a valued employer like Cresline. Cresline has already made a commitment to our community, they've made a commitment in very tangible ways. They hire our college graduates, our high school graduates. They make contributions to our charitable organizations. They have made a commitment to us and I think we have an obligation to support them, to help preserve what it is that they have put into place and to help them grow in ways that are reasonable. So I'm asking for your support today in considering them. Thank you.

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

Councilmember Wortman: I'll just reference, Mr. Coker mentioned another tax, we have the county option income tax, everybody that lives out of the county, so whether they come from Vincennes or wherever they come from, you know, on that. So they pay the tax.

President Winnecke: Mr. Schopmeyer briefly, and then we're going to open it up for the Council.

Mike Schopmeyer: To clarify a few points, and I appreciate the comments of Ms. Howard and Mr. Coker, as well. A couple of things, there is no bone in the throat of the taxpayers in any tax phase-in. It doesn't matter whether its this one or any that's before this body. We are never taking away any property taxes that are being paid. Never. All we're doing is phasing in under the program that exists in Indiana, that exists in Ohio, that exists in Kentucky and Illinois. And that misconception is all the time, and particularly as we're on TV today, is painted out to the taxpayers and its wrong. It is wrong. They will continue to pay every dime of tax that they've been paying and they will pay more but we phase in the tax amount so that they can get up and running, so that's a misconception that, you know, stick it to the senior citizens, a bone in their neck, and that is just dead wrong. I think all of you know it but I want to make sure the public understands that. Ten years, I think, Royce, at one point you said eight years. We applied for ten. We have applied for ten for this and in those counties in Indiana, it would receive ten years for this project. In fact, I would suggest in 95% of counties, this would be a ten year project. Okay, Hendricks County, all around Indiana, so that, you know, eight is what DMD has recommended and that's acceptable to us. But as you start talking about four or five or six, this becomes unacceptable and Henderson is an issue. This client of ours, and most all the clients of our law firm do not come in here for every \$700,000 purchase, every \$500,000 purchase, every million dollar, million and a half dollar purchase, which is – and I think its unfortunate that the farmers and their combine investments of \$700,000, they should have a tax phase-in. We agree with that in principal. But we don't come in for every hundred – we've got a computer system that's going to be more than a combine and its going to be taxed at the full amount, five year property, combines are short-term. We're not in here on every investment seeking – this is one of the largest investments that this company has ever made and they're making it in the community. Someone, and then Mr. Coker addressed that and I wanted to say that they've made plenty of investments since they were last in here several years ago that they've not come in and asked for and we don't do that on every investment. So those are a couple of points and the commuter tax, I suppose we would support that, but I don't think you have the power to adopt a commuter tax yet in Evansville. So those are some points. One other thing that I think we need to emphasize, we're not in here asking for you to give us money as was the case on the Executive Inn a few years ago, we're not in here asking you to give us money as was the case on the Accuride. On a tax phase-in, you do not have to take any money out of your budget. We've not asked for that on this project, which many people – Accuride is an equivalent project to this, you pulled out of your pocket funds, if you'll recall. Executive Inn, different project, but still – and certainly lower paying jobs, a lot of jobs, but lower paying. We're not asking for that on this project. I think that's important to know that that's all that's being sought on this project is the tax phase-in. None of these other inducements are being sought. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Schopmeyer. I'd just like to make a couple of comments. Actually, this is sort of couched in a recommendation. First, again, thank you. I think this is probably one of the most healthy discussions we've had on just about any issue in quite a while, so I do appreciate everyone's input. But from

my perspective, I think the fact that an eight-year abatement, as DMD said this probably warrants, would generate approximately \$153,000 to the county over that eight-year period. In fact, the current property is building vacant and the fact that the Diamond Avenue facility would continue to be a tax paying entity, to me, warrants an eight-year abatement and I would – my recommendation as the President of this body is that we move in that regard and I would hope that someone on this body would make a motion to that effect.

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

President Winnecke: We have a motion for an eight year abatement, do I hear a second?

Councilmember Abell: I'll second that.

President Winnecke: We have a motion and a second. Any further questions or discussion? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: We've got a motion on the floor and I think, it seems to me, maybe I'm just reading into gestures, eye movements and all, I think there seems to be some support behind it, I'm not sure if the eight year figure is totally the sentiment seemingly. Like I said, maybe I'm reading more than what I thought, but I think we've got a good company but eight years, I guess with some of the other issues that we talked about, that might seem a little lengthy. I'm supportive of it personally, I mean, I'd like to see maybe about seven, I'm hearing six, but like I said, I'm probably feeling about seven. So I don't know what the others' thoughts may be there.

President Winnecke: Other questions or comments before we take a vote on an eight year proposal? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: If it, if this vote or measure does not carry, will we be bringing it back up for perhaps a seven year abatement?

President Winnecke: I would entertain another motion. Mr. Raben and then Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Raben: I guess we run the risk, though, that there could be a motion for less than seven. That's the risk we run here. So what I'm considering here, Mr. President, is a possibility of withdrawing my motion based on the amount of time it took to – I guess I would maybe consider amending my motion to seven with the hopes that it doesn't get beyond that. So if my co-maker would accept my amendment, I would amend my motion to seven years.

Councilmember Abell: I'll second the amendment to seven years.

President Winnecke: Okay, the current motion on the floor is seven years with a second to that. Mr. Goebel, did you have a comment or question? Okay. Roll call vote. Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: When I look at this situation, I look at the name Schroeder and he's been around here, he's not come in from out of the state or the county and I think he's got both feet on the ground, so that's to his advantage.

President Winnecke: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: The preliminary resolution passes seven to nothing. It will be back next month for a confirming resolution. I do appreciate everyone's patience and healthy discussion on this. Is there any other business to come before the Council?

Councilmember Abell: I have a couple of things - go ahead, Mr. Wortman.

President Winnecke: Ladies first, Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Abell: I had talked to Computer Services about having email because I use that quite extensively and I had it when I was the Clerk here in the building. They have told me that they can set up email accounts for all of us. What they need from anyone who wants an email account is, and I've got a piece of paper here I'll pass around for you to write your name and your personal email address. And what will happen is when your email comes to the county it will automatically be forwarded to your home email, that way your home email will not have to be made public in case you don't want it, and yet, you will be able to get email from within this building. They'll set up one for you. For instance, mine in this building is mabell@vanderburghgov.org. And they would use your name, if someone wanted to write you they could write you and then it would be forwarded to your personal email. So I'll pass this around. If some of you don't want it, that's fine, but I'm having it set up and it doesn't cost us anything. You may want to do that.

Councilmember Sutton: Marsha, that's really an excellent thing. Now when we respond back to a particular request, how would we respond back without say a

personal email account being compromised?

Councilmember Abell: It will be replied back from rsutton@vanderburghgov.org.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you. Good point.

Councilmember Abell: The other thing I want to bring up is, I wonder if we need to have some discussion on The Centre and the Democrats walking out of the house yesterday, and where that gets us with our proposal that's been up there?

President Winnecke: Yeah, I don't know the answer to that. Clearly, I mean, as we all know, there's been a lot of discussions and, in fact, I had a conversation with Mr. Brown from the Convention & Visitors Bureau board this morning relating to that and I think a lot of people are just unsure as to what will happen. But clearly, the lines of communication between local officials and the state legislators are ongoing and I will continue communicating with that and I would urge any of you to continue talking to those that you know at the state level. Mr. Wortman and then Mr. Tornatta.

Councilmember Wortman: Beings we're talking about tax abatement, I'm a part-time farmer so I might be interested in a tax abatement.

President Winnecke: New jobs? Probably not. Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: One of the things that's coming on pretty strong is the Commissioners are lobbying to utilize some different space in some different areas of this Civic Center building and I think that we need to request that they come before us and kind of give us an idea of what they're planning on doing as far as utilization of space because we're going to have a big space issue coming up here when the jail moves out and we're going to have to have monies that goes toward those type of operations and I think we have to have an idea of what the fiscal balance is going to be once we start taping into some, maybe some Building Authority funds and not going to have those funds to do some later projects that we're going to have to do to get this construction on the second and third floor, I guess, behind us at the jail remedied. So I would just like to request that we get the Commissioners over here. Mr. Wortman, if you would address that and maybe they can make a presentation of some of their things that they want to look at so we can keep an eye on the prize so far.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, I talked to Suzanne Crouch today and brought that question up that we've got to look at it and we've got to watch our money and so they're going to – Mr. Rector, they're going to kind of go around and doing this and that and see where the space is, what they can afford and whatnot. And then I will get back with her and have her report here if she will so that we can understand what's going on, what space they're going to add on or what have you. But I think one of the Commissioners is getting a little too far advanced here. We're getting too much over there. So I think we don't need all that space cut up. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Wortman. Any other business to come before the Council? If not, I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

President Winnecke: We stand adjourned. Thank you.

(There being no further business to come before the County Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 30, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council held a special meeting on March 30, 2005 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon. I'd like to welcome everyone to the special meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll begin with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben		X
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND APPROPRIATION

President Winnecke: Good afternoon. Its nice to see such a large crowd turn out to see local government in action. We have several people who have indicated a willingness to speak to the issue of approving the Convention & Visitors Bureau request for 1.2 million dollars in funding for the LST Project. I would like to ask each speaker to be as succinct as possible as we do have a regularly scheduled meeting to follow and it has a full agenda as well. So at this time I would entertain a motion to approve the 1.2 million dollar request from the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Councilmember Wortman: I make a motion for approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: We have a motion and a second. At this time I'd like to open it up for discussion. I know Mr. Davis is in the crowd. Would you like to come forward? Good afternoon. If you would, state your name for the record.

Steve Davis: Good afternoon, my name is Steve Davis. I live at 1327 E. Illinois Street. I came here today to express my support for this project. I think its going to be a great project but, as with every project of this size, its not without some questions that I would like to bring to you that some of you probably don't even know this. I spoke with Greg Lamar at length yesterday in regards to the funding of this project, at which time he gave me the draft for review purposes only of the construction cost that the Visitors Bureau used – this is the information they used to decide to put this to a vote. The estimated costs were done by Ron Riecken, the

president of Inland Marina. He is the one that actually drew up these costs, he is the one that came up with this information and, as far as I know, with the exception of one barge that's 60 by 20, another barge that's 300 by 50, a ramp that's 100 by 8 and two dolphins that float, everything other than that has not been done by an independent source. Its been done by the property owner himself. Another question I have in regards to this is, when we do build this down there, which I think will happen, the property owner is going to be Inland Marina, who Ron Riecken is the president of, the property assesses for \$417,000 and the county is looking at – the city is asking that the investment of 1.8 million dollars go on this property, to which I say for a \$417,000 price tag, why don't we just buy it, own it, and forget the lease of \$50,000 a year for a ten year – the proposed lease now is for ten years at \$50,000 a year with two ten-year extensions, which if we took the full 30 years, it would be a 1.5 million dollar lease agreement for mooring rights. Again, this is on property that's only worth \$413,000 or \$417,000. I've got the paperwork here to confirm that through the Assessor's Office. If and when this boat dock gets built, I want to say right now, I think this should happen. I really do. I think its great. My kids went down there. We loved it. I loved it. It's a great thing. If the city does this right, which very rarely happens, but if the city does this right, this could possibly and potentially be the greatest thing that its ever done. Its just, I think we need to re-evaluate who is the property owner, how much this property is really worth, how much money are we going to give to this property owner when we vacate the premises, if we do, or would it be just simply, just as simple to eminent domain the property, buy it, let the city annex it in, fix up Waterworks Road, which the county is going to have to now try to figure out an influx of traffic problems once this gets going, so that would become the city's headache and that would be great, because its their project, its their boat, and they're going to reap the benefits of this. I'm not asking that you don't vote...I guess, I don't want you to vote against it, I just don't want anybody to vote today. If we could just have everybody hold off on the votes until some of these things can be done and we could confirm some of these prices for the construction projects. I mean, we're looking at one million dollars of taxpayer dollars going to be down there at – that's Ron Riecken's estimate. And last I heard he owned Inland Marina, I didn't know he was an engineer. Some of those are site work for \$250,000 a year, or \$250,000. The land lease is \$250,000 for five years. Maintenance, I mean, who did the maintenance study? He says for maintenance for five years, its going to be \$150,000. I'd like to know who that is because that's cheap. Insurance for the property and miscellaneous dredging, drift removal is going to be \$146,000. As well as installation of cranes and tow boats, engineering, I didn't know he was an engineer, and electrical services. And unless he's got an electrical company that I don't know about, we're taking his word for everything here. We need to say to the city of Evansville, come back with some real numbers from real people other than the person that owns the property that's going to monetarily gain from this proposal, and we'll vote. That's all I'm asking you to do. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any questions of Mr. Davis? Thank you, sir.

Steve Davis: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Appreciate it. Mr. Barnhart, would you like to come forward? Please state your name for the record.

Richard Barnhart: My name is Richard Barnhart and I live at 4400 Stringtown Road here in Evansville. And I commend Mr. Davis for doing a spectacular job there. My question is, has anyone on the Council ever seen a plan for the expenditure of this money you're about to vote on?

President Winnecke: We have.

Richard Barnhart: There is a plan?

President Winnecke: Its before us, yeah.

Richard Barnhart: When did you receive it?

President Winnecke: It was emailed to all the Councilmembers last week or the week before by the Mayor's office, which was part of the city's application to the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Richard Barnhart: I guess my problem then is that this plan has not been, in my estimation, properly put out through the media to the general public. I don't think they know what's happening. And I think if they did know, you'd probably have a bigger audience than you do.

President Winnecke: Okay. Any other questions of Mr. Barnhart? Thank you, sir. Any other folks that would like to speak opposing this action today or the consideration thereof today? In that case, I'd like to invite Mr. George Rehnquist from the LST committee to step forward.

George Rehnquist: My name is George Rehnquist, I'm a retired lawyer from Princeton, Indiana. I'm president of and chairman of the local LST committee. I'm also president of the tourism bureau in Princeton/Gibson County, Indiana, so I do understand some of the issues that are before you today as to the relevance and the importance of what you're about to do here. I might give you just a little bit of background. I'm going to have other people speak more to the technicalities of what we're talking about today. I realize an issue certainly in hearing Mr. Davis' concerns that there may be some potential conflict because of the location of where this ship and the dockage might go. I want to explain a couple of things: one, we're talking about the LST a lot today but we're really talking about a dock that is not only going to benefit the LST but is going to benefit other ships and boats that will come into Evansville. So don't lose sight of the fact that we're talking about a bigger picture than just the LST. The other thing that I think that is important to also understand is, I think Evansville has an opportunity to create a real niche in tourism, something that every community, I know my community is always looking for, and I think certainly Evansville/Vanderburgh County has an opportunity here to do that. We all want to try to find unique things that no other community has, and I certainly think that would be a marvelous opportunity, not only just for the LST, but to, once again, be able to call Evansville River City and make it really effective in this part of the country. Let me address a little bit about the property and the location. Two years ago when the boat came here on a very temporary basis, I was one of many that went to the Corps of Engineers and I was the spokesman for the group, to talk about where that location might be. And at the time, we really were talking about possibly putting it somewhere near the gambling boat, at the Aztar boat, because they had provided some space not along side it, but near it, that could be used possibly as a dockage place. When we made that presentation to the Corps, the Corps absolutely said that was not available to us. In the course of making that presentation, we also talked about other sites that either had been discussed with us or we had even tried to do some engineering work on. One of those sites was Bristol-Myers, and early on when we first started to talk about the possibility of the LST coming two years ago, Bristol-Myers came to us, they were a part of our committee and indicated that they would like for us to at least look at that site because that's where the ships were manufactured. Not this particular one, but ships generally were manufactured there.

They even did some engineering work on a possible site, and again, this is a temporary site. Because of the elevations of that parking lot to where the water line is there, and the cost of actually preparing the site, it was going to cost in, literally, in the amount of millions of dollars to do it, somewhere in the neighborhood of two to three million dollars, so we ruled out that site at that point. And to the best of my knowledge, a site there has never been offered to us at any time. But we also know that the Corps of Engineers told us at my meeting two years ago, that that was the worst site for us to come into. I have some maps. Let me – Pat, you want to hand me those maps -- and you have a map, I think, in front of you right here, that talks in terms of what this looks like. This is a map of the river itself to give you some idea of where the channel is. The channel is basically –

President Winnecke: George, would you take the microphone with you?

George Rehnquist: Sure. The channel of the river – let me put this up on this – actually runs where you see the white part of the river here and as you see the blue, this is where it gets close to the property line. And the only place that there is enough distance is right here at point N on your map, at point N on your map. And that's why the Corps of Engineers told us that at that time that the only location on the river that they would allow for that ship to be docked temporarily, this was two years ago, was point N, which is Marina Pointe. Now I'll be very honest with you, that when we started talking about a permanent location of the ship, that we recognized that Marina Pointe was going to raise some eyebrows because it was going to appear to be somewhat of a conflict of interest. And had we had another site to go to, we probably would have considered it stronger simply to try to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest. But we did not have that choice, nor do we have it now once we talked to the Corps of Engineers one more time. And they have indicated to us that if that ship is going to stay in the water, that it can only go at Marina Pointe. I might also point out, and you're going to hear in a few minutes when Mr. Greg Lamar talks to you about this that any use of that area is first going to have to be appraised so that its not just arbitrarily assigned a dollar value, that's going to be required by the city and he will go into more detail about that. So I guess to explain in summary very quickly because I want him to add in more details, but I think, a couple of things, one, the choice of a location was not our choice of a location, it was the Corps of Engineers, and they are the ones that control if its in the water, where its going to go on the river. And that has to be at Marina Pointe. We have not been given the opportunity to locate it anywhere else on the river and even if we had, the Corps of Engineers has already told us that the only location that we can put that ship at this point, if its in the water, is at Marina Pointe. And lastly, and not insignificantly because you're talking about tourism dollars here, its extremely important, I think, to invest money that comes from your tourism and your convention bureau in a project that will, in fact, increase the use of your hotels and motels in this community. And I am firmly convinced that providing this dock, not only for the LST but for other pleasure ships that can come in here, will, in fact, do that. I think the investment of 1.2 million dollars has the possibility of being a win-win situation in that not only will it increase tourism and find a niche for Evansville and Vanderburgh County, it will also return money on that investment. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any questions for Mr. Rehnquist? Mr. Geobel and then we'll come all the way around.

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Rehnquist, did anyone from your group actually contact Bristol-Myers about that location or is this mainly hearsay to your group?

George Rehnquist: When you say contact about, we worked with them very closely

when we first started to talk about bringing in the ship on a temporary basis. And some of their engineers actually designed a portable dock or a temporary dock and a walkway down to that dock for us and we worked with them extensively for, I would say, a period of probably six weeks. Tom Lonnberg and I met with them on many occasions to look at their plans and to walk through those plans with them. So yes, we did talk to them about it.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, the people that you're talking to about the property, they would possibly file a conflict of interest statement, wouldn't they?

George Rehnquist: I think they would. I can't speak for them, but I would think they would, yes.

Councilmember Wortman: And then, you're from Princeton, Gibson County?

George Rehnquist: Yes, I'm from Princeton, Gibson County.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, you've done pretty good with Toyota up there.

George Rehnquist: Thank you, sir. We're pretty proud of that.

President Winnecke: Ms. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Rehnquist, I do have some questions.

George Rehnquist: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Abell: Does your figure of 1.2 or 1.7 million, whatever, depending on the 650,000 from the city, does that include the cost that its going to cost the taxpayers to upgrade Waterworks Road to make sure that there is safe transportation to this facility?

George Rehnquist: No, ma'am, it does not.

Councilmember Abell: Have you gotten any estimates that you know how much its going to cost our taxpayers to upgrade that road?

George Rehnquist: We have not.

Councilmember Abell: Okay. You said that the Army Corps of Engineers actually looked at the Bristol-Myers site a few years ago. Have they looked at it since?

George Rehnquist: I don't know that they have. They were so definite at the time that we talked to them that my guess is that it wasn't necessary to, but I can't say that for them.

Councilmember Abell: Weren't they definite that since we didn't have any money to make that property safe that they couldn't grant a temporary, but now that we're talking about spending a tremendous amount of money to upgrade something, we certainly could have the opportunity to talk to them again and see if the investment -- if you've got enough money you can do just about anything you want to do.

George Rehnquist: No, ma'am, that was not the problem. The problem was that this

is an extremely dangerous part of the river right here, according to the Corps of Engineers. Their great fear is that if a ship comes into this bend, and if it ever loses its engines or its direction, this is exactly where it goes is right in here, and that was their main reason for not wanting us to go there is because of the danger of the river at that point. It had nothing to do at all with the construction or the appearance of the dockage at that point. It was simply the location on the river of that bend.

Councilmember Abell: And cutting back into the area where Pigeon Creek empties into the Ohio River was never considered for dredging purposes and putting it there?

George Rehnquist: We did not talk to them about that.

Councilmember Abell: I didn't think so. You mention a conflict of interest – I just want you to know that I have no problem with any conflict of interest. I think its pretty well known that this property is owned by the Mayor's Parks Director, and that's not a secret, so there's no problem with a conflict of interest. You say that the property must first be appraised and that someone else is going to address that. I haven't been a councilman very long, but I've been in elected office for a long time, and I, in fact, put in a multi-million dollar project in the courts building for computers and I put in the voter system, new electronic, and I was never allowed nor did I ever approach anyone to make a vote on anything that they didn't have the figures tied down yet, so I think we're being very premature to vote on anything when you're telling us that it hasn't been appraised yet. My only other question is, do you pay property taxes in Vanderburgh County, Mr, Rehnquist?

George Rehnquist: No, ma'am, I don't.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Councilman Sutton, did you have any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I do. Really, I've just got basically one question, as you were beginning to talk about the location, the Marina Pointe location, if you could give us maybe a little bit more information to the best of your ability about your discussions with the Corps and why that particular site is deemed to be more safe than say any other points. I know you had just mentioned earlier about the bend there, but talk about that particular site there and why that it poses maybe no issue for the Corps.

George Rehnquist: Well, let me talk about that side and other parts of the river. If you sat in the museum offices, for instance, and you watched ships enter into this bend, you'd almost feel like that ship was going to come right into your front door, because when they come into that bend, they absolutely hug the shore line because that's the deepest part of the river right there. Although this down in here, which is point N, doesn't appear to be very large, where that ship will rest is right in here, right where it says 350 on your map, and that is the widest part of the river where its away from the bank and between the bank and the channel, and that's why that location is the very best. Now at the same time, the other thing about that, that is the best on part of it is, that you're not in the bend at that point. You're in a straight point. You've either cleared the bend if you're coming this direction and then you haven't started the bend yet at that point, so that's the reason. If you look at the river, this absolutely is the largest part right here that is between the channel and the shoreline.

Councilmember Sutton: I can recall, I had the fortune of serving on the Mayor's

riverboat gaming committee that poured through all the different applications, and one of the last pieces of that process when we were approved for our riverboat license down here in Evansville, was the Army Corps of Engineers giving their approval to the site that was selected. And that process came very, very late and made a lot of people quite nervous about when they were actually going to get that approval. But what was very clear was that the Army Corps did make the decision on anything related to locations of anything along that river and no decision was going to be made about anything until the Army Corps made their decision on it. I guess the other thing that I was interested in with this particular site, if the cost that we have before us today, is it to be my assumption that these are on the high side or we're looking at this, because if the costs come in lower or higher, have you given some consideration on how that would be addressed?

George Rehnquist: I haven't personally, and again, these costs are the best estimate that can be obtained. Mr. Davis talked a little bit about the fact that he felt that Mr. Riecken went out and got, he came up with these costs. In fact, Mr. Riecken went out and got bids from various people that he works with to find out whether the costs would be – now, when I say works with, I don't mean somebody that's in business with him, but this man works on the river, obviously, and has one of the best knowledges of what it costs to do work on the river. And so the costs that he put together were not his estimate. He didn't pull these out of the top of his head. He went out and talked to people to find out what an estimate would be from them if they put this together or if they provided material for it.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

George Rehnquist: I have just one comment. I can appreciate Mrs. Abell's concern that I am not a resident of this county. The thing is, I think the value to this operation is that its going to be something that its going to impact a lot of counties, not just Vanderburgh County. Folks, you want something, if you're looking for a piece of tourism in this county, you don't want to just attract people that live in Vanderburgh County. They already have a place to stay. They don't need to stay in your hotels and your motels. You want people to come in from outside that aren't residents, that aren't paying taxes in your county because that's what's going to benefit the investment that you make of 1.2 million dollars. That's the opportunity you're going to have to get a return on that. Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess I have a couple of comments and my one comment is, as long as I have dealt with and known people to do deal with the Army Corps of Engineers, the Army Corps runs their own agenda and they run on their own time, and they run on their own ideas. And they don't allow anybody else's ideas to come and cross between theirs. So I really don't have a problem with where the Army Corps has put this project because if they said it should go in the middle of Dress Plaza, we'd be talking about Dress Plaza right now. I don't necessarily buy the idea that a business owner must sell his or her business and/or property because a position has come up and to say that in this case, although some call it a conflict of interest, a person that's in a position that they have a piece of property that is wanted more now than it was in the past, should be taken away from them because they would get financial gain on this. So I really don't buy into that. And the third point I'd like to make is I think it is the duty of the Mayor and his administration to try and make sure that this project does come in under budget. That's what we all try and do here on the Council and the City Council, and I believe that it will be up to him at that point to make sure that that does come in under

budget and I put my faith that those things will be taken care of in a time and manner that will positively affect everybody in this area. No questions, I apologize, but a few comments as we went around the room.

President Winnecke: One last question from Mr. Wortman and then we're going to move on. We have two other speakers.

Councilmember Wortman: Two things. We've got two events staged on the river: the boat races and them jets. Will they interfere with the boat?

George Rehnquist: No, they won't. You might recollect that when the jets come in, there is a segment of the community that has to be kind of cleared at that point and obviously, that misses this boat, this ship. The other thing is, in the contract that we have negotiated with the LST, part of when they must stay here in the community is during that time that you have Thunder. So that is an important time for them to stay.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you. You answered my question.

President Winnecke: Mr. Geobel, and then we'll go on.

Councilmember Goebel: I was just hoping, President Winnecke, you might, once again, emphasize where this 1.2 million dollars, from what source its going to come so we can maybe let the property taxpayers in Vanderburgh County understand where this 1.2 is coming from.

President Winnecke: The Tourism Capital Development Fund, which is funded through the Innkeeper Tax. Okay, next we'll go on to Mr. Vezzoso, who represents the Convention & Visitors for today.

Joe Vezzoso: Mr. Winnecke and the County Councilmembers, it's a pleasure to appear before you. Laura is passing out some information. I know that we've already went over our time that you've allotted, but I'll be as quick as possible. A little bit about the tourism industry in Vanderburgh County: Certec did a report for us, it's the second report that we commissioned them to do. The first report was done in 2001. You have an excerpt from that report. Most of you have a full copy of that report. I will provide the new Councilmembers with those copies. I didn't realize how many new members we have, but I'll make sure that you all have a copy of that report. The tourism and travel industry contributed nearly 432 million dollars to our 2003 economy in Vanderburgh County. Direct expenditures by tourists, people that come in town and they stay in hotel rooms or they spend money for gasoline, eat in our restaurants and all other types of activities amounted to about 313 million dollars. If you take Aztar out of that picture, it still amounted to about 189 million dollars in revenues to our community. The tourism industry accounts for about 6,000 jobs in Vanderburgh County. The tourism industry generated 90.6 million dollars in wages in 2003. We had a little over 4 million visitors to our community in the year 2003. The per person expenditure per day, and remember this is per person, if they're here and staying in lodging, its about 80 dollars per person, so if it's a husband and wife, that would be about 160 dollars a day. If they're going to one of our attractions, the Reitz Home, Burdette Park or some other attraction in Vanderburgh County, you're looking at about 20 dollars a day. If they're coming in just to visit family, they're going to spend around 55 or 56 dollars a day. If they're passing through, if they're just driving through our community, its estimated that they spend somewhere around 32 dollars per person. And if they're staying in one of our campgrounds, such as at Burdette Park, they're spending around 47 dollars. As you

can see, the addition of the LST to our existing attractions, like the museum, Burdette Park, golf courses, the zoo, the new Central Library, the Reitz Home, the soccer complex, the ice skating arena, The Centre, the Victory, and the many others, would be a great asset to our ability to attract additional conventions and additional tourism to Vanderburgh County. When the LST was here in July of 2003, we had 11 military groups that had called to pre-book their conventions knowing that the LST was coming to Evansville. We estimate very conservatively that that generated about \$413,000 in direct economic development to our community. Over 35,000 people toured the LST, resulting in an additional \$300,000 in boarding fees, sales for the ship, and an impact of probably around 1.1 million dollars. We have made inquiries, the convention bureau has made inquiries to the Delta Queen Steamboat Company, the RiverBarge Excursions, and we have received interest from those folks in coming back to our community. The Delta Queen currently docks in Henderson, Kentucky because the Corps will not allow her to dock at Dress Plaza because she sticks too far out into our channel. With this docking facility, we could again maybe attract the Delta Queen to come back to our community, offload those passengers, they could see the LST, they could go to the casino, they could shop, they could visit our museums, and other activities in the downtown area. I'm going to try to skip over some of this because I know you all can read it and I know we're in a hurry. There are certain cultural things I think we need to look at, the educational venue with the LST here. There's a lot of students out there that didn't know anything about the second World War and this certainly would be a great activity for them to be able to go to the LST and see it firsthand. I have been to other communities, Mobile, Alabama, where the USS Alabama is docked, that's where the current LST is for repairs. Charleston, South Carolina where they have an aircraft carrier, they have a submarine and they also have a Coast Guard tender, and all those communities and the impact numbers are in your packet, see significant increases in tourism because of those types of activities in their community. Just for your information for some of you new Councilmembers, just so you know the funding mechanism here, the Tourism Capital Improvement fund is funded in the following manner: collection is made by the lodging industry on every room night in Vanderburgh County. Currently, the total Innkeeper's Tax for Vanderburgh County is six percent and is divided in the following way: two and a half percent is for the operation of the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau and the promotion of Vanderburgh County tourism and convention business. Two percent goes to offset the operating deficit at The Centre, at about 750,000 per year. And the one and a half percent that's left goes into the Tourist Capital Improvement Fund for other tourism related capital projects. Just for example, we have done the rehab on the Pagoda, which was a building that was in very deplorable shape on our river front and now with the Greenway there, it is a beautiful facility and is used extensively by the residents of Vanderburgh County and also the visitors into our community. We relocated the museum train, we built the construction, we did the construction of the transportation center for the Evansville Museum. We renovated the Reitz Home carriage house and repainted the exterior of the home. We made a contribution to the Signature School for additional meeting space that was needed at the time. We made a contribution of a million and a half dollars to Vanderburgh County Convention Center for construction. We have done roads and repaving at the 4-H Center. We have made a contribution, a major contribution to the Goebel Soccer Complex, we have made numerous contributions to Burdette Park and we have done funding assistance for the African/American Museum, which is currently on the tables. The total income to this fund, the Tourism Capital Development Fund, since its inception in 1994 has been about \$6,900,000. Total amount of projects funded through the bureau and with the authority of the County Council has been about six and a half million dollars. These amounts do not include the over three and a half million dollars that is being contributed to the operation of The Centre. The

Evansville Convention and Visitors Commission is made up of seven appointed members from all three governmental bodies of Vanderburgh County. The two members appointed by the County Council are Mr. David Dunn and Miss Gloria Altman. The two members appointed by the County Commissioners are myself and Mr. Jeff Korb. And three members appointed by the Mayor's office, Mr. Jim Brown, Mr. Mike Belwood, and the president of our commission, Ms. Bev Oswald. The commission must be made up of three persons from the hotel industry, and the rest from the general population. Each of the appointed bodies is required to appoint one hotelier to the commission. The Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau met on Tuesday, March 22nd, at a public meeting, and received public input on the matter before you. All appointed commissioners were present and upon motion, unanimous approval was given to the request of the city of Evansville for the funding of the LST docking facilities with a recommendation that we bring this decision to you, the County Council, with a recommendation for your approval. The request, the appropriation, in the amount of \$1,200,000, to be paid to the city of Evansville over the next five years. A copy of the Tourism Capital Improvement fund analysis and projections is at the back of the packet I just gave you. There are a couple of years where that fund is very slim. We have shown growth in the money coming in. And I will tell you that we have experienced growth in the hotel industry in Vanderburgh County over the last four years. Each year we see a little increase in the number of room accommodations. We have also seen an increase in the average daily rate which is the rate that hotels get on an average basis. So we, as hoteliers, feel that we are going to continue to see growth in our community because of our Centre, and the activities between the Convention Bureau and The Centre and the downtown hotels and other hotels attracting conventions to our community. We feel, Sir and Councilmembers, that this is a tremendous project. It improves our river front. Once again, we will be able to go from Aztar all the way down and past the museum and that camp, as we expand that, its just great and beautiful. I would like to address one thing about the traffic. I know that when Royce sat on the committee for the riverboat there was concern that when the riverboats were talking about bringing all these people in on busses, that these busses were going to end up in our historic preservation area and our downtown streets, and I can tell you that none of that ever occurred. I lived in the downtown area at that time and unless you really are coming into Evansville and going to the casino, I don't think the residents of Vanderburgh County really realized the casino is there. You don't see the influx of traffic into that facility and I think the same is true with this. You know, is it going to bring people? Yes. But I don't think you're going to see hundreds of thousands of cars going down into that facility all at one time. So we would recommend that you all look upon this recommendation favorably, and if you have any questions, I'd be glad to try to answer them.

President Winnecke: Any questions for Mr. Vezzoso? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: One question. Mr. Vezzoso, you mentioned that when the LST was here two years ago that during that ten day period, it had 35,000 visitors. Have we had another event here locally that's produced those kind of numbers for any activity that's supported by the tourism board or just on its own?

Joe Vezzoso: Other than the casino? No. You know, our closest one would be the Frog Follies. That attracts the most tourism related visitors into our community. Of course, it fills our city and it fills outside of our city. It fills up into the Princeton area and into the Henderson County area and even into the Owensboro area, so the Frog Follies is truly our largest hotel producing event in the community. This particular thing created a lot of tourism, that's counting the local people that went in, the people from the Henderson, you know, the day drive people that can drive here in a day.

Its not necessarily all overnight.

Councilmember Sutton: So the answer to the question being, outside of the Frog Follies –

Joe Vezzoso: This would be the top event, yes.

President Winnecke: Other questions of Mr. Vezzoso? Thank you, sir. Last speaker, Mr. Greg Lamar, representing the city.

Greg Lamar: Good afternoon. I'm Greg Lamar, the Executive Director of the Department of Metropolitan Development. I did pass out a little packet with information by your desks. Again, what I'll try to do is quickly move through a number of points that I think people have raised concerns about. On the question of the location of the dock, I think its been talked about quite a bit. The real key is the Corps makes the choice, and they have made it very plain to us on a number of occasions that where we are putting it, that is the Inland Marina area, is the place for it to be. I think one point that should be pointed out here in all of this, is that, again, when we signed the first basic understanding of having the LST actually locate here in Evansville, that was December 28th, actually, we have to have a dock ready for the LST to dock here in Evansville in July of 2005. I mean, that's the drop dead date, if you will. So that's one location, again, the shipping channel issue is really what has a major impact on where we can locate. The municipal dock design, again, what we're doing is going through a permitting process with the Corps. It has included the Coast Guard, the Department of Natural Resources and the Kentucky Department of Natural Resources, to get the permits required as we do this. In fact, what we are doing, and this makes the most difficult part to understand is, we're doing what's called a design build program. While we're doing the design, we're trying to do some of the building and that's, again, because of the short time frame and deadline of July. I wish we had all the answers right now because I would feel a lot more comfortable because we would have everything all designed and everything was all done. Unfortunately, that's not the case because of the various parties that we have to have involved in our decision making process. The application that you have that the city submitted to the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau had a draft design or, if you will, a draft budget on the thing. What we did was, before we went any place with that, we did get some confirmation from Stanley Consultants out of Iowa, who are our consultants now, to make sure that the numbers were somewhat in line. Secondly, we have, in fact, hired Stanley Consultants, who are also engaged by Aztar, to do the flood wall and actually did the design for putting the Aztar boat there. That's who we've engaged to work with us to get the municipal dock done. Part of the whole design issue, of course, is not only the location, but how we meet other requirements including, for example, ADA and most importantly, of course, is making sure that the Corps is happy with the design because they have the ultimate approval of what the design is that's in the river. The permit, itself, is actually a construction permit for five years. I know there's been a question about it's a five year permit. Basically, the permit allows us five years to do the work. Once the work is done, it can be there for as long as you want. Its only when there's additional facilities added and/or you have to do additional dredging that you have to go for an additional permit. In other words, once its done, although it's a five year permit for the construction, its an indefinite period of time for the actual use of the municipal dock once its accomplished. As indicated earlier, the municipal dock is just that, a municipal dock. We've talked about the LST and that's really been the springboard to really make us think about those things. But it will be a temporary docking facility for the other, the riverboats like the Mississippi Queen and other river cruise and excursion boats. The budget, again, when it was done

was the budget was prepared by the LST committee. We had it confirmed and so forth. If you look through there you will see what the 1.2 million dollars is actually requested for is about \$700,000 for the barges, the ramps, the dolphins. The dolphins are the pilings out in the river. In addition to that, there is additional dollars for the pinning of the barges, the engineering of that, the electrical service and site improvements that will be needed in accordance with what the Corps wants such as the rip rap around the area itself.

President Winnecke: Mr. Lamar, we need to change the tape.

(Tape changed)

President Winnecke: Okay, please proceed.

Greg Lamar: – which ends up being about 1.2 million dollars is what you were asking for out of the Tourism Capital Development Fund. In addition to that, the Redevelopment Commission did, on March 15th, approve \$646,000 from our capital development fund to be used also as, if you will, our match or whatever you want to call it, for the riverboat as well. And that includes any dollars for the land lease, the actual maintenance, insurance, and miscellaneous things such as the dredging of the river, again, to get the proper depth in it, drift removal, and this type of thing. So that's where the two numbers come from or what they actually used. The LST contract itself, that is the contract between the city and the LST Memorial Group is basically a ten-year lease with two ten-year options. The LST Memorial Group, and in the back of your packet you'll see information that they provided to us, they're solely responsible for the LST, on the maintenance and operation. In other words, our responsibility ends at the dock. Everything else is the responsibility of the LST Memorial Group. In fact, that's why, as part of the contract, that they'll be allowed to sail, if you will, two to four to six weeks around going to other ports because that is how they raise their money. That's why they came here is to raise money and in order to keep that money flowing, they were required to get out there and go to other ports. The dock will be provided at a mutually agreeable spot and it happens to be Marina Pointe, for a dollar a year. That's our docking fee. That is a dollar a year. The city is responsible for providing water, restroom facilities, electrical, telephone, parking, walkways, signage, and obviously a dock. In terms of the mooring rights lease, and this is the lease with Inland Marina, what we're talking about there is, again, we're in negotiations with Inland Marina to finalize a lease. We've sat down with them. Based on that lease, we will then turn it over to David Matthews who, I think, many of you know as an appraiser to value the lease agreement and what's required by the leases. Based on what David Matthews comes up with, that will be, in fact, what will proceed in terms of the negotiations and the offer. The items itself, as part of the lease or they have to have the road easements, provide the road, the parking lot, restrooms, maintenance on those facilities and obviously, allowing the easements to attach the dock and/or the other utilities. I think one thing that's very important, because people think we're going to be improving Inland Marina, there seems to be a misconception that we're going to build the road, pave the parking lot, do something to the restaurant out there. That is not the case. The only difference that you will see in terms of what we will be paying for is there will be some walkways that we'll have to put in. There will be a walkway or a dock pad where the dock connects to the land and to the walkway and then the dock itself, plus the dolphins out in the river. That is what we're going to be responsible for and, in fact, if for some reason after ten years something happened, the only thing that you would see is the walkway and where the docks connect to the Inland Marina area. That's all that would actually be left would be our capital improvements. The dolphins would still be in place because those are the pilings that go into the river. I think overall,

there will be additional rip rap work and dredging obviously, as we talked about, but for the most part, those are the improvements that would be responsible for Inland Marina and what we would be responsible for.

President Winnecke: Any questions of Mr. Lamar? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I haven't heard anyone speak about parking. What type of accommodations are being made because I can recall a couple of years ago when the LST was here, it was a tremendous event, much larger than maybe people had anticipated, how many parking spaces are being planned for, and does the present parking facility accommodate that or will there be some adjustments made?

Greg Lamar: We believe the current facilities probably do accommodate the amount of parking that would be required. Again, we would not be expanding the parking, but rather using the parking as it is currently.

Councilmember Sutton: And then the last question I had was related to at certain times of the year the water does get quite high over in the area and restricts the traffic flow and the road is actually blocked off, what thoughts or accommodations will be made to deal with those type of issues?

Greg Lamar: One of the things, there's obviously the – I know one of the gates is just on the other side of the Inland Marina inlet or the road there, and then if, in fact, it gets really, really high, there's, I guess, a second set of gates up the road. There are easements that we would also have that Inland Marina has that allows for people to go around the boat dealer's area so that even in the, I guess unless the flood really got super, super bad, we would have access at all times to the facility there.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: In the contract, would there be a legal clause in there that if either side was wanting to abandon the project, would there be like a 90 day notice or six months, that either one could –

Greg Lamar: With the LST or with Inland Marina? Which one or –

Councilmember Wortman: Both. Both sides.

Greg Lamar: With the LST its basically by mutual agreement. With Inland Marina, if because of the nature of the lease, I'm sure that there will be, if we want to break the lease after five years, as with any other lease, there would probably be some sort of buy-out clause.

President Winnecke: Ms. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Lamar, you indicate that there was an agreement signed in December of 2004?

Greg Lamar: 2004, yeah.

Councilmember Abell: Last year, December 28th, if I'm correct. And you indicate that you're in negotiations with Inland Marina and after that, David Matthews is going to do an appraisal and then he's going to report the appraisal, I presume, to you?

Greg Lamar: To the Redevelopment Commission.

Councilmember Abell: Then I guess my question for you is, why are we voting on this today when you don't have all the information available for us? It seems to me this is very premature. We should be voting on this after we get the appraisal from Mr. Matthews, after we know what the lease is for. I'm concerned that after ten years, if Inland Marina decides that they don't want to renew the lease, that's when this money that everyone seems to talk about coming out of the Visitor's money, gets on the back of our taxpayers, besides the fact that it will already be on their backs because they're going to have to improve Waterworks Road because there's no way it will hold the traffic. I don't care how many cars you're talking about, I was just down it Monday and it has no shoulder left on it right now from the water. So its going to have to be improved. I'm concerned about the taxpayers and I want to know why we're rushing to vote on this today. Why can't we put this off? You obviously have already gone ahead. You've signed agreements and hired a consultant, so you've already gone ahead without our approval of this money, so why can't we wait until we get some answers that we can give to the constituents that have called me and asked these questions?

Greg Lamar: To try to answer, I think I got all your questions. Number one, –

Councilmember Abell: Its just one question, why can't we wait?

Greg Lamar: Well, the agreement we're talking about on December 28th was the Letter of Intent signed by the city and the LST Memorial Group to actually bring the LST here and it was basically outlining some of the things that are part of the negotiations. To answer specifically your question of why do we have to do it now: as I indicated, we're talking about a, almost a build/design type of process where as we're moving along, because of the July deadline, and it is a deadline, if we don't meet the deadline, the LST can, in fact, pull out because it is their intent from what I understand, they're going to be going to Boston in June to go up around for something in Boston, and then come back, and then they'll be in Mobile on July 4th, and then it is their intent to come up river and, in fact, dock. The reason for that is that they have to have people to crew the ship and therefore, they have a very limited time frame as to given that they're going to Boston and then come back around to get up here, and that's why, again, the July deadline is very, very critical. I wish we did have more time. Again, I don't know how else to – we're trying to put it all together. I think Stanley Consultants is working with us very diligently. I think the Corps is working with us very diligently and I think that we're trying to do the best we can given the circumstances to, in fact, get the LST as a major attraction here in Evansville.

Councilmember Abell: What if Matthews appraises this at a \$25,000 a year lease and Inland Marina says nothing less than a \$75,000 lease, then you still can't meet your July deadline because you can't get this thing negotiated. I think we're giving up our leverage to even get the thing negotiated if we're going to fund it before we even know what we're funding.

Greg Lamar: Well, again, I guess if whatever David Matthews comes back with, that will be our appraisal for what we will work with and if its all of the sudden \$75,000 is what Inland Marina wants, I doubt if that's going to happen.

Councilmember Abell: I have to vote on something that may or not happen, not your doubt. I am concerned that we don't have this tied down and we are committing funds we don't understand.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, when is Thunder this year? Is it –

President Winnecke: June 25th.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, so it will not be here this year.

Greg Lamar: It will be after Thunder. Well, I don't know when it ends, but normally, with the agreement we have, they have to remain at dock in our dock the whole period of Thunder, but they can go on either side in terms of the voyages depending on what they can crew at.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, but as we have it right now, in 2005, they won't be here for Thunder?

Greg Lamar: That's correct.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Lamar. Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Geobel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, Mr. Lamar, how long would it take the Matthews group to come up with their appraisal? It seems like this is nearly an emergency situation. I don't know how long that it would take for them to come up with their appraisal –

Greg Lamar: We're in the final stages of drafting the actual lease itself and then what will happen is we'll turn that lease over to Mr. Matthews and I'm saying, I'm guessing three weeks. Again, it depends on his work schedule as well, but about three weeks. And the comparables, the one thing, in talking with Mr. Matthews was to – we indicated that we'd like to see comparables from around, so that there's some basis for particularly the question of the mooring rights. In other words, its one thing if it was a simple ground lease, I mean, that's fairly straight forward, but the real issue is the mooring rights of the dock. In other words, putting in the dock and mooring it on land, that's the key question.

Councilmember Goebel: And Mr. Matthews is working on this project at the moment?

Greg Lamar: Yes, he is, gathering information.

Joe Vezzoso: Joe Vezzoso with the Convention Bureau, I might remind all of you that this fund is only bricks and mortar funding through the state. It cannot be used for anything other than capital type projects. So its for the funding of the building of the dock and those related activities and has nothing at all to do with leasing of anything.

Greg Lamar: Right, the lease and so forth will be the responsibility of the city through the Redevelopment Commission and the maintenance and operation of the dock.

Councilmember Abell: But if you can't lease the land where are you going to build the dock if you don't have anywhere to build it? I mean, it may just be mortar and bricks, but you've got to have somewhere to build it on so if you don't get the lease –

Greg Lamar: It would not be our intent to then build a dock.

Joe Vezzoso: We'll come back to you with another project.

Councilmember Abell: Why don't we put this off until you don't have to come back? Let's do this when we know everything.

Greg Lamar: Because unfortunately, we are against a July deadline.

Councilmember Abell: You've been working on this without our approval up to this point. What difference does three more weeks make?

Greg Lamar: Because you're talking about the bulk of the funding of the docking facility.

Councilmember Abell: You're sitting on five million dollars left over from the ballpark if you really needed the money, aren't you?

Greg Lamar: Again, what we're looking at is applying for the Tourism Capital Development fund, which is what this is exactly is used for.

President Winnecke: One more comment and –

Councilmember Abell: But its going to be on the back of the taxpayers after ten years, that's the problem. And these taxpayers – you don't have a guarantee that in ten years, if you can even get the lease now for ten years – you don't have a guarantee that in ten years you can renew the lease. That price could double, it could go up to something these people can't afford. Vanderburgh County is taxed out right now. We can't put this on the back of the taxpayers later.

Greg Lamar: If I may, what we're talking about with, on the land lease, would be parallel to the LST which would be a ten year lease with two-ten year options with built-in inflators in there already.

President Winnecke: Just before we vote, and we are going to vote, I'd like to thank everyone for their input this afternoon and their patience not just this afternoon, but over the last several months as well. I think in an ideal world I don't believe any of us would support making these improvements on private property but clearly, the location is driven by the Army Corps of Engineers. We either accept the ruling that the LST be docked at Inland Marina or, as a community, we understand that Evansville will not be home to the LST. I think its also important to note that a positive vote today solidifies our Innkeeper tax and its current funding formula through 2009. This compromise is a result of a lot of hard work between the Convention & Visitors Bureau staff and board, members of this body, members of the County Commission, the Mayor, our local legislative delegation, and this is a very important piece to our local budget. Without this collaborative effort, taxpayers will be forced to carry a much greater burden to keep The Centre open going forward and frankly, I don't think that is an option. At this point, I call for the vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'd like to welcome the LST and I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: That's what the Tourism Development Fund is for. I think this is a great use for it. I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I don't think we know as much as we need to know, I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I think we owe a great debt to the men and women who served in that generation, World War II. I think we owe a great debt to the people and the greatness of this community during that era, and I think we'd be missing the boat, so to speak, if we do not support this group for ourselves, our generation, and all the future generations of children coming through Evansville to know what a great community this was and is, and I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3600-4072	LST Project	1,218,000.00	1,200,000.00
Total		1,218,000.00	1,200,000.00

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Abell opposed)

President Winnecke: The motion passes five to one. At this point I would move that this special meeting be adjourned.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: We stand adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th day of April in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon. I'd like to welcome everyone to the April 6th meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council and we'll begin with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH 2, 2005
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President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain a motion to approve minutes from our March 2nd meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Winnecke: Okay, for our appropriations, I now turn the meeting over to our Finance Chair, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. Before we start, first, I'd like to call to everyone's attention, we have something before us that we've not seen yet this year and that's a financial sheet. And according to this, it looks like our unappropriated balance is just slightly over 2.5 million, so while that may sound like a lot, with what we have before us, we're going to have to really keep tight reins on our appropriation requests. So with that being said, I don't know if anyone has any questions that – I guess we could entertain those first. None? Alright.

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: First on the agenda, under the Sheriff's department, Mr. President, I'll move that this request be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Chief Deputy Eric Williams from the Sheriff's department.

Eric Williams: Just, more for Sandie, and I think we talked back and forth. Why don't you go on and take that Insurance request off because there is some confusion. I don't think that's correct. You can go on and strip that one out.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Thank you. I'd like to amend my motion to exclude account 1050-1920 Insurance for \$40,000. So the total appropriation request will be \$101,224.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, would you amend your second?

Councilmember Wortman: I sure will. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Okay. Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0068	Deputy Sheriff	23,854.00	23,854.00
1050-1130-0091	Deputy Sheriff	23,854.00	23,854.00
1050-1130-0104	Deputy Sheriff	23,854.00	23,854.00
1050-1130-0230	Court Screener	16,947.00	16,947.00
1050-1130-1900	FICA	6,772.00	6,772.00
1050-1910	PERF	933.00	933.00
1050-1911	Sheriff Retirement	5,010.00	5,010.00
1050-1920	Insurance	40,000.00	0.00
Total		141,224.00	101,224.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Jail, we have Lodging of Inmates in the amount of \$500,000 and account 1051-2242 Medical \$50,000, for a total of \$550,000. I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, Councilman Raben, this is a – I don’t want to cheat the Sheriff’s office, but that is a yearly, that’s a yearly estimate? Or are we –

Councilmember Raben: That 700 is a yearly estimate, yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Alright, so we're catching up at this time? Is that where you came up with your number?

Councilmember Raben: This is a large enough sum to get them caught up and take them on into the –

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Alright. Just curious.

Councilmember Raben: – next several months. I did, in fact, speak with him prior to and he was comfortable with this at the time with the understanding that it will probably be back.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, how much of that are we allocating for – I mean, was it all Lodging of Inmates on that request there? Was it just Lodging –

Councilmember Raben: 50 was for Medical, 50,000.

Councilmember Sutton: So the total is 500 or 550?

Councilmember Raben: 550.

President Winnecke: The top line 1051-3051 Lodging of Inmates is 500,000 and the other line is 50,000. Other discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-3051	Lodging of Inmates	700,000.00	500,000.00
1051-2242	Medical-Other Counties	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total		750,000.00	550,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Assessor, 1090-1972 Level II Certification, the correct figure is \$347, FICA 27, PERF 20, for a total appropriation of \$394. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1972	Level II Certification	500.00	347.00
1090-1900	FICA	39.00	27.00
1090-1910	PERF	29.00	20.00
Total		568.00	394.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Center Township Assessor, 1110-1972 500, FICA in the amount of 39, PERF in the amount of 30, for a total of \$569. I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Abell: I have a question. Is this a requirement of the state that we have this Level? What do they get for this Level? Do they –

Councilmember Raben: They get a \$500 stipend if they obtain their Level II.

Councilmember Abell: But, I mean, what do we get?

Councilmember Raben: There's been a lot of discussion about that amongst this body in the past. The state doesn't really require – I think it requires that every township office have one. Is that correct?

President Winnecke: Including – and the officeholder.

Councilmember Raben: And the officeholder. But what's happened over the course of years is others have gone on to get their Level II and we've been paying it.

Marsha Abell: Well, I guess I have a problem with it. We don't pay any other office to have college graduates but yet we'll pay an extra 500 for a Level II that's not required by the state. I just think that's a little – we're not being too consistent when we don't give college graduates any more than we give anyone else.

Councilmember Raben: And I agree. Again, we've had this conversation many times that – in fact, I've argued on your side that in the past, that it only requires us to have the officeholder and one more. So again, that's the motion. I guess we can fix that now if that's –

President Winnecke: I do have a question. Should that not be prorated the same as the County Assessor's or not?

Councilmember Raben: No. This one was approved in January as part of the salary ordinance.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think that, just to add, I've been on your side as well, Marsha. This is definitely – somebody has lobbied and has gotten this through the legislature and, I mean, that's why we're sitting on it like we are. If, I guess, more people could go and if they had a strong enough body, could go get a legislator to work to give them some type of bonus as well so if somebody ran through and got a college education, they could get that done. So although I agree with you and, you know, maybe it's something we want to address in the future because we are doling out a lot of \$500 raises, so to speak, for continuing education. But that's

maybe something we could work on.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, something to give some thought to, though, is if you only had one certified person in your office and that person were to leave, get sick, or what have you, you’ve got at least, with having another person, you’ve got a backup in that type of situation, so we’re not left in a situation where we’re not in compliance.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? The motion is for \$500, the total appropriation of \$569 and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1110-1972	Level II Certification	500.00	500.00
1110-1900	FICA	39.00	39.00
1110-1910	PERF	30.00	30.00
Total		569.00	569.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Councilmember Raben: Next, Voter Registration, 1220-3520 Equipment Repair in the amount of \$100. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

VOTER REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1220-3520	Equipment Repair	100.00	100.00
Total		100.00	100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID

Councilmember Raben: Legal Aid, 1460-1910 PERF in the amount of \$803, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

LEGAL AID		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1460-1910	PERF	803.00	803.00
Total		803.00	803.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President, is Cumulative Bridge 2030-4738, the Oak Hill Road culvert in the amount of \$575,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Are there questions or discussion? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah. John, can you come up?

President Winnecke: Mr. Stoll?

John Stoll: John Stoll, County Engineer.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can you give us any information, Sir?

John Stoll: Yes, we took a look at two different options as far as providing temporary access throughout the duration of construction. One would cost, construction wise, probably \$190,000, and that would be the construction of a temporary runaround along the east side of the road. The other would be putting temporary traffic signals at the north and south ends of the project, which that would run about \$100,000. That one could be done without acquiring any additional right-of-way, but it would still delay the project in the sense that we would have to have the consultant go back and redesign to include the signal and try and come up with a way to make sure that all the motorists, all the residents between the two ends of the traffic signal could get in and out of driveways safely. So there is still some problems with that,

but the other option, as far as providing a temporary runaround along the entire east side of the project, that would put us into next year, easily, because that would take a major redesign and that would also take additional right-of-way acquisition. And the \$100,000 figure and the \$190,000 figure both exclude any design costs.

Councilmember Sutton: What do you do with that? I mean, if you were to look at that kind of a detour on the east side, once you completed the project and you've already acquired that as a part of your right-of-way, does it remain as right-of-way? What happens to that land?

John Stoll: We would set it up as temporary right-of-way and then on completion of the reconstruction of Oak Hill, that pavement would all be removed and then the property would revert back to the property owners.

Councilmember Sutton: The stoplight option, can you give a little bit more clarification? It wasn't quite clear what you meant.

John Stoll: Basically, they could put a temporary traffic signal at the north end and the south end of the project and then just run traffic along one lane. In order to do that, the existing pavement width is about 20 feet, so we would have to widen the road by about four feet in order to get a concrete barrier wall in plus one lane of traffic, that way we could separate the construction work from the through traffic, but the traffic signals on either end would allow northbound and southbound traffic to use a single lane. It just would have to be timed to let all the traffic clear before it could let the other direction go. The problem with that is, with all the traffic coming in from the side on all the residential driveways, presents a problem.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: What I hate to see is, I hate to see that we call this project a \$575,000 project because its really not. What needs to be added in is this extra cost whichever way we go. Its not an add on, its what has to happen for that artery. I've had numerous calls from people that live up and down Oak Hill Road, churches, pastors, people in the area, who are very concerned with, not only traffic flow, but the inability to use that half of Evansville, so to speak, because without going, and we've talked about this, without going way out of their way, we're cutting off a main artery. Not to mention, if we did a count, we know that Oak Hill Road is over exposed to traffic so I really think that it would be my recommendation that we do one of two things: at this point, scrap the project until we get some other mode of doing business for this road or we go ahead and look at doing the setup so that we can have traffic going both ways and acquiring that additional right-of-way.

President Winnecke: John, specifically on, could you give us an idea of what each alternative would mean in terms of lengthening the project, length of time?

John Stoll: No, I didn't have an opportunity to really come up with a good figure on that. It would slow down the construction but to what extent, I'm not really sure. And I didn't really try to come up with a cost estimate as far as what the lack of efficiency for the contractor would add to the contract as well. The 100,000 and the 190 both were just hard construction costs, the detours, it wasn't anything to reflect how the contractor's productivity would go down by doing just part of the project at a time.

President Winnecke: But generally, is it fair to assume that the installation of the

temporary lights would be less of a hurdle than the other in terms of additional time?

John Stoll: Yes. Its, like I said, its still going to present problems as far as trying to find ways for people to get in and out of their driveways. We couldn't run the concrete barrier wall continuous along the whole project because we've got driveways coming in from both sides and trying to make sure that all the through traffic on Oak Hill was clear in order to allow the people to get out of their driveways would probably be a challenge. I'm not a traffic signal person, so I don't know how they would get that timing taken care of. But as far as design time-wise, yes, it would be quicker than going back and designing an entirely new temporary street on the east side of the project.

President Winnecke: Okay. Mr. Geobel?

Councilmember Goebel: I was wondering, John, do you know how many vehicles on an average day travels on that main artery?

John Stoll: I'm not sure off the top of my head. I'd guess 10 to 15,000.

Councilmember Goebel: And they would be totally shut down under the present proposal?

John Stoll: Correct.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: John, what does the Commissioners got to say on something like this?

John Stoll: I sent them an email and I have not spoken to them as of yet in regard to any specifics. I got an email back from one of the Commissioners who was reluctant to spend, this is a substantial portion of the project cost if we pursue one of these options, so based on the percentage of the overall project cost, one of the Commissioners was reluctant to pursue this option. But I did not hear back from the other two. And the one Commissioner I heard from was saying we could add additional signs, we could go to the neighborhood groups trying to outline exactly how the maintenance traffic plan would proceed and things like that, just trying to get the public as informed as possible. But as far as going ahead with the extra money, she was reluctant at this point.

Councilmember Wortman: That would be their call, though.

John Stoll: Right, if they chose to do it, then I guess that's the direction we go.

Councilmember Sutton: John, in our unappropriated balance for Cum Bridge, with our new financial statement, we're showing 4.7 million dollars in that fund. Obviously, you've got some other projects on the drawing board, can you give us an idea how much we're probably talking about in terms of expenditures out of that fund for this year and if we were to add additional costs, what effect that might have?

John Stoll: As far as any big dollar projects, there aren't really any this year. The one that will basically wipe out everything we have in the bridge fund will be Green

River Road. That's going to get designed here soon. Phase I of Green River is being worked on but Phase II is not under design as of yet, but the DNR permits are being pursued and according to DNR, we're going to have to put in a 600 foot bridge over Pigeon Creek and we'll have to put in six 50-foot overflow bridges as well, in order to raise the road by the five or six feet that we're looking at, at this point. So that project will pretty much wipe out that balance because I think we'd be very unlikely to be getting an 80/20 split with 80% coming from the Feds. Ideally, it would be just the local match of 20%, but in that case, I don't think there's going to be enough federal money available for this area as a whole to get the 80%. So if we're lucky, we'll get a 50/50 split and that project is estimated to cost, between Hirsch and Heckel, at around fifteen million.

Councilmember Sutton: Bill, how much does this fund accumulate per year on average?

Bill Fluty: I believe its about two and a half million.

Councilmember Sutton: And you're talking about how much on Green River?

John Stoll: The total project costs around fifteen million.

Councilmember Sutton: We're a little short.

Councilmember Tornatta: And then that Green River Road project, that will be totally closed to anybody.

John Stoll: And that plays into this Oak Hill project as well, because Green River is going to be raised substantially so we can't really build it half at a time, which requires it to be closed. And obviously, we can't have Oak Hill and Green River both closed at the same time. So the intent was to get the St. George and Oak Hill project done first and then follow that up with the Green River project late this year or sometime early next year.

Councilmember Tornatta: And the one problem, back to the Oak Hill Road project, is if you do a stoplight, then you're back to pretty long, substantial lines that we'd be talking, waiting on a traffic light to change what, north/south?

John Stoll: Correct. And we would still not really be able to provide access to St. George. That would have to be cut off.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

John Stoll: They would still have access through Hitch and Peters or other ways to get from Oak Hill over to St. George, but they wouldn't actually be able to use the St. George and Oak Hill intersection.

Councilmember Tornatta: And then any type of emergency vehicles – first off, something would have to be done in my estimation with the volunteer fire department because McCutchanville services a lot of that area and they wouldn't be able to get down St. George Road.

John Stoll: Correct.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: John, wouldn't we have to consider the future of Eickhoff-Koressel, some culverts and bridges out there coming down the pike?

John Stoll: The future phases of that project, one does have a significant bridge. I believe that's in the piece between Marx and New Harmony Road, if I remember correctly, so that would be two phases from now. It wouldn't be the next phase. I'd have to check and be sure, but I believe that's two phases from now, so it might be all the same. They'd have a chance to start generating some other revenues to cover that bridge since that would be several years away yet.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Ms. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: How crucial is Oak Hill Road, and could you flip flop these and do Green River Road first, and then do Oak Hill next summer? Give us a little time to try to work something else out or is that not possible?

John Stoll: We already have all the right-of-way on St. George and Oak Hill and we don't have any of the right-of-way on Green River as of yet, so St. George and Oak Hill is quite a bit further along than Green River at this stage.

President Winnecke: Okay, on the floor we have a motion and a second. Any other questions or discussion before we vote?

Councilmember Tornatta: Would the offerer of this appropriation move to set this aside 30 days?

Councilmember Raben: I'm fine with it. I guess I have to lean on John. Can the project wait 30 days?

John Stoll: It could, but one of the reasons why we're trying to get the project finalized at this point was to get the – if the road is going to be closed, to get the majority of the closure done during the summer time which would help the school traffic. It doesn't help the day to day motorists, but it would help the school bus traffic. So if we postpone it another month, then it could delay our potential start on the project even further and then the road closure might not occur during summer time when the schools are closed.

President Winnecke: I assume you would urge the delay so you would have 30 days to lobby the Commission to increase the amount of this expenditure to –

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, that's one way of looking at it or they have the opportunity to not do the project. Mr. Raben, I know you weren't here last week, but the one thing that has been established is, this would at least run into October and so we're cruising a good three months into school season anyway and that's kids at a school that will obviously, they'd have to have different routes to get to that school the quickest way. In my opinion, there wouldn't be a very quick way to get to that school if there was an emergency and that's just one school of thought, not to mention the busses and the kids that have to adapt to a different bus schedule and bus drivers and everything else. So that was just one.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: As an alternative, would we consider just approving what we have here? If there are some other options it might cost some additional

dollars, then we can always come back and appropriate more whether its from Cum Bridge or whether its from another source, but then it keeps the project on pace and at the same time we maybe eliminate some of the down time that might or the delays that we might or inconveniences you might have with the school corporation. I mean, is that something to consider?

John Stoll: Another thing we were looking at in regard to that was, I was going to get with the consultant and find out whether or not we can squeeze down the road closure times even further to try and minimize the entire road closure periods and that might require them working longer shifts or weekends or whatever, but at least that way we could try and squeeze that down as much as possible. And we would potentially see some increased costs associated with that but I was going to get with the consultant to try and figure out that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I think that road closed presents a big problem and I agree. I wouldn't have a problem giving money if I knew that there was something on the horizon but I would never be in favor of A, closing this road totally down or B, putting it in the hands that it would continue. I mean, I would not support this if it would continue in this same pace, which would be shutting the road down or doing something that would cause a lot more traffic on that road.

Councilmember Raben: John, that – I'm glad you brought that point up because I was going to raise that question. In terms of working around the clock, you know, particularly when you're talking about a major artery, you know, within the county, how much would that add to the overall cost of the project? I'm not so sure it adds more.

John Stoll: I'm not sure dollar-wise what it would add. The problem in this situation would be since its in a residential area, just the noise and the lights, things like that.

Councilmember Raben: I would say if you probably polled those residents and they were faced with not having that thoroughfare for an extra month or two months in lieu of maybe some – a little bit of noise at night, I think they would probably go for working around the clock to get the project done at a much faster time line.

John Stoll: Another issue, I haven't dealt with it personally, but in talking to the contractors and some INDOT people, another issue can always end up being suppliers being available to get the project continuing around the clock. And here again, we haven't really addressed that issue but you have to have the asphalt plants and concrete plants open during the time frames that the contractors need for the various supplies. So that potentially could be worked out but that's just another aspect of the around the clock working that I've been told about that can interfere with that.

Councilmember Raben: Well, if you could possibly look into that, I know there's other concerns that you're going to work on addressing. Mr. President, I'm fine with amending my motion to defer this matter.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, would you – you do not want to amend your – okay, then the original motion stands for \$575,000 as presented. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Marsha and I were kind of chatting here and she's got some good suggestions I think maybe we can consider with this. I think Councilman Tornatta brings up some excellent concerns about this. I'm going to vote yes because I really want to see this project moving.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I'm also going to vote yes but I would like to have a meeting in the Oak Hill area with the residents and also invite all the school people and let's find out what they would rather us do. You know, it's easy for us to sit here and say let's shorten it up by working longer hours, but I used to work for Amax Coal Company that worked around the clock and I can tell you the thing that made the neighbors the maddest was us working all night long with lights and noise. So I think what we need to do is say to the citizens, this has to be done, would you rather us work around the clock and get out of your way, or would you rather us lengthen it out and find out what their comments are. I'll vote yes for it but I'm also interested in adding more money to this to make an accommodation for the schools. It's just too much of a major for the way that it is.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'm a bit confused as to what we're really voting on now because if we're voting for this amount of money, are we going to add monies to this later?

President Winnecke: The motion is to proceed with the original request and I would just offer as a caveat that, you know, you might overture the Commissioners for an additional amount. It seems like there might be enough support here for one of the two alternatives that you discussed. But to answer your question, the motion is for the original \$575,000 as requested.

Councilmember Goebel: I know nothing probably is more bothersome to people when they're driving than to have to make detours or actually get into a situation where you have to wait, and that seems like it happens quite a bit here. I think it's a necessary evil but certainly I would hope that we could come up with the funding or a plan that we could extend at least the right for those people to drive in their own neighborhoods. I vote – I follow on the idea if we can get with the Commissioners and perhaps increase the money and at least allow access, so I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I, too, will vote yes. Marsha, I really appreciate the idea of actually taking it to the residents. I think that's a refreshing way of really getting the right feel for what's the right thing to do. I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

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

2030-4738	Oak Hill Rd. Culvert #364	575,000.00	575,000.00
Total		575,000.00	575,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

President Winnecke: Thank you, John.

REASSESSMENT/PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEAL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Reassessment/Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, we have a request for PERF in the amount of \$18. I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/PTABOA**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

2490-1091-1910	PERF	18.00	18.00
Total		18.00	18.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Legal Aid/United Way, 4290-3130 for \$1,000; 4290-3700 for \$500; 4290-3990 Miscellaneous for \$8,790; 4290-2600 Office Supplies for \$750, for a total request of \$11,040. I will move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00
4290-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	500.00	500.00
4290-3990	Miscellaneous	8,790.00	8,790.00
4290-2600	Office Supplies	750.00	750.00
Total		11,040.00	11,040.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL

VOTER REGISTRATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Voter Registration, we have a repeal. Account 1220-1180-1220 under Deputy in the amount of \$21,327. Mr. President, I'd like to move approval and would like to encourage the Democrat County Chairman to follow suit when the opportunity arises, whether someone should leave or retire. This is certainly a department that has possibly room for cutting staff and it is somewhat seasonal. There are off years in elections and if need be, they can find temporary help for those busy periods, but again, would certainly encourage them to follow the same suit.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

VOTERS REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1220-1180-1220	Deputy	21,327.00	21,327.00
Total		21,327.00	21,327.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last, Mr. President, under Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation we have a transfer from Miscellaneous Equipment in the amount of \$1,000 to Office Furniture, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2600-4250	Misc. Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 2600-4210	Office Furniture	1,000.00	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Amendments to the Salary Ordinance, Mr. President, our

Executive Assistant was so kind as to prepare this once again, typed out. I would simply move that this be made part of the minutes.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 530 AND 600 CROSS POINTE BOULEVARD AND 7323 E. COLUMBIA STREET (S CORPORATION, LLC)</p>
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President Winnecke: At this point we'll consider a confirming resolution on the economic revitalization area for property at 530 and 600 Cross Pointe Boulevard and 7323 East Columbia Street. This is for the S Corporation. We've heard about this in previous meetings and we have previously passed this and this would be the final vote on this tax phase in request. Roll call vote please. Oh, I'm sorry, I would entertain a motion for the confirming resolution.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Winnecke: Sorry, I was a little ahead of myself.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Thank you very much.

<p>RESOLUTION DENYING COIT DISTRIBUTION TO SOLID WASTE DISTRICTS IN 2006</p>

President Winnecke: Under new business, resolution denying COIT distribution to Solid Waste Districts in 2006. I would entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved as listed.

President Winnecke: Motion. Is there a second?

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: All in favor?

(All Councilmembers responded by saying aye)

President Winnecke: Opposed, like sign.

(There were no votes cast in opposition. Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Thank you. The resolution passes.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LYNCH ROAD
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President Winnecke: In our packets is a copy of an interlocal agreement for the construction of the Lynch Road extension. I believe this is pretty self-explanatory but, Mr. Stoll, if you would come forward and just explain this in brief.

John Stoll: When the Lynch Road project was initiated, INDOT said that they'd basically just want to deal with one county. Since Warrick and Vanderburgh both are involved they didn't want to have double billing with all the different invoices and they wanted one county to be the lead agency over the project. Vanderburgh County is basically the lead agency as a result of that agreement. And the agreement outlines the funding splits between Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties. And the bids were taken on the project already so the final percentage split between Vanderburgh and Warrick ends up being 63% for Vanderburgh and 37% for Warrick. The remainder of the agreement just outlines how change orders will be dealt with and utilities and things like that. But basically, it's just to establish Vanderburgh County as the lead agency that deals with INDOT.

President Winnecke: Any questions for Mr. Stoll on this issue? If not, I would entertain a motion to pass this interlocal agreement.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4737 AND 4701 PROFICIENT COURT BOWEN ENGINEERING CORPORATION</p>
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President Winnecke: Okay next, we'll get back to our tax phase in. First we have the Bowen Engineering Corporation. Mr. Schaefer and I believe we have a new representative from Bowen here today.

Rob Schaefer: I already described the project last week so if you have any questions there is someone here from the company.

President Winnecke: Could you state your name for the record please?

Tim Barnett: Yes, I'm Tim Barnett with Bowen Engineering. And likewise, I believe Mr. Clark was here representing us last week and covered much of our request with you.

President Winnecke: Anyone have any questions of Mr. Barnett?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President? What is the Department of Metropolitan Development's recommendation?

Rob Schaefer: We recommended approval for six years.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Real quickly, specify if you could, what your company does.

Tim Barnett: Yes, we're a contractor. We build wastewater treatment plants, water treatment plants. In recent years we have expanded our market into private, industrial and power plant work. We located to Evansville from our headquarters in Indianapolis about six years ago. And during that time we have enjoyed steady and solid growth and obviously, continue to reside in Vanderburgh County and the Evansville area.

Councilmember Tornatta: And then how many like competitors do you have in the region?

Tim Barnett: In the immediate area, we have three or four competitors covering, you know, the different markets. I would say three or four solid competitors in the immediate area.

Councilmember Tornatta: And would any of those be in Vanderburgh County?

Tim Barnett: Yes. Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: If you could hold on, we're going to change the audio tape and then we'll continue.

(Tape changed)

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, go ahead.

Councilmember Raben: Again, I'm sorry, I was out on spring break last week so I was not present to hear. Probably some of these questions may seem redundant from last week but you're pretty much an engineering and design firm, is that correct?

Tim Barnett: No sir. We're a construction firm. We employ numerous engineers, mostly civil engineers and hence the engineering in our name. But we are primarily builders, we're a construction company.

Councilmember Raben: What percentage of your local labor force or outside or subcontractor work is local people?

Tim Barnett: If we are working in the immediate area, our labor force comes from the immediate area. We're a union contractor so we hire out of the local union halls for our labor. We have a very strong partnership with numerous subcontractors who reside right here in Evansville, a few in more outlying areas, but one thing we pride ourselves on is the spirit of cooperation and partnership that we have established with many subcontractors to us here in Evansville. As far as our engineering staff and our management staff goes, almost all of us – I'll try to make sure that I'm telling the truth here – I think all of us are southern Indiana natives and now we have located into Vanderburgh County and Evansville now to work to grow this office and to raise our families.

President Winnecke: Just to clarify the employment picture, I can't tell from my notes last week...how many people are employed now?

Tim Barnett: Currently, engineering and management, we have approximately 20. You can add another eight to ten field staff that we have in the positions of superintendents and foremen.

President Winnecke: Total?

Tim Barnett: Yes, ten total out of this office, sir.

President Winnecke: And then this project would create an additional five full-time jobs, is that correct?

Tim Barnett: That is correct. As a matter of fact, I just came from a meeting with our CEO and president and vice-president, who runs our Evansville office, and we're projecting solid growth over the next five to ten years that will require the addition of at least five in the immediate future and as many as 20 to 30 over the next ten years.

President Winnecke: Your company has identified the Daylight park industrial site, is it going to go there regardless of the vote on this abatement?

Tim Barnett: Yes.

President Winnecke: Okay. Other questions or points of discussion? I would entertain a motion to pass the tax phase in at the six year level as recommended by the Department of Metropolitan Development. Hearing no motion, I'm sorry, but your abatement is not granted.

Tim Barnett: Thank you.

<p>PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR ACQUISITION OF MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT 5400 FOUNDATION BOULEVARD TENNECO AUTOMOTIVE</p>

President Winnecke: Next we have the Tenneco Corporation.

Dan St. Germain: I'm Dan St. Germain representing Tenneco Automotive.

President Winnecke: Dan, welcome. Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, we talked before and I kind of want to get this right out of the gate, the one thing we talked about was the salary level and I have had some comments about the salary level, but you kind of enlightened me on a few points and I think it would be very good to go through that.

Dan St. Germain: Let me go through that for you. I can only say this is how the other plant in Indiana works and similarly, this is how this is probably going to go off as well. We normally bring in our people at around 10.50 an hour, within two years they'll be at 12.50 and then they go up from there. The plant that I'm at, which is approximately 281 hourly people, the lowest hourly rate there at that plant is \$14.62, so in regards to, I think you was looking at the lower level and, of course, we're going to have some maintenance people starting out at 16 and some engineering techs at 24. And of the 35, we were looking only at two from the outside, the other 33 would be within the area.

Councilmember Tornatta: And then, of course, when you listed this on the abatement and when this was on our sheets, we showed an average salary of, I think, 10.50 an hour which, obviously, that's a little skewed and that is the lowest salary that would be –

Dan St. Germain: We wanted to err on the side of conservatism here –

Councilmember Tornatta: Exactly, and he is erring on a different side than we've seen so I appreciate you clarifying that, and that does bring light to that whole project. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions for Mr. St. Germain? I would ask the same question I asked Mr. Barnett. Just to clarify the employment issue, the employment numbers, initially, it would be 35, is that correct?

Dan St. Germain: That's correct.

President Winnecke: And then in five years you foresee that going to –

Dan St. Germain: Right, we feel we have a good opportunity to expand the business at this location at least just looking down the road with relationship with Toyota to be able to increase those numbers.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: I've got one other question. If it did not work out with Toyota, what measures do you make, do you stay in the area or do you dissolve that building?

Dan St. Germain: This would be incremental business that we were talking about. We would still be there at least – we're counting on ten years.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: And I would ask the same question I asked Mr. Barnett, too, if this body said no to this, would Tenneco still be looking to come to this area?

Dan St. Germain: It depends. Certainly, we may look at Gibson County, like all the other suppliers in the area that's doing business with Toyota. We would certainly take a second look whether we would want to go ahead with it and then maybe not expand down the road or maybe we would even do less business there and push it back to our Smithville plant, which is the main plant that's going to produce a lot of these parts that's going to come here at this facility to put to them together. So yes, it does have a bearing on how we're going to do business in Vanderburgh County.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I was simply going to move, I don't believe we have a motion on the floor, do we?

President Winnecke: Not yet.

Councilmember Raben: Do you want to entertain this question first?

President Winnecke: I will entertain a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Have you pursued any information from Gibson County at all? Pursued any tax abatement up there?

Dan St. Germain: No, I haven't looked at abatements. We have looked at both counties. We felt comfortable that we would probably get an abatement here and proceeded on as such.

Councilmember Wortman: But you haven't investigated up there yet?

Dan St. Germain: No.

Councilmember Wortman: Any other counties?

Dan St. Germain: For the abatement process? No.

Councilmember Wortman: Warrick County?

Dan St. Germain: No.

Councilmember Raben: Let me make this – well, I can make this statement before I make the motion. What I gather, and a few months back I actually spoke with someone from Gibson County in regards to abatements and its my understanding that Gibson County really is not entertaining any abatements. It would have to be something very large, much larger than this. It would have to be, you know, several hundred jobs on the line before they would even consider abatements today. And I think they're waging their bet on their horse, which is Toyota, is going to bring them in anyway, which its working well for us, too. But, Mr. President, I'm going to move that we approve the resolution declaring tax abatement for Tenneco Automotive.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

President Winnecke: Did you specify the length?

Councilmember Raben: Ten years.

President Winnecke: Who made the second?

Councilmember Abell: I did. I remain the second.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? I'll recognize someone from the audience and then we will call for the vote.

David Coker: My name is David Coker and I'm the president of the Vanderburgh County Taxpayer's Association. And I know you're probably tired of hearing from me but I have something here that I want to talk about with regard to this tax abatement and any future tax abatements. This morning I looked up on the internet, the current exchange rate of dollars to Euros. Two years ago, in June of 2002, I had the occasion to go to Italy and I had to buy a bunch of Euros before I went over there so I'd have money to spend when I got there. And at that time, the dollar/Euro exchange rate, I gave them a dollar and I got a dollar-nine Euros in return. Today, this very day, the dollar to Euro exchange rate was one dollar to .778 Euros. That means that the US currency has lost virtually 30% of its value versus the entire European common market. Similar loses have occurred regarding other currencies throughout the world and if this is the glide path that we're on, and I don't see anything changing the situation right away, these ten dollar an hour jobs two years from now aren't going to be ten dollar an hour jobs anymore. They're going to be devalued by an additional 30%. And everybody is talking about how Toyota is the goose that's laying the golden egg around here right now. Well, as I recall, last week the stock market cratered on a Goldman Sachs recommendation that oil could reach a hundred and two dollars a barrel during the next calendar year. I submit that if that is, in fact, going to happen, that some of the products that Toyota is currently producing will not be sold because people simply won't be able to afford to operate them, specifically the Tundras and the Sequoias, which get bad gas mileage compared to the fleet. And the other thing that – we had a board meeting last week of our members and this was one of the two things that we discussed at length, were our philosophical and ethical opposition to tax abatement, and what can be done about it. And I don't know how to exactly address this but a couple of weeks ago I was down in Atlanta. I had the occasion to take some furniture down there for a family member and I was absolutely amazed at what I saw when I got down there. I saw gated communities where the houses start in the low 550's. I saw a Bentley dealership with Aston Martins on the parking lot, I saw Porsche SUV's all over the place, BMW's. And I was driving back to southern Indiana, I was wondering to myself, what is it that they are so much different than us that they can have all that wealth and all that affluence and all that buying power in the Atlanta area that we

don't have. And I wonder, is there something about our tax structure that's retarding the level of economic development that we're experiencing around here vis-a-vis other parts of the country. I have to sometimes wonder about our local economic development recruiting efforts. I don't know, there's so many different ways you approach this. Obviously, we've got amenities out the wazoo in this community. We've got two universities, we've got a vocational/technical center, we've got cultural amenities, we've got a philharmonic orchestra that holds an opera every year, we've got cultural amenities out the wazoo around here, and education. And yet, recruiting new jobs and new economic opportunities always seems to boil down to tax abatements and what kind of deal can we cut with these people. And I don't know that that's necessarily where we ought to be. You all know that in the past year, in the General Assembly, Luke Kenley, who is the Senator in charge of the finance committee in the Senate up there, has sent up a trial balloon, looking at income based taxes to provide whatever kind of property tax relief we're eventually going to generate. And to be quite honest with you, when I look at the financial condition of our local school district and state government, I don't see that we're going to get any property tax relief in the near future. But where the thinking in the General Assembly seems to be is on the income side of the equation as opposed to property taxes, and that's probably where it rightfully ought to be. And if that is the case, the ten dollar an hour jobs aren't going to get it. These people that are going to take these jobs are not going to be property owners, they're not going to be buying houses at that wage rate. If they were kicked up to 15 to 20 dollars an hour, perhaps they'd be able to afford property. But they're not the kinds of jobs that we're going to need to be developing in this community to be able to change the demographic numbers regarding the number of retirees versus the number of young people that are retained by this community, that are being graduated by our universities and all the rest of it. These numbers just don't work for us right now and I can't emphasize enough that we're not, we're philosophically opposed to tax abatements because we don't think it's right for one person to get a tax break in lieu of another small business person that doesn't get the same kind of breaks simply because he doesn't employ as many people. I would venture to say that there are small businessmen in this community that have payrolls upwards of 35 people, that get no tax relief. And we don't hear from them. As I've said before, we don't hear from them because it's easier for them to write a check than it is for them to come down here and say anything. But they're there. I hear from them occasionally and I would just hope that you would take these remarks under advisement as you make this decision, because it may not be such a great deal.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Coker. I would just offer one comment and then I'm sure Mr. Robinson would like to say something in retort. But I would just offer that I think the reason they come down to, a tax abatement is always at the issue is because the state of Indiana it seems has fewer economic development recruitment tools than other states. And it's incumbent upon local communities to put its best deal forward before the state will come through and that's why we're at this juncture as we are frequently during the course of the year. Mr. Robinson, I'm sure, could address that in more detail. But thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: And one other thing, Dave, –

President Winnecke: Just one second. Let Mr. Robinson come up and then we'll come back to you, please. I'll get you next, Troy.

Ken Robinson: My name is Ken Robinson, Executive Director of Vision-e. I'm not an expert on the Euro but I am an expert on economic development, and this is a good deal. I have not run into a company that pays 62% fringe benefits in a long

time. And if you really drill into the wages, they're more than ten dollar an hour jobs. They're good jobs, they support a major employer in this community and we have to really strive to pull these deals off because we are in a very, very competitive environment. I respect Mr. Coker and the comments because I think that we should debate public policy when it comes to economic development as well as anything else, but the reality and the facts are, we have a very good company before us that is really not asking for everything it could ask for. They're asking for a fair deal and I think a ten year tax abatement for the kind of jobs they're creating and the potential that they're bringing to Vanderburgh County is going to send a clear signal to other companies and to other site location consultants that Vision-e has worked with over many years in an aggressive way to bring economic development opportunities to this community. And so I would strongly urge you to read the facts in the proposal and make your decision based on those facts. And I asked some other people to be here today to help us or to support this and I have Matt Meadors from the Evansville Chamber of Commerce. And in the audience as well is Connie Fowler, with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, the old IDC. And one thing that's really important that the state looks at is how strong is the local package, because we really need them to come in as well to be partners so that we can put a total package together for these for this company or any other company, so that we can win our share of the deals. So I really ask you for your help in sending that clear message to other companies and other consultants that Vanderburgh County is open for business. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you. Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, one of the clarifications I think that needs to be made is this is a tax abatement on personal property and not on property taxes and although they had the option to take both, this was a concession that Tenneco made to do its best to be a – if we gave them a fair offer, they're going to give us a fair offer as well. And it was for that, that I'm appreciative that at least they're in the ball game and we're playing. The other thing is, economic development has, since I've been on the Council has brought in over 40 million dollars worth of economic development and that's a low number, that's conservative. And to the tune of millions of dollars, and I believe its almost 40 million dollars annually, that we see in this area because of some of the tax abatements that we've given. There is a give and take but as we call it a phase in, that phase in starts in most instances in two years, we start seeing tax dollars roll into Vanderburgh County. So although you make a great point that Atlanta, New York, Chicago, L.A., they might be a destination place where people will want to gravitate. They have pro stadiums, they have other things that we don't offer necessarily here in Vanderburgh County, so we have to go through other measures to acquire people to reside here and to work here and to think this is a great place. And one of the ways, if we can get one entity in, then maybe they invite somebody back in and then the domino effect starts and we start to see that we are that location that is built up to the point to where we want to be.

President Winnecke: Real quickly I'll offer Mr. Meadors and Ms. Fowler a chance, if they'd like, to come forward. If not, we'll go ahead and...

Councilmember Raben: Troy, I wish you would have not said that. We promised them that we had a pro stadium here. Is the deal still on?

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that the Tenneco stadium?

Connie Fowler: Well, thank you for the opportunity. I never want to miss a chance to –

President Winnecke: Could you please state your name for our record?

Connie Fowler: Yes, I'm sorry. I'm Connie Fowler, and I am director of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation Southwest Regional Office. And with that, we cover 16 counties here in southwest Indiana. And again, I never want to miss the opportunity to give support to a new corporate citizen. And Ken is absolutely correct, without our competitive package and working together with our partners, Vision-e, I don't believe we would be able to recruit this strong company to southwest Indiana. They have other opportunities, they could have gone to northern Kentucky, they could have gone to Missouri, and we are absolutely in a very, very competitive global economy. So when we have a good corporate citizen that is taking a very, very strong look at taking an available industrial building – its my understanding this building has been on the market for at least three years. They are going to put considerable investment, several hundred thousand dollars into this building, they're going to create new jobs, 35 at the start, and even though we've heard quite a bit about this ten dollar plus, by 2008 its going to be up to 14.50 an hour, 62% is really an unheard of fringe package. We were all just very, very impressed with that particular number. Our edge package is \$300,000. It is a ten year tax credit. We do require the company to stay 20 years to get that ten year tax credit. We're also supplying 24,500 of skills enhancement funds. Again, this is the type of company that we need to attract. Its advanced manufacturing, its robotics. And again, the other companies that will see this is an automotive Toyota supplier, the first one in Vanderburgh County, I think, will really take notice. It will help us to continue to sell, not only this county, but also southwest Indiana as a good place to live, work and do business. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Connie.

Matt Meadors: My name is Matt Meadors, I'm the president and CEO of the Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce, and not to belabor this issue, but there is one more important point that I think we need to point out and that is this advanced manufacturer is also a manufacturer that's going to have very negligible or virtually no impact on our environment. And that's a significant issue that I think the Council also has to take into consideration. Advanced manufacturer, world class manufacturer, desirable, high quality, high paying jobs, and a negligible impact on our environment. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton, did you have any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to make a just brief statement. I think any time we have a tax abatement request that comes before this Council we try to do our best to look through and see what the net gain, the benefit, what its going to mean to this area, and we don't approve every tax abatement request that comes through here. And it's a good thing because I don't believe tax abatement should be given in every situation. I happen to think that this is an excellent opportunity here with Tenneco to show that we are truly a community that's competitive, that we're progressive and that its an industry that will enhance our community. And I think when we are thinking about companies like this and what they can potentially do, I'd like to see more suppliers for Toyota and others here in Vanderburgh County. We have not been fortunate up to this point until now, to get the suppliers that we probably thought we were going to get. But any time that we are thinking about tax phase ins, tax abatements, we have to realize that if we decide that we're going to take ourselves out of the competitive environment, take ourselves out of the race and no longer offer tax abatement, that doesn't mean other communities are going to stop doing that. And we essentially are in competition with other communities,

other states, for companies like Tenneco. It would be nice if we could attract companies here without inducements, but that's just not reality that we live in right now. And so recognizing where we are and what we have to do, I think we need to provide the types of incentives for the right companies when they come along. And Tenneco, I think, is one of those.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Sutton. We have a motion on the floor for a preliminary resolution to support Tenneco for a ten-year tax phase in by Mr. Raben and a second by Ms. Abell. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I'm going to vote yes and I'd like to point out that employees that take jobs with Vanderburgh County start out making only \$10.34 an hour, and our benefit package is very similar to Tenneco. I think it's a great project. I vote 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

President Winnecke: Very good. Its passes six to one and we'll see you next month for the confirming resolution. Thank you for your time.

TAX ABATEMENT POINT SYSTEM PROPOSAL
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President Winnecke: At this point, I'd like to bring up the guidelines that Mr. Tornatta, just to stay with the theme of tax phase in, if you will, the guidelines that Mr. Tornatta presented to us last week. I'm assuming everyone has done their homework and read it page by page. Mr. Raben, do you have a –

Councilmember Raben: I actually have just received mine today but –

President Winnecke: Special dispensation?

Councilmember Raben Yeah.

President Winnecke: Any questions or comments regarding this? I have a couple and I have already expressed them to Councilman Tornatta but I want to give other folks a chance to get their thoughts on the floor. Mr. Geobel?

Councilmember Goebel: I commend Councilman Tornatta for making the proposal and I do think that there should be some guidelines in print for us to follow considering tax phase ins and I think its not just good for this body but for future bodies. I think the model certainly has merit.

President Winnecke: Did you want to say anything, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: I'd simply like to echo Councilman Goebel's comments that we do need guidelines for which we follow and this is a good start. I'd like to have a little more opportunity to review it but again, I appreciate the efforts and I think it definitely gets us started for sure.

President Winnecke: My comments really have, just to mirror what we talked about privately, really have to do, beginning on page seven, I'd like to see us kind of chat about the requirements of some of these issues. I think laying out the definition of what the common construction wage is and diversity and drug testing, I think laying out the legal definitions or a definition that everyone can agree upon is fine. I guess once you get beyond that, I'm not quite as comfortable laying out in writing how we want a company to get from point A to point B. We assume that they're going to get to point B to offer all the benefits to their employees in the community that they outline before us, but I don't know that its incumbent upon this body to oversee it at that level. And the other comment I would just make is I don't think, although the discussion, and maybe if its not today, if you want to think about it some more, is the whole scoring process. The way that Councilman Tornatta has proposed, and he has indicated he is certainly willing to listen to other options. If you look at page one of the scoring sheet just on personal property as a matter of example, all that is very objective information, the amount of the investment, the number of employees, etcetera, so theoretically, the Department of Metropolitan Development would score that. If you look to the second page, questions five through ten, these are a little more subjective. Everyone is going to weigh these a little differently than another. One of the ideas that Councilman Tornatta has proposed is that DMD would also score this page but each of us would score it privately as well. If I start to misstate here, correct me. And then we would take, for instance, if I scored page two, we would take my score from page two and DMD's page two score and get a real page two score, is that –

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. There's two trains of thought here. One is, the entire Council, seven members would score this and there would be a mean and seven members. DMD would score it and then we'd have a mean of the two scores, because DMD has scored this solely the whole time. The other train of thought would be, it'd be like eight Councilmen, where the seven Councilmen would – Councilmembers, sorry – would score it. DMD would score it, we'd combine every score together to come up with one mean number. And then that number would be added to the first page for our total number. And the only reason I want to do this, and its merely to get everybody involved, so everybody has a say in the tax abatement. And the median score is strictly, because somebody might be real high on it, like judging in the Olympics, somebody is real high, somebody is real low. Essentially those would wash out and we'd get a truer score.

President Winnecke: Personally, I find that a little convoluted but, I mean, I do think it's a starting point. But again, I'm open for more discussion. Councilman Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think that we've got an excellent start here with this, Councilman Tornatta, with the work you've done with DMD, I think, is a really good opportunity for us to take a look at this in an objective fashion to make a decision that's really important for the future of this county. Maybe something we should consider doing, because this is, you know, very new to us, this whole approach, and perhaps maybe we can take some time and walk through this, you know, item by item or area by area and kind of discuss it because, you know, just kind of taking the whole thing, I don't know if we give it the time that it needs so that we can go in if we need to make some adjustments to keep them just as they are, but also open it up for public comment. You know, since we just presented it last week, obviously, no one from the public has had an opportunity to view it or talk about it, but it would be a good opportunity for the public to see this and talk about it and get their feedback since, obviously we do get some response. There are some people interested in what we do when it comes to tax abatements.

President Winnecke: Good point. If you will hold that thought, we're going to change the tape.

(Tape Changed)

Councilmember Sutton: I'd like to see us maybe open this up and I'm thinking over the next maybe sixty days, maybe have two or three different meetings or sessions, maybe thirty minutes before our Council meetings and kind of open this up and kind of talk about it, and walk through, because there is an awful lot, an awful lot. And it would give us an opportunity to strike some things and add things as we see fit.

President Winnecke: Mr. Geobel, and then we'll work our way back around this, come back to the front.

Councilmember Goebel: I think it would be interesting if this Council scored the abatement we just granted and turn that in along with the DMD scoring and see exactly how close we were with what we did grant today. That would be a starting point, too. At least we'd have a trial run.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, using the recommendation of Councilman Sutton in regards to the 60 day time line, I might recommend that you establish a committee, maybe you could have three volunteers that would work over the next thirty days to comprise their list or let them work from the start that Councilman Tornatta has provided and let them revise it and come back to us then in, let's see, that would be our June 1st meeting.

President Winnecke: Ms. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I wouldn't want to speak for Mr. Goebel but I'm brand new on here and I'd like to hear the discussion because I'd like to hear what those of you who've been on here for several years say so that I can get a better perspective as to – I mean, this, of course, looks good to me because I haven't seen anything else. But it would be nice from a beginner's standpoint to sit here and just listen to you senior members give us some of your comments.

President Winnecke: You flatter us so.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think that, I have no problem and I'm not in any hurry to push any resolution through the Council and that's by no means why I wanted to vote on this today, but I think this is something that we clearly need to act on expeditiously and not put it – Councilman Sutton, I think sixty days might be a little bit long for what we're doing but I believe that, you know, I would be okay with giving it thirty days. I'd be okay with meeting with anybody who wanted to address any issues and it might be better if there were me and another senior member of the Council so you get two versions of the story, but I think that would be a great idea. But I'd like to see this acted on next month or at least have something well on its way to being acted on.

President Winnecke: I think at this point, if its alright with everyone, I would appoint Councilman Tornatta, myself and Councilwoman Abell to serve on a committee. Maybe the three of us can meet privately over this and then at our next meeting have a, maybe have a special meeting as Councilman Sutton suggested, to get some public input. I'm sure Mr. Coker and his group might have some comments. They should get a copy of the document and we should – let's see what happens after that meeting, maybe we pass it at the following month or the following meeting. But maybe that's the route to go.

Councilmember Sutton: Can we put a copy of this on our website so the public can have an opportunity to view this, too, while we're looking at it?

President Winnecke: I believe we can, yes. I was waiting for Mr. Schaefer to – Mr. Schaefer, did you have anything to add to this discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: I was just going to say, he might not like this too much, but Rob Schaefer is at the economic development office in the Department of Metro Development –

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, 436-7823 for anybody who's interested in – and could this be put on the internet, because I know you don't want to make copies of this for everybody that's coming through.

Rob Schaefer: It could be emailed.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, there we go. 436-7823, if you call that number, leave your name and an email address. This document can be emailed to you or if there is a better way, any paper expense, obviously, will be charged to the person that wants the document, but any electronic services should be free of charge. So Rob Schaefer will be happy to take care of you on that note.

President Winnecke: Stand by, I'm checking a date here When is our next meeting?.

Teri Lukeman: May the 4th, I think, is our next meeting.

President Winnecke: And what is the Personnel & Finance Committee date?

Teri Lukeman: April 27th.

President Winnecke: Okay, what I'd like to do then is reaffirm the committee of

Councilman Tornatta, Councilwoman Abell and myself to meet prior to our Personnel & Finance committee meeting which is April 27th. I would like to call a special meeting at 2:45 that afternoon to have a discussion, public meeting, on the proposal whatever form it takes after our discussion, realizing that it may take another look after that.

Councilmember Sutton: That's the 27th?

President Winnecke: Yes, so is that clear? April 27th 2:45 in the afternoon for a special meeting.

APPOINTMENT TO BURDETTE PARK ADVISORY BOARD
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President Winnecke: Okay, thank you. At this point I would like to announce a new appointment to the Burdette Park Advisory Board. Gene Koch is replacing Bob Swallows as the County Council appointment. And Mrs. Deig, if you will get a letter out to Mr. Koch notifying him of his appointment by me, that would be appreciated.

PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING FOR HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT
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President Winnecke: And we need to advertise – permission to advertise the Homestead Tax, Teri.

Councilmember Raben: Do we do that in the form of a motion?

President Winnecke: Yes, we do.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Any discussion? All in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers responded by saying aye)

President Winnecke: Opposed, like sign.

(There were no votes vast in opposition. Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LST PROJECT

President Winnecke: That's the last piece of business I have but I believe there is another piece of business that someone on the Council would like to bring before this body. Ms. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I have distributed to the Councilmembers a memorandum dated today that I typed up regarding a conversation that I had on April 4th, and there's no reason for me to sit here and read this to you. I've made copies available for the media. Basically, I was quite concerned after last month's, last week's meeting about the LST project and the proposal of a boat dock being built in Vanderburgh County, that the three people that spoke never gave us a copy of the report from the Army Corps of Engineers that apparently said that we could only

build this boat dock at Marina Pointe. With that thought in mind, I called Congressman John Hochstettler and asked him if he would please put me in contact with somebody from the Army Corps of Engineers and he did, in fact, do that and I spoke on Monday morning at some length – approximately 45 minutes, to be exact – with a Mr. Doug Shelton of the Army Corps of Engineers. And in my memorandum you can see that I've given you his phone number, he is in Louisville, Kentucky. I explained to Mr. Shelton what had been said to this body that caused us to or caused the rest of you to vote in favor of the dock, and as you will recall, I voted against it. Mr. Shelton advised me that that was not how this occurred. He said that when the dock needed to be built for a temporary mooring in 2003, that was a short term thing and they had to put it somewhere without much cost and it was put there down by Marina Pointe, which all of you are aware, at least I'm aware, I went there and saw that particular vessel. And for those of you who may think I'm against the LST, I was going to bring the picture of my father in World War II in his Navy uniform when he was stationed in the South Pacific. So I'm not against the LST nor the project. I am, however, concerned that we were told that there was no place where this could be except Marina Pointe when, in fact, that is an untrue statement. Mr. Shelton told me that many times they are called in – they being the Army Corps of Engineers, to do something they call "site the project," which means they take a look at the entire area which would be involved and they make recommendations as to where would be a good place for this type facility, and where would be a good place if you had plenty of money. I mean, if you've got enough money, you can do just about anything you want to do. Mr. Shelton had told me that they were not asked to site the project, they were asked – not actually even asked, he said the statement was made to him, well, we suppose that putting it right downtown, and his comments to me indicated that he meant Dress Plaza, because we talked about how then that would take Dress Plaza away from the general public, so I know we were both thinking of the same area, would be impossible. And he said that would be nearly impossible due to river traffic. And then they said to him well, then the only other place we have available is Marina Pointe. From that time on, no other location was ever mentioned to him at all. I mentioned to him an area where Pigeon Creek opens up into the Ohio River and he said not only was that never mentioned, but he said, I think that would be a really good location, just, I haven't been there in a year – which was another thing I found very interesting, that we're looking at a 1.2 million dollar project and no one has been here in a year to look at it. I haven't been there in a year but he said I think that that's – you've got barges that come in there now. That's a good place for river traffic that's big enough and he said that sounds like an area we could certainly consider. One of the problems, of course, is that they're looking at a time frame of 120 days. He said to me, I wouldn't be too worried about the 120 days. The application is not complete. I have written the mayor a letter and told him the application was incomplete and we needed much more information. As of today, which was April 4th, he had not received a response from the mayor and he said it takes them approximately 120 days once they get accurate application and they did not have that by then, I can figure up 120 days, and I know that's going to be well past July. We're not going to be able to meet the July deadline that the LST committee wants for putting this dock in anyway. I think, to continue to spend money that I have certainly gotten many calls about because I have been so vocal about this, that the people don't want. In fact, I had an opportunity Friday evening to be at a gathering of some people in town, whose names you would recognize, who said to me they were quite appalled that the issue came up and was voted on before they even had an opportunity to call any of us. They were surprised that we voted on this last week. They thought that we would vote on it this week and it would give them an opportunity to call us and tell us how they feel about it. At this point, I don't know, I'd have to ask Mr. Ahlers what he thinks, but I would certainly like to ask the Convention & Visitors Bureau to hold off making any payments on this thing and let

us take another look at this. I think we should call Mr. Shelton as a group and ask him to come to Evansville, and meet with us, and let us talk to him. If someone can convince me that there is no other place this thing can be and that Marina Pointe is a wonderful project for the citizens of Vanderburgh County, I will not only vote for it, but I would make a motion to approve it. But I have not yet been convinced of that nor am I even halfway convinced that this entire project was properly presented to this group. I think we voted on incorrect information and I will say that I do have one statement in here that I do want to read. This is a good project and deserves all consideration, but it has been handled so poorly that the people we represent are not supportive. I think everyone would be comfortable if this issue was discussed in an open forum where questions were answered honestly and other sites were at least discussed. The sentence right before that: When a project cannot stand on its own merits, and the only way to gain approval is by deceit and threats, then government is no longer an honest and fair government working for the people.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I guess, again, this is going to be the last time I apologize for being off on spring break last week, but I did have the opportunity the week prior or maybe even longer than the week prior to this meeting, to address this with several Councilmembers. And I, at certain points, had pleaded to delay any action last week just pending the lack of information. You know, basically, until Wednesday, we knew what the LST was and we heard cost figures thrown around but there still are a lot of unanswered questions. And to my knowledge, and consequently, I did prepare a letter which I had asked to be read last week but it was forgotten. But along with that letter, I'm not going to read it because it's all past tense today, but along with that were several questions which should be considered before funding that project. One was, and I still don't know that it's been answered today. The ones that I think were maybe, maybe they were skirted around or danced around last week – I'm not going to bring those up, but who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep on the dock? Will this require any additional county employees? I don't know that that's been answered. Whose insurance is responsible in the event of someone getting hurt while on the docking facility? Is that the county's insurance? Is that the city's insurance? Has this even been addressed with our insurance carriers? Because it is on the river. I mean, the likelihood of something happening at some point is, I'm sure, great. What are the projected revenues? I saw in the presentation, they discuss – they go into depth on the temporary stay that it had here in regards to the 30 plus thousand people attending but – and the income based on that high number in that short period, but what are the real projected revenues over the next ten years? And what is the – is there still consideration for dry docking it at some point maybe five years down the line, ten years down the road? If so, what is that cost? Surely there is a cost estimate out there that we need to hear. Are we going to be expected to pick up that? And really important, has any local or private organizations offered to house this? Have they offered to work with the city in regards of housing? And then another thing is, will there be a fee charged to visit the boat? If so, is that fee, are those fees going to be receipted into the county general fund or the city's? Or does it go back to the LST committee? None of this has been answered. And, you know, what's really important is this, you know, this Convention & Visitors Bureau Innkeeper's money has funded a lot of great projects, I'll cite a few: some of them are maybe put on hold or they figured out another way of funding, but just an example, the Reitz Home, Goebel Soccer Field, the African-American Museum, the renovations to the Pagoda, the 4-H Center and all the asphalt work that we spent with that fund and numerous, countless other activities and fund raising events. And we're closing the door on those for the next ten years. So you know, again, I think

before we commit to this project anymore than we already have, we need to be darn sure that we're doing it for the best interest of this county. And if there is a possibility that there is a better site, if there is a better site that's accessible from downtown and visible from downtown, this project deserves that opportunity.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or comments before we move forward?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess the questions I – Jim, you weren't able to be here last week and there was a lot of information that was presented and I guess, Councilman Raben and Abell, I guess you guys have a lot of questions. I guess I wonder what you guys want to do next. I mean, we've already taken a vote on it and are you intending to meet with the mayor or his staff, further discussions with other parties like the LST committee to further your discussions relative to site and some of these other concerns? I mean, this body is obviously the one that heard the discussion last week and we took a vote. But the ones who are working actively on this project, what's your next step?

Councilmember Raben: I would suggest – I mean, there's actually two things we can do. One, we can move to rescind the original vote and maybe make a new motion with the caveat that we fund the 1.2 million dollars contingent upon other site review. And along with that, I would also recommend that its contingent upon passage of our one cent extension or our additional one cent extension for The Centre. I understand its on the agenda today –

Councilmember Abell: It passed.

Councilmember Raben: It did pass today. Okay, well then that's – but okay, so the motion would simply say that we move to rescind the old motion with a new motion that will simply have the caveat that contingent upon reviewing other sites. Or we could simply overture the Convention & Visitors Bureau, which is probably the most graceful way of doing it, simply asking them not to spend any funds towards this project until the Corps of Engineers has had an opportunity to get into Evansville and review other sites.

Councilmember Sutton: My question, though, Councilman Raben, was you've had some questions about the project, some concerns, are you going to take those questions to those individuals who could answer that or even the issues that Councilman Abell brought up. I mean, are you going to follow up on those? I mean, I understand what you're saying here but my question is, you know, how do you follow up personally on the questions that you have to get the answers that you're seeking?

Councilmember Raben: Again, I had hoped most of those answers would have – I wouldn't have questions – I would have already received answers last Wednesday for most of those questions. But again, what I would like to see done is simply, again, overture – I think its very simple to do to overture the Convention & Visitors Bureau not to spend from the funds that we've already granted for them to spend, to please not spend from those funds until the Corps of Engineers can address the many questions as to whether or not there are other sites available. That's not asking for too much and that's, again, –

President Winnecke: I would just offer one thing, I saw this for the first time at 3:10 this afternoon and I am not comfortable rescinding a vote and I don't mean to question the integrity of the information that was provided, but I think it is – I think the prudent thing to do is digest this. I would think we should – I would ask Mrs. Deig

to send a copy of this to the Convention & Visitors Bureau and ask for their response to this information at our next meeting. In my opinion, we took a vote last week that authorized the Convention & Visitors Bureau to spend up to 1.2 million dollars on that project and I think that's what we need to do. We need to ask the CVB, the CVB came to this body seeking approval for those expenditures and I think we need to respond to them or give them the information that Mrs. Abell has provided us this afternoon. At this point, I know there's at least one person, Mr. Davis and then Mr. Coker. Reverse alphabetical order there.

Steve Davis: Hi, my name is Steve Davis. I was here last week. Jim, you were in Florida. I hope you had a good trip. Last week I asked them to postpone this vote and I had the same questions and I spoke with Mr. Winnecke before the vote, before the meeting ever started and I told him there was other questions that I had, however, I wanted to test his integrity to see if he would push the vote through and he did. And there's more questions to this that I will email you. I'm not going to get involved with it right here because I've not got any answers and I've been corresponding with numerous people and I really think that everybody up here jumped the gun and I feel bad for that because there's not a brain drain in this community. This community loses its young people not because tax payments or jobs or this and that and the other, because like myself, who has a college degree and I have a magna cum laude high school girl at Reitz, and I have two kids on the honor roll in public schools, I'm ready to leave this county because of this right here. I came last week with these same issues and the vote happened before all the facts were on the table and it was wrong and I would love to see you guys rescind the vote, however, its not going to happen just like I knew the vote was going to happen last week. It's a shame. You're showing poor leadership. You're teaching kids to make decisions on things without all the facts and its shame and it's a disgrace and its dishonorable to our country, to our county and to myself. And I really hope that when I walk away from this podium, you guys do the right thing and talk about this and take the politics out and put the taxpayers first. Thank you very much.

President Winnecke: Mr. Coker?

David Coker: A few years ago –

President Winnecke: Identify your –

David Coker: Oh, my name is David Coker, I'm president of the Vanderburgh County Taxpayers Association. A few years ago I remember participating in a meeting that took place at the old Vanderburgh Auditorium to discuss the new Vanderburgh Auditorium. And at that meeting convened were all the members of the County Commission, all the members of the County Council, all the members of the City Council, the Mayor's office, and members of the general public that were interested in what was about to take place in the creation of the new Vanderburgh Auditorium that we have here. Before, as this gentleman said, before we go any further with this I think there needs to be a community meeting of all the elected officials that are involved in this. And by the way, as I understand it, this piece of property that the dock has been approved to be built adjacent to is the number one piece of property to be annexed into the city. Am I not correct, that its on the list of properties that are about to be annexed into the city?

President Winnecke: I don't know the answer to that.

David Coker: Well, I've heard that it is. And it wouldn't surprise me in the least if it is. The public has a dog in this hunt. If that becomes the permanent site, we're

going to be looking at some more infrastructure costs. Waterworks Road where it goes across the levee right there is under water a lot. And you're going to have to build a causeway there and that's going to cost some bucks.

Councilmember Raben: Its under water right now.

David Coker: Okay, its under water right now. I haven't been down there for a while, but its –

Councilmember Raben: Over the weekend –

David Coker: Yeah, and it happens frequently and so you're going to have to build a causeway to make that thing accessible year round if that becomes the permanent docking site because of the elevation down there –

Councilmember Tornatta: Can I ask, why?

David Coker: Why?

Councilmember Tornatta: Why do we need it year round? Why are we building another road? Why would we worry about building that road?

David Coker: Well, is the LST going to be accessible to the public 24/7 365 days a year or not?

Councilmember Tornatta: Is Veterans Memorial Parkway going to be closed? Did we decide that we couldn't use alternative routes? Are we trying to – would I rather see people go downtown and then go to the LST, funneling them through the downtown area? To me, that's a perfect setup and there are no issues with that road that at this time, talking to the County Engineer, that make that road – I mean, you could always make it, build it up. I don't see us building that road up. I don't see us doing anything to that road because that is an access road. You can get to other places through other ways.

David Coker: Then the boat is probably going to be inaccessible for several months out of the year in some years.

Councilmember Raben: Troy –

Councilmember Tornatta: Wait. Why can't you go through the downtown area?

Councilmember Raben: No, we're talking about Waterworks Road.

David Coker: I'm talking about Waterworks Road where it goes across the levee, right there by the entrance to Inland Marina.

Councilmember Raben: As soon as you go across the levee, that's where the gates are at.

Councilmember Tornatta: The gates are –

Councilmember Raben: Sure, the water closes – as soon as you cross the levee, before you get –

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, they've got access. They will have access to that

higher road. That's not an issue and –

David Coker: From the bridge maybe but not from Casino Aztar if you're staying at the hotel.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm not going to mention names of the people they would gain access to that road from, but that's already been discussed. So the getting to the LST boat will not be an issue unless you have a catastrophic flood by which the downtown would be exposed.

David Coker: It floods every year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Not downtown it doesn't, sir.

Councilmember Raben: No, what Troy is saying is, I guess they're negotiating something with the Marina? With Lloyd's Marina to probably buy land or something or road through there?

Councilmember Tornatta: Sure. That's already been –

Councilmember Raben: So they're going to drive through the parking lot and access it through there?

Councilmember Tornatta: There is a plan for that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, I mean, I understand and keep going. I just wanted to know –

David Coker: The point is that let's have a general meeting of this entire community and all the elected officials involved and bring the Army Corps of Engineers in here, too, to discuss this publically, at a public meeting because there's going to be a lot of money on the line before this thing is over with. My father was a World War II veteran. I want to see a nice facility built here eventually. I want it to be located in the right place. Maybe this is not the right place for it. I don't know the answers to all these questions but the point is, the public has a stake in openly and publically discussing this issue at a meeting that engages all of the various parties on an equal playing field.

President Winnecke: Thank you. Mrs. Deig, if you will send a copy of this memo that Mrs. Abell has prepared to Marilee Fowler, the Convention & Visitors Bureau, and invite her to our next meeting to discuss this issue and I would encourage anyone with other issues or questions to direct them to the appropriate people.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, is there not merit to asking them to simply not spend any money from this fund until the issue with other site reviews along with some of the questions that I've presented and that many others have?

President Winnecke: I don't know that they're going to have the opportunity in the time frame between now and then.

Councilmember Raben: To what?

President Winnecke: To, they'll come before our body next month to –

Councilmember Raben: But again, don't you think that we need the security of asking them, simply asking them not to spend from that account, to spend from that fund until we have some answers?

Councilmember Tornatta: I think its now in the board's hands, the CVB board.

Councilmember Raben: That's what I'm saying. I would simply like to overture them to ask them not to appropriate funds towards this project until we get answers.

Councilmember Tornatta: And I guess that can be done through the Commissioners.

President Winnecke: Through the Convention & Visitors Commissioners?

Councilmember Tornatta: I would say through the – would it not be done through the Commissioners?

President Winnecke: The County Commissioners?

Councilmember Tornatta: The County Commissioners, sorry.

Councilmember Raben: They have no more say to that body than we do.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I don't see that, after the vote, I don't think we have say in that body either.

Councilmember Raben: No, we don't but again, politely, we can ask them to please don't spend from that fund until we get more information. And particularly allow the Corps of Engineers the opportunity to answer.

President Winnecke: I think the appropriate thing is for Ms. Fowler to come before this body at our next meeting.

CENTRAL DISPATCH ORDINANCE

President Winnecke: One last piece of business I did overlook. Last week we discussed briefly an ordinance concerning the Central Dispatch board. You'll remember that this is the resolution that allows, I am your representative or this body's representative to that board. If I am unable to attend a meeting, to appoint a person to go in my stead. Other members of the City Council have this, the Mayor and the County Commissioners do, so I would entertain a motion to pass that ordinance.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second it.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Winnecke: We're adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 27, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council held a special meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon. I'd like to welcome everyone to the special meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council as we consider guidelines for tax phase-in. We'll begin with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman		X
President Winnecke	X	

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Winnecke: Good afternoon. Its nice to see folks here that are interested in contributing to the discussion on the tax phase-in guidelines. What we have before us today is a 37 page document prepared by Councilman Tornatta. It is quite detailed, it offers distinct requirements and guidelines that companies must meet in order to be eligible for a tax phase-in. As we consider the suggestions by Councilman Tornatta, I would offer that I believe some form of guidelines are important, however, I believe that we must be cautious and not create guidelines that are so cumbersome we create an obstacle to economic development. I think there's a fine line between holding companies accountable for their tax obligations and creating an impediment to economic development. I hope we don't cross that in this process today. Since we do have several people here to speak on this issue and more walking in, I would like to lay out just a few rules so that everyone can be heard in the allotted time that we have. First, I'd like to limit each speaker to his or her remarks, no more than three minutes in length. We will hold a sign up for one minute and a sign up for 30 seconds and we'll call time at the end of the three minutes. I'd like Councilmembers, if possible, to refrain from asking questions or offering comments either in support of or against the position that anyone takes before us. I would ask that you hold those comments or questions until after everyone in the audience has had an opportunity to make their presentation and we'll open up to Council discussion and questions after that. And for clarification, we will not be voting on this document today. I anticipate we will have many different opinions that will be expressed here this afternoon. I believe it would be most prudent for the Council to consider each position and return at a later meeting for either more debate or a vote on this document or a revised document. And we'll also be passing out a piece of paper for people to sign and I would ask that when you begin your remarks if you would state your name and either your company or

organization that you might represent so we have that for the record, that would be great. I'm not sure how many would like to speak but I know a number of you would. Mr. Coker, would you like to begin?

David Coker: My name is David Coker, I'm president of the Vanderburgh County Taxpayers' Association. And I have not seen this 37 page document. Virtually all I've seen are four of these sheets that pertain to personal property, real property, tax phase-in application for residential in distressed areas, and residential in economic revitalization. Someone sent these to me and this is all I've had access to, but I do have a few thoughts. The first one being, it might be worthwhile to look at the environmental record of any company that might potentially be coming into this area. I recall a few years ago in the ConAgra circumstance in Posey County, we did a little profile on the environmental record of ConAgra and the Beatrice Corporation, which was a division of them, and come to find out, you know, that they had one of the largest environmental cleanups, that they ended up paying for something like 69 million dollars. It was a Woburn, Massachusetts situation. And then ConAgra had a number of environmental problems themselves as a corporate entity. That's one thing. As for revitalization of real property in residentially distressed areas, it might be interesting to know whether or not any of this property is destined to become Section Eight federally subsidized housing. Because, you know, basically, its going to be subsidized and it doesn't seem probably right to give somebody a tax break on one hand, while at the other hand, the federal government is, you know, paying for the rent. A couple of other things that came to mind, it would be interesting to know whether or not the employees of a proposed firm contributed to a political action committee for political purposes. And whether those monies were used for local races or federal races. I think that might be something that we would be interested in knowing and finally, its been said that in the past, certain questions have been asked about what kind of corporate citizen is this company. Do they contribute to the arts? Do they support education? Do they, you know, do they contribute in some way to non-profit organizations? It might be interesting to know what their philanthropic behavior is in other places where they're located. Are they responsible corporate citizens, basically. Those are some of the observations and I'd like to see a copy of the report at some point, if possible. That's all. Thanks.

President Winnecke: Thank you. Its on the Internet. Who else? I know several of you want to speak. Ken?

Ken Robinson: My name is Ken Robinson, I'm executive director of Vision-e, Evansville Regional Economic Development Corporation. My comments are directed towards the proposed tax phase-in guidelines for Vanderburgh County and represent the views of someone who has been involved in economic development promotion and facilitation for over 20 years. This ordinance, as written, will have a negative impact on our ability to attract jobs and investment to sites and buildings in Vanderburgh County and could hamper our ability to work with existing companies wishing to expand within the county. Site selection is a process of elimination. The prospect is looking for ways to take you off the list. Their goal is to get their list of potential sites or communities down to a manageable size and work in depth with the two or three candidate locations that meet the client's requirements. Our job is to make sure that we get on as many lists as possible, then to do everything within our power to make us the preferred community. This proposed set of guidelines and rating systems will, in my opinion, inhibit us from even getting on the initial list. Prospective companies are looking for sites or buildings in a business-friendly community where all their keys costs, business factors can be justified. Competition for jobs is fierce. And if we fall short on any one of these factors, we will be eliminated. My concern is that if a prospect determines that our local tax phase-in

requirements are restrictive or difficult to work with as compared to other communities, we will not get on the short list. If a prospect is determined to come to this area, they will most likely approach nearby communities with site location requirements and we will never get the opportunity to promote the advantages of a Vanderburgh County site or building. In fact, I was told when St. Joe County in South Bend added this type of language to their tax abatement ordinance, economic development deals dried up. When I spoke to other economic development directors around the state about this issue, they indicated this would shut down any attraction efforts and would stifle development. Economic development is also an attitude. I encourage you to develop a set of tax phase-in guidelines that projects a positive attitude that Vanderburgh County is open for business. I would also encourage you to develop the guidelines in such a way that it provides you, as elected officials, maximum flexibility and the ability to deal with each proposal on a case by case basis. I'm asking for your help in this matter and commit to work with you to develop the best set of economic development tools in the region. We deserve nothing less. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Kim?

Kim Howard: Hi. I'm Kim Howard. I am here for the Chamber of Commerce for Matt Meadors who had another meeting and a conflict that he couldn't get out of. And I have a letter, I have copies for everybody here of the letter that was written by Matt. In the letter Matt says:

"I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the resolution currently under consideration by the Vanderburgh County Council to establish criteria and guidelines regarding the granting of tax phase-in to business and industry seeking to invest in Vanderburgh County.

The proposed resolution mandates that construction contractors and subcontractors performing work associated with a company or project receiving tax phase-in must pay a "common construction" wage, and must conduct random drug testing of its workers. This type of language evokes a strong, negative reaction from the business community. It will be viewed by many business owners, site locators, and other key decision makers as anti-business and, therefore, our community will be seen in the same light. Many of these decision makers will simply remove Vanderburgh County from the list of considered sites. In a highly competitive global economy, where we compete community against community, state against state, and nation against nation for investments and desirable, good-paying jobs, this is not the message we want to send, not how we want to be viewed, and not the end result we are striving to achieve.

The Vanderburgh County Council presently enjoys tremendous flexibility in its decision-making process regarding the consideration and awarding of tax phase-in to applicants. This flexibility allows the Council to make decisions based on the merit and potential of each individual applicant within the context of the community's economic conditions and/or strategic vision at any particular period in time. It is a competitive advantage the Council enjoys over other communities. It is counter-intuitive and counter-productive to pass a resolution that will restrict the Council's decision-making flexibility and/or options, and undermine one of our community's competitive advantages.

We need to send a clear message that Vanderburgh County is business friendly; that we value investments and desirable, good-paying jobs. And, we need to ensure our elected officials enjoy maximum flexibility and options in the decision-making

process. This resolution does neither, and is bad public policy.”

Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Kim.

Evan Beck: Good afternoon. My name is Evan Beck. I'm here as president of Woodward Commercial Realty and also Woodward Development and Construction. I thank you for your time this afternoon on a very serious subject in our opinion. Again, as some previous speakers have indicated, I've had a limited amount of time to dissect the document. I received a copy of it this Monday evening of this week. But through my review it became an absolute top priority to only focus on this document for the rest of the work week before and leading up to this meeting today. I will commend the leaders of the community for trying to indoctrinate a new term for tax abatement and tax phase-in. I think that's a very productive term in how this is viewed in the community light. It's very important that we remain flexible, that we remain competitive in how we attack economic development opportunities that this county has brought forth and the future. Our companies have been very fortunate in involving itself with two very successful projects in the Accuride world headquarters located on Evansville's east side and then more recently, Graham Packaging located in the Vanderburgh Industrial Park. Neither of those times did we, as a company, actually put in a recommendation for tax abatement. It was the tenant that came to us requesting that as an incentive. But the most important aspect is that we maintain the ability to see that when we look across the table at these prospects, that it's their perception and their perspective that's most important. It's not anyone in this room, it's their perception and their perspective, will they locate in Vanderburgh County or in the city limits of Evansville. It's all about retention, expansion and development. In my opinion, the language that's currently being considered for this document would be like the death penalty for Vanderburgh County and the future of economic development. It seems to me that the language in the document is trying to control how the pie is potentially sliced. In my opinion, if this language is approved, there will be no pie to slice. We may have a document to sit back and be proud of, but then no deals to talk about in the future. And that is very concerning to us as a company and also as a community leader. There is some language in the document that, in my opinion, leaves a very open mind to interpretation. Where this group today may interpret the document one way, two, four, eight years from now, it could be interpreted in a very different way, and in my opinion, it's very risky as we move into the future. Things that concern me the most are the restrictive business practices section of the document, which are found in the guidelines and criteria and definitions part of the document. Most important, as we go through today's discussion, I'm here requesting that this document be rejected in its current form. We would be open to any requests in the future to have any discussions in an open forum with any of you here today. Thank you for your time and consideration.

President Winnecke: Thanks, Evan. Richard?

Richard Lamb: Good afternoon. I'm Richard Lamb. I'm with the challenged properties here in Evansville along with RCI Construction Management, Reddinger Constructors. We have developed two properties in the Vanderburgh Industrial Park as spec properties. Both tenants have come in and asked for tax phase-ins. We worked locally with our own developments as well as nationally with other clients. We self perform a considerable amount of our own work and we subcontract other work out as well. When we subcontract the work out, we go out to the lowest most responsible bidder and each bidder performs the project based on his own merit.

We let the market establish the rate we pay our employees. We need new taxpayers in Vanderburgh County as you all know. We need to do what we can to develop that new taxpayer base. New businesses want to be welcome when they come to Evansville, Vanderburgh County. This proposal, proposed ordinance, in my opinion, will stifle growth and stop economic development. How the construction is performed should not have any effect on how any business would benefit from these phase-ins. As a developer, we fight for every penny and reduction of cost to make our project attractive to a prospective client. These restrictive business practices that are mentioned are going to be expensive, to say the least, and the facts prove it. They will increase costs. And I urge you as a developer and as a taxpayer in Vanderburgh County that we establish guidelines that will be productive and conducive to business and don't make it something that is horrendous and have a negative effect on our economic growth. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

J. R. Gaylor: Good afternoon, my name is J. R. Gaylor, I'm president of C.E.O. of Associated Builders and Contractors of Indiana. We're a state and national organization of builders and contractors in the commercial and industrial sector. Representing local contractors, we rise in major concern about some of the same provisions and the requirements, particularly the common wage requirement. First of all, I'd like you to think about what that's doing right now in the public sector in your community. As you know, common wage law applies to any public job over \$150,000. If you've looked recently, the wages that you're paying for public projects appear to be very inflated compared to the market place already. For example, and I'm most familiar with the electrical trade, the common wage paid to electricians in your county currently are almost \$80,000 a year. Our surveys show the market, the truly common wage is about \$50,000 for electricians. The Indiana Department of Commerce shows that about \$43,000 a year is what is paid to the typical construction worker. So my first point is, I'm not sure that your county is getting really your bang for your buck in regards to current use of common wage on public projects. I also looked at the number of public projects that your county has done; all public projects in this county for this year, there's only been nine public projects. That's counting city, schools, county work and so forth. For your size of population and in other parts of the state, it would appear that possibly these inflated wages are already chilling economic development in the public sector. Just to give you a comparison, Boone County, a growing county, much less population, their public wage expenditure so far this year is 103 million dollars. In Hamilton County, 39 million dollars for public construction. Those are all being paid with common wages, not the inflated wages, so my suggestion is you might be a little bit concerned that the public common construction wage system is really not getting your bang for your buck for taxpayers at this point. Secondly, if you mandate that for private work, I can guarantee you that will poison economic growth. It will drive businesses away if you require someone to build these projects to pay \$10 to \$15 a man hour more, you will poison economic development. I can give you two examples in closing of St. Joe County where I was personally involved in two projects. Two years ago there was a five million dollar expansion project. They have the same ordinance that you're considering. A company wanted to expand five million dollars worth of work. They ended up moving and building a new facility in a next door county because of this wage requirement there. And just two weeks ago I got a call from a Dallas contractor, again St. Joe County, wanting to build a 50 million dollar distribution center there. They couldn't believe this ordinance was in place. They said, where else can we go? They're going to Ft. Wayne, Allen County, and passing up South Bend, St. Joe. I would suggest you let the free enterprise market work for your county. Thank you, sir.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

Paul Green: Mr. Chairman, my name is Paul Green. I'm with the Southwestern Indiana Building Construction Trades Council. I came to this meeting today basically just to hear what was going on with this resolution and I sat that back there and I heard all this testimony. The two projects that were discussed by Mr. Beck were both done on what would have been common construction wage prices. Both of those projects were done union. And the numbers that Mr. Gaylor put out there, about \$80,000 a year for a wage earner in construction, which I'm quite familiar with, too, I'm also president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and I'm an electrician by trade, I'm quite disappointed to find out that I haven't been paid what I should have been. I haven't made \$80,000 as an electrician since I've been in the electrical trade. Electricians here make around \$50,000 under the common wage. A lot of the testimony and a lot of the things that I've heard here today just aren't true. The projects that are done here now, not necessarily in Vanderburgh County, but in southwestern Indiana, the vast majority of them are already done union. And I use the term union because that is where most of the common construction wage is set because that's the most common wage paid. The reason that it is the common wage is because it is the common wage. The vast majority of projects done in Evansville and Vanderburgh County are done union, private and public, and that is the common wage. This thing, the – Accuride, Graham Packaging, those projects were done union. The entire project that was done at the Target was done under a PLA, which was done union. The common construction wage does not stifle anything in any county. The one project, the Wal-Mart on the west side, we were low bidder on that project. We had a contractor who was actually low bidder, union contractor, and they rejected us because we were union. But that's just Wal-Mart. So I can give you dozens of examples and I would also love to make time to meet with any of you to argue these points and to show you that the common construction wage does not stifle any projects that would come to Vanderburgh County. This is just not true. It seems that whenever an ordinance or a resolution or anything comes up that gives the working family a chance to make a decent wage, send their kids to college, have decent health and welfare, have a decent pension, that everybody jumps up in arms over it. And I was very disappointed to hear that the Chamber of Commerce is against substance abuse testing in the workplace in Vanderburgh County. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you. Anyone else who would like to speak to this before we open it up for discussion among Councilmembers? Okay. Who would like to start? Troy?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm right here. Thank you for all the comment. I did get some calls. I kind of expected more calls because this is an important document to have and I really appreciate what was said and what has been said, but would always appreciate more things that are concerns of not only our construction people but our citizens in general. In looking back at, we've had a meeting, myself, Mr. Winnecke and Ms. Abell, have gone over some things so that the document you see might not be exactly the one that we've come up with and I know there still will be some revisions and amendments to the bill. But just to go over a couple of points and then I'll go over a couple of ideas I have and then we can move on to the next speaker, first of all, I have heard common construction wage and that has been a major sticking point for a lot of people. The common construction wage, I.C. 5-16-7, I believe, as established in our state code and has been brought up, it is essentially for public monies. All these monies that we are allowing in a tax phase-in would be public monies. We have the taxpayer at heart when we do these type of issues. So I thought that would be an important thing to look at in the document. The common

construction wage is applicable to non-union contractors as well as union contractors and I think that should be implemented because it is not a union/non-union issue, it is an issue on do we pay our people and do we respect our workers in Vanderburgh County. And that's something that I wanted to get out. Is it fair? I talked to a tax phase-in recipient and he thought that that was not his concern whatsoever when I asked him about that issue. So that was not – there were some issues. I put in there something about diversity because I think diversity in our workforce is paramount. I think we should hold standards. I talked about drug testing. I want to get rid of drugs in Vanderburgh County and anyway that I can do that job, then I'm all for it. Does it – is it too stringent a requirement? That's up for, something that I'll talk about in just a minute. Guidelines are guidelines. This is a guideline supplement. I want to have a more guideline structured document that we can use as a way to get us from point A to point B when we're talking about tax phase-in. Is it too strong? We'll talk about that later. Companies must sell themselves; to get a company a ten-year tax abatement gratis and not have them sell themselves to this Council and to the Vanderburgh County people is not what I'm after and not what I came up with when I wrote this – assisted in writing this document. There were a lot more people that went into this than just me, as we've mentioned before. Tax phase-in is an important part and I realize that. I'm a business person. But maybe I think about the end-user, which is the person that's doing the job, the person that's making – making from the ground up. I'm not so much thinking of the person that reaps the benefit of building the building, collecting the rent. And its not that I want to ignore that person, but when I think about the person that's building the building, I want to make sure that don't have an issue like we have with Wal-Mart, where we're having people come in from outside, who might not be licensed, who we have to patrol constantly, who might not build a quality building. And so this is my way of trying to say that we do want a person to be paid well, we want a person to come in and do a good job and, you know, most of these topics are not issues. But I don't want it to be an issue in Vanderburgh County. Something that was brought to me is to have a tax phase-in panel to look at this document and I would propose, we've had a three person panel on the County Council. I would propose that we do look to have an ad hoc panel that would essentially have a say in this document and I would be fine with presenting that. And some of the people in this room would be obvious candidates to sit on that panel and to go through and create the best document for Vanderburgh County, and make sure that we are coming out with a pro-business yet with a pro-Vanderburgh County document. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Anyone else?

Marsha Abell: I just wanted to tell the Council that I did get an email from Bill Pedtke at the Home Builders Association, which I'll be happy to share with you. He had about five comments and I'll pass it over and you can submit it to the Council if you wish to.

President Winnecke: Other comments or questions from members of the Council?
Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Winnecke, I was wondering if any record has been kept over past phase-ins that have been grante? How many of those grants have been honored or given work to the building trades or union work, what the percentage is right now of abatements given in the past? Is there anyway we can find that information?

President Winnecke: I have several folks involved in this process in the last few days and I think there are several trying to quantify that, but I don't think those figures are

at anyone's fingertips. It will take some research to do.

Councilmember Goebel: I didn't think they would be today, but also I think perhaps when we find that information out to go farther and ask those particular businesses that moved in how important this issue was to them when they considered Vanderburgh County. As I think, I don't know what the example was earlier, but that question was raised.

President Winnecke: Okay. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I think that putting together a document like this is an excellent start and we've been talking about this for so long in trying to look at revamping and getting our tax phase-in process refined in such a way that we can feel comfortable that what we grant to one. If the next company comes along that's similar, that we would consider it in the same fashion and anytime we can get to a point where we're doing that type of thing, I think that's a very positive step for our community as a whole. And, you know, there are a number of things in this proposal here, a number of new things, and I suggested at our last meeting that, you know, it would probably take, we're probably looking at 60 to 90 days to really look at thoroughly, look at this particular document and do it the justice that I think it deserves. And look at all sides of it here. We've heard some individuals come forward today that talked about, you know, some other counties that have similar policies like this. I'd be interested, because I wasn't aware, I would be interested in seeing what those policies are, how similar it may be to this, what the effect may have been from an economic development standpoint, and if there are some weaknesses within our particular proposal and even in our present structure that we can strengthen. I think it's a very positive thing that we've got this proposal out there on our website, on the County Council website. So I hope that those who are interested in this issue will then send emails, what have you, in to give us some comments. Sandie, is it possible for them to email in to the Council to give comments?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so I would encourage as many who are interested in this issue to do just that because we're trying to, at this point in time, gauge as much interest as we possibly can in this issue. Obviously, there are some here today and some who probably would like to be here who would like to comment on that, on this issue, and then as well, the time that we can take and really review this whole proposal. You know, there's a number of different things here that I think we could spend some time with, but in the end, what we want to try to do is create a document that ultimately speaks to our interest in being a competitive community. And, you know, one of our previous County Councilmembers maybe didn't like the whole idea of having to offer tax phase-ins and being competitive against other counties, that's just the reality of economic development. Now, when we say that we want new companies here, other communities are saying the same thing. The companies that we have here in Vanderburgh County, other counties want those industries and industries that are in other counties, we wouldn't mind having a few of them here in Vanderburgh County. So because we are in this competitive environment, there are some things that we naturally have to do to put ourselves in a position where we can demonstrate that we're wanting a growth oriented community. So I think we're taking a very positive step here and I don't know what the next step is, Councilman Winnecke, Mr. President, what you might plan to do. You know, I guess from my perspective, if as much time as we can take to put together a very good document that represents this community, whether it's the committee of three that has been

formed up to this point, if they're going to continue to work on this and bring something back to us, or we might, as Councilman Tornatta has suggested, open it up to some others who may want to serve or have an interest in at least providing some comments to the committee. I would suggest that the committee maybe meet with some of the different groups, maybe with some of the speakers who presented here today and bring back some of the ideas and scratch together this document, and put together a rough draft for us to consider as a Council.

President Winnecke: Thank you. Any other Councilmembers? Mr. Coker, if you can make a comment in 30 seconds or less you can have the floor.

David Coker: I just have a question, basically. I have no idea what the total amount of abated taxes of all the corporations and businesses around this community are, but my question goes to, are these people audited? Are these firms audited on a routine basis to where we are able to ascertain that they have delivered with all of the things that they said that they were when these abatements were granted in years past? I don't know whether this is an ongoing process, but if its not, its something that probably ought to be done.

President Winnecke: We have a compliance hearing annually with every phase-in recipient that comes before the Council.

Councilmember Sutton: Its usually in the fall, Mr. Coker, about our September meeting, and we – if we find a particular company is maybe falling short of what they had promised, then we have the opportunity to bring them in to hear what their perspective is on why they've fallen short.

David Coker: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, David. Just to kind of wrap up because we do have our regularly scheduled Personnel and Finance Committee meeting that will begin shortly, but I will just offer a couple observations. One, to reiterate what I said at the beginning, I think its important and its clearly the Council, I think, has the mind-set that creating guidelines are important but I think we should keep, in my opinion, the paramount concern of not creating obstacles or impediments to economic development. While I think guidelines are good and probably long overdue, we need to be cautious as to how far we go. Just sort of rhetorically, you know, if you want to extend the discussion of requiring a common construction wage because a company is receiving phase-in, I guess why wouldn't you create other opportunities or challenges for the company as long as they're receiving a phase-in? I think if I were a company looking to relocate here, I'd be afraid of what someone might try to do to create further business restrictions upon me as a business owner as long as I received a phase-in. Just kind of food for thought. To Councilman Sutton's issue as to what to do next, we've had a number of speakers today, what I think I'd like to do is for the committee of Councilman Tornatta, Councilwoman Abell and myself to meet again, go over the notes, go over the discussion we heard today, and then I think we need to sit down with each of the major shareholders in this arena and have specific private discussions about what their concerns are and then come back, as Councilman Sutton suggested, with another draft of this document. And because scheduling is so difficult, I think to get everyone together on a big committee meeting might be more challenging, but I could see us getting together and then a series of private meetings. So I would say in the next week to ten days, the three of us would reconvene to go over what we heard today and then move forward with more private discussions with the interested shareholders. And with that, let me first thank everyone who expressed an interest in coming and coming out today. Your input is

valuable to us. Its good dialogue and I think it speaks well for this body that we welcome that. Thank you for your time. And at this point, this special meeting stands adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Marsha Abell

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

Recorded and transcribed by Teri Lukeman.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 4, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of May in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon. I'd like to welcome everyone to the May 4th meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll begin with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH 30, 2005 SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 6, 2005 REGULAR MEETING

President Winnecke: We're going to begin with approval of the minutes. I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our special meeting of March 30th.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our April 6th meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Winnecke: Motion.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

President Winnecke: And a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: At this time I would turn the chair over to our finance chair, Mr. Raben.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda today is County Commissioners, 1300-3420 Legal Advertising in the amount of \$10,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Did we talk about dropping that down last week, Jim?

President Winnecke: It was, from 20 to 10.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, did you say 10?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I'm sorry, I thought you said 20.

Councilmember Raben: Did I –

Councilmember Tornatta: You said, as approved, I thought. And it says 20 on the sheet here.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I – excuse me. Ten thousand.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on) Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3420	Legal Advertising	20,000.00	10,000.00
Total		20,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Mr. President, Community Corrections 1361-1850 in the amount of \$35,000; 1361-1380-1361 Correction Officer at \$790, for a total of \$35,790.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Councilmember Wortman: I was wondering about the Union Overtime. There's two positions that wasn't filled, and I was wondering why they wasn't filled. That would help with the overtime, and how much user fees are in the account. I guess that's the question I've got to ask. Is there anybody from the Sheriff's department here today?

Councilmember Raben: No, there's no one from the Sheriff's department, but if you recall, we normally don't allow for offices to transfer out of salary lines, so –

Councilmember Goebel: The Sheriff is here.

Councilmember Raben: I do see them walking in the door.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, there he comes.

Councilmember Raben: Uh, we need the Chief Deputy. Councilman Wortman has a question. We're on your appropriation request.

Eric Williams: The Sheriff is here.

Councilmember Raben: Or the Sheriff.

Councilmember Wortman: Either one would be sufficient.

Brad Ellsworth: Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff. How can I help?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Ellsworth, the question I was asking, how much is in your user fee account, which that's only the people who pay, you know, into it? And

then you've got two positions that never was filled. Wouldn't that help alleviate the overtime?

Brad Ellsworth: It's kind of a long story. I don't have any idea about how much is in the user fee account right now. I can find that out but I can't read minds on questions like that. I don't know. The unfilled positions, we may possibly fill those but you're right, I do have two unfilled positions, Case Management positions, I think, if that's the ones you're referring to.

Councilmember Wortman: Yes sir, yeah, do you intend to fill them pretty soon so we have no more overtime or what?

Brad Ellsworth: Well, that's not coming from that. The Case Managers are not where the overtime is coming from, it's the guards, and that's a union issue we're trying to work through. Yeah, if you'll call me, I'll have it down in the books.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

Brad Ellsworth: And I do have the last four years if you need that, how much we've spent.

President Winnecke: Okay. Mr. Sutton, did you have a question?

Councilmember Sutton: That's what I was getting ready to ask. Last week you said you were going to get us a history of the union overtime.

Brad Ellsworth: It looks like 2002, by the end of the year we spent \$75,500, 2003 \$85,300, 2004 it dropped to \$61,700 and then this year, to date, \$37,600. So this would be right in line.

Councilmember Sutton: Can we get a copy?

Brad Ellsworth: Sure. I only brought one, my copy machine was out of paper. I tried to make seven and it flashed red, and I wanted to rush up here.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, our next appropriation will allow us to make the copies that we need for the Councilmembers here.

Sandie Deig: I can send Sarah to run some copies.

Brad Ellsworth: I can provide one and you can do the copies if that's okay. Does that go to the President?

President Winnecke: Give it to Mrs. Deig, if you don't mind. Thank you. Other questions for the Sheriff? Okay, we have a motion and a second on the floor for a total appropriation of \$35,790. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1850	Union Overtime	40,000.00	35,000.00
1361-1380-1361	Correction Officer	790.00	790.00
Total		40,790.00	35,790.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Mr. President, under County Council 1480-4220 Office Machines \$4,577. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-4220	Office Machines	4,577.00	4,577.00
Total		4,577.00	4,577.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that’s it for the General Fund. Next we’ll move into the Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation. Mr. President, I’ll move that we approve account 2620-1100-2620 down through over to the next page 2620-1910 PERF, for a total of \$1,368.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT**SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION****REQUESTED****APPROVED**

2620-1100-2620	Chief Probation Ofcr.	243.00	243.00
2620-1110-2620	Probation Officer	147.00	147.00
2620-1120-2620	Probation Officer	52.00	52.00
2620-1130-2620	Probation Officer	78.00	78.00
2620-1140-2620	Probation Officer	52.00	52.00
2620-1150-2620	Probation Officer	52.00	52.00
2620-1160-2620	Probation Officer	41.00	41.00
2620-1170-2620	Probation Officer	78.00	78.00
2620-1180-2620	Probation Officer	52.00	52.00
2620-1200-2620	Probation Officer	69.00	69.00
2620-1210-2620	Probation Officer	52.00	52.00
2620-1220-2620	Probation Officer	69.00	69.00
2620-1230-2620	Probation Officer	97.00	97.00
2620-1240-2620	Probation Officer	41.00	41.00
2620-1250-2620	Probation Officer	41.00	41.00
2620-1260-2620	Probation Officer	41.00	41.00
2620-1900	FICA	93.00	93.00
2620-1910	PERF	70.00	70.00
Total		1,368.00	1,368.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**TRANSFER REQUESTS****COUNTY CLERK**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now for transfers. County Clerk, I'll move that the transfers be approved as listed.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1170-1010	Circuit Court Clerk/Archives	1,058.00	1,058.00
1010-1290-1010	Asst.Chief Deputy	675.00	675.00
1010-1380-1010	Deputy Clerk/Misd.	4,000.00	4,000.00
1010-1390-1010	Juvenile Clerk	5,123.00	5,123.00
1010-1460-1010	Certified Mail Clerk	4,104.00	4,104.00
1010-1560-1010	Tax Warrant Clerk	3,089.00	3,089.00
1010-1610-1010	Admin. Secretary	2,656.00	2,656.00
1010-1630-1010	First Deputy/Elections	7,362.00	7,362.00
1010-1680-1010	Deputy Clerk/Misd.	1,304.00	1,304.00
To: 1010-1580-1010	Misd. & Traffic Clerk	4,148.00	4,148.00
1010-1990	Extra Help	25,223.00	25,223.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Next, Sheriff’s department, 1050-2660 in the amount of \$5,000 transferred into account 1050-2300 for \$5,000. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-2660	Reserves	5,000.00	5,000.00
To: 1050-2300	Uniforms	5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Winnecke: Okay, and last, Cumulative Bridge, and I'll move that this transfer be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4408	Burkhardt Rd. Br. #290	55,000.00	55,000.00
2030-4736	Barton Rd. Culvert #24	25,000.00	25,000.00
To: 2030-4735	Stockwell Rd. Culvert	80,000.00	80,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last, Mr. President, we have the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Again, I am going to simply ask that the document supplied by our Executive Assistant be made as part of the minutes and we'll approve the document.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">CONFIRMING RESOLUTION DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5400 FOUNDATION BLVD. TENNECO AUTOMOTIVE</p>

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Raben. At this time, under Old Business, I would entertain a motion for the confirming resolution for the declaration of an economic revitalization area for the property located at 5400 Foundation Boulevard, previously approved for Tenneco Automotive.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

President Winnecke: Congratulations, the phase-in is approved. And while we're on the topic of phase-in, after our discussion last week, Councilman Tornatta has prepared another draft of the tax phase-in consideration. I got it this afternoon, so we'll look at that in the coming days and schedule additional meetings in the coming weeks as time permits, and report back.

<p>RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2006 AND CASTING THE VOTES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON SAID ORDINANCE RESOLUTION NO. R-05-05-005</p>
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President Winnecke: Okay, new business. At this time I would consider a motion on the resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council proposing an ordinance on the County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed for homesteads for 2006 up to eight percent. That is in your packet and I would consider a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, again, I'd like to move and make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS</p>
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President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain a motion on the resolution before us – I might have done these out of order.

Jeff Ahlers: Did you do the ordinance or the resolution?

President Winnecke: I did the resolution. Now its time for the ordinance, I'm sorry, of the County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed for homesteads. Again, that is before you in your packet and it's a mouthful.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

MAY 12, 2005 FILING DEADLINE FOR JUNE MEETING

President Winnecke: At this time, I'd remind everyone that the May filing deadline for the June 1st County Council meeting is May 12th. Mrs. Deig will alert all interested parties to that.

**CONSIDERATION OF SALARIES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR
PROPOSED 2006 BUDGETS**

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, do we want to get into a discussion on the final point here?

Councilmember Raben: Well, we can. It's not really up to me. But yeah, normally we do get into it about this time of year or the actual – you usually need it by about the first week of June, do you not?

Teri Lukeman: Actually, I had asked Sandie to put that on the agenda because we need some kind of direction for when I send the budget packets out this month and we'll need it pretty quickly.

Councilmember Raben: Well, Mr. President, I'll be glad to take the role here. You know, it would be my suggestion, based on conversations and suggestions of the other six Councilmembers that were present last year, that sometimes we send a sense of false hope, maybe, when we ask the department heads and officeholders to set salaries in at three percent or four percent or five percent. Last year it was brought up by several Councilmembers, next year let's just ask them to put them in at the current rate and then we'll adjust them from there. Is that still the wishes of the majority of the members here?

Councilmember Wortman: Are you saying three percent?

President Winnecke: Or set them in at today's rate.

Councilmember Abell: 2005?

Councilmember Raben: At 2005's rate.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think your point is very well taken. We have faced some very difficult times over the last year or so financially as a county and fortunately, you know, our General Fund unappropriated balance is a little bit healthier this year than maybe what we had anticipated because of a variety of other things that have occurred. And unfortunately, last year, you know, with the raise as it was given, we felt like that was really the only option that we did have. I voted for it, didn't like it, but that's what we had to do. You know, I just really don't want to see us have to do what we did last year. So like I said, trying to balance, like I said, just not giving false hope. At the same time, not taking away all hope all together, I mean, I would like to see a figure put in there but with the full understanding that we'll do everything that we possibly can do to make sure that we have a budget that we can live within, that's reasonable for the county. And not making any promises per se, but at least give ourselves some type of baseline figure. I'd like to start at least with a three percent, at that area is what I'm kind of thinking. So be that as it may, I don't know what the sentiment of the other Councilmembers may be, but like I said, just the \$500 raise

last year, I just felt like if we did anything, it spread a lot of poor will across the board and it was the best that we could do. But it just really did not go over very well in a lot of different ways in relation to our salary ordinance and just fairness across the board. But three percent is what I feel comfortable with.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Sutton, very nice – took some of the words out of my mouth. I think that too many times we've put the employees on the back of the bus and I think its showing good will to put them in front now, and we can start with three percent and I think that's a very fair rate especially after last year. Go with three percent and then see what we can adjust throughout the county budget as opposed to using them as the buffer zone. So I think its good will to show our employees need a three percent and I'm in favor of that as well.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I guess for clarification, was three percent the starting point last year in the budget talks and then we had to come down?

President Winnecke: Yes, to \$500 per person.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'm fine with that. Again, just based on conversations that took place during budgets. You know, several Councilmembers had said, you know, next year, let's don't do that. Let's set it in at the current rate and we'll adjust it from there. And I'm perfectly fine with three percent. That works as easy for me as any number.

President Winnecke: Okay. Anyone else? Ms. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: When will we know how much their insurance is?

Councilmember Raben: We usually don't know that until September.

Councilmember Abell: I think how much they have to pay out of their pocket for their insurance has a lot to do with – they just don't want to lose (inaudible – microphone not turned on) go backwards.

Councilmember Raben: And that's a very good point. In fact, Marsha, we're usually calling up until minutes before we walk into this room to do our final approval on our budget to get those numbers. And its, you know, and I understand, you know, their position, too. Its tough in August to tell us what insurance rates are going to be in January. But, you know, that's a good point and I certainly support you on that, too, that it depends a lot on their contribution.

President Winnecke: Okay. Anyone else? Sheriff?

Brad Ellsworth: Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff. Just to throw out another option. As an officeholder in the county, would it make any sense, and I appreciate the Council's job in doing this, that you let the officeholder put in what they feel their employees' deserve, need, whether that's no raise at all for some reason, or a five percent

based on some kind of research, what other Sheriff's departments are making, other policemen in this area, something like that, and let the officeholder then stand by the research they do into their own office. That may make it a little tougher but you can still whittle away at an individual office, give across the board, but it does give you more insight into what we, the officeholder, have done on behalf of our own agency and whether it's the Clerk's office or the Sheriff's department or the Auditor or whoever. Just, I'm throwing that out there. I feel, sometimes, you know, we're limited to three percent. I go back and explain to my employees that's all they said we could put in whether I think you deserve more or you deserve less. So just an option.

Councilmember Sutton: So its kind of more of a situation where the way you're explaining it, if I'm correct, as the person looks down the roster in their office, one person may receive a smaller amount, one person may receive a larger amount, are you saying across the board, that whole office would receive a particular amount based upon what that officeholder's belief or impression may be to what is a justifiable amount?

Brad Ellsworth: That's correct. I think that's a real possibility that in your own office, different areas – you know, I've got a lot of different classifications of employees and one may have assumed a whole lot more duties than the other, or like I said, comparison to, say the Evansville Police department, if there's been a big disparity there and trying to catch parity with that. But civilian workers doing the same. I think, you know, when we limit it to three or two or four or whatever that is, we limit us to what we can do and what we feel, at least expressing what we feel would be fair in our own agencies. And it doesn't give us an venue to express that and therefore, sometimes that causes problems within the agency. Just, its an option that we've not talked about in recent years or since I've been in office.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Brad, I think that's a great idea. I'll tell you why it probably doesn't work in this scenario unlike it would, maybe, in the private sector is number one, we follow a salary ordinance which that really muddies up the water on how you follow your salary ordinance. And the other thing, from a budgeting standpoint, then we have to sort through each and every employee and find out what percentage of increase is calculated. So it really makes it tough when we're trying to find out what a three percent raise represents county-wide or a five percent or a four percent or a \$500. Again, then you've got to go in and you're constantly working back and forth with those, you know, –

Brad Ellsworth: I understand –

Councilmember Raben: -- salary lines, so –

Brad Ellsworth: I know it makes things more difficult. Like I said, if the Deputies in my department are falling way behind the state average or way behind the local average, but the civilians are right in line, it might be – I guess as an officeholder I'd like that option to at least express to the Council that this area might deserve more, this one might deserve less, and at least to get your feelings out there so you can go back to your employees and say here's what I – and you stand by that with your employees, and explain it to them.

Councilmember Raben: In your defense I will say this, that you would not be the first officeholder that has put in more than three percent for employees.

Brad Ellsworth: So we can put in what we want. I'm not trying to make Sandie's job hard, I promise.

Sandie Deig: You can't have an effective salary ordinance. While I respect what you're saying, it wouldn't be good for the county's salary ordinance.

Brad Ellsworth: I know. I feel like sometimes we need to express, you know, I don't know what the venue is then to bring to you, unless its individually, what, if there is those, something that we think deserves more than three or less than three or whatever.

President Winnecke: I think this was an appropriate venue. Appreciate it.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you.

President Winnecke: At this time I would wrap this up. Just based on the discussion, I would ask Mrs. Deig to draft a memo to all officeholders and department heads when creating their 2006 budget to use three percent as a guideline for their –

Councilmember Sutton: Guideline, in bold and italics.

President Winnecke: – for their salary planning purposes for 2006. Thank you. Any other business to come before the Council? I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Winnecke: We're adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Marsha Abell

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 1st day of June in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon. I would like to welcome everyone to the June 1st meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll begin with attendance roll call, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MAY 4, 2005 REGULAR MEETING APRIL 27, 2005 SPECIAL MEETING

President Winnecke: Okay, we'll begin. I would like to entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our regular meeting of May 4th.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our special meeting on April 27th.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Winnecke: Before I turn it over to our Finance Chair, Mr. Raben, I would just remind folks in the audience and folks watching at home that this body heard discussion on these requests last week, and we'll be actually taking the vote today. So, with that caveat, I turn it over to Mr. Raben.

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda today is County Treasurer, account 1030-3410, Printing, in the amount of \$5,805. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and second. Are there questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-3410	Printing	5,805.00	5,805.00
Total		5,805.00	5,805.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, under Sheriff, 1050-1301, Civilian Overtime, in the amount of \$15,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1301	Civilian Overtime	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total		15,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next under Jail, 1051-1850, and 1051-1301, in the amount of \$26,500. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: Last week I had asked Chief Deputy Eric Williams to look at what we're going to need in this account for the balance of the year. If you recall he had stated that since the most recent union agreement allows for comp time or paid overtime, the trend is now going towards paid overtime. The balance needed for the balance of the year is roughly \$49,000 in addition to this. So, that information was obtained and passed on.

President Winnecke: You said \$49,000 in addition to this?

Councilmember Raben: In addition to this.

President Winnecke: Okay. More discussion or questions? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Is there any chance that the Commissary Fund could be used for any of this overtime in reference to the jail?

Eric Williams: Eric Williams, Chief Deputy Sheriff, on behalf of Sheriff Ellsworth, I can't speak for him on that specific matter, but I would say that the Commissary is being used very heavily right now. As you remember, we gave a half a million dollars that we had accrued in that account to help fund the capital costs of the new jail. In addition, a lot of the line items that were traditionally in our budget this year were zeroed out by the Council during budget hearings, which we're now picking up those costs. So, the Commissary is running pretty tight. What I did mention to Councilman Raben earlier was that with the open line items that we're using, that we're filling with overtime because of the turnover, there's roughly about \$40,000 in those accounts right now that we would be willing to repeal or transfer, whatever suits the Council to help make up that difference. It's money that's not being spent because it's tied up in a personnel line item. Which would negate a lot of that overtime cost.

Councilmember Wortman: Could you give us a total of what the Commissary money count stands as the balance? Also the User Fee in the correction center, please?

Eric Williams: Off hand I can't. I don't have those numbers with me. I would be happy to. I think I've submitted, you know, the Sheriff has submitted our monthly statements to, I believe we sent them to Councilman Winnecke for the Commissary balances, and that would have been at the end of the last quarter, whatever that balance was. I would be happy to get you the numbers. I don't know off hand.

Councilmember Wortman: I would appreciate it.

Eric Williams: The User Fees, the Auditor's office has those balances. Those are all maintained by the Auditor, so.

President Winnecke: Other questions? 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 Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1850	Union Overtime	25,000.00	25,000.00
1051-1301	Civilian Overtime	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total		26,500.00	26,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President, Pigeon Township Assessor, 1150-1972, Level II Certification, the correct figure is \$356. That's \$356. 1150-1900, FICA, \$28, for a total request of \$384. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, can you do that one more time? It was \$356 on the certification, and on the \$28, as listed?

Councilmember Raben: As listed, \$28. So, \$384.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-1972	Level II Certification	365.00	356.00
1150-1900	FICA	28.00	28.00
Total		393.00	384.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Voters Registration, 1220-3550, Repairs to Building and Grounds, and 1220-3371, Computer Hardware, for a total of \$4,855. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

VOTER REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1220-3550	Repair to Bldg & Grounds	3,250.00	3,250.00
1220-3371	Computer Hardware	1,605.00	1,605.00
Total		4,855.00	4,855.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: County Commissioners, 1300-1930, Unemployment, for \$30,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-1930	Unemployment	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total		30,000.00	30,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under Community Corrections, account, this will be the third one down, 1361-1340-1361, was listed as \$1,383, the correct figure is \$1,384. Skip down to the 1361-1410-1361, the correct figure is \$1,826. 1361-1420-1361, the correct figure is \$1,605, and 1361-1450-1361, \$720. All other accounts as they are listed, for a total of \$7,251. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1200-1361	Correction Officer	277.00	277.00
1361-1330-1361	Correction Officer	941.00	941.00
1361-1340-1361	Correction Officer	1,383.00	1,384.00
1361-1360-1361	Correction Officer	498.00	498.00
1361-1410-1361	Correction Officer	1,824.00	1,826.00
1361-1420-1361	Correction Officer	1,604.00	1,605.00
1361-1450-1361	Correction Officer	719.00	720.00
Total		7,246.00	7,251.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, that's it for the General Fund requests.

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Under Reassessment/County Assessor, Contractual Services, 2490-1090-3530, in the amount of \$127,900. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1090-3530	Contractual Services	127,900.00	127,900.00
Total		127,900.00	127,900.00

(Motion approved 5-2/Councilmembers Tornatta and Sutton opposed.)

REASSESSMENT/CENTER ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Center Township Reassessment, 2490-1110-1990 through 2490-1110-3410, for a total of \$3,815. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/CENTER ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1110-1990	Extra Help	1,500.00	1,500.00
2490-1110-1900	FICA	115.00	115.00
2490-1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00	2,000.00
2490-1110-3410	Printing	200.00	200.00
Total		3,815.00	3,815.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Knight Township Reassessment, first, 2490-1130-1120, Office Coordinator, zero; 2490-1130-1900, FICA, should read \$1,530; 2490-1130-1910, PERF, zero; 2490-1130-1920, Insurance, zero; all other accounts as they are listed, for a total of \$31,530. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Abell: Yes, Mr. Raben, the Extra Help of \$20,000, I thought we were going to do that at \$15,000 on all of them every time. Am I incorrect?

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry. Did you have that conversation with me? I'm sorry, I don't –

Councilmember Abell: I thought that was what we....isn't that what we decided the last time they were here and we gave them, or is this something different, the Extra Help?

Councilmember Raben: That may be something different.

Councilmember Abell: Okay.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1130-1120	Office Coordinator	10,820.00	0.00
2490-1130-1900	FICA	2,358.00	1,530.00
2490-1130-1910	PERF	623.00	0.00
2490-1130-1920	Insurance	11,386.00	0.00
2490-1130-1990	Extra Help	20,000.00	20,000.00
2490-1130-1930	Unemployment	2,000.00	2,000.00
2490-1130-2600	Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
2490-1130-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00	2,000.00
2490-1130-3310	Training	2,000.00	2,000.00
2490-1130-3410	Printing	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total		55,187.00	31,530.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Perry Township Assessor, 2490-1140-1900 down through 2490-1140-3130, as listed; 2490-1140-3141, Communications, zero; 2490-1140-3410, Printing, \$200; 2490-1140-4220, Office Machines, \$1,700. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: A motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, just a real quick question. What was the Communications line?

Councilmember Raben: Zero.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Was that for something?

Councilmember Raben: It, I had spoke with the Perry Township Assessor, she’s in the audience if we would need her, but that was for something that really hasn’t came about yet, so.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: The correct grand total is \$27,430. \$27,430. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1140-1900	FICA	1,530.00	1,530.00
2490-1140-1990	Extra Help	20,000.00	20,000.00
2490-1140-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
2490-1140-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00	2,000.00
2490-1140-3141	Communications	4,000.00	0.00
2490-1140-3410	Printing	200.00	200.00
2490-1140-4220	Office Machines	10,000.00	1,700.00
Total		39,730.00	27,430.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Pigeon Township Assessor, Mr. President, I'll move that all accounts be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1150-1990	Extra Help	20,000.00	20,000.00
2490-1150-1900	FICA	1,530.00	1,530.00
2490-1150-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
2490-1150-3310	Training	2,000.00	2,000.00
2490-1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00	2,000.00
2490-1150-3410	Printing	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		29,530.00	29,530.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Scott Township Assessor, I'll move that this be approved as listed in the amount of \$11,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1160-1990	Extra Help	10,000.00	10,000.00
2490-1160-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		11,000.00	11,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CORONER
AUDITOR (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last, Mr. President, under transfers, if there's no objections, I'll move that both the transfer requests be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1070-2700	Other Supplies	397.00	397.00
1070-2600	Office Supplies	500.00	500.00
1070-2710	Color Film	500.00	500.00
1070-3160	Radio/Pagers	500.00	500.00
1070-3540	Maintenance Contract	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1070-3310	Training	3,897.00	3,897.00

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-1390-1020	TIF/Tax Sale Clerk	3,230.00	3,230.00
To: 1020-1990	Extra Help	3,000.00	3,000.00
1020-1900	FICA	230.00	230.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE
(See continued discussion on page 32)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we do not have any repeals today. Last would be the amendments to the Salary Ordinance that our Executive Assistant has passed around, a rather lengthy two pages of amendments. I would simply move that these be made part of our minutes. I would like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

QTR, INC.

President Winnecke: Okay, down to new business, last week I believe there was some discussion, and I apologize for my absence last week on a tax phase in request for QTR, Inc. There is a change in that company's plans. They still plan to expand, in fact, their expansion now, and their investment will be greater than the information that was previously provided, but given the fact that the location will be slightly different, they have to reapply. But, Rod Jackson from QTR is here to provide a brief overview. We will not be voting on this today, but they will provide an overview, and we'll consider this application when it's modified at our next meeting. Mr. Jackson?

Rod Jackson: Good afternoon, I'm Rod Jackson from QTR. There has been a slight change. As the architecture work was being done, we found out that the Department of Natural Resources had redefined the floodway, and now our existing property is completely in the floodway, which makes it unsuitable for future construction. There is a lot available next door to us that is suitable for construction. It's in a flood plain, but we can bring in enough fill to build a completely new building next door. So, instead of a \$500,000 capital expansion, in building we'll be looking at a two million dollar facility. We'll maintain possession of the existing facility and lease that facility out. Mary Perigo, who is our CFO just passed out some information that we probably should have presented last week at the meeting. I apologize for that. I'm more familiar with the manufacturing processes than the government processes. It outlines, basically, some information on our company, what we do, some of the history of the company, why we would be looking at getting a tax phase in, and different options that we would be looking at, you know, when we made our decision to come to the Council for this tax phase in.

President Winnecke: I just have a brief question. Given the increase in investment, will the increase, will that equate into another increase in employment as well?

Rod Jackson: Employment, we're promising 15 jobs. The last time we submitted for a tax phase in was 1994, that was prior to my ownership of QTR, and we promised

ten and gave 20. I would expect similar, we're promising 15, I expect over the next five years that we would double that. But, the building will not affect the number of employees. We were going to transfer all the employees from this building to that building. Now, what might come into the other building, you know, as a lessee, as a, you know, some company may come in to the building, which would mean, you know, what I'm trying to say is there may be other employment inside the existing building after we exit that building. But, we're guaranteeing 15 jobs.

President Winnecke: Okay. Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Jackson, did you say two million dollars for the new construction?

Rod Jackson: Two million dollars in just the construction, and then another 1.1 in capital equipment that will go in the building. Now, that's in addition to the existing equipment that we have. I think currently we're paying \$23,000 a year on the current equipment and building for our taxes.

President Winnecke: Any other questions? Again, they will be before us next month. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Now, I just received the package here, so, obviously, I haven't had a chance to take a look through it. Now, what does your company do?

Rod Jackson: We recycle plastic. So, we take scrap plastic from post industrial and post consumer aggregators and then we make a product, make it into a product that's useable. For example, we make wheel trim that goes on Dodge Ram pick ups, Dodge Caravan hubcaps, if it's plastic, then it's our plastic. We recycle about ten million pounds a year.

Councilmember Sutton: And the majority of what you're getting to recycle, is that coming from local plants? Or it just, where are you getting your material?

Rod Jackson: Oh, from all places, but some comes from, I can tell you that some comes from the Guardian plant, via a broker here in town. I would guess that the majority of it comes from out of state.

Councilmember Sutton: In terms of, you know, to do what you do to reshape, remold this plastic, in terms of environmental issues, how do you guys address that? Where do you stand as far as that is concerned?

Rod Jackson: I consider some of the greenest manufacturing you can get. We're recycling, taking basically ten million pounds that would have gone into landfills, and we're making that into a product that is then useable. We've won the Governor's award for recycling. We're working with the state, we were awarded a grant to find uses for PET bottles. We're doing R&D to come up with some products that they could use. I think something in terms of 90 million tons of bottles are being land filled a year. They wanted to have some way to, you know, use that like we're using for vehicle components now.

Councilmember Sutton: And the size of your workforce right now? Did you say?

Rod Jackson: 35.

Councilmember Sutton: 35? I guess, we'll probably have several more questions for you when you guys come back next time around.

Rod Jackson: I would be glad to address them.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you, Mr. Jackson, appreciate it.

Rod Jackson: Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;">BOWEN ENGINEERING (See continued discussion on page 32)</p>
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President Winnecke: Thank you. Another piece of business that's not on your agenda, but I want to bring before this body today, you might recall a couple of months ago we had a request for a tax phase in from Bowen Engineering. That did not get a, no one made a motion or a second. After lengthy discussions with their local counsel and with their Chief Financial Officer, I'm convinced that they did not have a clear understanding of the process, and so they are back before us today. I've invited them back, and we're not going to vote on a tax phase in today, but I would like for us to consider a vote for us to reconsider their request at our next month's meeting. So, with that as a set up, I would introduce Les Shively, who is their local counsel, to kind of tee this thing up.

Les Shively: Thank you, Mr. President, pardon me, members of the Council. Again, thank you for this opportunity. The good news this afternoon is you're not going to hear very much from me. You're going to hear from the folks at Bowen. Let me, we understand that this is just on the motion to reconsider, to take another look, shall we say. What we would like to do is take the time, however, to tell you a little bit about the company, tell you a little bit about the project, tell you about this company's already strong involvement in this community, how that's going to grow, and more importantly, the fiscal, positive fiscal impact on Vanderburgh County as a result of the tax abatement, if granted. I like the term that President Winnecke used, it's a phase in. We're going to talk more about that a little later, but we feel it's important to give you full background information, so that you can properly make your determination whether to bring this back for consideration. At this time I'm going to introduce some of the principals of Bowen. First and foremost with us today is the founder and CEO of Bowen Engineering from Indianapolis, Mr. Bob Bowen. Also with us today is Mr. Dan Clark, he is the Chief Financial Officer for Bowen. And last but not least, the guy that sort of runs things here in Evansville, originally from Washington, Indiana, just up the road on 57, which one of these days, hopefully, will be a leg of I-69, is a guy who's name I hate, you know, as a former IU grad and IU trustee, I always get a little nervous when I use this term, use his name, but Mr. Jeff Purdue. At this time, folks, I'm just going to turn it over to them, and then I'm going to wrap up here at the end and talk specifically about the nuts and bolts of the fiscal implications. Thank you.

Jeff Perdue: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, I am Jeff Perdue. I'm a 15 year employee with Bowen Engineering. I'm really pleased to be before you again this afternoon. I have managed Bowen Engineering's Evansville division since we opened our office down here in Evansville in 1999. On behalf of Bowen I just want to thank you for this opportunity, and this forum to get before you and give you a little bit better feel for the history, Bowen's core business, what's unique about Bowen Engineering, what Bowen Engineering has to offer our employees, and what Bowen Engineering has to offer this community. Ultimately, convey to you Bowen's sincere desire to build a corporate office in Evansville, in Vanderburgh County. Before we

get into the hand out that you have before you, like Les indicated, I would like to offer my apology for the previous efforts when we were before the Council to request a tax phase in. I personally underestimated the requirements that the Council has, the legislative requirements to apply for and be granted tax abatement, and, quite honestly, I dropped the ball, and for that I apologize. But, I do appreciate, with that being said, the opportunity to be before you, and talk about Bowen's merits, because we do feel like what our company has to offer in building an office in Vanderburgh County has tremendous merit and fits the program for tax abatement. If you would, before you, the hand out, the front page shows you the proposed building site. We purchased two parcels in the Daylight Industrial Park, which is on the north side of Evansville, it's the Dan Buck development on North Green River Road, just south of Old Boonville-New Harmony Road. It's the segment on the southwest quadrant there. That industrial park's been there for about five years, and for those of you familiar with it you may know that there's not been a lot of improvements there. The two lots that we have purchased are the two frontage parcels facing Green River Road, and as you can see from the architectural rendering, the 8,000 square foot office building that we have proposed to build in Vanderburgh County would make a very attractive addition to that area, and we think would be a great stimulus for growth for future development in that industrial park. I would like to have Bob Bowen come up for just a few minutes and talk a little bit about Bowen's mission, our core values, and just a little bit of background about the company, if I could.

Bob Bowen: Thanks, Jeff. Like Jeff said, we've been here six years, and we have other offices, we have offices not only in Evansville, but in Crown Point and in Indianapolis, Indiana. We soon expect to have an office in Tennessee. The work here has been absolutely delightful. We've had other offices besides the one's I mentioned, but no one has ever taken us into their family like the people in Evansville and Vanderburgh County. We're very appreciative. We bank locally, we bank at Fifth Third Bank. We are members of the local construction association, we associate with the Deig Construction and Industrial Contractors and have very good relationships with them. Jeff is active in the bargaining, the union bargaining with the local trades, so, we're playing a leadership role in our community. I had lunch today with the president of the University of Evansville. Our company is planning a major gift for the University of Evansville. We have nine employees who have either graduated or are currently in school at the University of Evansville. So, we are here to stay. We think Evansville is a wonderful university, and very, very pleased to be a partner with them. Jeff will serve on the board of advisors with the school of civil engineering, and I don't know if he's on the board yet, but that's to take place within the next few months. We have received, when we've moved to other cities and other counties, we have received tax abatements for our offices. We thought, we didn't realize the complexity involved, and, so, that's why we're here again today, but we would certainly appreciate your consideration. We, our costs to go to a new office will just about double over what we were paying. We rent an office on East Morgan, and our cost to buy, to build a new office, our annual costs will about double. The abatement is a huge, to double the cost is probably more than we can afford. So, with the abatement, it enables us to expand to a new facility, and it, obviously, eases the cost challenges associated with that. So, we're very interested. It's a financial, it's very critical financially to us, and we're going to go into some more detail with that later. But, I appreciate you letting us come down and talk to you today, and I'm going to turn it back over to Jeff.

Jeff Perdue: Thank you, Bob. Well, just a brief history of the history of Bowen Engineering. The company was founded in 1967 by Bob Bowen. We are a union contractor. Have an excellent safety record. What's unique about Bowen is the fact that our use and hire of degreed civil and mechanical engineering professionals. We

have over 65 degreed engineers working for us, even though we are a construction company. By virtue of that, like Bob alluded to, we're hiring University of Evansville graduates, we've got scholarships at USI, and so that's something that sets us apart. Which the impact to Vanderburgh County is a really attractive average salary. Our average salary for our employees is \$56,000 a year. Ten licensed PE's, the largest project that our company has constructed is \$56 million. We have an annual revenue of about \$130 million. In the Evansville office, we're currently building about a \$40 million project, a power plant project in Kentucky. We have tremendous commitment to the local vendors and subcontractors. When I came down here in 1999 that was one of my first charges, is the relationship building. That's what built this company is relationships. So, my first charge was to develop relationships with the unions, with the local vendors and subs, with the clients, and I'm really proud of the efforts that we've done and the relationships we've built with this local community. The Evansville office has seen tremendous growth. When we started in 1999 we did about \$18 million a year in annual revenue. In 2005, today, we will do about \$40 million. This is very representative of the company as a whole. We typically see a minimum of ten percent annual growth a year, and with that growth, obviously, comes the need for more employees. We think that will follow suit. Since we've been down here in 1999, we've constructed over \$150 million in construction projects in Evansville and the contingent states. Our office would serve markets in Kentucky, Illinois, Alabama, Tennessee, as well as the work in the tri-state. The work that Bowen does, we are primarily a power energy company. We do a lot of work in power plants, private, industrial, and utility water companies. We also do underground utility construction, and public works projects as well. One local project of note, we did, we've won many national awards, one of them was a project here in Evansville, which won a national award for the top utility contract in 1999. On page four of your handout you'll see a list of the local suppliers and subcontractors, if we would be granted with a tax phase in, those are the local vendors and subs that we would utilize to build our project. Actually, the person building our project would be local general contractor, ARC Construction. You'll see there at the bottom of page four that our average salary, like I alluded to was \$56,000 a year. We have 32 employees who currently reside in Vanderburgh County. As a company, 30 percent of our profits are given back to the employees in terms of bonuses and pension programs. Like Bob alluded to, Bowen currently ranks number one for hiring University of Evansville engineering graduates, which we are very proud of. Page five lists some of the current projects we're working on. We're very heavy right now in the power market. We're also doing some work here in Evansville locally for the Water and Sewer Utility. That picture at the bottom of page five gives you a snapshot of some of the large, high profile work we do at power plants. We do not compete locally with the ARC and the Empire's or the Key Construction, that's not our market. Our market is more the more higher dollar, heavy industrial type projects. We are not a commercial contractor, per se. Lastly, I would like to touch on our community involvement. We take being a corporate citizen very, very seriously. As a company we have a policy where we set aside nearly four percent of our net profit for not-for-profit organizations. Those are just a sampling of some of the local not-for-profits that we've committed both our time and finances to. We've been very involved in some of the one's listed there. Obviously, the Chamber, the Christian Life Center, the local youth sports, Joshua Academy, Junior Achievement, and many other local endeavors. So, anyway, once again, we appreciate this opportunity to get before you. Sorry for taking up so much of your time, but we felt like it was important for you to get a little bit better flavor for Bowen Engineering and what we have to offer. So, thank you.

Les Shively: Finally, Dan do we have this in a handout with them as well?

Dan Clark: Last page.

Les Shively: Last page, and I'm just going to hit this real briefly. I was never real good with numbers, so, I'll try to hit the highlights as they've been explained to me. I want to thank the folks in the County Assessor's office and Scott Township Assessor's office. They've been most efficient and patient in explaining how this all works to me. But, bottom line, right now this property, in it's unimproved condition, produces 21, actually it's two lots, produces \$2,100 a year in taxes. The first year of the phase in, the improvements do two things, they cause the land value assessment to double. It goes from \$2,100 to \$4,100, and we have the first part of the improvements going on line. So, what you have, just in land alone you have a 100 percent increase in the taxes generated from the land alone in the first year of the phase in. If you add to that the taxes, a tenth of the taxes that are attributable to the improvements, that's about 200 percent in that first year of the phase in. Over the entire ten years, with the phase in in place, what you have is, if you let the property remain the way it is today, assuming no tax increases over that period of time, \$21,000 in tax revenue versus \$133,000 in tax revenue. Now, that's a big, big difference. Again, this project will not go at this location, based upon the budget that they have developed, without this tax phase in. Mr. Bowen talked about the substantial overhead that they're going to be assuming by going from a tenant to an owner. In order to be able to do that, they do, at this particular location, they need this incentive. This location is paramount for what they do, because as Jeff alluded to, they don't just serve southwestern Indiana, they are all over Kentucky, southern Illinois, they're working on a big project for the TVA down in Tennessee, and being close to I-164 is crucial to the type of work that they do. What they would ask from you today, and, again, we know a lot of this information is new to you. We wish it would have been presented to you April 6th, but it wasn't. This is a great opportunity for the community. What they would like for you to do today is, if you are so inclined, to give them another opportunity to even give you more details and answer your questions and put this on for action for your meeting on June 29th. Finally, let me also talk about, we have two engineering programs here in the community. Most recently USI now has a full engineering program, and you've seen in your materials, and Jeff was talking about he's involved with U of E, because that was a program that was in place when they started here in 1999. But, Bowen is hiring from the USI graduating class, and, in fact, underwrites a scholarship program for the engineering program, and they are one of the local businesses that's helped get that program going, and see that we have fine engineering graduates that go to school here in Evansville, and stay in Evansville and work for Evansville based companies like Bowen. Again, we would respectfully ask for an affirmative vote to reconsider this at your June 29th meeting. Again, I'm more than happy to answer any questions you might have at this time. Or, I'm sure the folks from Bowen would have more information for you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, real quick, Les, actually it would have to be July 6th.

Les Shively: July 6th?

Councilmember Raben: We would have to advertise and hold a special meeting on the 29th.

Les Shively: That's fine. Okay. Alright, July 6th is the time for advertising?

Councilmember Raben: That's our first Wednesday, right?

Les Shively: Okay.

President Winnecke: Other questions of either Mr. Shively or Mr. Bowen or Mr. Purdue?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'll make a comment.

Les Shively: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think, I would first like to maybe make a note or send a note to the office of Rob Schaefer, and maybe we need to kind of, with the packet, have something that demonstrates what we would like to see out of the offices, or the companies that come in. Maybe just give a generic listing of what we would like to see in the county, which might be a personal visit, or some type of contact with the Councilmen. That would not only help you out, but it would help others out. As we found out, just a little communication goes a long way. Once we communicated, not only your company, but QTR got on the stick and got the information that we needed, and was very insightful, and that's what we like. I feel a little more comfortable about reviewing this abatement, or tax phase in, because the fact that we did not actually vote it down. When you don't vote it down, I think, I don't want to say we're leaving the door open, but it does allow us to review, and I think that we did see that all the ducks were not in a row in this capacity. So, the second thing, I did have a nice meeting with Jeff Perdue, and really did allow you to show your company's status. I do appreciate all the things that you've done in the community. What tax abatement that means is up for debate, and we'll talk about that in the next month or so, but looking at everything here, and also looking at the land that you would acquire, to me that's the type of properties that I like to see. It's an area that is not utilized, very under utilized, whether it will be utilized further might be the spur of getting a good, quality company in to satisfy the needs of that area. So, I appreciate you coming back and doing your due diligence to come out and meet with us and make things happen. I'm very much in favor of reviewing this again.

Les Shively: I want to thank you, Councilman Tornatta, for making that scoring sheet available. If we are given the opportunity to come back on the 6th, we will be addressing the items on the score, I know it hasn't been officially adopted, but it certainly is an excellent guidepost, to at least have some objective criteria to help you make this decision. So, we appreciate you sharing that with us, and Rob Schaefer has been very helpful in that regard as well.

President Winnecke: We need to change the tape.

(Tape Change)

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: When Bowen came before us last time, refresh my memory a little bit, I think when the item came before us they made a presentation in our finance meeting and came back in the regular meeting, and when there was an opportunity to make a motion to get that on the floor, what happened at that point?

President Winnecke: There was no motion.

Councilmember Sutton: They didn't receive any support, if I'm correct, right?

President Winnecke: There was no motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I was wondering if Rob could tell us your recommended number of years.

President Winnecke: Could you come to the microphone, Rob?

Rob Schaefer: Sure. I don't have the folder in front of me. I believe it was five or six years.

President Winnecke: I think it was longer.

Rob Schaefer: They may ask for ten. I thought you asked what I, I think the scoring was five or six, or something like that.

President Winnecke: Well, maybe you can double check that and get back to us next month.

Rob Schaefer: I sure will.

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. President, I also had one other question. With the scoring proposal that Mr. Tornatta has come forward with, what is the progress, or is there any report on that? And could we consider maybe not granting phase in's until we get that program in place?

President Winnecke: I would suspect that we'll have that, we'll vote on it at our July meeting. I guess, my personal opinion is to hold up, at this point, two phase in requests, until we get that in place could be detrimental to both firms, probably increased costs would be very possible, I would assume. I would like to see us consider both phase in's as we normally would, and then we would consider Mr. Tornatta's request, or his proposal for vote and consideration at the same meeting.

Councilmember Goebel: If we did ratify the proposal, it would be a 30 day wait, I don't how detrimental that would be. We hate to lose a good company.

Les Shively: Again, these gentlemen can correct me, the 30 day plus now is about as far as they can go, and then, basically, this site would be removed from consideration, and it will change the whole dynamics of the cost.

President Winnecke: The confirming resolution actually would not come until August. So, that's really where the delay—

Les Shively: Well, right.

President Winnecke: The preliminary resolution would be voted upon July 6th.

Les Shively: So, if we wait 60, then we've got that on there, and that clearly—

President Winnecke: It gets it to August before we—

Les Shively: –this site no longer becomes, the for sale sign goes up. I mean, that's just the fact of the matter.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, let me maybe be a little more clear in my question that I had earlier. Wasn't this request denied by lack of support though? I mean, if that's the case, if we've denied a request, and it's coming back for reconsideration, I can't recall when we've done that.

President Winnecke: Well, and that's why we're, we've asked them here today to, based on my conversations with them, and I think several other members of Council, there is a feel that a clear understanding, there was no clear understanding of the process, for whatever reason. You are correct, there was no motion made to get it to the floor, so, there was no vote. Given the discussions I've had and my understanding, I think it's worthy of us to consider bringing it back to reconsider. Relative to the scoring, I would say you can always use the scoring system as your own guideposts, or a guideline in making a vote when it comes time for the actual vote on the phase in, assuming this passes today.

Councilmember Sutton: Have we done this before? I mean, brought it back to the (Inaudible).

President Winnecke: Not in my history, not on my time on the Council we've not. Legally there's nothing stopping us.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know if there's some procedures that we have in place when a matter comes back before us. Because this is new, it's just we face the same situation quite often when we've dealt with it when you have someone that wants to continue to resubmit an appropriation request that we have denied, and we've been very clear once we do make a final action. That is maybe that we've denied something that there is a period of time before that matter can come back before us. Then that matter comes before us, of course, there has to be, I guess, I think it was like five votes before that matter could be reconsidered. So, I don't know what we may do in this particular case, and how we may handle this. Counsel?

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. Sutton, I looked at this, this was brought to my attention a month or so ago, I guess, when this issue came up. And in looking at the rules that we have, first of all we probably need to relook at those rules, because we've got a lot of different Councilmen than what we had back then, but the rules, assuming that they were binding, just merely talk about that if a matter, a tax abatement matter is voted upon and fails to receive a majority vote, then there would be a waiting period of time. This particular case that we have is, I mean, there was just no vote. That, in other words, I guess, I kind of looked at this as being similar to, you know, if somebody comes in on a matter for an appropriation or something and they defer it to the next month or something, you know, I mean there was no action one way or the other here.

Councilmember Sutton: There was action taken.

Jeff Ahlers: There was no motion made.

Councilmember Sutton: The matter was presented on the floor, and it did not receive a motion. That is the equivalent of the motion being denied. So, there was action taken.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, there was no action taken, I mean, I don't disagree with you, if you want to certainly, if you want to make that argument that not taking action is tantamount to a failure of vote, I'm just saying I don't know that that's the case. To me it's more like a, you know, deferring something. The other thing is, we really don't have to get into that exercise, because the same rules also say that you can suspend any rule with a majority vote. We can take it one step farther than that, and under Indiana statute all it requires for this Council to act on this matter is a majority vote period. So, regardless of debating the first issue as to whether or not, if no one ever makes a motion on something, and therefore a vote is not taken, you still get by with the fact that both pursuant to resolution that this board has passed before in the past with votes that would only take a majority vote to suspend, as well as Indiana statute just says that it takes a majority vote. So, I mean, technically, it was my opinion that it would be up to the President who controls the agenda to determine whether to put something on the agenda. The other way, of course, is pursuant to statute that a majority of Councilmembers, you know, can take that action. I think it was Mr. Winnecke's determination that what he wanted to do was leave it up to the Council and put that vote, rather than just putting it on the agenda, that you would make that vote, and if there's a majority vote (Inaudible).

Councilmember Sutton: Well, unless we decide to go back and revisit our rules, which we have the option of doing that, then we still operate under the rules that we do have. We're not operating under strict Roberts Rules of Order necessarily, but we do have some procedures, if any matter comes before us. It does not receive any motion or second, if you even look back at the minutes of that meeting when this was considered, it said that the request was denied. So, though no vote, per se, was taken, the matter did not even receive a motion to even get a chance to be considered for a vote. So, you know, what you're talking about is unless we decide to go back in and change something different....what do, right now, what is the length of time that we have when a matter can be reconsidered? What do we say in our guidelines now?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, if something is voted on and does not receive a majority of the vote, the standard is one year. But, like I said, without debating the issue that maybe you and I, obviously, in the end, my opinion doesn't necessarily matter, it's what the seven of you decide. So, you know, what you want to do with this matter. But, regardless, what I'm saying is, if you go to the next rule, regardless of how you interpret this particular rule, both Indiana statute and those same local rules state that a majority vote, meaning four, so, I mean, four votes period, it doesn't matter if there's five of you present, it still takes four, so, a majority of Council and not a majority of the quorum can take whatever action you want to take on this. So, you're still back to a majority of those sitting here can determine the outcome of what you want to do with this matter. That's my opinion. Now, as counsel, ultimately, I don't make the decisions. So, that's for you to make.

Councilmember Sutton: I just want to be very clear in what our rules say presently. If we want to make the rules as we go, that's what it sounds like you're saying to me, that's a different matter. But, you know, I just want to know what the opinion is of what we have in place right now.

Jeff Ahlers: We're not making the rules as we go. I mean, that's what the rule is. I mean, the majority of Council vote by state statute, and the local rules can take whatever action you want on this. Okay? The only issue that may be, in my opinion, because we've never had it before, I don't know that it's make it as we go, we've never had this, I guess, I've been here almost eight and a half years, and I don't know that we've ever had a situation where a vote was not taken. I mean, in any

other case that I can ever think of, you'll either get an up or down vote, and it's pretty clear cut. Here no vote was taken, I suppose any of you, you're free to interpret it a different way than I do, or anyone else, ultimately, it's not my decision, it's yours. But, I'm just saying I don't think anybody's changing any rules, that's just the way it is. That's the way I see it. You guys ultimately can determine the fate of what happens here regardless.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta? Then we'll move around back this way.

Councilmember Tornatta: My point, and I appreciate you bringing up that issue on guidelines. I suggest you use the guidelines as they set up and try to use it as a tool, if you want. I talked to President Winnecke and he said that he would like to address this at a more appropriate time. We've had plenty of things on the agenda today, and I was okay with that. I'm sure that he would like to make some type of comment to some of the people who are interested in serving on an ad hoc committee. So, as far as I'm concerned, that's fine. I will use that document as some type of gauge on how I will judge on where we think we'll be on a tax abatement. But, I'm fine with that point. Also, I will say that as sour grapes as that might be, the President does have the opportunity to bring anything to the table, and if he so chooses, and we have the vote to either deny or allow access, or allow this assessment or review of a tax phase in to happen, then that's understandable as well.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I think the presentation today was much better thought out and presented very well. I do feel uneasy about, I think, like Councilman Sutton said, no vote is no support from the last time we had the meeting, but I really feel strongly that if we had the criteria in front of us that we go by with the abatement program that we're going to follow in the future, I would just feel a lot more comfortable making a vote based on the program that's going to be in place. If it costs 30 more days, it may cost 30 more days, I don't know. But, I feel very strongly about that, that's a personal feeling. Because from now on, every phase in that comes before us will be subjected to that program, and it will be an objective program. I know this takes a lot of time and preparation to come up with a final, once we get to discussion and get it in. I just think an objective program like we're going to have will be much better suited.

President Winnecke: I would just offer, relative to that point, and then we'll move on to Mr. Raben, I don't recall anything in the document that Mr. Tornatta prepared that really addresses the specific issue that we're considering today, and that's to waive our rules and bring this back for a vote.

Councilmember Goebel: I was going to say, you have no denials from June of 2004 to present. So, I think this is the only consideration we could possibly have in this regard anyway, with a one year plan if you're denied you can come back within a year. Is that correct? So, Bowen would be the only consideration regardless.

President Winnecke: True.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, Mr. President, first, I guess, I have a question, the committee that was assigned to reviewing the new proposal, have you had an opportunity to meet?

President Winnecke: We've chatted on the phone, but, frankly, because of my travels, I've been precluded from getting everyone together.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Winnecke: That is getting better.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, you know, that's something that we can look forward to is having established guidelines at some point. But, I guess, I would have to turn to Rob and ask besides Bowen and QTR, are there any other proposals that we'll be faced with in July?

Rob Schaefer: (Inaudible).

Councilmember Raben: Right now? Okay. Third, Mr. President, I guess, there may still be, you know, once we, it may be a little longer road than 30 days, you know, coming to an agreement on the guidelines by which we follow. Because there may be issues that, you know, we as a group don't agree on that come out of their committee. So, I would hate to, you know, put either project in jeopardy based upon what we may or may not ratify between now and the first reading for these folks or QTR. Then, another question, Mr. President, in a question of time, it is possible, I'm not saying that we need to do this, but is it not possible to have a first and second reading on the same meeting?

President Winnecke: I think it has to be a unanimous vote whenever you present that resolution.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, those really need to be, I think, in two separate meetings. I mean, like on an ordinance you can do that, but because you're passing two separate resolutions, I would think you would need, you could do it in two consecutive meetings, like we've done before where you call the special meeting, you know, at the end of the month, and then the following week have the confirming resolution. I mean, I can check into it if you want to try to do it all in one meeting, but, in the past we've always done them at two separate meetings, even if it's just the one week apart.

Councilmember Raben: Then, lastly, Mr. Sutton, our former Councilman Phil Hoy would have been proud of you today bringing up the Roberts Rules of Order, that was one of his pet peeves that we never did formally adopt Roberts Rules. So, again, he can't go away.

Councilmember Sutton: I know all of us in some form or capacity serve on other boards, we're involved in other organizations, and those organizations function, those boards function as a result of certain set guidelines that those bodies may have put together that they stick with. I think it's just very important that if we decide that we're going to act in a particular course of action, whatever that may be, to stay with that course of action. That's merely what I'm saying. So, not necessarily that I'm just a big stickler on Roberts Rules, I think there's very few people that actually study them and know them well.

Councilmember Raben: I just had to give him that accolade though, because, again, yeah.

President Winnecke: Okay, at this point, I would entertain a motion to allow Bowen Engineering to resubmit it's application for a tax phase in before the Vanderburgh County Council at our July 6th meeting.

Councilmember Abell: I'll move to let them reconsider. I would like to say that with that motion that I'm concerned that if we wait for our tax abatement guidelines that we're working on, I have numerous e-mails from both sides on that tax abatement ordinance guideline, and I don't think it's going to be something that's going to be ready quickly. There's strong feelings on both sides of that. So, I move that we do reconsider Bowen Engineering.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Is there further discussion or more questions? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Do we first have to suspend your rules to be able to consider them?

President Winnecke: I think our vote does that, doesn't it?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I mean, I think the easiest way to do it is just move to allow them to be placed on the agenda, and then if it gets the majority vote they are on the agenda next time to have the matter considered de novo, and if it's not, then they're not. I mean, you're going to end up in the same place no matter what you do. I mean, it's a majority vote.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess, I'm thinking just from procedure here, you suspend your rules, that's approved, and then you actually--

President Winnecke: But, the vote does that.

Jeff Ahlers: The only thing I'm saying, Mr. Sutton, I guess, the question is whether we really need to suspend our rules. That's where we're getting into the, and I'm not taking a position one way or the other, okay? I'm just telling you that my reading of the rule, I mean, whether this gets passed or not, that's for you guys to decide, not me. I'm not arguing the substantive issue of it. What I'm saying is that's the very debate, I suppose, as to whether the rule even precludes it from coming back where it was never given a vote. Clearly we know what would occur if a motion was made and seconded and voted down, we would have to, you know, engage in this exercise. That's what makes it, you know, to debate it. So, I guess, one of the questions is, I think, I gathered from the discussion that there's a disagreement between whether or not it was actually ever considered to begin with. So, it just seems to me, regardless of how you phrase your motion, four votes allows it to come back for a vote. So, you know, whoever made the motion can make it however they want, but the easiest way would be, I think, to just the majority of, you know, make a motion that the matter can be brought back on to the agenda de novo at the next meeting, and then either it receives the majority vote or it does not.

Councilmember Sutton: I know we don't want to keep stretching this out, and I'm not one to continue to debate and argue, but it was considered. I mean, it's plain and simple. It was considered. But, we just need to move beyond that, and let's consider what we're talking about here.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, was there ever a motion here on the floor for Bowen Construction?

President Winnecke: No, sir, there was not.

Councilmember Wortman: That answers my question.

Councilmember Sutton: The President asked for a motion.

President Winnecke: I asked for a motion, and there was none. The motion on the floor before us today is to allow Bowen to resubmit it's tax phase in application before this body for our consideration at our next meeting. Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Raben: At our July 6th meeting.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, at our July 6th meeting.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion approved 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed.)

President Winnecke: So, I would ask that you get with Mr. Schaefer, if you don't mind, and make sure that everything in the application that was previously submitted is correct and up to date. We'll go from there.

Les Shively: Thank you for your time and consideration.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE
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Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, before we adjourn. We have one last matter, I neglected one amendment to the salary ordinance, and everyone has a copy of a letter from the Prosecuting Attorney's office requesting to pay one part time employee \$9.00 out of the Pre-Trial Diversion Program, so, I will amend salary line 2630-1990 to allow for one employee at the rate of, one part time employee at the rate of \$9.00 per hour.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BOWEN ENGINEERING
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Councilmember Abell: Could I ask a question? How are we going to handle Bowen Engineering? Are we going to have two meetings?

President Winnecke: No.

Councilmember Abell: We're going to have one meeting?

President Winnecke: Right. I mean, they will have, they will come before us like any other tax phase in. They will come for consideration at the Personnel and Finance Committee meeting. We'll be open for any discussion. There will be no vote that day. The first vote on the preliminary resolution would come at our July 6th meeting.

Councilmember Abell: Okay.

President Winnecke: Yeah, I'm sorry. Then the confirming resolution would come in August.

Councilmember Abell: Okay.

President Winnecke: Assuming the first one passes.

Councilmember Abell: Yeah, that's what I didn't understand. Too many questions about the other matter.

President Winnecke: Clear as mud now?

UPDATE ON ASSESSED VALUATION

Commissioner Crouch: Mr. President, are we getting ready to adjourn?

President Winnecke: Not before I recognize you.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, thank you, Mr. President, we received a letter, or a memo on our desks, I guess, when we got here from our Auditor, and I didn't know, Bill, if you were wanting to speak to this. Or if you had some areas that you were wanting to discuss beyond maybe what we have here. But, I wanted to make sure that this item, I guess, became a part of the record.

Bill Fluty: No, Councilman Sutton, I just relayed this to you. I think I've met with everyone else besides yourself and Mr. Tornatta. I think you were on vacation, but if you would like to I can schedule a time for both of you.

Councilmember Sutton: I got a call from your office on Thursday, and I was out all last week, so, I thought maybe we might hear something from you either yesterday or today in trying to set something up. But, I mean, I got a fax from you that, I guess, expressed disappointment that I couldn't make myself available on one day's notice, but I would be more than happy to sit down and talk about it, but if you could at least give us maybe an update on where things stand with, of course, we've got two issues, we've got the theft and then we've got the assessed valuation coming in potentially impacting our, affecting the tax rate. So, if you could maybe give us an update on maybe those two separate matters there.

Bill Fluty: I would be glad to do that. On the theft, that's a continuing investigation, and the State Board of Accounts are looking into those things as we speak. They don't comment on their findings. Things may come out later, but right now I have no information to share with you on that subject. The letter addresses several people that I did meet with, and then the impact on the General Fund being \$440,000. Of course, then as we do not anticipate collecting 95, or 100 percent of our property taxes because of the change in legislation, we have budgeted accordingly, and I think it will be business as usual.

Councilmember Sutton: Who are you working with on, I'm just going to take two separate things, who are you working with on the assessed valuation issue? Is that just local? Are you working with anyone, state? How are you handling that issue?

Bill Fluty: That actual issue has already been completed.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. I mean--

Bill Fluty: The impact is the \$440,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Now, doesn't, does the School Corporation or the libraries are they impacted by the overstatement?

Bill Fluty: And I've had discussions with all of them.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so, I mean, the \$440,000 is just one, it's just the General Fund, I mean, are there, we probably need to see the impact on all the different other funds as well, if there is an impact--

Bill Fluty: I can do that for you.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so, if we could see that complete impact on that situation there. I guess, since you're working with the State Board of Accounts, I guess, on the theft issue, are they giving any kind of indication of when they might complete that full audit on those two issues?

Bill Fluty: I don't have a completion date. That's actually, Tom Simpson is the director of this region. He's been short staffed for years, so, and they're finishing other audits in other counties. They bring people in when they can schedule them. So, I don't have any information when that will be completed.

Councilmember Sutton: I know this has been a series of unfortunate things that have occurred here, but are you looking on your end as far as maybe policy changes or procedure changes to maybe to avert similar situations maybe from occurring like this?

Bill Fluty: We have looked back in to how 17T's, which is a refund, were done previously. Before reassessment the County Treasurer signed off on them, and the County Assessor, and then they came to the County Auditor to produce that check. That was changed through legislation to move those refunds out quicker, and maybe with that change, which helps those refunds come out quicker, we may have lost some checks and balances in that process. So, we are going to look back on if those things are needed.

Councilmember Tornatta: What is the process by which the AV comes down? How is it handled from the assessor, maybe the township assessor, then it goes in your office, can you go through that flow chart?

Bill Fluty: That's a complicated thing. We can get together and we can go over how that all flows. But that is an on-going thing that I'm working with the assessor's and our office to do. I can certainly bring you up to speed on that issue.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and while we're, we, why was it so late that we found out this information? Why did it take so long to find out about this information for the County Council?

Bill Fluty: Actually, I don't think it did.

Councilmember Tornatta: Was this not made aware to you in February?

Bill Fluty: Oh, no. No, this didn't come about until the last week of April. No, that's incorrect.

Councilmember Sutton: On those, I guess, on that situation, I guess, the Prosecutor's office is involved, the Police Department, does anyone else normally get involved with those kind of situations where--

Bill Fluty: This is my first time, Royce. I hope it's my last. Actually, when it did occur we did see some issues, called financial crimes, had them come up, did that the same day that we had that information. They took over and they have people that look into that, and involved the State Board of Accounts at that same time to let them come in. Both of those things are happening outside our office at this time.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I know it's really kind of tough for you to maybe give a call at this time, but, you know, as the State Board of Accounts is going through all the records how far are they going back, Bill, on this?

Bill Fluty: Well, I know internally we've gone back three or four years already. Then they've come in, and I think they've gone back two years at this time.

Councilmember Sutton: Because, I guess, my concern is if there's some other thefts that may have occurred. Because, obviously, the person had a good handle on the workings of the office, so, just that person's tenure would seem to be appropriate to go back quite a ways to ensure that there aren't any other issues that may have just slipped right under the radar screen.

Bill Fluty: And that 's right. We are looking back, and we'll continue to do that.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I can recall a similar instance in the '80's when Lew Volpe, our Treasurer, come up 300 and some odd thousand dollars short. So, this is not the first time this has happened. But, how do you control it? That's the main thing. You trust people, and that's what happened. So, I can remember that. It's still on the books. They haven't rectified it yet.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, the only problem that I've always stated is that it was noted that the Auditor said that it was late April, I've looked back, and, you know, was made aware to your office in March, and as early as February, as well as I made mention to the financial officer of the County Council, Mr. Raben, mid-April that there was an issue that had come about. Now, I didn't hear about it until almost a week and a half later when this came out. Now, my only issue is why was this not brought to the Council's attention to do, and to try and find, or assess any damage control that could have been done at that time. Yet it was brought out in the paper a week or so after that. That's my only question, and I don't, you know, I have a hard time buying that no one knew about this, because I did make it aware to all parties that needed to know that there was an issue with this over assessed tax.

Bill Fluty: Troy, we didn't have any discussion on that, to my knowledge, I'm unaware until late April. So, you had information that I didn't have.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: My main concern is how will this \$440,000 shortfall affect our ability as a Council to fund the services and provide for the employees, etcetera in Vanderburgh County?

Bill Fluty: Then, again, last year, (Inaudible. Mic not on.) Excuse me, last year was our biggest year for refunds, and we only collected 95 percent of property taxes, and business went as usual. We actually came through that with all services and all budget needs met, and came across with, I think we started with two and a half million in unappropriated. This will be a better year than that, even with this overstatement. So, in this letter I think I've addressed those, and then we'll continue as we have.

President Winnecke: So, you feel the, excuse me, so, you feel the roughly \$1.8 million that was in the unappropriated General Fund balance prior to our actions today, that number would not be affected?

Bill Fluty: That is correct.

Councilmember Sutton: So, how do we make up for that? Maybe I'm not real clear, how do we make up for that \$440,000?

Bill Fluty: Because of the change in legislation, you're never going to prepare a budget counting on 100 percent property taxes. That's just a change of the law. So, when the budget is submitted and you're looking at your revenues and your property taxes, you're making sure that you can meet your budget. Those things are done through Council and your conservative estimates. So, I think we'll be fine.

Councilmember Sutton: Does it also affect CCD, any debt service that we may have, Cum Bridge, aren't those affected as well by this overstatement?

Bill Fluty: Yes, they're affected. You can see that you have unappropriated balances in all of those. Of course, those budgets aren't fully utilized either. I mean, you haven't budgeted to the max of what those dollars bring in. So, those will be fine too.

Councilmember Sutton: Again, back to my earlier point, if we can make sure that, if we can see that the impact on all the different funds--

Bill Fluty: And I can do that.

Councilmember Sutton: --that are out there, so, that we can clearly have a good idea. You know, fortunately we have a....are you getting ready to change that tape?

President Winnecke: Or adjourn.

Councilmember Sutton: She had that look on her face.

Councilmember Tornatta: Or adjourn.

Councilmember Sutton: So, that we can really know what we're addressing here. Because I know on the CCD, Cum Bridge, and any debt we can't go back and make a, we can't pay, you can't pay anything out of those necessarily to make up for any shortfalls. You can transfer money.

Bill Fluty: We have no debt, I think, in those funds that we're using to pay....are you mentioning like bonds or anything like that?

Councilmember Sutton: Right, right.

Bill Fluty: We're not using that money for bonds.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Bill Fluty: If that's your concern, that's not a problem.

President Winnecke: Okay, excuse me, now we have to change the tape.

(Tape Change)

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just a, I don't know if this is more of a statement or a question, but as an example, last year what did we pay out in appeals?

Bill Fluty: Well, I think with correction of errors and 17T's was \$12 million.

Councilmember Raben: And we've weathered that storm with, you know, without even really knowing we did it. So, while I'm not condoning this in anyway, I'm just simply making a statement that we will get through it.

President Winnecke: Good perspective.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, and make sure, I guess, Bill, too if you're looking at some changes and procedures and policy, since we are the fiscal body, I think we would be very interested in seeing what those changes are in terms of procedures. You ultimately are at the mercy of your staff, and trusting that they are going to do what they're supposed to do. Sometimes that doesn't always happen, but at the same time, you know, if you've got some ideas in mind of how you want to change those to kind of keep those situations from occurring down the road, we'd be very interested in seeing those too, to at least feel a comfort that we don't have these kind of discussions down the road.

Bill Fluty: I would be glad to do that.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I know we want to get out of here, but I know the EVSC is going through an efficiency study, and Mayor Weinzapfel has conducted an efficiency study for the city. Does anyone have a recollection of the last time that the county government has done one? I know this Council can't push for it, well, we could push for it, but we can't mandate that. But, has the Commissioners ever asked for one?

President Winnecke: I believe at the end of the last administration, toward the last year of the last administration, I couldn't give you the exact time frame, but there was an efficiency study. I can't remember the consulting firm.

Councilmember Tornatta: Scheele.

President Winnecke: Scheele. Waggoner Irwin Scheele did that on behalf of the county.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I might add to that why that's maybe not as effective in county government as it is city. In the county you have so many elected offices, where, you know, the findings may not be acted upon. As, you know, the city where you basically have a Mayor and several departments. It's hard to tell elected officials what to do.

President Winnecke: That might be a good note to end on. I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

President Winnecke: We're out of here. Thank you.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 6, 2005**

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

President Winnecke: Good afternoon and welcome to the July 6th meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. I'll begin with attendance roll call, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2005 REGULAR MEETING**

President Winnecke: At this time I would consider a motion to approve the minutes from our June 1st meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

President Winnecke: There is a motion. Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: At this time, just as a reminder to those viewing at home and to those who are joining us in the audience who might not regularly attend our meetings, this is the second meeting of this month for this body. A lot of the questions that Councilmembers had on these issues were asked last week, so if you don't hear questions today, that is why. Having said that, we'll proceed. And actually, I will begin with the Election Office. We'll come back to the Sheriff's request so we can get through some of the briefer items off the top to help out some of the other officeholders. So, Mr. Raben, how about we start with the Election Office?

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

ELECTION OFFICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. Let me locate them. Oh, it's under Clerk, okay. Mr. President, I'll move 1210-3610 Legal Services in the amount of \$1,302.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1210-3610	Legal Services	1,302.00	1,302.00
Total		1,302.00	1,302.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President, under Sheriff 1050-2210, 1050-1300 for a total appropriation of \$126,000, I'll move approval.

President Winnecke: There is a motion. Is there a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2210	Gas & Oil	53,000.00	53,000.00
1050-1300	Overtime	73,000.00	73,000.00
Total		126,000.00	126,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Jail, –

President Winnecke: Mr. Chairman, if you don’t mind, let’s come back to the Jail since some people might have questions on that. That one might take a little more discussion than some of these others.

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we’ll move to Area Plan, 1240-3550 Repairs to Buildings and Grounds in the amount of \$20,000. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: One of the questions that was asked last week, or one of the discussions I think maybe a little bit after, Brad, if you could come forward maybe you can help us out a little bit. This \$20,000 request for the changes to your office area to kind of make it a more efficient work area so you don’t have to walk up and down the hallways as often because of the way things are configured now with your joint offices coming together, the questions was asked about how much of this amount, is this the total amount that the move will cost, and if it is not, how much the city is also contributing to this since this is a joint city/county agency?

Brad Mills: It is the total amount that’s projected for the move and as I spoke to Mr. Raben, I believe he said he was going to ask Mr. Fluty, and I don’t know if you had a chance to talk to him about we were repealing \$30,000 of salary and thought that that 15% might be able to come with that money that was repealed. Did you have a chance to speak to him?

Councilmember Raben: Well, salary lines stay in –

Brad Mills: I understand, that’s a separate item. That was my thought. I don’t know, it would be my assumption that it would come out of –

Councilmember Raben: A salary repeal, I mean, are you asking –

(Inaudible – both speaking at once)

Brad Mills: – back into the General Fund, their 15% was in there as well. So I’m asking for that, if that’s at all possible.

Bill Fluty: Have you made that repeal?

Brad Mills: Yes, that was a part of the packet.

Councilmember Sutton: It's on the agenda for today?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, it's later on.

Bill Fluty: They would still have to ask for the appropriation. We usually don't co-mingle salary line items and –

Brad Mills: And I understood that, too, yes.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time, in terms of how you, I guess what you're proposing is a portion that may have gone back to the city would come to the county?

Brad Mills: That's what I was asking for, yes.

Councilmember Sutton: So, Bill, I mean, what's your thoughts on that?

Bill Fluty: In the past, salary line items we've kept separate, and you may change that today, but, they've looked at it as separate and stayed as salary.

Councilmember Raben: Brad, are you, maybe I'm confused. Is the question, of that \$15,000 repeal, will a portion of that go back to the city?

Brad Mills: That was my assumption. That \$30,000 was what I was repealing, \$30,500. And I'm assuming that the city paid 15% of that as well, because that was the total budget for my account. And I was asking at that same time, if that 15% that they are receiving back of that item, if they could appropriate, and I know we don't co-mingle salaries with other line items, so that was a request at that time. If that wasn't made clear, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: So what he is essentially saying is, rather than, since they aren't picking up any of the cost, the city isn't picking up any of the cost on the move, that rather than all the money from the salary line item going – a portion of it going from the salary line item going to the city, that it would all come to the county side to make up for what they aren't doing on the move.

Councilmember Raben: And I don't know that that's a problem unless they request that.

Bill Fluty: I'll just have to check into that. I'm not sure how that's going to work.

Brad Mills: Okay, so we're talking what, \$3,000 then of that 15%?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah. Well, I guess, maybe if you can bring something back to us maybe next month, I mean, so we don't just continue to kind of lay this, I mean, this probably has no effect on what we're going to do here, but if you could bring something back to us, give us some information on what can or cannot be done with that 15% of that salary portion that's to be repealed today.

Bill Fluty: I can do that.

Councilmember Abell: If we were to approve this \$20,000 and that's the total amount, then we could bill the city 15%? If we give them back the 15% from the 30,000?

Bill Fluty: I don't know what they have agreed to pay for. Have they agreed to pay for half of this cost?

Councilmember Abell: Are they going to pay their 15% of this?

Brad Mills: I haven't specifically approached them on that matter, so I cannot speak for the city. I'd love to be able to do that, but I can't.

Councilmember Goebel: Can we motion to pay our portion right now that we know we're going to have to pay and table the remainder until we work it out with the city?

President Winnecke: I think something even more prudent is to defer it until next month until we get all the questions answered. I'd be far more comfortable with that than trying to guess what the city may or may not be willing to do.

Councilmember Tornatta: What is the time element on this? Like right now?

Brad Mills: I'd like to get it done. As you can – speaking with Ms. Matlock, who had agreed to make the move, she was eager to go ahead and get that done. We'd like to go ahead and get it approved today if we could. I mean, I know we're talking \$3,000, but we repealed \$30,000, which was well over that amount that we're asking for only 20. So, I mean, –

Councilmember Tornatta: Can we, we can go \$3,000 on this number right here if that's what we need.

President Winnecke: I'm not sure what you mean by that, but...

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, we can't go higher than 20, but we can go less than 20, so if the second allows it, then we can go to \$3,000 under Repair of Buildings and Grounds to make it –

President Winnecke: Make it \$17,000 rather than 20?

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. Is that what – or you're talking \$3,000.

Brad Mills: What I'm saying is, the 15% of what we're asking for, the \$20,000, for the city would be \$3,000, that would be their share. What I'm saying is, we've repealed \$30,000, 15% of that is, you know, going to be well over, I mean, the 30 – 85% is going to be well over the \$20,000 that I'm requesting, so, I mean, so there's –

Councilmember Tornatta: And what they're saying is, unfortunately, we're going to have two separate pools of money that we have to draw from and you know about it, but in that case, it's going to be difficult to tap into one to fund another.

Brad Mills: I understand that.

Councilmember Tornatta: But the question is, to satisfy what that number would be, if we took \$3,000 off, and what, \$17,000, would we feel more comfortable at that point and then we could give them \$3,000 more next month if that's the case.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, Councilman Tornatta, the only issue that arises is, when you do that, you commit a obligation and I guess the bids on this were at \$20,000. You can't begin the work unless you have the total amount of the money already in place.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. That was my initial question.

Brad Mills: And I don't know that that's a fact. The Building Authority is the one that was going to go ahead and pay for this work and then we were going to reimburse them out of this money.

Councilmember Tornatta: So their money is in place.

Councilmember Abell: Well, they can wait a month.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, we're only apart on a thousand dollars here, really.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, –

President Winnecke: \$3,000.

Councilmember Raben: Well, no, we're not because the city, technically, although I don't know that they've agreed to pay 15% of the 20, but, you know, and then the second question is, are they entitled to 15% of the 30? So, we're a thousand dollars apart here, so –

President Winnecke: I still think –

Councilmember Raben: I think in an effort to keep the move going, you know, we make the appropriation request as it is today and then allow the Auditor to work out of the repeal and the appropriation with the city.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second for \$20,000. Any further questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: You had suggested that we defer this to next month. I mean, I know we want to get the work started and we don't want to keep dragging this thing out, but I mean, just to make sure we're really dotting our i's and crossing our t's here, so that both parties are sharing in this, wouldn't that be the more appropriate thing for us to do?

President Winnecke: I would feel more comfortable with that.

Councilmember Raben: Deferring the matter?

President Winnecke: Yes, with all due respect, I mean, it's –

Brad Mills: Whatever you –

President Winnecke: Government is not going to come to a grinding halt if we delay this four weeks.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move to amend my motion to defer 1240-3550.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Okay, there is a motion and a second to defer this motion until

next month. Further questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-3550	Repairs to Bldg & Grounds	20,000.00	Deferred
Total		20,000.00	Deferred

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Commissioners, 1300-3760, the correct amount is \$7,500, 1300-4433 has been withdrawn, for a total appropriation request of \$7,500. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3760	Occu/Med	15,000.00	7,500.00
1300-4433	SW Ind. Disaster Resistant	10,000.00	withdrawn
Total		25,000.00	7,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Burdette Park, Gas & Oil 1450-2210 \$8,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-2210	Gas & Oil	8,000.00	8,000.00
Total		8,000.00	8,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Cumulative Bridge, 2030-1930 Unemployment \$4,500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-1930	Unemployment	4,500.00	4,500.00
Total		4,500.00	4,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Center Township Assessor, 2490-1110-1990 2490-1110-1900, for a total request of \$14,533, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1110-1990	Extra Help	13,500.00	13,500.00
2490-1110-1900	FICA	1,033.00	1,033.00
Total		14,533.00	14,533.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Knight Township Assessor, 2490-1130-1910 and 2490-1130-1930 Unemployment, for a total of \$1,372, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1130-1910	PERF	372.00	372.00
2490-1130-1930	Unemployment	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		1,372.00	1,372.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Scott Township Assessor, 2490-1160-1900 FICA \$765, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1160-1900	FICA	765.00	765.00
Total		765.00	765.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

BURDETTE PARK
CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Under Transfers, if it's okay with the Council, –

Councilmember Wortman: Area Plan repeal?

President Winnecke: We should probably defer that.

Councilmember Raben: I'll pick that up here in a minute. I'll move to accept all transfers as submitted.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move to accept all transfers as submitted.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1450-1240-1450	Secretary/Receptionist	8,450.00	8,450.00
To: 1450-1850	Overtime	8,450.00	8,450.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2600-2720	Laboratory Supplies	4,500.00	4,500.00
To: 2600-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
2600-4250	Misc. Equipment	2,500.00	2,500.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-3930	Other Contractual	52,000.00	52,000.00
To: 2030-4250	Misc. Equipment	52,000.00	52,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUEST

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move, under Area Plan, 1240-1110-1240 repeal in the amount of \$30,500 be deferred.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-1110-1240	Executive Director	30,500.00	Deferred
Total		30,500.00	Deferred

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CONTINUED

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Under Jail, first, Mr. President, that you'll skip down to account 1051-1130-0403 under Nurse, the correct figure should be \$14,453. And all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: What is the total, please?

Councilmember Raben: Uh, the total would be – hold on just a moment, \$392,678. No, excuse me, \$394,678.

President Winnecke: Okay, there's a motion to accept the appropriation request for the Jail, total appropriation of \$394,678. Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, I don't know if Sheriff Ellsworth might respond...

Brad Ellsworth: Good afternoon, Sheriff Brad Ellsworth.

Councilmember Goebel: Sheriff, when do you plan on hiring these individuals?

Brad Ellsworth: We'll do it probably in three increments, with the majority of those coming in 30 days prior to a hard date of when they plan to open the facility.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, so you will hold until this is a firm 30 days prior to?

Brad Ellsworth: Absolutely.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Sheriff, I think we discussed that you are going to wait until after the – would you like to make that known to the entire Council about waiting until after budget hearings?

Brad Ellsworth: That's correct. What we originally said we were going to bring them on like in increments of six, six and then twelve for the hiring and we'll do that. All of those will be after the budget hearings, before we bring them on.

President Winnecke: Other questions or comments for the Sheriff? Thank you, sir. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1130-0359	Detention Officer	11,357.00	11,357.00
1051-1130-0360	Detention Officer	11,357.00	11,357.00
1051-1130-0361	Detention Officer	11,357.00	11,357.00
1051-1130-0362	Detention Officer	11,357.00	11,357.00
1051-1130-0363	Detention Ofc. Supvr.	12,396.00	12,396.00
1051-1130-0364	Detention Ofc. Supvr.	12,396.00	12,396.00
1051-1130-0365	Detention Ofc. Supvr.	12,396.00	12,396.00
1051-1130-0366	Detention Ofc. Supvr.	12,396.00	12,396.00
1051-1130-0368	Jail Clerk	9,097.00	9,097.00
1051-1130-0369	Jail Clerk	9,097.00	9,097.00
1051-1130-0370	Jail Clerk	9,097.00	9,097.00
1051-1130-0403	Nurse	12,456.00	14,453.00
1051-1900	FICA	10,310.00	10,310.00
1051-1910	PERF	7,412.00	7,412.00
1051-2260	Food	140,000.00	140,000.00
1051-2240	Medical	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total		392,481.00	394,478.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, you might want to, on that last request that we had, we might want to check our numbers on that. I think I've got \$394,478 rather than 394,678 for the total.

Councilmember Raben: That is correct, that's 478. That's where my first error was of –

President Winnecke: Okay. The correct figure, \$394,478.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, do we need to make that a new motion or –

Councilmember Sutton: We allocated more than what we need, so we're okay, but I guess probably for procedure-wise we probably do need to go and –

Councilmember Raben: Let me –

President Winnecke: I'll entertain a motion to –

Councilmember Raben: Reopen –

President Winnecke: – just show a new figure. We can do that, can't we?

Councilmember Raben: Alright, then the correct figure under the Jail is \$394,478. I'd like to make that amendment.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. I'll take a hand vote please. All in favor, raise their right hand. Let the record reflect there were six yea's and one nay.

(Councilmember Wortman opposed)

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Raben.

<p>CONTRACTUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR PREPARATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES</p>
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President Winnecke: Let's move on to New Business. First, the resolution of the County Council declaring an economic revitalization area for tax abatement purposes for Bowen Engineering.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Yes sir?

Councilmember Tornatta: While we have our Commissioners here, I'd like to ask a question if you guys could wait just a second, if that doesn't disturb too much the integrity of the meeting. Where are the –

President Winnecke: Is this about a tax phase-in?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

President Winnecke: Okay, we'll come back.

Councilmember Tornatta: Just give me, I need a little bit of clarification. Back in the June 7th Commissioner's meeting, Ted Ziemer, Jr., in the minutes prepared and submitted a service agreement between somebody that's working in your office, and we'll leave the name out, and the county on a service contract. A, I didn't know that that was available to our offices and that we set a precedent to make that available, but anyway, it ran as follows: there is a service agreement between a person I believe is working in your office and the county. Essentially, it did not go through job study, did not come through the County Council and is not in the Commissioner's budget, yet the budget of the Superintendent of County Buildings. Now if I look through the Superintendent of County Buildings' contractual account which is where this money is being pulled from, I see professional consultants, pest controls, mobile shedding, trash disposal, and what have you, things that you normally find in there, and then all of the sudden, this year we find, and this is over the past couple of years, but this year we find that there's an individual that is providing services to your office out of that office, and it's a clerical position. Now I was unaware that a part-time would be considered a contractual situation. I just, is that the matter we're going to have now in the county, that the offices can circumvent the County Council and/or ask you guys for monies to provide for extra help?

President Winnecke: If I may, I'll just jump in, I think I know the answer to this, but it seems to me, if I remember correctly, this person is preparing work for a Sheriff's

sale which we have not had –

Suzanne Crouch: It's actually a tax –

President Winnecke: A tax sale –

Suzanne Crouch: – certificate sale –

President Winnecke: Pardon me, which we've not had –

Suzanne Crouch: – the law required us to have last year, and it was conducted last year. And so we are conducting it in October and that individual is contracted to help us in preparation of that. We have over a hundred, about a hundred and thirty properties that have been through two tax sales and now we need to try to get them, the Commissioners need to try to get them back on the tax rolls. And, in fact, there are contracts entered into with individuals and the companies by any number of county offices. So it's, certainly did not want to come to County Council for an additional appropriation. I felt you probably needed it for the Jail, but thought that if there is a need and we do have money that is available and that is a proper use of that line item then certainly that was prudent thing to do to try to do the work that would serve the taxpayer.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, our Assessors do work to serve taxpayers, Burdette Park does work to service taxpayers. They all have clerical help, yet they have to go through job study to acquire that help and then they pay starting at \$6 an hour, which this individual started at \$8 an hour and that was not, that was not passed through any type of job study situation, which puts a carte blanche on how we are going to hire people now in the county by precedent. So if a county assessor or a township assessor wants to come, then they should have equal access to property service that this individual does and they should be able to circumvent not only the County Council, but the job study. I mean, is that what we're setting up in Vanderburgh County?

Suzanne Crouch: Certainly that is not what the County Commissioners is setting up, and if you have a contractual services line item and money has been budgeted by the County Council, and you have an agreement or a contract that is legal and that has been approved, and gone through a public meeting, then that money is available to hire an individual or a firm. Certainly that is an appropriate use of that line item.

President Winnecke: I would say, pardon me for interrupting, I would say this was an appropriate use of money that did not impact adversely the budget. This is money that was appropriated. It seems to me that they acted appropriately. I'm not really, I'm not sure that I really understand what the issue is. I think it's a stretch, in my opinion, to say they have circumvented the hiring process.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, the issue is, that the year before we put \$10,000 in the account. The year before we spent \$16,500. The year before that we spent \$14,000 on the county courthouse. And we're leaving our self in a tight spot. Year to date expenditures, 2005, shows to be \$11,200. I think we just put \$10,000 in the account. Now I'm just going off –

President Winnecke: As the Commissioner said, we've not had this sale in two – several years and this work needed to be done in order to get these properties back on the tax roles. I don't think that's an inappropriate use of that money.

Councilmember Tornatta: And this is a professional, this person does this for a living?

Suzanne Crouch: This person has the skills to do the work, correct. Since this particular sale has not been held, I'm not sure that there is anyone in Vanderburgh County that can do it for a living. There are firms that you can hire, but the cost is extremely exorbitant. And this particular contract is not to exceed \$3,200, which is a very good investment if we can get some of these properties back on the tax roles.

Councilmember Tornatta: As a clerical role, though, this person is serving as a clerical person.

Suzanne Crouch: This person is assigned to do the tax certificate sale and then if there is time after that, which I doubt if there is because October 14th is that date, then that individual will prepare scanning of contracts so that they will be available in the –

Councilmember Tornatta: And then who picks up after this contract expires August 12, then who picks up for that person at that time?

Suzanne Crouch: That would be either absorbed by the current staff because most of the work will have been done. A lot of the meat and bones work or we would probably look to do another contract.

Councilmember Tornatta: And how many people do you have in your office on clerical staff at this time?

Suzanne Crouch: Well, we actually have one that's clerical, and then we have the Superintendent of County Buildings and that's for a \$27,000,000 budget that the County Commissioners are responsible for and departments.

Councilmember Tornatta: And has that changed in past years?

Suzanne Crouch: I wouldn't know without doing research.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and it hasn't, just to help you with your research. That hasn't changed.

President Winnecke: Okay, we're going to move on. Thank you.

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you very much.

President Winnecke: Now the folks from Bowen.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, before we move on, we need to –

President Winnecke: Amendments to the salary ordinance. One more false start, sorry.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: I think everyone was given a copy of the amendments. Rather than read all these lines aloud, I'm simply going to move that they be made part of the minutes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion on the amendments to the salary ordinance? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

<p>PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4737 AND 4701 PROFICIENT COURT BOWEN ENGINEERING CORPORATION</p>
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President Winnecke: Now we'll – before we change our minds. Mr. Shively?

Les Shively: Mr. President and members of the Council, my name is Les Shively. You heard from me on June 1st, you heard from me on June 30th regarding this request, and so I will – I think I've said enough. But I do have with me today Jeff Purdue who runs the Evansville operations for Bowen. And just briefly, if we might, I would like for Mr. Purdue to address certain aspects of the request, mainly, how it fits in with their fiscal plan and how that whole budget process was arrived at, very briefly. And then Mr. Purdue is available, as well as their CFO is with us as well to answer any questions you might have about this proposal and their plans for a permanent location here in Evansville.

Jeff Purdue: Thank you. Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Jeff Purdue with

Bowen Engineering. A lot of what I'm going to be talking today is really a rehash of what I presented to you over a month ago. Before you, you have a handout which is the same handout you had a month ago. It just kind of outlines what we see as the benefits of Bowen Engineering's request for tax phase in for what we hope to construct in Vanderburgh County, a new corporate office for our construction company, Bowen Engineering. Just a background, Bowen Engineering is a general contractor that was founded in 1967 in Indianapolis. We are a union general contractor who does a work mix of about 50% public municipal work, 50% private clients. Our work is targeted at general construction, mechanical construction, industrial earthwork and concrete. The markets that we target are the utility market in water, wastewater, underground utilities, also power and energy projects and industrial construction. Bowen is not a commercial constructor. We are a heavy industrial contractor. As a company, we do about \$130,000,000 a year company wide. The Evansville office this year will contribute about \$40,000,000 a year to that office revenue and we've been in the Evansville market since 1999. We currently lease property and have since '99 and we're a very high growth company, employee owned. We offer a lot of exciting career opportunities for the people who work for us and it's a really great company and we're excited about this opportunity to become part of the fabric of the Evansville community. The current staff that we have in the Evansville office, we have 16 professionals that are key corporate people in the office. Most of those are degreed civil or mechanical engineers. Also out in the field we have an additional 25 key company salaried superintendents and foremen, for a total of about 41 key employees out of this office, 32 of which reside in Vanderburgh County as of a few months ago. Like I mentioned, Bowen is a very high growth company. We typically see 10% in growth a year and I think that speaks a lot about the company and the success that we've had and we expect this growth to continue. We would expect that within five years, if we're successful with tax phase in, that we would be able to produce an additional ten more office hires, as in engineers and office administrative help and an additional 12 key field people, which would bring our office and field salary personnel from 41 up to 63 in a period of five years. We are a very high paying employer by virtue of the fact that we're unique compared to most contractors in that we hire degreed professional engineers and our average salary is \$56,000 a year. We're also very generous in what we give back to our employees in that about 30% of our profits go back to the employees in the way of pension and bonus payments. We are the number one contractor locally as far as hiring interns so we really have a commitment in supporting the higher learning institutions here in Evansville and U E and USI. I want to make it clear also that what we're seeking is, part of our business plan when we looked at this over a million dollar investment, to build a new corporate office here in Evansville was just to seek tax phase in just for the property and the improvements to that property, not for any equipment that we would have as part of that property, but just the equipment. We would still be paying taxes on the equipment for the property. I would like to highlight a little bit about Bowen's community involvement. I think that any time you have a company like Bowen or any other company come before you seeking this, I think it's important not only what we have to give our employees, our commitment to the local vendors and subs, but also what do we give back to the community, because we certainly benefit from the community in the work that we do. And I feel like we set a very high standard in our involvement in the community and I think we've exemplified that since we've been here in '99. We have a very, very strong commitment to local subs and suppliers. We made that commitment, that was my big charge when I came down here was to build relationships, that's what our company is about, is relationships. And I'm very proud of the relationships that we've developed with the local supplier and subcontract pool here in Evansville. I'm also very proud of the relationship we've developed with the higher learning institutions and the University of Evansville, in particular. USI is just kind of getting

off the ground and we are helping USI with an engineering scholarship, but more particularly, U of E, we're in the early talks of a major endowment to the engineering department to help them make the personal education of their students a little more engaging, so that's something that we're in the early talks with U of E. We're very excited, we play a very active role in their engineering department and it's a very fine institution and we've got several of their graduates, both full time and as summer intern employees. We're also proud of our role with the minority contractors. Company-wide we have a minority mentor protege program where we take in minority firms that do work in our business and help them make their business stronger, and we're doing that here in Evansville. We have a firm that we're working with to make their business stronger. We're proud of that. We also have given to a lot of the non-profits here in Evansville. We have a company-wide planned capital contributions to non-profits, and that's something that we've done as a history of our company, and we'll continue to do so. When we looked at this investment, building a new office at a cost of in excess of a million dollars, we were planning on receiving tax abatement. At our other branch office up near Chicago, we were given ten year tax abatement and it was vital to helping us get that office off the ground. And when we planned this office and looked at this capital addition, that was critical to making this business model work. Our annual rent, if we go forward with this, could more than triple and this would help offset some of those costs as we become a little more stable in this economy. In summary, we feel like Bowen is an ideal candidate for tax abatement and we are seeking a ten year tax abatement for our property. We feel like that it's not really a cost to the county, this is really an investment. It's money that you're not collecting now and it's, I think it's a good win-win for both Bowen certainly and also for Vanderburgh County. We think that the location, the Daylight Industrial Park, that we've bought the property, needs this improvement. We think that this will help spark future development in that area and we're very proud of the facility that we would put in there. It's a nice looking facility that would be built by Arc Construction, a local general contractor. And so overall, we just think it's a win-win for both Vanderburgh and Bowen, and I do appreciate the opportunity for those of you who have met with me and the opportunity to get before you again here today. And at this time, if there's any questions that I could field?

President Winnecke: I do have a question and then I'll open it up to the other members of the Council. If this tax phase in is approved by the County, are we assured the project will stay in the county?

Jeff Purdue: If this tax phase in is approved, are you assured that it will stay within the county?

President Winnecke: Let me rephrase to be more specific. Are we assured that the project will remain outside the city limits of Evansville, but in the county of Vanderburgh?

Jeff Purdue: If it's given the full abatement?

President Winnecke: At the recommended level?

Jeff Purdue: I can't say at the recommended level, but I can say at what we anticipated barring anything that I know, yes. But, I mean, we anticipated a ten year abatement.

President Winnecke: So if this body passes a phase in at less than ten years, it is possible the project could be constructed perhaps within the city limits?

Jeff Purdue: I would say that's a fair statement.

President Winnecke: Okay. Hold on one second, we're going to change tapes.

(Tape changed)

President Winnecke: Okay, who wants to start?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'll shoot. We've talked several times, obviously over this project. I'd just reiterate, we talked about the land, where it is, it's a good setup for Vanderburgh County, in my opinion, where you're moving. It's going to dress up that area and I'm happy with that. It's going to take that area from a thousand dollars a year to somewhere well beyond that amount of money and so I'm happy about that. It's probably going to attract more business to that area. The thing that – some of the things that move me the most, it's your ability to integrate yourself in the city and the county and get plugged into the universities. Engineering is very important to USI right now as well as U of E and that's very important that you're plugged in. You're working on scholarship boards, you're working with scholarships, you're hiring locally. All these are things that I call bonuses in a tax phase in plan and I do appreciate a lot of those things. Coming in today, I noticed you mentioned that you weren't going to do anything with the personal property. Here again, that is something we that we would not see otherwise if we gave that abatement. You threw it back in as a card and a very good gesture, I might say. So I really think that, I think that the phase in a little low on what we're looking at right now. What, I think you said five, Rob, about five, I think this project offers a lot more than just the building. I think you're using our contractors, that's COIT money to Vanderburgh County. You're using widgets and different materials from Vanderburgh County. I think that's very positive. The companies are very respectable that you're using and with all that you're doing to give back, you're making a grand statement and that means keep it up because if not, then we can always come back and talk to you in another year and ask you why these things aren't happening. And then discuss what we could do after that. So if it is true and all these things are good, you know, I'm very much in tune with what you're doing.

Jeff Purdue: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton, did you have anything?

Councilmember Sutton: I did get a chance to meet with the Bowen officials since our last meeting and was able to ask them several questions and they responded back and some good information was shared that perhaps maybe you can't capture fully on an application which I really appreciate getting that meeting set up and put together. And one of the questions that was asked when we talked was, there was some confusion if the abatement were, if the abatement was not granted, as presented today, what response would Bowen have? Does this kill the project, what will they do? And so previously there was one answer and then there was another answer, so for our – at least for the sake of this Council and then others who might be listening, could you kind of respond to any questions along that line?

Jeff Purdue: Absolutely, Mr. Sutton. The tax phase in is critical to us. It's, like I say, it's a huge capital increase that we're looking at if we go forward and build this facility. It could triple, it would triple our rent, our principal and interest payments for the property compared to the rent we're paying now and it's necessary for us to move forward with this project. I know at a previous meeting that I was not present for, we had another gentleman here who, quite honestly, gave the wrong answer.

He wasn't prepared. I take responsibility for that and that's not, no fault on him, but the truth of the matter is, if we don't get this, it just does not make sense for us, financially, for us to move forward with this project.

Councilmember Sutton: Then there was a question that was asked, I think, last week that we probably didn't get an answer on and that was, how many jobs would be lost as a result if this Council decided not to approve this abatement?

Jeff Purdue: Presently, at the Evansville office, we have 16 office staff, which the majority of those are engineers with a few administrative help, and we have also in addition to that, 25 key superintendents and foremen, so that's a total of 41 employees that we view as key salaried employees for this office.

Councilmember Sutton: And then also in the material, I just want to make sure we're very clear here, the first question says, how many will you hire upon completion of this project? Five. Is that the correct number?

Jeff Purdue: That's a very conservative number. Like I say, based on our 10% growth a year, which that would really be in five years, at least 10 in the office and probably 12 more in the field, so for a total of 22 additional salaried people, which would take our total from 41 to 63.

Councilmember Sutton: So the second question was, over the five year period, you're talking about how many?

Jeff Purdue: Ten additional in the office and twelve additional in the field. And when I say field, superintendents and foremen, union superintendents and union foremen for us.

Councilmember Sutton: Well again, our application, it's a little bit different, so I just want to make sure we're really clear here. And then the number of employees retained as a result of this project, the number that we have on the application is 12 but just based on what you said earlier, the number is a little bit different, so I just wanted to make sure we're clear on that.

Jeff Purdue: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: And that number would be...?

Jeff Purdue: Forty-one present staff with office and field salaried personnel.

Councilmember Sutton: You know, one of the things I think we probably have maybe picked up out of this whole process is that, probably on the county side as we are looking at our whole abatement process, is that we do need to set up a set of guidelines, not just of what to score per se, but one of the really true needs we have is when a company comes in that requests abatement so they can understand the process of abatement and what persons are involved in that process. And, like I said, that's a piece that we're missing. So as we go through this whole thing of looking at the abatements and what process we may end up using or what scoring method we may use, we really need to find a way to get good information to requesting companies so that maybe the kind of situation we have here maybe isn't repeated and they could have a good clear understanding of the exact steps that need to be taken to complete this process. Now I guess I did have a number of questions to you in person then in the meeting last week and my concern is, see, in the application, I'm trying to see the benefit that Vanderburgh County gains. And at

five employees over the course of five years, which is what I was working with from the application, there doesn't appear to me to be much of a gain for Vanderburgh County. One employee per year is far below the standard of what we have had with other requests and I guess the other area for me as I really evaluate it is, looking at the type of business that you're in, the average wage, that is a strong wage, but for the type of skill sets that are required to work for your company, that would be pretty much in line with this particular market for that. And when we look at just the net benefit overall, that's what I'm really trying to gain some comfort with on this application. And what you presented here does provide more strength but we've got some other firms here locally that are similar in size, I'm wondering if we get some others who want to build a building, will we have a similar request coming before us and we have to kind of, we're going to have to balance that. And I know this isn't necessarily something that you can answer per se, but those are just the kind of things that I've been working with and trying to get a good understanding on in making my decision on this application.

President Winnecke: I would just offer a comment to that and that is, I think the two issues that come to my mind as benefits to this project are, one, the county should realize an additional \$100,000 in tax revenue over the course of the phase in that it does not enjoy now, and secondly, with a projected 22 additional staff members over the course of five years and an average salary, that is a nice number for additional payroll in this community. So I would think those would be two points strongly in this project's favor.

Councilmember Tornatta: And remember that we have to grade them off their five and twenty number. I mean, if we're doing this right, unless we're recalculating that number. I mean, just to throw that out there. Because we want to evaluate them off this paper, is that correct? Off what they submitted?

Councilmember Sutton: What do you mean?

President Winnecke: I'm not sure I follow the question.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm just saying, we're evaluating them off the five and the twenty.

President Winnecke: I'm evaluating them off the fact that he said that he hopes to hire 22 people in five years

Councilmember Tornatta: I agree. That just brought me back to a point Royce made. He is looking at his paper and it says five jobs coming up and twenty jobs would be lost. And what we have, I guess, we'll evaluate him off of that. If he gets abatement, we have to call them back, we'd be going off the five jobs? Is that what we're saying or are we upping that?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, Troy, I think what we're doing here is gathering the information that the company feels like represents what they are wanting to commit themselves to.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: And I know what we may have here in the sheets here, but you know, if this request is approved, the corrections would be made to this to reflect whatever commitments are made here. Because I would think if they're coming back come next fall when we evaluate all the requests, I wouldn't want to measure them

based on what's in here because its not accurate.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, and that's what I'm saying. Is that a possibility that we can amend what is on that sheet? Because at some point we're going to have to come back and – evaluation and make sure that they're on target with what they promised. That's what we do. And if that's the case, it's a difference between the amount of jobs that you said, twenty-two jobs and five jobs over five years. Does that make sense?

Jeff Purdue: Absolutely.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: I think Mr. Schaefer might have something on this point.

Rob Schaefer: I think we probably already said it, but –

President Winnecke: Rob, could you say your name for the record?

Rob Schaefer: Sure, Rob Schaefer, DMD. When it comes to compliance every year, what we'll be going off of is the statement of benefits form that has the twelve and the five, not what's said here today unless if somehow we change the statement of benefits that it currently is. When they came here, –

President Winnecke: And we certainly, pardon me for the interruption, but it would certainly be up to the discretion of each individual Councilmember at the time of the review to hold the company to the standard they presented orally, I would think.

Councilmember Tornatta: And its on record.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: So I'm clear, I guess the question is, should the application state retain 41 jobs and create 22 additional over the next five years?

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, you can put it in the document or its on the record. So either way, I think we have something to go from and that's kind of what I was trying to get from Mr. Purdue. Is that a fair statement that those are accurate and –

Jeff Purdue: Those are accurate numbers. The only thing I would indicate is, I'm not sure as far as employees within Vanderburgh County and out, I know the 41, 32 of those, their residence is in Vanderburgh County. So, but, I mean, 41 is an accurate statement of our present staff and my projections that I gave you are accurate.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, although we'd like to keep everybody in Vanderburgh County working in Vanderburgh County, it would not be a situation where we want to penalize somebody for coming to Vanderburgh County to work. That's a COIT dollar that comes into Vanderburgh County as it is, so we'd be happy to take that. I think its just a question of record, thanks.

President Winnecke: Yeah, to Mr. Raben's point, I guess, after speaking with our Council, I mean, would you be amenable to amending the statement in here to reflect the numbers that you presented today?

Jeff Purdue: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Does that need a vote?

Councilmember Sutton: I don't think it needs a – we'll vote on it when we vote on it. But, I mean, its only the right thing to do because –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

President Winnecke: That's what I'm getting to here.

Councilmember Sutton: – memories fade and Councilmembers change, but the paperwork needs to reflect whatever commitments are made.

President Winnecke: Then maybe you could help walk us through on page two of your – do you have the –

Jeff Purdue: I do not.

Councilmember Abell: Your attorney should have.

Les Shively: Mr. President, you're referring to the statement of benefits?

President Winnecke: Right. On page two, just so, and I certainly don't want to put numbers on a paper for you but just so everyone, under part four, employment impact, question one, how many new employees do you plan to hire upon completion of this project? Here, you have five. Bottom third of the page.

Les Shively: Page four, employment impact, number one, how many full...

President Winnecke: Correct.

Les Shively: That number should be changed to – ?

Jeff Purdue: As far as employees that we plan to hire at the completion of the project, that would still be five. New employees we plan to hire over a five year period, that would basically be 22, so the number I gave you before in the application was 20, what I gave you this morning was 22. I had not seen this, I mean, today when I made my notes.

President Winnecke: And then on number three...?

Jeff Purdue: How many employees will be retained as a result of this project? Will be the difference...

Jeff Ahlers: That would the number of employees you have now, wouldn't it?

Jeff Purdue: Yeah, presently it's 41.

Les Shively: Which is office and the field.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

President Winnecke: Is everyone on board with the numbers that we're considering? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think that gives a much stronger picture on this application. Again, I think on our end, the county side, we probably could do some things to kind of help applicants through this process. Help them understand how to complete these properly because, yeah, I like the community involvement piece, that's not necessarily the sole thing I feel like tips anything in anyone's favor. I like the local hiring. I like the level of the wages and the benefits. A lot of strong things with the application, but its got to be able to show, at the end of the day when we brag about what we've done with tax abatements, the jobs I think have to clearly reflect that. You know, the buildings, yeah, that's fine; equipment, that's fine, but the jobs have to be there.

President Winnecke: Mr. Schaefer, did you have another comment?

Rob Schaefer: I'd like to suggest that you change it on the statement of benefits. That is more legal in my view than the application because that's what we'll take the numbers from when we do the compliance every year.

Les Shively: And specifically, that doesn't change the real estate improvements, it does change section three, would have to be amended and we probably would want to file a new one to be consistent with how we just orally amended the application here on the floor.

Rob Schaefer: And I have a blank form and they can refill out the whole thing and sign it, and that would be fine.

Les Shively: By the way, Mr. Dan Clark, the chief financial officer for Bowen, who submitted the original application has been nodding his head in the background as we have gone through these numbers and he is here as well to attest to the fact that they run the numbers and that is the correct statement of benefits.

President Winnecke: Just for clarification, on that page to which Mr. Schaefer referred, statement of benefits, that middle section three, the salaries on that entire line would need to be –

Les Shively: Yes.

Rob Schaefer: Yeah, the entire section three.

President Winnecke: Right, okay.

Les Shively: Reflecting the new numbers of today. That's right.

President Winnecke: Questions on this side of the room over here?

Councilmember Sutton: Make sure you go to that page four, too, and number three, I think that could be affected by kind of what we talked about here.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, once again, I'd like to reiterate what I've said in the past, the presence of Bowen here is a positive, there's no doubt about that. Your ties with both local universities is excellent, your commitment to the community with the building and that, also very good. The uneasiness, I feel, as going over the rating that was given to us, its nothing against Bowen, but I think it's the general precedent and perhaps if we, if and when our abatement procedures are passed,

this will be a lot more objective instead of subjective. But I'm a little bit ill at ease as far as the job creation and the numbers. Some things just don't quite, Mr. Purdue, add up totally. But if what you promised comes to play, then it seems like it could be a win-win also. I still have difficulty myself in going over the recommended abatement by Metropolitan Development. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just one quick comment, Mr. President. With these new revised numbers, just to make everyone feel somewhat more comfortable about this request, we had a recent project about a year ago, Graham Packaging, that was, you know, one that was kind of our star for the year and these numbers, with the job retention and new jobs, have already exceeded the number for which Graham Packaging was, and I'm sure the pay is substantially higher. I don't have the old pay rate on Graham, but I know this is substantially higher.

President Winnecke: Mr. Ahlers makes a good point. This is the preliminary resolution, so we do have time to get the correct, the amended paperwork before the confirming resolution in a month. Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Rob, could you come to the microphone? How much of an abatement had you recommended?

Rob Schaefer: Five to six years.

Councilmember Abell: Would that change any with anything that's come up here today?

Rob Schaefer: It would raise it up to right between five and six. Right on the line between five and six. It was really five and six because there was one question that I can't answer from the county application, but then with the additional jobs, it would raise it up to, I think it was 60 points and that's right between five and six.

Councilmember Abell: So we're still between five and six.

Rob Schaefer: Yeah, it doesn't change it substantially.

Councilmember Abell: Okay, thank you. Mr. Purdue, could I ask you a couple of questions?

Jeff Purdue: Absolutely.

Councilmember Abell: I don't see this in what I'm looking at right now, but somewhere in the back of my mind I think, did you indicate at one point that 60% of your business was private and 40% was government?

Jeff Purdue: Its about 50/50. It changes from year to year. We've had years where its 100% private to zero public and years its 100% public, but what we strive for is a 50/50 work mix for between public projects and private projects.

Councilmember Abell: Can I ask you, do you consider EMC private or public?

Jeff Purdue: I consider that public.

Councilmember Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to, I'd say its probably time to get a motion out there. I'm going to move that this abatement request or tax deferral or whatever we're calling it these days be set in at six years with the correct amendments to the statement of benefits to read the 41 jobs retained and 22 new jobs. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Winnecke: There is a motion for a tax phase in proposal for six years for Bowen Engineering. Do I hear a second? At this time the chair would recognize another motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: I would say that if one isn't comfortable with a ten year abatement, I would want to go no less than eight years on this. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Winnecke: There is a motion for an eight year phase in for Bowen Engineering. Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second for an eight year tax phase in for Bowen Engineering. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion fails 3-4/Councilmembers Sutton, Abell, Goebel and Wortman

opposed)

President Winnecke: That fails 4-3. I would entertain –

Councilmember Raben: Is that – I guess this is a question for our legal counsel, is that it or can I make another motion?

Jeff Ahlers: You can make another motion. Probably what we ought to do, I mean, most of the time everybody is in agreement on what the years of the abatement is, but I guess one thing, in the future, they could vote on whether to grant the abatement and then have a motion to set in the years because it seems to me that what we're doing here, the consensus would seem to be that, you know, for doing some sort of an abatement, but apparently there is some wrangling over the term on it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll, Mr. President, first I'll move that we reopen the preliminary resolution for Bowen Engineering.

Councilmember Abell: I'll second that.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second to reopen. Everyone in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers except Councilmember Wortman voted in favor to reopen 6-1)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I would like to make a motion to set the term of abatement in at five years with the correction stated in my earlier motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and second for a tax phase in for Bowen Engineering for five years. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes. Motion passes six to one.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

Jeff Purdue: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you for your time and we'll see you next month for the confirming resolution.

Jeff Purdue: Thank you very much.

<p>PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT AND/OR REHABILITATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2217 ST. JOSEPH INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE (QTR, INC.)</p>

President Winnecke: QTR.

Councilmember Raben: Are you sure you really want to come up here?

Councilmember Sutton: There might be some ice cubes down there and a glass a water in case you might need it.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon, Mr. Jackson. Would you state your name for the record?

Rod Jackson: Rod Jackson, QTR.

President Winnecke: Questions for Mr. Jackson and the tax phase in request for QTR?

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I'll start again.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: No, here again, moving to, I want to call it a semi-distressed area, the good thing I like about your company is that you're taking recyclables and you're bringing how many tons?

Rod Jackson: We expect to do something in terms of ten million pounds.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, ten million pounds, so whatever that –

Rod Jackson: The new project, that should double.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, so twenty million pounds of recyclable plastics, is that pretty close?

Rod Jackson: That's correct.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and the thing I like, obviously, one of the things in our tax phase in is, we want to see recyclables, we want to see environmentally friendly companies coming to town, and we talked about the emittance at next to nothing?

Rod Jackson: Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and so all these are good things for Vanderburgh County. We're going to try and bump our staff up, and expand the business, and you've been through a tax phase in before, and you've held by your standards, and I appreciate what you do.

Rod Jackson: Thank you, Councilman.

Councilmember Sutton: Just to make sure we are just in line with even our prior request that was before us in making sure that the numbers are in line with what the application says now, so if I go along here, if there's any corrections that need to be made, please go ahead and note those. So the number of new employees hired upon completion of project, I've got ten, is that correct?

Rod Jackson: That's correct.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Number of employees you plan to hire over the next five years as a result of this project? I've got 30 listed in here. Is that correct?

Rod Jackson: That's correct.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. And employees that will be retained as a result of this project is, full-time thirty-one, part-time four...

Rod Jackson: Thirty-five total.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thirty-five total. And then how many jobs would be lost as a result of not getting this tax abatement if the Council chose to act in that fashion?

Rod Jackson: Presumably all thirty-five if we move to Warrick County. Then all thirty-five would be lost to Vanderburgh County. And that's, right now, that's our other option on the table is to buy the ISN building that's in Warrick County. It presents a good opportunity for us as well as having a location in Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Sutton: Do you have an abatement request with Warrick County?

Rod Jackson: Not that I wanted to put all my eggs in one basket, I have confidence in your decision making process, that it would be favorable for us with this kind of project.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Do you intend to, in addition to the new construction, retain your old building?

Rod Jackson: That's correct.

Councilmember Goebel: And, Rob, what is the recommendation?

Rob Schaefer: Seven years.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'm going to move to grant the preliminary resolution for QTR for the term of seven years.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second to offer a tax phase in for QTR for a seven year period. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Thank you very much and we'll see you next month for the confirming resolution.

Rod Jackson: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thanks, Mr. Jackson.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED PICK SLIP

President Winnecke: And the last thing on the agenda, amended employment pink slip. And is Mr. Raben going to speak to that?

Councilmember Raben: I can. Sandie, does everyone have a copy of the pink slip in front of them? I think the only real difference here from what I understand is what you see on the second page, which is just the reason for dismissal. Sandie, is that correct?

Sandie Deig: That's correct.

President Winnecke: Any questions or discussion? Do we need to vote on this?

Sandie Deig: Yes, I'd like to permission to send this to all the offices.

President Winnecke: Okay. All in favor – are you making that in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Raben: I certainly can.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: And, Mrs. Deig, you may send that to everyone you deem fit. I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Before you do hit that gavel, on that issue that was, that Councilman Tornatta brought up earlier. I guess its probably new information maybe most of us here on Council, I guess in terms of, Councilman Winnecke, you knew a little bit about that. Is the intent that once that project is completed with that tax sale, that that position goes away or –

President Winnecke: That's my understanding and that's what Mrs. Crouch, that's what I understood her to say today.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Now, of course, in the past, if I'm not mistaken, all that has been handled in-house. You know, we've got three Commissioners, they've got a staff, it would seem likely that those kind of matters could be handled by the present staff unless there is something that was unusual that may have occurred with this that requires a certain level of expertise. I'd be interested in hearing what that level of expertise maybe that was required for that particular job that necessitated contracting that service out, because it seems like we could do something like that in-house.

President Winnecke: Its my understanding that the necessity that has driven this action is that, because there has not been this sale for two or three years, I've forgotten the specific numbers she said, there have been more properties than typically would be involved in a sale like that, therefore, the workload is higher than what normally would have occurred, and that is what has driven this to be hired out, if you will, for the amount that was previously mentioned.

Councilmember Tornatta: And is that appropriate out of the Superintendent of County Buildings?

President Winnecke: I believe so, yeah. Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: In what fashion? I mean, that's my question. I think what we have is, we have – we're trying to kind of circumvent a system that we have. And the system is, we see our employees through a job study program, that's approved and then monies are transferred into accounts so that that's handled. What we have is a precedent that's been set up that anybody that has a contractual account, be it the Sheriff's department, anybody who has an account, can circumvent the Council now and hire an employee at whatever number that they see, deem fit.

President Winnecke: Well, the reality is that at any given time during the budget – let me rephrase, during the budgeting process when any officeholder or any office presents a contractual services line item request, then its incumbent upon us to ask the purpose of those funds. If there are excess funds in those line items, I believe when the action is necessary, and I believe, personally, this action is very credible and very necessary, then they have the ability to do that. I, personally, do not see it circumventing the process. There is a specific amount of money that's set in there, they cannot exceed that without coming to this body.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, and I'm just, in the past, there's been Recorder Knight-Smith has even needed some help in her office, she had to come to this board to approve money to go into that office to have help. And if that's the case,

should we not be aware of that money that's going out because when this was brought to us, it was for contractual services, your trash disposal, your pests, your plumbing, your electrical, all those things which we've needed and that's why we allocated the money in that account. It was not to fund an employee for the Commissioner's office.

President Winnecke: But it is for a specific task, it is for a contractual service that needs to be accomplished so that these properties can be put back on the tax roles. Its not like they are adding a body or a position in there for an indefinite period of time.

Councilmember Tornatta: Should that be in the contract, because that's not in the contract. It's a generic contract and has clauses that are just out there and clerical.

President Winnecke: The Commissioner said that the position would be completed upon the completion of the task, and there is a specific amount of money that's been allocated for that –

Councilmember Tornatta: That's because this person is a teacher and they have a certain amount of time that they are allowed to be off school. So that doesn't qualify them for doing this job and its not in the contract that this person is qualified to do this and/or the job that they are supposed to do, which should be in the contract. Any contract you've seen has established what that individual is supposed to do in the contract. This is a clerical contract, it's a secretary. That's what its been put in for and this is great news that they've acquired her to do this, but its not in the contract, so we don't know what this person is doing by contract.

President Winnecke: I think you've made your point.

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion to adjourn.

President Winnecke: We stand adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Marsha Abell

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2005**

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

President Winnecke: Good afternoon and welcome to the August 3rd meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll begin with attendance roll call, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JULY 6, 2005**

President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of our July 6th meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Winnecke: At this time, we'll begin with our appropriation requests and I would just remind the folks in the audience and folks watching at home that may not be familiar with our proceedings that these are requests that we heard information on last week. There may be little discussion today but there was much discussion last week, so anyway as that as a prelude, I'll turn it over to Mr. Raben.

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda today is County Treasurer for Printing and Office Machines in the amount of \$4,500. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-3410	Printing	4,000.00	4,000.00
1030-4220	Office Machines	500.00	500.00
Total		4,500.00	4,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Next, under Jail 1051-3051 Lodging of Inmates in the amount of \$136,500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Well, one thing for sure, I guess, Mr. President, I guess we can take some assurance that I guess if the project is still on tap with the new jail come November, we will no longer see this type of request.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I was wondering if I could ask Chief Deputy Williams a couple of questions. I know these numbers have been thrown out already, and I know Chief Deputy Williams has told us before, but I think just for everyone's benefit again, this amount, 136,000, this will probably come up each month for the rest of this fiscal year?

Eric Williams: Eric Williams on behalf the Sheriff's office and Sheriff Ellsworth. At the current trend where we're at with inmate outside housing, we expect that we will make this same appropriation request monthly for the remainder of the period that we're in this facility and that decision came out with discussions from other members of the Council that they would rather have us do this incrementally as opposed to one fell swoop in big numbers up front and just kind of work our way through it, maybe hope for the best.

Councilmember Goebel: What do you estimate its going to be total, for the year?

Eric Williams: Currently, based on the current trends, we've spent \$590,000 to date, that gets us basically through June. The numbers early in the year were low so we're anticipating maybe by the end of the year we'll be at 1.3 -1.4 million.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, and I think just for our satisfaction, we have now approved the hiring of all 34 jailers?

Eric Williams: Correct. That occurred at the last Council meeting.

Councilmember Goebel: And do you think this is going to be pretty much a wash

now, cost-wise, to the taxpayers?

Eric Williams: If you look at the outside inmate housing and that number, if that trend were to stay flat and continue in perpetuity, then it would be pretty close to a wash. We ran some quick numbers, with 34 new employees, their salaries, and estimated on insurance, and FICA and some of the things that you detail, that cost next year will be about 1.5 million plus or minus a little bit. So yeah, I guess, if you look at those dollars comparatively to each other, that would be a wash. I mean, its still money being spent, but...

Councilmember Goebel: And with the opening new facility, do you think then we might be able to bring in income as far as opening our beds or jail cells to other counties or other agencies?

Eric Williams: Given the current situation, if we look at today's numbers, we had 504 total people in custody this morning which would include those people that are in our facility and those that are being housed outside in other counties. We're talking about opening a facility that has 512 beds in it, so with 504 of that, roughly leaves you with eight beds. Now the difference would be that some of those beds are separated out in this new facility which makes the ability to move around. Now our transition team and our staff is continuing to discuss options, especially in dealing with the DOC inmates. At the rate of which we transfer them, as soon as they get the abstract signed by the judge, 72 hours after that we begin billing the DOC for those people. Basically, what we have done in the past and what we will probably do in the future, is we just drag our feet a little bit in getting those moved to the DOC which they have full knowledge of and don't mind, and we can bill them. And we move them based on our local needs and we can keep the beds full and be getting paid back for those spaces. That's probably the most logical plan if there's any opportunity to recoup some costs by housing other people's prisoners is to handle it in that manner.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I might, real quick, because you and I have just recently discussed this issue again, and by the way, I think your number today is 334 is what we're housing outside? But explain the process in regards to who goes outside, who doesn't, and what did you tell me, it's bi-weekly reviews you're doing?

Eric Williams: As far as the inmates that get selected to get moved? We do that pretty much daily at this point in time as we continue to hover at near or above the 329 ICLU cap that was agreed to. Basically, when a person is booked into our facility, they're presented with a document that we ask them to sign that waives their rights, that we are allowed to ship them out of state, being that most of our housing counties right now are either in Kentucky or Illinois. If they agree to that and they sign off on that, they go in that they're flagged in our system. And as we have numbers above that, we start to look for people to move, we run a report that gives us a list of those people that have already waived their right to stay here and are willing to move outside. Then we take that and we have a matrix that we use, and basically, number one, we look for healthy inmates. The healthy inmates, you don't want to move ones that are unhealthy because you lose control of their medical provisions in another facility. And when we don't have control of that, we're still stuck with the bill. So unhealthy inmates we want to keep here so that we can control the health care. We look at people that have the longest time before they

have to appear in court again because we have to go get them and bring them back, so the longer we can leave them out without making trips, we try to pick those first. We try not to send other counties problematic inmates because then they don't house them any more for us, so we keep all the problem ones here. If we have people that are convicted to our facility and with a misdemeanor sentence, you know, 30 days, we try to send those and let them just do their time there and complete their time in that facility. So we've got a whole list of matrix we go through to pick the most likely candidates to move.

Councilmember Raben: I just thought that was important and I'm not used to saying this either, for our listeners at home, that may or may not understand that there is a process that's being followed.

Eric Williams: I hope that wasn't too long for you.

Councilmember Raben: No, that's fine, thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? The motion on the floor is for an appropriation of \$136,500. 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 Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-3051	Lodging of Inmates	136,500.00	136,500.00
Total		136,500.00	136,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Area Plan, 1240-3550 Repairs to Buildings and Grounds in the amount of \$20,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-3550	Repairs to Bldg & Grounds	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Councilmember Raben: Next, Mr. President, under Weights & Measures, I'm going to move that at this time, this be set in at zero. And I guess the information that was given to you just today is that the city is not in a position at this time to fund their portion of it, or they're not prepared to –

President Winnecke: It's not prepared to.

Councilmember Raben: – and we'll come back and address this. In fact, if we're not

able to do it in the near future, we'll for sure address this during our budget hearings in August or later next week.

President Winnecke: There is a motion to set it in at zero. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Abell: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Goebel: I have a question. How long will it be before the city can come forward with their portion?

President Winnecke: They are discussing it now, I believe. I'm not sure of their time line.

Councilmember Goebel: So this could come back next month?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I know its been the practice in the past that if its percentage is in favor of the city, we approve in accordance to their adoption of finances. And if the county has the percentage, they go by what we say, normally. That's been a standard practice, so I thought I'd bring that on to the floor.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Wortman, I asked last week about the CCD fund and pulling this request out of there, you said you were going to speak with the Commissioners. Did you get a chance to say something with them and what was their response?

Councilmember Wortman: They definitely need it but they're going to leave it up to the city, but Mrs. Townsend called the City Controller, I think, and then they've got to re-appropriate the money, and put it in that, and then get ready for it, see. Our share would be \$12,000.

Councilmember Sutton: So, I mean, on the county's side, I mean, are they okay with pulling it out of CCD rather than General Fund?

Councilmember Wortman: The County Commissioners are okay with it, they definitely need it.

President Winnecke: No, I think that's not correct. I don't think they want to pull it from the CCD. I think they would rather it come from the General Fund.

Councilmember Wortman: General Fund, yeah. Did I get that mixed up? General Fund, right –

President Winnecke: They were fine with the request, but not from the CCD, I believe, is the issue. As I understand it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the CCD has a pretty healthy balance in it. I mean, it would be – given just even our couple of requests prior with what we know is coming down on with the Lodging of Inmates, Patient/Inmate Care, whatever we can do to try to protect that General Fund and its going to have a much more healthier

balance at the end of the year than – in the CCD than our General Fund. So the request would be a very logical one because we pull a lot of requests similar to that out of CCD. I don't know if there is something we can do to make that case a little bit more clear on the Commission side to pull that money from there rather than out of the General Fund.

Councilmember Wortman: I questioned Mrs. Crouch on that, the Chairman of the Commissioners, and she said, right now, no, because they have needs for that money somewhere else. Now where, I don't know. But that was her answer.

President Winnecke: With it being tabled though, we certainly have at least another month to discuss it further with the Commissioners.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I don't know if, Councilman Winnecke, as maybe from the President's chair –

President Winnecke: I'll make that overture.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, if you can make some overtures there, that would be great.

Councilmember Raben: We could possibly set up an appointment with yourself and me to further address that.

President Winnecke: Okay. We have a motion on the floor to set this in at zero. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1302-4230	Motor Vehicles	24,800.00	0.00
Total		24,800.00	0.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Next, Superior Court, 1370-3941 Guardian Ad-Litem in the amount of \$10,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3941	Guardian Ad-Litem	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: I would have liked to have made this one comment. The vote we just took on Superior Court, it kind of goes back to the unfunded mandates. Again, that's a new state requirement where CASA has to be assigned to every in need case for juveniles. And again, that's with no additional funding.

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Next, I'll move on to the County Highway. This request has been withdrawn, so I'll move that we set this in at zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: I've got a question.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Fluty, where does this money sit at this time?

Bill Fluty: Right now its in the Highway's unappropriated.

Councilmember Tornatta: The Highway's unappropriated? Why not the County General?

Bill Fluty: You can't co-mingle Highway money with County General money.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, but –

Bill Fluty: The Highway is not funded by tax dollars.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. So that money goes into an account and then I guess when they need it, if they need it, they come back to us. Is that what the story is?

Bill Fluty: That is correct, but there was a bulletin, the County Bulletin, that was received that said that this was appropriate to put that money back on the line item, how they used it for the snow event they had in December. I think they used it in Overtime and Garage & Motor.

Councilmember Tornatta: So that will be, just to clear, that will be set in their General Fund until they need it, they'll come to us, going to ask for it?

Bill Fluty: No, it will be put back in their line item. At the time they presented this to the Council, they were unaware that it could be put back on those line items where it was spent. And that bulletin came through just in the last week or so, so there wasn't a need to go before Council.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-1850	Union Overtime	30,000.00	0.00
2010-2230	Garage & Motor	32,000.00	0.00
Total		62,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Next, under Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, for a total of \$2,372, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

**SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL
ADULT PROBATION**

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2620-1270-2620	Probation Officer	2,090.00	2,090.00
2620-1900	FICA	160.00	160.00
2620-1910	PERF	122.00	122.00
Total		2,372.00	2,372.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUEST

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now for Repeals, Area Plan, 1240-1110-1240 in the amount of \$30,500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second, questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-1110-1240	Executive Director	30,500.00	30,500.00
Total		30,500.00	30,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CORONER
SUPERIOR COURT
RECORDER (LATE)

CIRCUIT COURT
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
AUDITOR (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Transfers, I'll move that all transfers including the late transfer for the County Recorder be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, we have one withdrawn.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, excuse me. Yes, I stand corrected. Circuit Court, I'd like to amend my motion. The Circuit Court transfer has been withdrawn, that be set in at zero, all others, including the late transfer as listed.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, would you amend your second?

Councilmember Wortman: I'll accept that.

President Winnecke: Okay. Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Wortman: Can I have a discussion?

President Winnecke: Oh yes, Mr. Wortman, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Wortman: I'd like to comment on Don Erk for not coming up here like he used to. He's really done good. So his transfer, he's been doing real good, been a real nice boy.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1070-3520	Equipment Repair	700.00	700.00
To: 1070-2700	Other Supplies	700.00	700.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-3944	Special Reporter	1,500.00	0.00
To: 1360-4250	Miscellaneous Equip.	1,500.00	0.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1361-1440-1361	Correction Officer	997.00	997.00
To: 1361-1360-1361	Correction Officer	997.00	997.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-3722	Medical Expense & Drug Testing of Juvs.	1,500.00	1,500.00
To: 1370-1990	Extra Help	1,500.00	1,500.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4408	Burkhardt Road Bridge #290	500.00	500.00
To: 2030-3141	Communications	500.00	500.00

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-1170-1020	Bookkeeping/Insure-Retirement	7,860.00	7,860.00
To: 1020-1210-1020	Transfer Supervisor	5,110.00	5,110.00
1020-1260-1020	Tax Mapping Super.	1,575.00	1,575.00
1020-1300-1020	Transfer Clerk	1,175.00	1,175.00

RECORDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1040-1210-1040	Deeds Deputy	1,541.00	1,541.00
To: 1040-1970	Temp. Replacement	1,541.00	1,541.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Last, Mr. President, under Amendments to the Salary Ordinance, its not quite as bad as its been here recently, Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, I move that we amend salary line 2620-1270 Probation Officer as previously approved. Area Plan, set salary line 1240-1110 Executive Director as the repeal previously approved. Community Corrections, set salary line 1361-1360 Correction Officer as transfer previously approved. The current employee is cross-trained based on an annual salary of \$31,081 with a hire date of as of June 13, 2005. Superior Court, amend salary line 1370-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. County Auditor, amend salary lines as transfer previously adopted. 1020-1210 Transfer Supervision, the current employee is a COMOT V, Step 4, with an annual salary of \$30,881. 1020-1260 Tax Mapping Supervisor, the current employee is a PAT IV, Step 3 with an annual salary of \$34,131. 1020-1300 Transfer Clerk, the current employee is a COMOT IV, Step 2, with an annual salary of \$25,854. Under Public Defender, amend salary line 1303-1810 at the rate of \$55,686. The current employee will be Executive II, Step 3, as recommended by the Personnel Administration Committee. The full-time Appeals Public Defender salary line is currently vacant. Recorder, amend salary line 1040-1970 Temporary Replacement as previously adopted. That's all I have. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>BOWEN ENGINEERING REQUEST FOR TAX ABATEMENT</p>

President Winnecke: Okay, at this time we move on to Old Business. I believe everyone has a letter from Dan Bowen, the Treasurer of Bowen Engineering, officially notifying the county of its withdrawal of the abatement request for Bowen Engineering.

<p>CONFIRMING RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT AND/OR REHABILITATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2217 ST. JOSEPH INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE QTR, INC.</p>
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President Winnecke: We also have today a confirming resolution for the tax phase in for QTR, Inc. Are there other questions of Mr. Jackson while he is here? This is the final step in this phase in vote. If its approved today, the phase in is approved.

Councilmember Tornatta: What was the year set in on that phase in? Do we know?

President Winnecke: Seven years.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, alright. Thank you.

President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain a motion for a resolution to confirm this tax phase in.

Councilmember Abell: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

JOINT CITY/COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

President Winnecke: Moving on to new business, first of all a reminder that the joint city/county budget hearing is August 17th at 3:00 in this hearing room. Items B & C, we do not have, so we will table those until next month. Those would be the appointments to the Human Relations Board and the Willard Library Board.

LEVEE AUTHORITY RESOLUTION

President Winnecke: At this time I would call your attention to the resolution that's before everyone regarding the Levee Authority. This resolution was prepared in conjunction or with the cooperation with the city and county attorneys. This resolution recognizes upon passage that we approve the removal of the Evansville Vanderburgh Levee Authority from the levy of the county, allowing it to have a levy of its own. At this time I would entertain a motion to pass that resolution.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GOVERNMENT UNIFICATION PROPOSAL
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President Winnecke: Thank you. At this time I'd like to call Jeff Henning up from the Government Unification Committee to present a proposal, and I think we all have a copy of that. Mr. Henning?

Jeff Henning: Thank you, Mr. President. As vice-chairman of the Evansville Vanderburgh County Unification Committee, it's my pleasure to present to this Council our recommendation for a unified government. First of all, I would like to thank each and every one of you for taking the time to meet with the representatives of our committee and you provided insight, you provided your opinion, and we appreciate you taking an opportunity and time to look at the proposal itself. As most of you know, over the past two years we've conducted over approximately a hundred interviews. We've met with city, county, township, state representatives, we have also met with other elected officials from other cities, we have looked at others' various forms of government, and we have also researched the performance of other cities that have unified. Based upon our study, it's the committee's recommendation that we believe that a unified government would be beneficial for our county. That government would entail one executive branch and one council. We believe that this type of government would be more responsive and a more efficient form of government. Generally, the proposal sets out the form of the government that would be a Metro Mayor with a Deputy Mayor, and a fifteen member Council, and there would be twelve districts with three at-large members of the Council. I'm just generally going to go through some of the benefits that we see that a unified government would have, we could receive. One of the biggest benefits we see is

greater representation for the citizens. Every area of our community will have an equal voice in local decisions. And with a neighborhood-based legislative Council, important issues affecting the citizens such as traffic and growth could get the attention that they deserve. Secondly, we believe that a unified government would offer improved efficiency and savings. Right now, we believe that our community having two governments is ineffective, and by uniting, we can eliminate overlapping levels of government. Thirdly, a benefit that we see is better jobs and opportunities. With a single local government setting policy, we will be in a better position to attract and retain well-paying jobs. In a study issued by the Wisconsin Policy Research Institute, they conducted an in-depth study of all the other cities that have unified, and the study concluded all of the consolidated committees have done better economically than they were doing before consolidation. Therefore, we think there can be a direct correlation between unification and better jobs and economic growth. Lastly, we believe that a unified government can provide fairer taxation. Under the proposal, citizens would only pay for the services they receive. They only get taxed for the services they received. The proposal, several pages of the proposal is dedicated exclusively to the taxation issue and we think we have addressed those concerns that unification will not cause an increase in taxation. These are just a few of the benefits that we see from a unified government. At this time we would ask that the Council support the proposal, but most importantly, support a referendum so the citizens of our county can go to the polls and vote on whether or not a unified government should be implemented in Vanderburgh County. So with that, if the Council has any questions, I'd be more than happy to address any questions. Dr. Phil Fisher is here and he would be more than happy to answer some questions.

President Winnecke: I would begin, I would first commend you and the committee. I know you've put in a lot of hard work, a lot of hours, and the product is very admirable, and personally, I hope its one that our community embraces. I'm on record as having supported a unified government, I think it's the direction that will best help this community grow, so I applaud you for your efforts. I would like to get in to just a little discussion on the taxation issue. I think that's probably the single most issue that I hear discussion about and if you could, in general terms, because as you said, there are several pages dedicated to it, discuss generally how the taxation would work.

Phil Fisher: The proposal is modeled on the way other unified governments have set up their taxation, particularly Lexington and Louisville. Initially property within the current city limits would be considered a full service district. Areas outside the city would be considered general service districts. And taxes would be levied to each district based on the services provided. Within the city limits there may be areas that are not receiving full city services, then the proposal requires that the tax rates be lowered for those properties that are not receiving full services. For those areas that are receiving some city services or might receive some city services in the future, it provides for the creation of partial service districts. That is, if a place wanted street lights but that's all or let's say they wanted, an industrial area wanted to have full time fire protection, then those services could be extended incrementally and the properties within those districts, partial service districts, taxed according to the services that they get. The proposal requires three hearings for such a change over a six week period, and advertised hearings. The general service districts, the full service districts could also be expanded. In other words, if areas were going to receive full city services, then through the same process, they could be included in a general service district. So that would be sort of the equivalent of annexation. But I think the beauty of this concept, which has worked for many years in Lexington and they had something like eleven different parcel service districts, is that you don't have to do it all or nothing. That if some services are appropriate to an area, but the

residents don't need or don't want the others, then they can get partial services and then pay a tax rate based on that.

Councilmember Raben: While we're on that point, because I'm not real clear how we arrive at those fees that would be paid, as an example, I live in German Township, I would be general services.

Phil Fisher: That's right.

Councilmember Raben: Under our current state statute in regards to how we assess properties by township, how does all this change? What would reduce German's taxes since we're not receiving the full services of city residents?

Phil Fisher: You're paying county taxes as well as township taxes. And you're receiving county services, county roads for example, sheriff's protection, you would continue to pay those taxes. The township levies would remain the same, the townships would continue to offer volunteer fire services and whatever services the townships are providing now and the city of Darmstadt would continue to provide those services. Now a provision is made for existing incorporated villages that they cannot be included in a partial service district or a full service district without a referendum for those citizens. So that's one exception.

Councilmember Raben: Do we really have any of those outside of Darmstadt?

Phil Fisher: No, Darmstadt is the only one.

Councilmember Sutton: On that taxation issue, and really, kind of along the lines of Councilman Raben's points, Pigeon Township has the highest tax rate of any township in the county and that township also has our downtown areas that we are intending to spur development, it also has maybe some of our most distressed neighborhoods, I guess in the scheme of all this, has there been some discussions and some thought in how that tax burden, in order to spur development in maybe some of the more central, core areas and to reduce that burden, spread out that burden a little bit further across several districts can be addressed, because as it stands right now, with that tax rate being so high, its really more of a disincentive to develop in those areas.

Phil Fisher: Well, that's where I live, so yes, I understand the problem. This proposal initially would not change that. But it would give the Council to powers to make those kinds of changes. I mean, one of the key features of this is that it gives the Council the power to make changes in local government that are not prohibited by the state constitution. So if that was done, it would not be through the action of this proposal, but rather through the action of the new council.

Councilmember Sutton: You obviously had a chance to visit some other cities. What were, as a team, what cities did you guys have an opportunity to visit?

Phil Fisher: Well, we visited of course, Nashville, and of course, we also had interviews with city and former city officials from Indianapolis and Louisville. We also studied documents from Lexington, Kansas City, Kansas, which, next to Louisville, was the most recent place to unify.

Councilmember Sutton: The Nashville model that you had to visit, heard many positive comments about how well they're doing in Nashville, maybe not to take the conversation in a different direction, but I guess with their elections down there, they

have non-partisan elections, what thought or consideration did you guys take away from that discussion in the whole discourse of looking at how we would structure things here?

Phil Fisher: A couple of things that came up in our public hearings were non-partisan elections and city manager forms of government. The committee decided to stay with the mayor executive form of government, mayor manager form of government and partisan, in part because we think, to some extent, non-partisanship is a facade. Those people who are elected on non-partisan ballots are really republicans and democrats and when they get together, they get together as republicans and democrats, and so actually the people have less information in a way when they vote. Secondly, and we wanted to have a mayor who was both an administrative and a political leader because we think that's important in the city's influence on a state-wide basis. We don't think a non-partisan Mayor or a Mayor that has a city manager who then is a non-political appointment but has as much power, that we wanted a strong political leader because we thought that would provide more influence for the city both in economic development efforts and at the state level.

Councilmember Sutton: One other area that I know I've heard some comments about and discussions especially from the county perspective, many people assume that the city model under the unification, you just kind of folded over what the existing county services. The county has a number of different responsibilities, a number of different areas, under this top executive, this Mayor of this proposed format, are there some other individuals or positions that would then be responsible for some of these areas because when you look at just the scope and degree of what the County Commissioners, their responsibility and even the Council, just layering on and just kind of erasing titles and names, it goes a little deeper than that, so if you could maybe explain how that consideration –

Phil Fisher: Well, of course you know that the elected county officials would remain under this form of government and instead of relating to the Commissioners and the County Council, they would relate to the Mayor and to the new Metro Council. The proposal gives all of the fiscal powers of the two Councils to the new Council. It gives the legislative functions of the Commissioners and the City Council to the new Council and the executive powers of the current mayor and the executive powers of the Commissioners to the new Metro Mayor. So yes, in terms of the executive functions of the Commissioners, those would go to the Metro Mayor. In terms of the power to enact ordinances that the Commissioners now have, that would go to the new Council.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess my question is, under that Mayor, are there some Deputy Mayors or departmental executives or should I say division executives –

Phil Fisher: Well, it calls for a Deputy Mayor but beyond that, it would be up to the Mayor to offer a budget and an organization plan. And one of the things that we see, this providing is the flexibility to change as conditions change. Business organizations reorganize every four or five years or maybe more often in response to changing business conditions. City and county government in Indiana is not really permitted to do that and this proposal, if its successfully, if a referendum for this proposal is successfully enacted by the legislature and the people choose it, the new Council and the new Mayor will have the power to reorganize as conditions require it.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, first a couple of comments: the –

President Winnecke: Troy, can you hold your comment? We need to change the tape.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Tornatta: First off, one of the points that has been made is that we're giving too much power to the Council but I guess I just need a confirmation, pretty much right now, whether it's the City Council or Commissioners or County Council, we can make some of these same things happen but it would still be on two different planes.

Phil Fisher: That's right.

Councilmember Tornatta: Because that's been the big thing, why do we give this brand new Metro Council so much power, because they can go any direction. Right now, –

Phil Fisher: But they are responsible to the people and the people who are elected in Council districts are elected in much smaller Council districts than either the City or the County Council persons are now.

Councilmember Tornatta: And that's a fantastic point. Like us all, if we want to be elected, we serve the people to the best of our ability and try and represent. If our representation strays from what they see –

Phil Fisher: If people don't like it, they can make changes.

Councilmember Tornatta: They have the ability to do that. The second question or the one question I have is, is there a need for at-large members? We don't have an at-large congress, we don't have an at-large senate necessarily, even though we do have two senators in this area, why would we need an at-large person?

Phil Fisher: Well, that was something that was debated at some length in the committee that made the recommendation. And at, of course, if we eliminated at-large members, the districts could be even smaller than they are now for the same number of people, so that would be an advantage in putting it closer to the people. I think there are two reasons why the committee chose to retain at-large members. One is, the philosophy of at-large members is partly to give the executive leader an opportunity to have the majority. So the thought is, and it doesn't always happen, but it probably happens more often than not, than when a Mayor is elected, there will be some coattails, and the at-large members are the most likely to be in those coattails and that gives the Mayor a working majority. Its difficult for an executive leader to work with a majority legislative group of the other party. We've seen that at the national level and it just kind of creates a paralysis. The second reason, and I'm not sure how valid it is, but it was proposed by people, is that people elected from districts tend to focus on issues of importance to their district and the at-large Council members bring the whole county perspective since they represent the whole county. And so those are the two reasons why, in the final analysis, the committee recommended that there be at-large members.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and I think its good in point. I think on paper, whatever, in the reality, I think it doesn't hold as much weight. And I'm an at-large member, so obviously I'm speaking from a little experience, how I perceive in the

past. And I don't want to tie the other team's arm behind their back so we can have a fairer fight if he's a stronger person. And so I see – I kind of feel, let the chips fall where they may. If they have that opportunity, then the strong Mayor has the coattails. If they don't, then they don't have the coattails. I really think that this is something that should go to the people. I'm very happy to let them vote on this process from my point. If they vote it down, then once again, its voted down. If they vote it up, then we're going to have a brand new style of government in Vanderburgh County.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Just a couple of points. I have to disagree with you about the republican/democrat format as far as the at-large. I think that we are truly different than a national scope, because I believe we're mostly conservative moderates here and if you look at this body, it doesn't typically vote split votes regardless of party and I think the City Council does the same. That doesn't mean, that's just a small point.

Phil Fisher: You know, if I remember correctly, under the last Mayor, there was quite a bit of that. I mean, I could be wrong. I think there was. There may not be now.

Councilmember Goebel: Then I partially stand corrected. Has your organization taken any type of survey yet, or are you at liberty to let us know what the general feel of the county is or would you rather not disclose that?

Phil Fisher: The answer is that the committee has not had the kind of funds to do a survey and to my knowledge, no one else has done a survey yet. All we know is the feedback we got at the public meetings from the people who came out. And there were people on both sides. We feel that the larger number, particularly at our initial meeting which drew over 200 people was that some sort of change is needed. I don't think people have the sense of crisis that we have a dysfunctional or corrupt government, but I do think that a lot of people think we could have a better system.

Councilmember Goebel: Once again, I'd like to commend the group because this is something I believe that should also go, I believe, personally, should go to the general public and the people of Vanderburgh County, let them decide and even if it should not quite make it, I think maybe some changes that make government work better will be instituted, as you've said. So thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Dr. Fisher?

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben and then we'll come back around.

Councilmember Raben: Uh yes, Dr. Fisher, just a few questions. Looking at the makeup of the city and county today, if you drew a circle around the city, the actual city and then the physical county, of the twelve member Council and the three at-large, what percentage would actually come out of the city?

Phil Fisher: Well, there are 120,000 city members, residents of the city, and roughly 50,000 in the county. With districts of 14,000, I would expect that probably four districts would be all or primarily outside of the current city limits and eight would be within the city, eight or nine.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, because that's huge concern of mine and a lot of my constituents is they view consolidation as losing their representation and, in fact, it

sounds like they are. But the numbers cast are going to be much greater –

Phil Fisher: But right now most of the Council districts include part of the city. The County Commissioners are voted on by city residents as well as county residents, many more votes in the city than in the county. At-large Councilmembers are elected by the whole county as they would be in the new, so I don't really think that's going to be the case. And, in fact, the current system does not guarantee that the county will have representatives who live in the county at all. I mean, it works out that way.

Councilmember Raben: I would differ with that because I think, in fact, if you look at the makeup of this County Council, I think each and every one of the seven of us represent both city and county people. So the county does have seven representatives from this Council. And I guess why this is important to me is, county residents, you know, there's projects on the table that they hold near and dear to their heart, one being Eickhoff-Koressel.

Phil Fisher: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: You know, we're finally moving along on the second phase. How important will that be to a Metro Mayor? I don't know. He's going to have other projects –

Phil Fisher: Well, he will be responsible for that. He'll be responsible for the whole county the way the Commissioners are today.

Councilmember Raben: Another question, which my colleague, Mr. Goebel, had brought this up a moment ago to me, German Township water as you're aware of, our rate is probably double or triple or maybe more than what the rate is for the city. Would that change?

Phil Fisher: The Council could change that and I would think the way this is – now that's not a tax, that's a fee based service. Right now, the City Council doesn't have an obligation – isn't under any kind of political pressure to change that. I mean, the residents of German Township do not elect City Council members and they do not elect the Mayor. But under unified government, German Township votes are going to be important to the Council, to some Councilmembers including the at-large members and to the Mayor. And I would expect that that would change.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: There was another question I had for you, Dr. Fisher, the committee as its structured, you guys have done a fantastic job of laying out the foundation, doing a little research, meeting in the public forums, and really structuring all of this together, one of the questions I know I have consistently had about how this will proceed, and that is, who is going to be a group, is it the committee that is going to actually market and promote this particular initiative? Primarily I ask that because reflecting back on prior community-wide ballots or initiative type of items, referendums, whatever you want to call it, they have really struggled to get a groundswell of support behind them and it may be a good idea, could be a good positive thing, but frankly, what this brings, this unification proposal brings, there's a lot of discussion among the public bodies, a lot of articles in the newspaper, but the common guy on the street isn't really talking about this.

Phil Fisher: And I think a lot of people don't understand it and that, I think was pretty

clear at the last round of public meetings. You know, people had opinions one way or another, but a lot of the people really didn't understand the proposal. I think there is a big job. I asked Mr. Dunn if he wanted to come up and answer this but since he pointed at me, I'll answer it. Those of us who have been working on this are in the process of setting up a non-profit corporation as an advocacy group and we have a number of people who have agreed to serve. We're continuing to contact people and probably within a month, that organization will be founded. I think that it is the intent of the committee at the last meeting to dissolve upon the presentation of this report to the City Council and the County Commissioners, which will take place the 15th and 16th of this month and then the committee will go out of existence. But it will be replaced by a much larger board of directors of a non-profit corporation that will act as an advocacy group to one, see if we can get the referendum approved by the legislature. And two, if that's done, then to have a successful referendum. And, of course, that group is going to have to raise the same amount of money that you would have in a political campaign in Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, history will say that this community is batting about oh, 50, about 500 on the last four initiatives that have been community-wide things when you go back to VandiGov, the unification of the schools, riverboat gaming and then the school tax. If we look at those, two of those were successful, two were not.

Phil Fisher: Well, there is a website that has records on about 90 unification referendums and I think 28 have been successful, so probably the batting average isn't that good. But if you believe in it, there isn't any reason not to go forward.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I'm not trying to throw a wet blanket necessarily on the fire and enthusiasm that this committee obviously has, but I guess from looking at what the community, just the regular guy that may read the paper from time to time, may see the news, that's the key guy that you guys, this committee or the marketing group is going to really have to do a great job in getting to.

Phil Fisher: Two things. One, is over the long run, these communities, if they're structured like Nashville and not Indianapolis, where the Council has real powers to make for the consolidations of services, they save money. They may save a little money up front, but over the years they get farther and farther ahead. The second thing is, jobs for our children and our grandchildren here. One of the things that we constantly hear about is brain drain and that the young people of Evansville are leaving and going someplace else, which is true. In the city limits of Evansville, Evansville had a population of 140,000 in 1960. Now its 120,000. Vanderburgh County is growing, grew through the 90's, because of I guess low interest rates and the opportunity for people to build and I don't think they're building to escape taxes, I think they're building for quality of life issues that have more to do with space available. And the fact that new homes are being built outside the city limits. The county has grown a little during the 90's, but from 1970 to 1990, the county lost population. And the motivation for this really was the stagnant growth of jobs. If it had not been for Toyota in the 90's, even though it was a time of prosperity, Vanderburgh County would have lost jobs.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think this Council is very interested in what has gone on through the unification study and I think it deserves, this whole proposal deserves, at least, from our standpoint, to receive support to continue to move forward so that the community can have an opportunity to express their views and to ultimately express their views in the form of a vote whether its something that is good for Vanderburgh County or not. And I don't think we should place ourselves in a position of necessarily standing in the way of making that happen.

Phil Fisher: Thank you. I want to say one thing on behalf of the committee, we interviewed over 60 people, officeholders and department heads, in local government, and some of them more than once, but there were over 100 interviews and also state representatives and state senators, we received nothing but cordial cooperation and they were invaluable sources of information and to someone who did not know much about local government starting out, I became convinced that most of the people in our government are conscientious, capable public servants who really want to do a good job.

President Winnecke: Thank you. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just one last comment and, again, this is may be my view and some that I've heard from others, but what I think is most important here is that the people need to realize that there is a genuine savings and I've not been, its not been explained to me what those savings, if any, are. But at the end of the day, if this marriage happens, and the combined total of tax dollars collected and spent are not less than what they currently are for both city and county, I think a lot of the residents are going to say that, you know, this veil was way too thin and we see right through it. And I think some, you know, what my people tell me is they would rather see more efforts put in to getting a handle on the school corporation, the library board, the things like that that have a great impact on their property taxes, particularly the library board where, you know, they're not accountable for what they do in regards to our budget, the city's budget and the tax dollars.

Phil Fisher: Who appoints the library board?

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me?

Phil Fisher: Who appoints the library board?

Councilmember Raben: Well, its appointed by the Mayor, the County Commission, City Council...I don't –

Phil Fisher: Well, I think there is accountability.

Councilmember Raben: No, there's not because they're not elected bodies.

Phil Fisher: But they are appointed by elected officials.

Councilmember Raben: I understand that but they're not elected and, again, I guess what I'm asking, is there any consideration as to what can be done to fix that problem?

Phil Fisher: Well, as you might suspect, the Taxpayers Association weighed in on this, too. The Council has the power to make any changes in local government that are not prohibited by the Constitution. So the Council could bring those boards which are not Constitutionally independent under their control and, frankly, the committee probably would have attempted to make Constitutional changes, but its just too difficult. This kind of reform is difficult enough as it is without making Constitutional changes. The Council would have the power, if this is passed in the form that is being presented, to make changes not prohibited by the Constitution to bring things under control.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and I guess back to the actual genuine savings, I'm sure its been discussed, is there a number that they're ready to throw out there

today?

Phil Fisher: No, there's no way to estimate this because the savings would be realized by actions of the new executive head of the new Council.

Councilmember Raben: And I think that's important as you go out and sell this to the public. They're going to want factual numbers and they're going to want to realize if it costs them more or if it costs them less. And I would hope that if you go through this exercise, there's a huge savings to the taxpayer.

Phil Fisher: The services that are being provided now will be continued to be provided. It can be done in a more efficient way, but I don't think, initially, you're going to see huge savings. I think what happens is that over time, these unified governments are able to make changes that continue to drive costs down compared to other similar cities. That has not been true in the case of Indianapolis, which is why Mayor Peterson has had his Indy Works proposal at the last session of the legislature. He wanted the power to do some of the things that this new Council and new Mayor would be able to do.

President Winnecke: Okay, any other questions or discussion? Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I'd just like someone to restate what it is you want us to support because I think I've lost that through this whole thing.

Phil Fisher: I think what we were asking our political leaders is to support a referendum to ask that the people be given the opportunity to decide on this proposal.

Councilmember Abell: So you're just asking us to support a referendum, not whether we support the thought of the unification?

Phil Fisher: That's correct.

Councilmember Raben: We're being asked to do that today?

Phil Fisher: You're being asked, but that's up to you whether you do it today or later or never.

Councilmember Raben: I would feel more comfortable if we had some time to consider this –

President Winnecke: That's fine and in all candor, I did not communicate –

Phil Fisher: We really did not expect that you would act on it today.

President Winnecke: I mean, you've heard from several individual Councilmembers that say they support a referendum. I think its fair to give everyone a chance to digest what they've heard today and, I mean, I think its fair that this body takes an official position and we can do that maybe at our next meeting. In the meantime, again, thank you for your efforts, thank you for your time today. I think its been a very healthy discussion and hopefully it will be one, in my opinion, that will help move our community forward.

Phil Fisher: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

COURT SECURITY

President Winnecke: We have one last piece of new business. Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I think that my fellow Councilmen are aware that I have been pursuing the possibility of having a private security company do the security in the building, this building and the courts building. I wasn't in a position to share this with you since we are televised, because I hadn't gotten all the bids in yet and it would have been unfair to those people who had already put in bids and the others hadn't as of last week. However, now I have received proposals from four different companies and all of the proposals appear to be that a person, that if you were considering just one individual employee to do this job, would be paid approximately \$30,000 from our funds. The taxes, the benefits, everything else would be the responsibility of the company that hires that person. As of now, if we use a Deputy Sheriff, their starting salary is about \$38,000 with benefits, we're looking at around \$50,000. So you're looking at about an almost \$20,000 per individual savings by going with an independent company as opposed to using Deputy Sheriff's for all of these positions. Now I have talked to some of you and I have likened this of having a Deputy Sheriff sit behind the xray machine to having an OB/GYN run a nursery school. We are really over killing this whole project by having Deputy Sheriffs doing the work that someone who is not licensed to carry a gun and not a Deputy Sheriff doing. With that said, since actually pursuing this is not my job, my job is to okay and turn down budget requests, I have called Suzanne Crouch and discussed it with her. She said that it is her recommendation that I turn it all over to David Rector because it is the Building Authority's responsibility to provide the services in this building. And with that thought in mind, I am going to give these proposals to Mr. Rector and ask him to pursue the possibility of doing this. I know that there are some Sheriff's Deputies that are currently working court security. I'm sure they could be reassigned. We're looking at needing more Deputies for transportation of prisoners when we open our new jail and this would certainly be a way to fill those positions that are going to become available without putting on new people and also reducing, drastically reducing the cost of security in the two buildings. So I wanted all of you to know where I was on this. I'm turning it over to Mr. Rector and I think from that point he will be approaching us with his proposal on budgets.

President Winnecke: Any questions or discussion? I think that's a prudent course of action and thank you for your efforts on that. Having no other business before us I will consider a motion –

MEMO REGARDING PERSONNEL POLICY

Councilmember Sutton: Whoa – there was one other item.

President Winnecke: There was another item. Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Just here within the last week, a memo went out to all of the county employees indicating that all county employees would fall under the personnel handbook. That particular memo that went out will have an impact upon several different offices that don't necessarily fit right within the county's handbook for a variety of different things. There is a fiscal impact that this county will feel as a result of that. Some individuals may actually lose vacation time, personal days and things like that as a result of that because of previous agreements and the way

we've structured our policy before. I really think we need to reopen that and revisit that situation and find out what that fiscal impact is going to be because the memo went out but there's nothing here – this Council wasn't in any way involved with that and the Job Study hasn't really been involved with that as well, and I think if we're going to look at a proposal like that, those two entities definitely need to be involved and some way or another taking a look at what that's going to – what that impact is going to be. And I can think of at least two different departments where this proposal would clearly impact them more heavily: the courts, the Sheriff's department, both would be impacted in a great way. I think when you go back and revisit that, especially as we're getting ready to enter into budgets, it will impact what, how we put certain things in certain lines and how we do a number of different things on the Council side. So if you guys haven't seen a copy of that memo or aren't familiar with it, I'd be more than happy to share that with you. But if we can, during budget time, go back and revisit that and take a look at that before we begin to make a number of adjustments in departments.

President Winnecke: Okay, good point. Any other questions or discussion? Now I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion to adjourn.

President Winnecke: So moved.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 9, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 9th day of August, 2005 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the opening session of the 2005 Vanderburgh County budget hearings. We'll begin with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

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

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Winnecke: Okay, today we'll review 21 different departmental budgets that comprise the entire Vanderburgh County budget. Today we have both small budgets and large budgets to review. Our objective is to consider each of the requests before us over the next three days before deciding the county's spending priorities for 2006. We have about \$62.3 million in General Fund requests before us. In order to remain under the state's maximum levy, Council will need to trim at least \$7 million. I would ask each office holder or department head to begin their budget presentations with their 2000 level accounts, unless you are requesting additional personnel, or if there is a personnel issue that you would like to speak specifically about, in which case you may start there. I'll open the floor to Council questions or discussion upon the completion of each presentation. No voting will occur today. Just as a reminder, we'll begin that process two weeks from today. Having said that, we'll begin with Weights and Measures which is on page 84 of your budget book.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

President Winnecke: Good morning, Loretta.

Loretta Townsend: Good morning. Well–

President Winnecke: You may begin.

Loretta Townsend: Hopefully, you all have looked over what I've submitted. I know you're going to cut something, my only request, and I told Jim beforehand, please ask before you do, because we better know where we can afford it, than what you guys do. I mean, last year it didn't happen like that, but I know you have to from

everybody in order to take a big hunk out of maybe three or four budgets. So, everybody's going to have to give a little, but please ask us where we can most afford it. I'll cut right to the chase, one thing that you see that's zeroed out, which is Radio/Pagers, that's because we switched to Communications which has our Internet, plus we went to cell phones which is 200 percent better. This way we don't have to track down a pay phone or something like that in order to find out what's going on if someone pages us. We found it's actually a little bit cheaper. So, that's the reason for that one, although I was told I should have left that money in there, then we would have something to play with, but I try to play fair with you, and I hope that in return you guys will do the same. Okay? The other thing, our rent went up \$50 for the next year which I don't think is too bad. It's still the cheapest rent that anybody has in the city or county. The third thing is the vehicle. That's going to come up over and over again. As you know we put in to get it out of this year's. The last time I talked to him was, I guess was like, at Kenny Kent, they have what we need. There is nothing in that vehicle that you could call extras. It's exactly what we need. They had four. None of them were here, I think one was in Alabama, one was in Memphis, this price will only hold as long as there's one available. Now, he made the offer to trade out, whatever that means, I guess trade them something for whatever, for the truck that they have at one of these locations to get it up here, on the lot, so that we would have it in case you all let us, you know, purchase it. That was a week ago. I haven't contacted the man since then, because I really didn't know what to tell him. Now, it's in this budget for next year. Now, the one's we're talking about is 2005, when the four are gone, they will become 2006, and I don't think the price will remain. I'm positive that it won't. I've talked to them at the city, finally, as I told Lloyd yesterday, she finally called, and the best they could do was make us an offer of a used vehicle. Now, they didn't even say it was a truck that the Mayor has. Now, I'm going to take a minute and I'm going to tell you about what we have gotten before. You don't get anything from another department that is of any use of all, or they're not going to give it up. We've had four of them. The first one had no brakes on it. We put brakes on it, then that was from the City Engineer. We put brakes on it then they wanted it back. We gave it back to them, but we removed the seats out of it. Hey, I mean, you know, what's fair is fair. The second one we had to call Mike's Towing to get it off the lot. The third one had no floorboard up front by the driver. The other one, the power steering locked up on the Lloyd Expressway. We don't want anymore hand me downs. We've got to have the kind of truck that we've asked for. Now, if it's this year, or next year, I mean, the portion is 45/55, which I think is something like \$11,000, they spent more than that putting a fence up around at Thunder on the Ohio. If this truck dies on the street, gas checking is over with. We can't do it.

President Winnecke: Okay. Any other budget issues, line items that you would like to speak to, Loretta, this morning?

Loretta Townsend: No, because that's our most important one.

President Winnecke: Okay. Any questions or discussions from members of Council? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Mrs. Townsend, if that new vehicle would take place, would your Vehicle Repair, line item 3580, could that be cut back? Or do you have other places for that?

Loretta Townsend: Well, we've got the other two. We've got that Ford that would probably eat half of that up.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay.

Loretta Townsend: Because we've had trouble with the Ford. The doors won't lock, the windows won't go up and down. The antifreeze comes back, the fumes from the antifreeze, and they can't figure out what's wrong with it over at Meunsterman's. Then we have the GMC. You could cut it back some, but keep in mind we still have the two other vehicles. We do use them. I mean, they are used with, oh, we've got almost two tons of weights, and this type of thing that, they're used. They get, they're used hard, but we can't help it.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Printing, 3410.

Loretta Townsend: Yeah, okay, on Printing, I wished you would leave that alone, because it looks like we've taken nothing out, but it's because of the timing. It's always like that every year. We have to order our stuff for 2006, and usually we don't order that until at least the last of September or the first of October, which will take a pretty good bite out of that. But, it looks like we haven't spent anything, it's because of the time. I mean, this is August, you know, we don't want to go out and spend it just so it will look good for you guys, and then come up short when we have to pay for our inspection books, and our 2006 stickers, and our red tags, and this type of thing. So, that Printing really, it should not be touched.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Loretta, what is the term on your lease agreement in your present space?

Loretta Townsend: Once a year.

Councilmember Sutton: So, it's every year?

Loretta Townsend: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: I know that we really haven't seen a lot of increases on there, but it's just been some smaller increases just kind of gradually over time, they've been (Inaudible).

Loretta Townsend: I think last year it remained the same.

Councilmember Sutton: Uh-huh.

Loretta Townsend: Last year, I believe, if I remember, it remained the same. It went up \$50 for 12 months. I mean, you know, I mean, that's not too bad. That's like four bucks a month, you know. A little over four bucks a month.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Loretta Townsend: It's where we belong. We have, the people have access to us, and you would be surprised how many scales are carried in to our office, which keeps us from having to get out and track them down everywhere. We have security

for our vehicles. We do need that, because the equipment in them, well, in the gas truck, we don't want anybody messing with that anyway, because they could blow themselves up.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess my concern was a year to year lease like that. I mean, it's been a pretty good space for you guys, and you've gotten accustomed to it, and with the parking arrangements, that's worked out well. Just wouldn't want to put us in a situation where, if there were some changes there, that we wouldn't have another option or a place to go. So, I don't know if we might want to think about maybe more than a year to year, maybe going a little bit longer.

Loretta Townsend: They wanted to.

Councilmember Sutton: So we could hold the price a little bit.

Loretta Townsend: I think we would be a lot better off. They at one time wanted to. I don't know how the rest of them lease over there, whether they lease by the year, or five years, three years, or what. I really don't know. I do know that we don't discuss our rent with the rest of them. Because we pretty well got the better of the deal. I mean, you've got to look at that. There's nothing available that you guys pay at all that is that cheap. But, he knows he's going to get his money from us. We don't actually, believe it or not, cause him any problems over there anyway. I wish we could go farther than that, but then you've got the Commissioners who have to sign the contract.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Loretta Townsend: So, that would be the place to start. I understand maybe that Bill Nix is the one who handles their contracts. I don't know for the Commissioners. It's all a new ball game as to who takes care of what over there, but I would like to so that we don't have to go through this every year with them, you know.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Loretta, I did talk to Phil Lawrence in Purchasing about your truck.

Loretta Townsend: He never did call me back at to this day. I had called him the day after we left here about it, and he's never returned my phone call.

Councilmember Abell: Well, that's neither here nor there. That's not the story I got, but that's okay. But, he can't, you need to go through him for your negotiations on your truck, because he can get, if Kenny Kent is who you're going to, they will probably agree to the QPA price that the state has negotiated, even without going through the QPA process in Indianapolis. He's been successful in doing that with other vehicles here in town. You would still get the vehicle you want, it's just a matter of having him do the negotiations on it.

Loretta Townsend: I would try, but honest to God, Marsha, he has not called me back. I've left...he wasn't there to begin with, then I called and left it on his voice mail, and that was the same day that you suggested, which was fine with me, I don't care where, you know, how do we get....he has not called me back as of right this minute.

Councilmember Abell: Well, you might want to try to give him a call.

Loretta Townsend: I'll try.

Councilmember Abell: Because QPA's are negotiated to save counties money by the state, and dealers who agree to fall under the QPA are interested in continuing that. So, I think he could be able to save us some money, if you would just call him—

Loretta Townsend: That's fine. That's, I mean—

Councilmember Abell: —and tell him which truck that you've looked at, tell him where you've looked at it, and then let him get a hold of them and work that out.

Loretta Townsend: I think that would be great, because what my concern is, what happens if the four are gone? I know it's a used car salesman, or not a used car salesman, a car salesman, I've heard all the tales, but I've dealt with them, but I do believe the man is honest with the four 2005's. We don't care if it's a 2005 or a 2006, we just prefer it be a 2005, that will serve our purpose. So, that was my concern is the timing in it. But, if he doesn't call me back, can I call you and have you have him call me? He might work it like that.

Councilmember Abell: Yeah, you can do that.

Loretta Townsend: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion? Loretta, thank you very much. Appreciate it.

COUNTY CLERK

President Winnecke: Next, County Clerk, page one in our budget books.

Susan Kirk: Susan Kirk, County Clerk.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Susie.

Susan Kirk: You know, Curt's got a pretty nice truck. Curt Wortman, you might....oh, okay. So, do you want me to go through this and bore everyone?

President Winnecke: Yes, please, starting with your 2000, specifically the line items that are different or an increase from the previous year, I think are the items that Councilmembers have the most curiosity about.

Susan Kirk: Okay, for the, well, really, I didn't, I really didn't increase hardly anything except out at Kinder. Obviously, that's, let's see here, that's line item 3603. Even though we are going to go through the destruction of records, so forth and so on, we still are going to have more records. No matter what you get rid of, it just keeps becoming more and more and more. I just feel like we're going to end up needing that money in that line item. So, I did increase that by \$5,000. Otherwise, I'm pretty well the same.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion for the County Clerk? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Susie, back on line item 1990, Extra Help, can you talk about that a little bit?

Susan Kirk: Yes. I would, and Marsha can attest to this also, Misdemeanor and Traffic is just a nightmare down there. They have no room, the workload has increased, oh, every year. I would love to ask for another full time employee, but because there's no space, there would be no place for them to sit, I thought it would be better maybe to ask for some part time help at least to file the shucks back. Get them out and file them back. That helps the girls, we took some money out of the a couple of different salaries and put it into part time help. It did help them down there to have someone at least file, to free up their time where they can do, you know, the entry, go to court, do their other duties. So, I put the \$10,000 in there in hopes that, I know you guys don't like to do part time help, but we need it so desperately down there. Like I said, I hope you'll pass that, because it's a cheap way to at least help them out, because they are standing up. They'll be filing, so they don't have a place to sit, because there's not room for anybody else to sit down there.

Councilmember Sutton: The Office Supplies, I see a slight increase, a \$10,000 increase there. You've spent almost \$27,000, I guess through June 30th here, talk a little bit about that. Are you expecting, what's the, what are you anticipating?

Susan Kirk: Okay, already the, we've got Superior, Circuit, and the Clerk are splitting the cost of a new printer. It's for our Jury View. The court system, the judges also in Superior and Circuit will be using that for their summons, to actually ask, you know, the people to come in and be on the jury. So, you take toner cartridges for that's around \$250, so, that's going to be an increase in supplies for us just to keep that printer up and running for our Jury View. We're just going to go ahead and absorb the cost, basically, from Circuit and Superior for their summons, of which now they do, I don't know where they do it at, but this printer will be connected to them, and they'll be able to get, it's all going to be done a lot quicker, it's just that it's going to cost a little bit more for the toner.

President Winnecke: Other questions for the Clerk? Okay, let's move on to Clerk IV-D, which is on page six of your budget books.

CLERK IV-D

Susan Kirk: Okay, we're pretty well staying the same there. I know that, Teri, you had called about \$16,000, wasn't it you that e-mailed me about \$16,000 as far as, it's like when someone needs to pay their child support they get the little coupon book, and people aren't paying that. Then they're not paying their \$20 fee, you said it was like \$16,000. I do want to address that while I'm here. I've got my girls working on that, trying to collect it to help the IV-D money. We're going to talk to the judges and see if we can't, you know, get some of that, but the state now, we have ISETS, and they are continually taking more away from us, not less work, particularly, but money. We get the incentive funds, of which you'll notice when we had to do the revenue coming in, that's going to really drop, because the state will be taking that money instead of us getting it. So, I left, I noticed a couple of years here they really didn't spend quite that much, but I have a feeling we will, because the state, like I said, is going to be decreasing our incentive money, which helps with supplies and different things over there. But, we are going to try and collect that \$16,000 ourselves, at no cost to the county. Now, I noticed the Election Office wasn't listed on here. Do I have to come back for that? Or can I do that now?

President Winnecke: No, it's next.

Susan Kirk: Okay.

President Winnecke: Any other questions of the Clerk for IV-D?

Councilmember Abell: Susie, on 2600, Office Supplies, are you planning, are you buying a new machine with that \$45,000?

Susan Kirk: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Abell: On—

Susan Kirk: On what machines?

Councilmember Abell: On page six, 2600, Office Supplies, requested \$45,000, are you buying a new machine?

Susan Kirk: Are we buying a new machine?

Councilmember Abell: Or a printer or something?

Susan Kirk: No. What we're going to have to be purchasing, the IRS came down along with the State Board of Accounts, and they have a lot of new rules now that are going to be almost impossible to follow. We do have to purchase some new security for that office.

Councilmember Abell: Okay.

Susan Kirk: So, cabinets, different things like that, that we have to have like two locks, and all kinds of things now. It's very secure, or going to be very secure.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Okay we move on to the Election Office, page 67.

Councilmember Sutton: One more thing just real quick.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: Before we get away from IV-D. In terms of revenue on IV-D, it's a one third split, right, for you guys?

Susan Kirk: I don't know, Royce. I don't know the exact split. Do you, Marsha? Do you remember what it is?

Councilmember Abell: It's two different accounts.

Susan Kirk: Right. What's happening, Royce, is that normally if you do child support you can pay it, come to the office, go to the bank, you can do it electronically, well, the state now wants almost everything sent to them first, then they send it to us. Because, in other words, like say you owned a business and you've got 50 employees, and you've got two people there that pay child support, it's mandated that they have to send that to the state. So, they send it to the state, then the state sends us a report. Instead of going the opposite direction, or the direction we used

to, now it just goes backwards. The state, now that they are doing that it's going to take more of our incentive money.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm just trying to get a sense of how much you're working with on that incentive fund.

Susan Kirk: How much do we work with it?

Councilmember Sutton: No, how much do you have? How much is it generating?

Susan Kirk: Oh, let's see, Sandie, do you remember what I put down there? Was it \$300,000, something like that. I think it was around \$300,000, I think. I projected the next couple of years, probably, we will be down, I think I cut it almost in half within the next couple of years. We'll be lucky if we're getting half.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Any other questions before we move on to the Election Office? Okay, page 67.

ELECTION OFFICE

Susan Kirk: It's pretty well the same. I just, I decreased election assistants down from, well, what was expended, actually \$50,000 down to \$45,000. I don't know what this election's going to be like. You're not sure if people enjoyed voting so much last year, that they're all going to come back because it was a wonderful experience, or if it's going to go back to the old ways where, you know, this will be our lowest voter turn out in an election. We're not too sure, but I'm banking on maybe a little bit lower. Let's see, absentee teams, I did raise that some, because I feel like that's going to be more of a trend now. They're making it so easy for people to get absentee ballots, word has spread, and I feel like that we're going to, that's where we're going to have the bulk of our work is going to be of the absentee teams that actually go out to the homes and vote people. All the rest of them pretty well stayed the same, except Assistant Canvassing Board, I would like election evening to have a few more people on hand for processing. So, to make that maybe a little bit speedier, because, obviously, we can't count on ES&S to have too many people. Then, the inspectors, judges, clerks, attorney, that all stays the same. Precinct meals, same. Election Board meals, I put \$650, I guess, is that for them to eat election day? Okay, I don't think we'll even use all of that. Office Supplies, keep that about the same. When you get down to Travel/Mileage, obviously that has to be a little bit more, because I anticipate absentee teams out and about a little bit more there. Postage/Freight, I went ahead and put that at \$40,000, they spent \$23,000. I don't know why it was \$37,000--

Councilmember Raben: You're a line up. You're a line too high.

Susan Kirk: I'm too high? Oh, I am too high. Good. Okay, I left that about the same. Mileage, like I said, I increased that a little bit. Printing, going to keep it right there. I've got a call into Rob McGinnis with ES&S, he's coming down this Friday, I want to try to redo that contract, just tweak it a little bit with ES&S, because they do the precinct kits, and I think we can do our printing a little bit cheaper here. So, we're going to go over that, the contract, and see if there's anyway that we can maybe, like I said, tweak that. Legal Advertising, I upped that, and I don't even know if that's going to be enough, because we have to print all the candidates in the

paper, and this is the largest ballot with the most candidates, and as you well know it costs quite a bit of money to advertise that in the newspaper. We have to list all of the candidates. So, like I said, we may not even make it with that. Equipment Repair, I don't think we have that much to repair over there, so I lowered that one. Contractual Services, I left that just about the same. Repairs to Building and Grounds, I put \$2,000 in there, which it won't cost that much, but we want to remove the wall that is around the supervisors desk, because the supervisor wants to be able to see and hear everything that's going on, and not have that barrier. So, I don't know how much it costs to take that down, but we want to do that. Then they're also talking about, the Commissioners, like buying 23 more machines, which means, I don't know where we're going to put them exactly, but there will have to be something built to store those machines. So, that's why I've got \$2,000 there. Let's see here, Equipment Lease and Rental, that's the copier. Office Furniture, you just never know, that's not much, but a filing cabinet maybe. So, that's pretty well it.

President Winnecke: I had a couple of questions. If you could chat about line 2700, Other Supplies. What falls into that category, Susie?

Susan Kirk: Other Supplies are things other than pens, pencils, you know, the regular little office supplies. It could be like, usually like, say if we needed a maybe a fax machine, or maybe you needed a chair, or something like that. It's just one of those little, we've always had it in Voter Registration, it was just kind of little oddball things that didn't seem to fall under the regular little pens and paper type thing, that's what I took it out of.

President Winnecke: Then, could you speak to line 3530, specifically what is Contractual Services? Is that our arrangement with ES&S?

Susan Kirk: Contractual Services, which one is it, is that ES&S, too? So, we're paying them double?

Councilmember Abell: Well, you're not paying them double. Part of it, we had to separate part of ES&S's expense because the state would only reimburse us for certain things. Some things they wouldn't reimburse us for. Contractual Services, \$10,000 is for the support that night that is not included in the state's reimbursement.

Susan Kirk: What about Kinder, where does that come out of? When they deliver the machines, which one is that?

Councilmember Abell: That's probably, that may be under that, too. I don't know where that was.

Susan Kirk: Well, you only spent \$8,000--

Councilmember Abell: (Inaudible) paid that.

Susan Kirk: The Commissioners? Oh, cool, that's good. That's even better.

President Winnecke: That might, I would be kind of curious to know specifically what falls under that.

Susan Kirk: We'll go back and look up some of the old bills and see what was taken out of....I just know, Lloyd, that that's what, you know, I did in Voter Registration when it didn't--

President Winnecke: Right.

Susan Kirk: –honestly fall into the, like I said, pens and paper type thing.

President Winnecke: Other questions or comments? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: One question, 3570, Janitorial Services, what is that for?

Susan Kirk: We have to pay, election day, you get your choice, we'll either pay you \$50 to rent your building, or you get a janitorial fee. Plus, the School Corporation, the janitorial fee, normally, say it was a church, it would be \$15, but the School Corporation you have to actually pay those janitors what they make per hour. So, that's why that's in there. I mean, we have to have that. There's no cutting, and I'm like, I would like to know if you're going to be cutting something, I need to know what it is. Let me make the decisions if there's anywhere we could possibly cut.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I just have one comment. I think this precinct is a part of the state's agreement with them, and you may have to keep those for the three years that they reimburse us. We entered into an agreement where we got certain printing and things included with the purchase, so that we could get the state to pay for it, rather than us have to buy it separate later. You might want to check that contract for that.

Susan Kirk: We have, and I know that we are one of like four counties that really got a lot from ES&S. I talked to Rob and he seems to think that we can get our own. They are state forms, so, we can get our state forms, and I think he may give right there. I'm going to see about some of his voter outreach, some of that kind of money, and see if we can't get that down just a little bit. If we can, if the Commissioners want to buy some more machines, maybe we can use some of that. But, because my Chief Deputy and I will be very hands on, very hands on with the election process. So, anywhere we can cut, we're going to try to cut to help us out a little bit.

President Winnecke: Other questions or comments? Thank you, Susie.

Susan Kirk: You're welcome.

President Winnecke: See you in a couple of weeks.

Susan Kirk: Curt, she's waiting for the truck, I think.

SUPERIOR COURT

President Winnecke: Before we begin with Superior Court, I would like to briefly outline one line item that is new to the courts budget, and as Judge Dietsch and I have spoken, we're not quite clear legally if it can be in there, and I'm going to ask Mr. Ahlers to research whether it can be in the courts budget or in the Commissioners budget, where it has historically been. That's line item 3050--

Councilmember Abell: What page?

President Winnecke: –on page 105, Patient/Inmate Care, it's in there for \$1.7 million. This is for treatment of our county's or our community's juvenile offenders. As I said, historically this has been in the Commissioners budget, it has been moved to the courts budget this year after much discussion between various parties. Again, if we can research that to determine where the best place for that is legally, that would be great.

Terry Dietsch: I can get you started, Jeff.

President Winnecke: Judge Niemeier will offer more detail in just a bit, but there have been extensive discussions between Commission President Crouch, Judge Niemier, myself, and officials of the Youth Care Center. The YCC, as you may know, currently has a ten bed facility here in town, and oversees excellent programming for our community's juvenile offenders. However, the court is forced to send a lot of juveniles, in fact all female offenders outside of our county because of a lack of space. The point of the discussions between the county and the YCC have focused on a longer term commitment between the county and the Youth Care Center, with an expanded facility of 36 beds. There are certainly details still to be negotiated, and certainly definitive direction lies with this body because of our budget oversight. The judge can offer some insight of his own into the discussions that have been on-going, but I can tell you based on my understanding of the discussions, it appears that the arrangement may be either a savings to the count operationally, on an annual basis, or at worst, maybe a wash, and certainly a savings in terms of whether this county wanted to go forward and build it's own facility. I would say that a lot of attention has been focused in recent years on the jail and community corrections. Now we're talking about making a real firm commitment, a stronger commitment to addressing our juvenile offenders, an idea that I think has a positive, long term effect on the future population of our new jail. So, it will be a few minutes before we get to that, but I wanted to sort of tee that up before Judge Niemeier came up to speak. So, without further ado, Judge Dietsch.

Terry Dietsch: Okay, Mr. President, members of the Council. From a budgetary standpoint, the court has no objection to that transfer. I simply have a concern whether it's a proper item in the courts budget, as opposed to the Commissioners budget. But, we can find that out. Heeding your admonition about not discussing 100 accounts, I would like to call your attention to that particular 100 account. Then skip to the 2620, which is Office Supplies, and we have asked for an additional \$2,000. The reason for that is the cost of paper, and particularly the cost of toner keeps increasing. This is our best estimate of how much we would need in that particular account. 3050, Patient/Inmate Care, that's what has just been discussed. 3250, Law Books, we have entered into an agreement with West Publishing, whereby in effect we are getting a discount on some of our purchases on law books. In addition to that, we have been assured that a cost increase from year to year would not exceed, I think it's four percent. Now, we've encountered some problems this year that we're attempting to work out, but our best guess is that we're going to need that \$3,000 increase that we have requested for that particular account. Printing, we've asked for, that's 3410, we've asked for an additional \$1,000. That's really because of the juvenile order books. From time to time they have to be replaced, and they are very expensive. Equipment and Repair, 3520, we asked for an increase in that. That is mainly for the maintenance contracts on the courts recording equipment. We normally receive from the Council \$12,500 in that account. Last year, for whatever reason, well, because of the budget constraints, that was reduced to \$11,000, and we understood that, but we would like to have that set in at \$12,500, if that's possible. Understanding, again, that there are budget restraints.

3620, Copy Machine Lease, we have asked for an additional \$2,250. The reason for that is this, we were able to secure a copy machine for the new juvenile complex through the Building Authority. One year, without any maintenance costs. However, that year runs out in July of 2006. We're going to have to undertake that. So, the \$2,250 is for the last six months of 2006. Okay, oh, Continuing Education, if you will recall, 3730, if you will recall, last year you requested that the education funds, the funds appropriated for purposes of continuing education be consolidated into one account. We had no objection to that. In other words, we have training for probation officers, we have training for judges, we have training for magistrates, we used to keep those separate. You suggested we put them together, and that's fine, we did. Okay, we feel that an additional \$2,000 is going to be needed in that account for 2006 in order to take care of the educational requirements. 3932, CASA, we're asking for an additional \$5,000 in that account, even though there's a lot in that now. The reason for that is we have, in effect, received an unfunded mandate by way of legislation that requires a CASA person to be appointed in every CSHCNS case in the county. That's a considerable number. That's why we're asking for that amount of money.

President Winnecke: Judge, may I ask, may I stop you right there while we change the tape?

Terry Dietsch: Yes, certainly.

(Tape Change)

Terry Dietsch: The next item is 3941, Guardian Ad-Litem, we are asking for an additional \$10,000 in that account, because in fiscal 2005, we ran out and had to come back and ask for an additional appropriation. In 3980, Transportation of Children and Miscellaneous, the juvenile division has informed us that they would like an additional \$4,500, most likely because gasoline prices have risen, as we all know, and, in fact, we're transporting more juveniles. That's the reason for that increase. Office Furniture, 4210, we realize that, on occasion, all of the office furniture and office machines accounts are zeroed out, again because of budget constraints. We received nothing in that account last year. We do have file cabinets, desks and chairs that needed to be purchased or replaced in 2006, and that's the reason we ask for that amount. Now, 4220, Office Machines.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Terry Dietsch: That's a hefty item, \$95,000. Let me tell you why it was put in at that figure. Our liaison, Mr. Raben, and I think maybe, Mr. Winnecke, you were there also, we discussed this, we're going to be forced to go to a new type of recording system that's going to be compatible with a number of things, in the future namely. Probably what amounts to a mandate from the Supreme Court to have that kind of equipment. Also, it's going to have some additional advantage, we use disks rather than tapes. We can record a lot more on disks than we can on tapes. Also, it is compatible with the type of equipment used in federal court for interpreters. We are using interpreters more and more and more, and it can be disruptive during a trial. But, there are devices that can be used where you can speak very, very softly into a mechanism and it allows the non-English speaking defendant to understand the interpretation without disrupting the proceedings. That's something for the future. We put in our budget the figure of \$95,000 because that is what we feel would be required to equip all the courts with that equipment. In all the years that I have been doing the budget for the court, with all kinds of equipment, my philosophy has been

to replace equipment on an incremental basis, two here, two later, two later, so that we don't have all the equipment getting in a state of disrepair at the same time, and have to come back periodically with a \$95,000 request. I'm just simply here to tell you that if you feel it is more appropriate for us to have, say two, rather than do all these at once, that's perfectly acceptable to us. But, we are going to need to start the replacement, and I think with a minimum of two. The only other item that I would like to call to your attention--

Councilmember Sutton: Judge, before you get away from the 4220--

Terry Dietsch: Pardon?

Councilmember Sutton: Before you get too far away from 4220, are there others who are using this equipment that you are proposing to purchase?

Terry Dietsch: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, others like in the near area? What counties are using it?

Terry Dietsch: Yes, as a matter of fact I think they have one in Circuit. Almost, well, I can't say this for certain, Judge Knight really is our computer guy, I think, at this time, an exceptional number of courts have switched to this system. I don't know, it's been a while since we've replaced recorders. Rosemary, would you know the difference in cost per unit? There's not that much difference, is there?

Rosemary Norbury: No. Juvenile would have two units.

Terry Dietsch: What is the cost per unit? But, at any rate, Mr. Sutton, that is going to have to be done.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Is this just an estimate on what it costs? Or have you had an opportunity to price this out some kind of way or another?

Terry Dietsch: Well, this is a pretty close estimate. If you look at 95...what would that run, about \$13,000, 13 something like that per year?

Unidentified: Per year.

Terry Dietsch: Yes, sir, Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Judge, did you say these devices will have the translating mechanism included now? Or that's going to have to be added later?

Terry Dietsch: No, that would be additional. But, we don't intend to do that right now.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Judge, how much would two of these cost if \$95,000...I don't know how many all are, so, how many?

Terry Dietsch: How much would two cost?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Terry Dietsch: I think, if my math in my head is—

President Winnecke: About \$26,000 or \$27,000.

Terry Dietsch: —about \$13,000--

Councilmember Abell: Per part?

President Winnecke: Per unit.

Terry Dietsch: That's for the entire unit. That's for the recording machine and the transcriber and everything.

Councilmember Abell: I have another question. Would any of this possibly be included with JTAC project?

Terry Dietsch: No. I don't, no, I think not. I would be happy to check that.

Councilmember Abell: I would appreciate if you would just call and find out if there's any chance they would be interested in contributing to this.

Terry Dietsch: Certainly. I would be happy to.

President Winnecke: Other questions of the judge on this issue or others before we move on? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I did have a question, since we're hitting this for the first time through this budget hearings. On the law books, have we ever talked about buying all law books at one time, and then distributing them to who needs them? That would possibly give us the biggest discount on those books. You're talking about buying one set, Circuit Court's going to want a set, the Law Library is going to want a set, everybody comes to us asking us. I wondered, could we buy them all at one time, whether it's out of the Council budget, or the Commissioners budget, put all those monies toward buying them all at one time.

Terry Dietsch: Well, but I don't understand what you mean by buying them all at one time. You can't buy them all at one time, because they come out periodically.

Councilmember Tornatta: You would buy the subscription at one time.

Terry Dietsch: No, no, you're billed, for example, every year there are updates, which we call them supplements, okay? And they send you the supplements, because you put them in the back of the book. Well, they charge you for those, okay? If there are seven sets of supplements, they charge you for seven sets of supplements. Then, later on that year, they may come out with a new volume, and if they do, then you're charged for the volumes. But, you don't set a price at the beginning and say, law books for this year are going to cost us \$22,000 and pay that. It doesn't work that way. If that's what you're getting at.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I'm getting at if you say you're working on a commitment with this company so that you have a certain price that you're going to pay, okay?

Terry Dietsch: No, no, no, no, no.

Councilmember Tornatta: Let me rephrase my question.

Terry Dietsch: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: You said you're working out a deal with a specific company for your law books, right?

Terry Dietsch: Hopefully, so that they will not increase above a set percentage per year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Now, if everybody got on that same plan, or a better plan because they knew that we were going to purchase more products from them at one time, would that not lower our price, or potentially give us a better deal?

Terry Dietsch: Well, I don't know. I don't know, we've not explored that. That's something to think about certainly.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's my point. We're going to be asking, all these companies make these books, there's what two or three companies that actually do this process. So, if we got on with one of those companies and said we will purchase all our books through you, and we want a set deal, maybe a two year deal, maybe a three year deal, so that we can have some type of idea.

Terry Dietsch: Do I think they would do that? No. No, I don't think that. I don't think they would do that. People are in the business to make money, Mr. Tornatta, as you know.

Councilmember Tornatta: I agree, but they're also in the business to negotiate. A lot of times when you're talking about \$100,000 worth of books that we buy, you could talk about some negotiation point, if they want the \$100,000 piece of pie.

President Winnecke: Judge, I had two questions. One relates to the CASA and the Guardian Ad-Litem line items, what the difference, can you explain the specific difference in those two? As I understand they're kind of similar.

Terry Dietsch: Judge Niemeier is more conversant with that.

President Winnecke: Okay, that's fine.

Brett Niemeier: As Judge Dietsch mentioned earlier, we received an unfunded mandate, starting in July, where the court has to appoint either a CASA or a Guardian Ad-Litem in every child in need of service case. Quite frankly, that is not possible. But, with the eye to the future, and hoping to fulfill that obligation, and also to protect cases that are going to go up on an appeal, those cases where we're certainly going to get appealed on, we have to appoint CASA's or Guardian Ad-Litem's. CASA right now has approximately 80 children on a waiting list. That's months out before a CASA can be assigned. In those cases where I feel an appeal is imminent, I'm going to have to appoint a Guardian Ad-Litem. Guardian Ad-Litem's actually get paid for their services, unlike a CASA, who volunteers for the CASA organization. That's one of the reasons for the increase in the Guardian Ad-Litem account. Quite frankly, their services had been increasing lately as far as what they charge the court. We don't have as many people out there who want to do that. At

one time probably, when I took office five years ago, we were getting bills at \$35-\$40 an hour, now people are not willing to do that anymore. Attorneys are charging us \$75-\$100 an hour.

President Winnecke: So, the line item for CASA, specifically, is for someone who oversees the CASA volunteers, is that correct?

Brett Niemeier: Yes. It's part of their operating budget.

President Winnecke: Right, okay.

Brett Niemeier: Yeah, it does not go to any volunteers. It's just their staff.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Were these new requirements mandated by the state government beginning in July so that we're paying for them now? Or will they start January 1?

Brett Niemeier: They started in July, and we're paying for them now. Of course, we haven't seen really much effect yet, since we're only, you know, just a month out.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Do you recall, in fact, if you'll recall as recently as last Wednesday we made an additional appropriation for just this.

Unidentified: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Brett Niemeier: Yeah, Guardian Ad-Litem.

President Winnecke: Judge, while you're here, you might expand on some of the comments that I made earlier about the discussions between the county and the Youth Care Center about potential arrangements with, for juvenile offenders.

Brett Niemeier: The court is very interested in developing a relationship or arrangement with the Youth Care Center to provide more secure detention for juveniles, so that they can be kept locally, instead of going to Vincennes. That's where the majority of them are sent to right now. One of the line items that you'll see is that we asked for another car this year for transportation. I will be glad to give up that request if you build us a detention center. You know, we have a car right now that we're taking to Indianapolis at least twice a month, has over 170,000 miles on it. Quite frankly, I don't think I would get in it and drive it to Indianapolis twice a month, but that's what we're having to transport our juveniles in. So, we would have some small savings by having our own detention center, but I think the more important question is, is what do our kids deserve in this community. If we're really here to try to serve them and rehabilitate them and become productive members of our community, then we need to keep them here locally so that they can be, receive the services from a lot of different organizations in town, so they can work on issues within the family, try to get them straightened out before they turn 18, so we don't fill up that new jail. I think that it's long overdue, but we need a detention center here locally. I know President Winnecke said that we may save money, that may be

awfully optimistic, I don't know if we're going to save money by doing this, but I certainly hope that we can at least contain costs in the future, and not spend anymore. Without any doubt at the size that we're looking at right now, it would ultimately be a savings to this county five years down the road. Now, I can't say that initially for this first year, but we submitted \$1.7 million, I think that we can get fairly close to that, even if you later agreed to enter into a contract with the Youth Care Center so they could expand.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: One quick question. I guess, you're going to be coming with maybe a more detailed presentation in the near future. Will that be prior to the close of budget hearings? Will we come back to this?

President Winnecke: I think some of that's predicated—

Councilmember Raben: Before September?

President Winnecke: Some of that is predicated upon the specific financial negotiations that are going on between the Commissioners and the Youth Care Center. I know Mr. Deisher has been involved in a couple of those meetings, and I think, at least on my latest conversation with President Crouch, I think they are getting closer. So, I do anticipate additional information coming forward, sooner rather than later.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I guess, I do have one concern before we address this concern. I want to explain that I've always been a great advocate of the Youth Care Center. I think we're doing a lot better in regards to our children in putting them in custody with that organization than for instance Vincennes. That's called the boys school, what do they actually call that?

Brett Niemeier: The boys school would Department of Correction. That's Southwestern Indiana Regional Youth Village.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. But, there's some of us that have addressed concerns in regards to spending public dollars for not-for-profits and private organizations. So, as you move forward, if you can balance it in regards to the grant, the up front money or per diem, I would like to see the per diem side of it. I think that looks cleaner, and, you know, then we're only paying for our actual costs.

President Winnecke: I would just offer as a comment to that, I mean, I think that's a very legitimate point. I would say that the estimates that the county has received preliminarily on what it would cost to remodel the existing jail, for instance, as a county owned and operated facility, anywhere from seven to ten million dollars, I believe are the numbers that the Commissioners have received. We're talking about making a much smaller contribution on the front end to help the YCC move forward with it's project. So, I think at the end of the day, if you analyze everything, its' going to be a savings, and certainly a benefit to the young offenders who, many of whom have to go out of county.

Councilmember Raben: Again, I'm not arguing that. It may be our best option, but I would like to see it both ways. Maybe a balance between the two and see the per diem cost would be—

Brett Niemeier: We'll be able to provide that to you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other questions of Judge Niemeier?

Brett Niemeier: Okay. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Judge. I do have one additional question of Judge Dietsch.

Councilmember Abell: So do I.

President Winnecke: Okay. Is there, and maybe it's in the Sheriff/Jail budget, I don't know, is there a line item anywhere having to do with equipment on this end for remote hearings from the new jail?

Terry Dietsch: That is, that's not in the courts budget.

President Winnecke: It's in the Sheriff's budget? Okay.

Terry Dietsch: Is that how it finally ended up, Eric? Okay.

President Winnecke: Thank you. We'll get to that later on.

Terry Dietsch: Alright. I will put in a plug for the juvenile request for a new car. We made that request last year, and withdrew it because of your financial problems. Oh, and by the way, Mr. President, last year you indicated that perhaps there might be some other way to do that. Were you talking about capital funds of some kind?

President Winnecke: I don't remember what I said last year. I'm sorry.

Terry Dietsch: If that's available, we have no objection to that.

President Winnecke: I got ya'. Any other questions of the judge? Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Judge, could you speak to the Computer Network Specialist at \$75,000?

Terry Dietsch: Let me tell you why we did that. We did that last year, and, Mrs. Abell, you know more about this than I do, obviously, there's a difference of opinion about computerization at the present time. We put this item in our budget for fiscal 2005, and we informed the Council at that time that we put it in there because we didn't know what was going to happen. Okay? Nothing happened, so, obviously, we didn't get that money, and we didn't want that money. The same thing holds true this year. I have no idea what's going to happen, but I don't want to come up short, you know, and I'm not saying I think this is necessary. You know more about that than I do. You've worked with Judge Knight, and several other people, have you not?

Councilmember Abell: Yeah, and I was just wondering, I was not privy to where this has gone, and I thought maybe you had some information that I didn't.

Terry Dietsch: No. No, Ma'am. I do not. I do not.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I would like to put a plug in for the courts that they need this person.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, I just approached this from a budgetary standpoint.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, one last question, line item 3730, Continuing Education, how much money do you have in that fund right now?

Terry Dietsch: Ms. Norbury will tell you. The bulk of that money isn't spent until the beginning of September.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Terry Dietsch: The latter half of—

Councilmember Tornatta: Did you encumber any money into that line item?

Terry Dietsch: No. No.

Councilmember Tornatta: You didn't?

Rosemary Norbury: There's \$2,819.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I didn't know if you ever encumbered money in that line item.

Terry Dietsch: No. No.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Terry Dietsch: You've given me an idea, if it's possible.

President Winnecke: Other questions of the judge?

Councilmember Abell: I have one more question. Judge, this is another question you may not be able to answer, but I was in the court building, and I couldn't help but notice tremendous renovations, do you have any idea who's paying for those renovations?

Terry Dietsch: The Building Authority.

Councilmember Abell: Okay.

Terry Dietsch: The courts certainly aren't going to pay for them.

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

President Winnecke: Okay, let's move on to page 170, Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I guess, I would just ask the, on line 3930, Other Contractual.

Terry Dietsch: Oh, okay. We pay miscellaneous expenses, perhaps some testing equipment. We pay when the probation officers supervise work, public work, they are paying for that. What other kinds of supplies come out of that?

Rosemary Norbury: Any type of needs that our probation would use.

Terry Dietsch: Anything they need.

Rosemary Norbury: If they take a photograph of their person.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah. It's all just simply miscellaneous items that are necessary in the operation of our probation department. You know, it could be from taking a person's pictures, to getting cups for urine tests, anything that might come up.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Terry Dietsch: Oh, and also, as I told you in years past, from time to time, when we know we have sufficient funds, we will buy a big ticket item, like a copy machine out of this. So, it doesn't have to come out of the General Fund. That's what we use that for.

President Winnecke: Other questions or comments for the judge on this particular budget? Okay, thank you.

Terry Dietsch: Okay. If anyone has any questions between now and the next scheduled meeting, which is when? The 23rd?

President Winnecke: I did forget about Drug Court. Do you want to speak to that?
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Terry Dietsch: No, I think—

President Winnecke: Oh, he's coming. Okay. Okay, thank you.

Terry Dietsch: Thank you.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

President Winnecke: Prosecutor, page 37 in your hymnals.

Councilmember Raben: Drug and Alcohol, did you mean to pass over them?

Stan Levco: We can do that one too.

President Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry. Drug and Alcohol Deferral, that will be a brief one. Sorry, Stan.

Stan Levco: That's okay.

Councilmember Abell: What page is that?

President Winnecke: Page 108. I apologize.

Deloris Koch: I'm Deloris Koch, the new director of the DADS program.

President Winnecke: Welcome.

Deloris Koch: Thank you. We have added some increases to certain line items, starting with Office Supplies, we increased only by \$200. One of the big differences is with our computers we'll be able to print more in-house. We anticipate to cut out having pre-printed envelopes, fee statements, things that are printed outside on carbon, we hope to begin printing all of that in-house, and cutting out some of those costs. One of the big differences is that with the Indiana Judicial Center regulations has caused us to create, modify and produce many more forms than we were accustomed to before. Also, with the increase in clients over the past several years, that's meant a lot more printing, we use paper more than we used to. Also, the regulations say that we have to give copies, every form a client signs they have to have a copy. So, we are printing and copying a lot more. Another thing that has increased that is we're demanding more frequent reporting from our referral agencies, and many of those reports come in on fax. So, we're also using more fax paper and printing. So, that's also going up. On Postage/Freight, obviously, increased cost in mailing, increased numbers. Again, the effort to communicate with all the agencies that we refer to, information back and forth means more mailing. The, I believe last year, I'm real sure that we had to come back and request more money to be able to pay for postage for the rest of the year, after it had been cut. The next item that we increased was for Computers, and as you may notice last year it was zero dollars, and we're asking for \$10,000 this year, or next year. We do have new computers, all of our counselors, everyone, all the staff in the office have new computers, we have Internet capability, we have e-mail. We are discussing with a consultant modifying a client monitoring software package that he has done for other counties. We're just trying to modify it to our needs. His estimate for setting that software package up for us is \$3,600. We anticipate that we can get a grant from the Indiana Judicial Center for up to \$2,500 to reimburse us for that part of it. The other expense would be scanning our old cards. We started the process last year, or actually this year, but we only made it up to 1991 and ran out of money. We would like to continue to scan our old card files, so that we can destroy the old card files and have all of that on disk. We would like to start from '92 up to the present. Our goal is to have all electronic files on our clients. We still have to have paper files, but most everything would be in the computer, would be accessible in the computer. We have great plans for that once we get it going. It's been kind of a slow process, but we're still working on it. It's a process that started last year. I thank Mr. Tornatta for his help on that. But, that's why it's such a large number compared to our previous, we just never had the computer capabilities before. It's nice to be in the 21st century by the way. Dues and Subscriptions is the next one. The main reason for that increase, other than the fact that certification for our professional counselors in our office, the costs, of course, keep going up, but the other reason is, some time ago Mark Graham is the third person in our office who will become certified as an addictions counselor. That process was started years ago. It is culminating now. All we have to do now is, he's done all the testing, we're waiting on the official word so that we can go ahead and pay for that certification. That means that we now will be paying for three counselors' membership and certification fees and dues every year. The certification renews every two years. So, there will be an increase in that cost. The cost of training also keeps going up, and, of course, we have to keep everybody trained to keep the certification to be qualified to do the counseling side of it. That's, as far as all the increases, all that we asked for.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Excuse me, I would like to, just if you could real quickly, tell us the efficiencies that maybe the staff workers have seen since we kind of got you out of the typewriter era.

Deloris Koch: We're actually just learning to use what we have. We have taken, some of us have started some computer classes at Ivy Tech, through JTAC funding. Three of the staff will go in October to get another class. We're just in the process of beginning to learn what it can do for us, to be honest with you. We haven't relied on it essentially. We're still in between both systems. We're still doing everything written, recorded paperwork. So, it's almost more work in some ways, but we have a lot of plans for how it is going to simplify things a great deal. It will keep us up on monitoring clients a lot better. As I said, the reporting is increasing quite a bit too. Reporting, both our reporting to the courts is getting better, but also reporting from the other agencies coming in.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you have a drop date when you think you're going to start to trust the system, the new system?

Deloris Koch: No.

Councilmember Tornatta: Because I know your office is a kicking and screaming group to go that direction.

Deloris Koch: Well, we're not kicking and screaming nearly as much. We're ready to go, but we just have a lot of details to work out on the software package to get it to the point where we can really use it to the full benefit. There will be a lot of adjustments done. Another part of the cost will be the on-going consulting services with this gentleman, Brian Slater, who will, hopefully, will be the one that will set this software package up for us.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Deloris Koch: So, we'll be tweaking it as we go. But, we anticipate that we can do away completely with the card files. The client files we will still have to keep, anything the client signs has to be kept. Progress notes will have to be kept. At least when we close a file we have to be able to have everything in that file. We have to keep them up to six years.

Councilmember Tornatta: Has that eliminated some of your storage issues or not?

Deloris Koch: Not really eliminated anything yet. No, not yet.

Councilmember Tornatta: When you put these issues on disk, do you see that that will start to eliminate those?

Deloris Koch: That will help, yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. How many years did they go through the first round?

Deloris Koch: We found cards as old as 1974.

Councilmember Tornatta: Through '91?

Deloris Koch: Up to '91, went through '91.

Councilmember Tornatta: Did you see an appreciable amount of paperwork gone at that time?

Deloris Koch: Not yet, we haven't destroyed the old cards yet. We still have all the cards as of yet. We plan, next time we get a hold of Piranha they'll be going.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thanks.

President Winnecke: Other questions of Deloris? Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: On this Computer/Data Management have you discussed that with the computer people here in our building at all?

Deloris Koch: Yes, Ma'am, very much so.

Councilmember Abell: And they've approved this gentleman to prepare this software package for you?

Deloris Koch: As far as approved, there hasn't been any objections. They've, Joe Anslinger's been in with every meeting that we've had with this gentleman, and brought up certain questions and has been in the discussions. But, we haven't officially hired the fella yet. We just now have, we've talked with him a couple of times. He's showed us what it can do. We've talked about changes we want to make, and he's made an estimate on the costs. That's as far as we've gotten.

Councilmember Abell: Well, maybe, Tim, do you know anything about this at all?

Tim VanCleave: Very little.

Deloris Koch: Joe Anslinger has been involved in the meetings with us.

Councilmember Abell: You know, we pay a big amount to two or three different computer companies already, and I hate to see computer stuff start popping up in everybody's budget. If we want to have a contract with GIS, Mark Rolley, or SCT or whoever, I think we're going to have to stay under that.

Deloris Koch: One of the reasons we've talked to this gentleman is that he's been able to set up for other court programs the same package. All he's having to do is modify that package for us.

Councilmember Abell: I think Court View has a package that could probably work that came with the court program.

Deloris Koch: Yes, the probation....we have a little problem with getting kicked out of Court View every now and then. If I can't have access, it's not really going to help me much.

Councilmember Abell: I understand that. The county paid almost two million dollars for that package. So, we would sure like to use it. Thank you.

Deloris Koch: I appreciate that.

President Winnecke: Any other questions? Thank you, Deloris.

Deloris Koch: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Appreciate it. Prosecutor, page 37. I will just announce now for everyone's planning purposes, after we get down through Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion, we'll take a brief break. You may change tapes.

(Tape Change)

PROSECUTOR & GRANTS

President Winnecke: Okay, Mr. Levco.

Stan Levco: Okay, I'm Stan Levco, Prosecuting Attorney. There are three items in my budget that have changed from last year that I assume you'll want to address, so let me say they are—the first would be—it's not a new position. An investigator for the Adult Protective Services, called APS, but it's one that because of a grant money running out that I am asking the county to partially fund. The other would be—

Councilmember Abell: What's that line number?

Stan Levco: That would be 1450. The other one would be line item 3371 on Computer Hardware where we are requesting \$15,000 for the purchase of a new server for Pros-Link with a software package for Indiana prosecutors. The final one would be 1083, 84 and 85 which are the matching grants that we're asking you to fund. So shall I start first with the investigator?

President Winnecke: Sure.

Stan Levco: Essentially, I would just be briefly, but Gayle Angle is going to come up and speak much more authoritatively than I can. This is really an item that the Legislature gave to the prosecutors. It's not—Adult Protective Services, although occasionally we file criminal charges isn't really an integral part of the crime fighting part of the Prosecutor's Office. It's more helping adults who are in trouble. We have, because Vanderburgh County is a base center, we have six counties that we have to serve. We had a federal grant that money was cut out. We have four people in there. Two investigators, the secretary and the head of it. We've already voluntarily cut out the secretarial position, I'm not sure that was a good idea on my part, but I just didn't want to ask you to have, you know, to fund two people. Perhaps I'm actually considering coming back and changing my mind on that, but what I have asked for at least for today is for you to fund the extra part of the investigator which is actually a total of only \$9,574 more than you were funding last year when you were doing the matching grant and if it's alright with you, I'll ask Mrs. Angle to further explain that.

President Winnecke: That would be great.

Stan Levco: I know she has talked with many of you already.

Gayle Angle: Mrs. Angle is my mother, actually. Thank you. Good morning. First of all I want to thank everybody that I have talked to in the last couple weeks for taking the time to meet with me to give me an opportunity to tell you just how important this position is, not only to the Prosecutor's Office, but to the community.

As you can tell with the letters of support that we've received, we received a lot from people who are affected by what we do. But most importantly, for the endangered adults in our community, outside of children probably the most vulnerable population that we have. These individuals include elderly, the mentally ill, the physically disabled, the mentally disabled. Those people have lived and worked in our community all their lives. As veterans they have served our country and we see a lot of veterans in what we do. I think they deserve—actually I think we owe them the right to be safe and to be protected in living in this community. When they are no longer able to take care of themselves or they are being abused or neglected by care givers and family members we are the agency that is called in to look into these situations. Without the adequate staff my biggest concern is that without that staff we lose that ability to intervene quickly in these situations and as a result I think people will continue to suffer needlessly and some people may even die. That is a big concern. We are understaffed as most agencies are understaffed, I understand that. However, the services that we provide cannot be duplicated by any other agency in our community outside of law enforcement. Believe me, when the Evansville Police Department and the Sheriff's Department is on a scene where they have an 85 year old woman that can't get out of bed living in an horrible situation, they want us there. My investigators who are here have the expertise and the training to be able to assess these situations. The beauty of it right now is that we're able to get to those situations very quickly. Without the adequate staff that's probably not going to be possible. The position that we lost is a key position in that it's our support staff. That person answers the phones. Sometimes up to 20 and 30 calls a day. One day last month we received over 60 calls in one day. That person allows us to be able to be out in the field to do the work that we need to do. She enters the data that is required by the state to continue to get our funding that we already have. Up to this point we have entered almost 750 reports just in this year. Just reports from the Bureau of Developmental Disability, group homes, nursing homes. We're all required to enter that data. So that is almost a full-time job in itself. I think the most important thing though is that it's that human voice that we have in the office. We don't have a voice mail. When people call and they want to give us a report it's important to talk to someone. Sometimes it takes up to 15 to 20 minutes just to fill out one report. We have to gather a lot of information when we do our investigation so, you know, that's a key position that we've lost and we're going to have to restructure the way we do things in the office just with three of us. My investigators, we cover six counties. It's about 2,200 square miles. The furthest we go is Derby, Indiana, 96 miles away where they'll ask you what kind of car you're driving if you need directions. So we go into some very rural areas and far away. We can put on 500 to 600 miles a month just on our cars just in mileage. Anywhere between 20 and 30 investigations—I'm sorry, it's 30 to 35 investigations a month. That's about a 38 percent increase from last year. The population that we serve is growing. You know, they're living longer. The population between 80 and 95 will increase 56 percent in the next five years. You know, this is the bulk of the people that we see. Since the first of January we have done 76 investigations of people just in this age group. So the lack of adequate staff in our office in my professional opinion, I think, will put lives at risk so the money that we're asking for is not a lot to maintain, I think, the safety of these individuals in our community.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

Gayle Angle: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any questions of Ms. Angle? Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: I think those requests are well worth to be considered.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

Gayle Angle: Thank you.

Stan Levco: On 3371 Computer Hardware, this is a server that is already in place, but is apparently on its last legs. If you ask me a technical computer question I will refuse to answer it and ask Mr. VanCleave to answer it.

President Winnecke: Any questions of Mr. Levco on the technical question to which he has no reply?

Stan Levco: Okay. On the matching grants this is—we requested this last year and you didn't see fit to give it to us last year, but I'm going to request it again this year. On 1083 which is—actually there is no change in that. That's the drug program, I'm not asking for an increase in that. In the 1084 Victims Witness I am asking for \$23,516. This is a deficit we've been running. It's a very bizarre thing that's happened is the reason is because we had a person in this position the last couple of years she worked in the Prosecutor's Office her retirement benefits, the county has determined that her retirement benefits are coming out of that. So that's bleeding that fund and it has been for a number of years. On the 1085 Stop Domestic Violence we're asking for an increase of \$7,995. That also has been operating at a deficit.

President Winnecke: Questions of Mr. Levco on any of these matching grants or other issues? Okay, thank you.

Stan Levco: Thank you.

PROSECUTOR IV-D

President Winnecke: Prosecutor IV-D.

Stan Levco: I haven't asked for any more this year unlike other years.

President Winnecke: This budget, I think, is pretty—is flat aside from salary increases.

Stan Levco: Yeah, right.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell.

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Levco, what is the collection rate, percentage, that your office is doing and reporting back to the state that gives us some refunds on these IV-D cases?

Stan Levco: Oh, the percentage is 66 and two-thirds.

Councilmember Abell: No, I mean, the report that they give about how successful you are in setting up paternities and those type of things that relates to whether or not the percentage comes back to us. There is a report.

Stan Levco: Do you mean numerically in the state?

Councilmember Abell: This county–

Stan Levco: Where we rank in the state?

Councilmember Abell: Yeah.

Stan Levco: Low and I hope we are remedying that. I think we've had a change and I think we will, but it is low.

President Winnecke: Other questions in this budget? Okay then I think we can go to Pre-Trial Diversion, page 172.

PROSECUTOR PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION

President Winnecke: Again, this is pretty straight forward. I don't know that there will be any questions or issues here. Any questions? Thank you, Mr. Levco. Appreciate your time.

Stan Levco: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: At this time we're going to take a ten minute break and we'll reconvene at uh—we'll round up 10:40. We'll reconvene at 10:40.

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT

President Winnecke: Okay, we will reconvene.

Councilmember Raben: We're going to need one more.

President Winnecke: Okay. We've got four.

Jeff Ahlers: Since you're not voting I don't know if it matters, does it?

President Winnecke: Me, you, Marsha and Troy. Okay, we're going to begin with Drug Court, Judge Trockman has a court conflict so we're going to move him up on the docket, as it were. Page 110 in your budget books.

Wayne Trockman: And thank you for accommodating me. I did ask two attorneys to allow me to leave for 15 or 20 minutes. This is the cash match which I appear annually to request. This is the—these are the Byrne funds that we receive. This covers about a third of the Drug Court budget. The total Byrne money covers about a third of the Drug Court budget and the county's cash match on this grant is \$31,919. You have the breakdown. It is almost identical to last year's request except there is one—uh, there are two items. We've got about a \$3,500 increase in office supplies. We bought some equipment, but the bigger item was \$7,000. We reached an agreement this year with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute where they significantly increased our funding and I'm going to be bringing to the Commissioners, soon I hope, a contract where we are going to enter into an agreement with Southwestern Indiana Mental Health to start providing services to dually diagnosed individuals who are in the Drug Court, and by that I mean those who suffer either from primary or secondary diagnoses of mental illness and we're finding that's a large—a much larger portion of our population than we realized in the beginning, so we've reached that agreement. Southwest is supplying half of the funds for that. We're getting the other half from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

and, of course, the county provides its 25 percent match. So the total request is \$31,919 and that is slightly higher than last year due to those two changes.

President Winnecke: Any questions of the judge?

Wayne Trockman: We had a graduation last night. Councilman Tornatta was there. Everyone is always welcome to attend. We broke 100. I think we're at 106 graduates. We have only, and the Sheriff and Chief Deputy I know will understand the significance of this, we have only four re-arrests of all of our graduates in the five and a half years that you have helped to fund this community project. That's a good number. Of course, that number is over a short period of time and obviously will change, but we're having some degree of success thanks to your help.

President Winnecke: Other questions or any questions or discussion? Judge, thank you.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you for taking me out of order.

President Winnecke: Keep up the good work.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

President Winnecke: Public Defender, page 86.

Steve Owens: Good morning.

President Winnecke: Good morning.

Steve Owens: We have requested or I have requested three additional—funding for three additional positions and it's not quite as bad as it looks on the face of it. One of those positions is a Deputy Public Defender in Juvenile Court. As you know and as you've heard, Juvenile Court has an increasing case load. They've increased the number of courtrooms they're running. We presently have three part-time Public Defenders in that court. We rotate roughly every third week. Although they actually end up being in there virtually every week. Their caseloads under the Commission's standards set out by the Public Defender Commission are easily twice as high as they should be. The unfortunate thing is that the Public Defender Commission does not give us reimbursement for CSHCN's cases, TPR and that sort of thing. The only thing that we do get reimbursement for if we are within the Commission guidelines is juvenile delinquency cases. I can't sit here today and tell you that if you add a fourth Deputy Public Defender that we can absolutely bring that court into line with Commission guidelines and then be able to seek reimbursement for at least a portion of all four of those salaries and benefits. What I can tell you is that we are going to face in the very near future a mandate basically from the Public Defender Commission to bring all of our courts, Misdemeanor, Juvenile and Felony, within the standard guidelines. That's going to put us in a position of doing one or two things. Either funding additional people in a large chunk at some point or essentially saying to the Council and the courts we can't accept any more cases. I don't particularly want to do that. I don't think that's a good policy and I don't believe the courts are going to be real receptive to us telling them sorry, we just don't have any more people. We can't fund them, we can't provide them because we cannot provide adequate representation. There has been a lot of talk about doing things in Juvenile

Court to prevent them coming back as adult offenders. If we can't provide the adequate representation to people that are in Juvenile Court, both as CSHCNS and paternities as well as delinquencies, we're going to see some of those folks coming back. As Judge Niemeier pointed out, everybody now is entitled to a Guardian Ad-Litem and a CASA. I foresee as a result of that, that there are going to be more appeals in areas that are reimbursable. It's an issue that the Chief Public Defender Association has taken up with the Commission. We are advocating that they change those rules, but given the level of state funding at the present time and given the fact that there are forty roughly counties who have not participated in the Public Defender Commission, I don't see that happening in the near future. I do, however, believe that they are going to mandate that. So that position will be funded entirely by a new appropriation from the General Fund. I have also asked for a full-time Deputy Public Defender to handle felony cases. As some of you may know, we recently changed a position within our office, filled a vacancy and made that position a full-time Deputy Public Defender who handles nothing but felonies. That allows us to pick up at least double the case load he was handling as a part-timer. What I am proposing is that we take this position, make it a full-time position and eliminate a felony part-time position. The net increase would not be as significant as if we were funding this entirely from the General Fund as a new position. I think I set out it's roughly, I think, a \$15,000 a year increase in salary based upon what the projected salary for 2005 or 2006 may be. Finally, the other position that I've asked for is an Administrative Assistant, Office Manager, director of the office basically. My duties are split about 50/50 between handling a caseload and doing administrative functions and frankly I'm not sure that my time is better spent doing some of the administrative functions that I'm required to do as opposed to other things like mentoring, training, attempting to come up with other plans that would make the provision of indigent services better. What we would propose to do with this, and this is a position that has already been rated by the Job Study Committee. It's a position that I have asked you on a couple of occasions to fund, and given the fact that the tight budget constraints that we have, probably what I would propose to do with this position is actually promote one of the secretaries or add to her duties and put her in this position. She would continue to fulfill secretarial duties as well as being an office manager. She would take on some additional duties. So, again, the net increase in terms of what we are presently paying that particular individual and what we would be paying them if we fund this position would not be as large as it would seem at first blush. We've also asked for increases in a variety of line items and one of the things that we've asked for is the Travel and Mileage. We've asked for an increase of \$1,500. We have an investigator that is on staff who does a lot of travel. We have attorneys who are traveling, unfortunately, to and from Indianapolis for continuing legal education which is where most of the seminars are presented. And given the increased cost and given the number of people that are drawing on that account, I foresee that we're going to need an increase and that is why we are asking for the \$1,500 increase. Training budget, we have asked for a significant increase from \$2,000 from last year which was approved up to \$5,000 this year. And if you look at the printout that I assume that you get that we get, you'll find that there seems to be a rather large balance within that account line item. One of the reasons for that is we incur--the bulk of those training expenses are incurred in September when we send a group of people to the death penalty seminar in Indianapolis. We are required by statute, by court rule, to be certified in death penalty litigation and each death penalty case if we have one requires two certified attorneys. What we attempt to do is send a group every year, a different group, so that we have overlapping certifications because it has to be done every two years. So given the number of attorneys who are required to have continuing legal education credit and given the number of seminars that are offered, we find that we're running short in that particular line item

and we'll probably continue to run short. In an effort to somewhat alleviate that, we are investigating now having our office certified by the Commission of Continuing Legal Education so that we can provide in-house seminars to the Criminal Defense Bar, primarily my office, so that these fellows can get their continuing legal education credit here. We will be limited to the number of hours that we're able to provide. We will not be able to provide death penalty training in-house, but in an effort to somewhat reduce the travel expenses of sending people to Indianapolis as well as the continuing education budget we're going to try to do that in this location. The final three items are Computer Data Management and I almost hate to bring that up with Councilman Abell, but we have attempted to pretty much operate within the Courtview system. We've done that fairly successfully, but there is a number of things that we're finding that we need. One is a scanner because we have a number of documents that are presented to us that we need to look at and scan and do a variety of evidence presentations. As you know, Circuit Court went to an evidence presentation system. We don't have a laptop that we can actually put our cases and our exhibits on and go to court and hook into that presentation system. The only laptop in our office is privately owned. We use the far out of it because we print all of our photographs off of that laptop because our networking system does not have the capability of doing that. Obviously, we also can't pick up the desktop with us and take it to court. The OCR software goes along with the scanner and those are the three items that probably we are going to need to invest in to keep us with our counterparts in the Prosecutor's Office within the next year. We've done without so far. We probably, truthfully, can do without for a while longer given the budget constraints, but we've put it in there nevertheless. Investigative Contract Services we've asked for \$5,000 a year increase. Again, we are handling roughly sixty percent of all the new felony cases that are filed in Vanderburgh County. Most of those cases require some investigation. Under the Commission standards we should have two full-time investigators in our office. We don't, we have one. We also contract with an investigator on a case-by-case basis. I foresee that this year we will again probably top out on our investigation expenses and our contracted services. Contract services are also going to be including things like expert witnesses, DNA, homicide investigations of that sort of thing. Finally, the last item we've asked for increase in is Pauper Expense. Pauper Expense in our office takes up mental health hearings, conflict cases, a number of outside cases that we have to contract out either because we are over our numbers for the year or we have conflicts. The ideal situation in a multiple defendant case would be where only one of the defendants is represented by someone who is salary. Unfortunately, we are not able to do that even though they treat our office as a firm. So what we've done is we've attempted to contract out only those cases where we have an actual conflict or where we can't avoid the appearance of impropriety by having five attorneys in my office represent five defendants in a common criminal case. We've incurred about \$40,000 this year in pauper expenses through today. Maybe a little bit more than that. I foresee that account running out by the end of the year and we've asked for a small increase for next year.

President Winnecke: Steve, I have a couple of questions. First, do you know and if you may not, Councilman Raben may, on your rent, why that is not included in the line item in the Commissioner's rent budget?

Councilmember Raben: Because of reimbursements.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

Steve Owens: That would have been my answer. My understanding was that's the reason.

President Winnecke: Okay. And the other question relative to the Juvenile Court Public Defender request, did I understand you to say that you intend to eliminate a part-time?

Steve Owens: No. The Juvenile Public Defender is a part-time position. That would be an additional position.

President Winnecke: This is a part-time position?

Steve Owens: Yes.

President Winnecke: Okay. I'm sorry. Other questions or comments? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Owens, we, I guess just with some of our earlier discussion was talking about this whole increase and the caseloads related to juveniles and any particular things maybe that you might attribute to this increase in the caseloads as you're seeing it from your perspective?

Steve Owens: A more active juvenile court. I mean, I don't mean to be flip, but it seems that Judge Niemeier has instituted a number of new programs. He is taking a more aggressive approach with other programs and it seems that the number of cases that are now coming through is greater than it was say five years ago. The other thing is in most of these CSHCNS paternity type cases, each parent is going to be entitled to a Public Defender. So since they're on opposite sides of the fence, typically, that counts basically as two cases for us.

Councilmember Sutton: Perhaps maybe as we, a few years ago spent time as we saw the jail population continue as well a number of key people involved in the system sat down together and talked about and discussed ways of how to be a little bit more efficient, how to get that number down and maybe we're at that point where on the juvenile side we need to do the same type of thing. If we're continuing to see these increases because I'm not quite sure. You know, we've talked—I heard a discussion we had earlier talking about adding to the Youth Care Center being able to house more juveniles. I'm not totally sure if continuing to incarcerate and lock away is the total answer and it definitely doesn't reduce the amount of traffic coming through your doors and who you have to deal with. It doesn't reduce what is coming through Judge Niemeier, but I'm thinking there is a need here to really sit down with some of the key players like yourself and some of the others who are dealing with this issue to talk about how we can address this more proactively because it does seem rather apparent that the caseload continues to grow and you're having needs, the courts are having needs. Just a number of different areas are being hit with this.

Steve Owens: I think you're correct. I certainly wouldn't object to doing that. I think Judge Niemeier probably is the person who could give you a better view as to why particular areas are growing like they are. We react, so to speak, to what the courts give us or what the courts tell us we're going to need to do. To the extent that in Juvenile or Felony or Misdemeanor a person comes in and is entitled to an attorney. Once they are appointed to our office we sort of just have to take that case. I can tell you the numbers are growing. I can't always tell you why. I think that the judge who sees that on a daily basis, especially in the juvenile area, could probably give

you a better explanation than I can as to why those numbers are growing and how we can best address that.

Councilmember Sutton: We're going to spend like around \$1.2 million this year on Patient Inmate Care which is specifically the line item that deals with housing juveniles in a variety of facilities all over and it's just the burden upon families, this community and this county overall as taxpayers is growing to an extent where we've got to really take a look at this.

Steve Owens: I don't disagree with that.

President Winnecke: Any other questions for the Public Defender? Thank you, Steve.

Steve Owens: Thank you.

President Winnecke: See you in a couple of weeks. We're going to change the tape as the Sheriff approaches.

(Tape Change)

SHERIFF

President Winnecke: Good morning, Sheriff.

Brad Ellsworth: Good morning, Council. I've submitted the budget. There are some increases, obviously. Most of those major increases are in direct relationship to the new jail and new personnel and it goes along with that. There are some reductions and those are also in relationship to the new jail that combine community corrections and the jail staff. Also there are, I don't know if I'd call them increase, the request to reinstate some of the funds that were zeroed out in last year's budget. I would answer any questions, if you have some, directly. There is one I'd like to address specifically and that's on the automobiles or patrol vehicles. We were zeroed out last year and got no cars. Luckily, the cars we did get from 2004 came in late and that helped us but the milage is going up quite drastically on those. With that high milage also goes repair bills. I'd like the Council to take a close look at our fleet request this year. I don't believe...it's my understanding that the CCD funds...we used to...in history, we used to put in both places the CCD and with the Council and someone would make a decision which account to look at. I'm not sure if CCD funds are going to be available for that this year. I'll take any questions that you guys might have and see if...

President Winnecke: I would start in the budget book on page nineteen. That's line 1130-0104 Deputy Sheriff.

Brad Ellsworth: What was the line?

President Winnecke: 104. It that one of the new positions from juvenile?

Brad Ellsworth: It should be. I haven't requested anybody new since that time.

President Winnecke: I thought it probably was but I just wanted to clarify that.

Brad Ellsworth: That's correct.

President Winnecke: Okay. The other question I had, if I can find it real quickly, on page 22 line item 1920, Insurance for \$16,100. I do not recall from any of our previous discussions over the years what that was. What is that?

Brad Ellsworth: I may have to be like the Prosecutor and check. I'm told that it's additional life insurance for the deputies.

President Winnecke: Other questions or comments for the Sheriff? Well, I'll continue while they're thinking. For a half million dollars on the vehicle request, how many vehicles do you project you'd be able to purchase for that?

Brad Ellsworth: Probably ten.

President Winnecke: Ten.

Brad Ellsworth: Yes. Oh, I'm sorry. Twenty. We had talked about trying to get the replacement as we got none last year. I think, Councilmember Abell and I have talked about that and make the full request because we've been going on ten cars a year.

President Winnecke: Right.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you, Councilmember Raben.

Councilmember Raben: What he meant to say is that he's asking for twenty but would be happy with ten.

Brad Ellsworth: And a tricycle.

President Winnecke: Other questions relating to the sheriff's budget before we move on to the jail budget?

Councilmember Tornatta: Training.

President Winnecke: Training, line item 3310. We could talk about that a little bit. That's double what it was last year.

Brad Ellsworth: I think it had been \$30,000. It had normally been \$30,000. I'm kind of going off my rationale book also.

Councilmember Raben: If you look back on the history of expenditures, they were in excess of twenty-five in the past. We allocated fifteen last year and the spending, if you keep at the pace you're going, it looks like it will be about twenty. Is there anything different or unusual going on there?

Brad Ellsworth: It doesn't include probably the tens of thousands spent out of the commissary account on training, Councilman. We have a mandated forty hours training for the deputies and that just barely covers what they need. We have continued on-going training year round. Not just the basic but anytime there's new laws that come in and new techniques, we have to train to that. I would venture to guess that we probably double anything that the Council puts in out of commissary, at least.

President Winnecke: And 3370, Computer?

Councilmember Raben: Real quick before you go to Computer, does that also cover the academy, too, for training?

Brad Ellsworth: That won't be an expense. The academy in Plainfield is no cost to the department. Can you give me a line item?

Councilmember Tornatta: 3370.

Brad Ellsworth: What page for us?

Councilmember Tornatta: Budget book 24.

Brad Ellsworth: Repair, upgrades, maintenance on the current system.

President Winnecke: I just have one other question, Sheriff, on the same page, line item 3540 the Maintenance Contract. That's a pretty healthy increase. What is that a result of?

Brad Ellsworth: Moving to the new facility, new maintenance agreements that will go with the facility.

JAIL

President Winnecke: Any other questions before we move on to the Jail? Okay, we're moving on to the Jail - page twenty-five.

Brad Ellsworth: Again, personnel is a rather large increase. It increased to \$50,000 from \$10,000, line 1850 Union Overtime. Anticipating the addition of the new employees, holidays, time off. Jail expenses 2005 was put in at zero. We had traditionally been getting \$60,000 was the average we were getting in past years. It was zeroed out last year and we put in \$100,000 there. Gas and oil went to \$10,000. New line item for transport since the jail will now have transport issues. Food is based on simple math of multiplying out the number of inmates times three meals a day. The Contractual Services is going to \$100,000. Basically estimated what the jail doctor costs us and then doubling that for a jail dentist. Anticipating approximately the same price for having a dentist visit the jail.

President Winnecke: Sheriff, I'll ask you a couple questions while we're just carousing here. We spoke earlier about the equipment for the remote hearing. Where's that in here?

Brad Ellsworth: Should be the Jail budget.

President Winnecke: Bond issue. Gotcha.

Brad Ellsworth: That's what I meant by Jail budget but a different Jail budget.

President Winnecke: Line 2200 on page thirty, the \$100,000 request for Jail Expense. What specifically catches into that line item?

Brad Ellsworth: Sheets, blankets, towels, pillows, mattresses, cleaning supplies.

President Winnecke: Okay, gotcha. Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: On page thirty-one, number 3520 Equipment Repair. Will not all that equipment be new? The request is for \$25,000.

Brad Ellsworth: What's the line item, Councilman?

Councilmember Goebel: 3520 on page thirty-one.

Eric Williams: Councilman Goebel, basically that's going to maintain since most of that equipment will be new. What we are going to transfer over we're going to try to refurbish and get it up to speed plus we want to have a pretty regimented maintenance routine on all that equipment so that we don't get behind and find ourselves making big capital expenditures replacing equipment as opposed to keeping it in good repair. We are trying to get some maintenance things set up and on line.

President Winnecke: For the record, Eric Williams, Chief Deputy. Other questions or discussion points for the Sheriff on the Jail budget? Mrs. Abell.

Councilmember Abell: Sheriff, line item 3530 on page thirty-one Contractual Services at \$100,000. What does that include?

Brad Ellsworth: We are anticipating that will include the jail doctor that makes his two visits a week to the jail site. We anticipate, as you know, we are going to have the dental operatory out there so we're not transporting inmates to the dentist. We anticipate something similar in a dentist contract. That's just an anticipatory amount doubling that.

Councilmember Abell: Okay. One other question. Uniforms at \$10,000, is that for the inmates?

Brad Ellsworth: No, that's for when we hire new employees to supply them with their agreed upon uniform.

Councilmember Abell: Does that not fall under the clothing allowance?

Brad Ellsworth: No. Clothing allowance is a yearly, I don't want to say the word stipend.

Councilmember Abell: You can say it, that's what it is.

Brad Ellsworth: The yearly...

President Winnecke: Allotment.

Brad Ellsworth: Allotment, thank you, that the employees get to keep their uniforms upgraded and fresh. That's a contract issue.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Just in general, do you anticipate maybe with the new employees we will have a lowering of the number of overtime hours we have to fund in the next fiscal year?

Brad Ellsworth: Well, going out to the new facility and not having worked there at all, we think we have the staffing analysis done. We always want to hope that...one thing we have to do is, again in the contract, the employee has the option to go comp time or to be paid for that. It's hard for us and they can change that. It's not a once year thing so that flexes. Sometimes they want comp time and sometimes they want paid for that. We're trying to implement everything we can to reduce overtime across the agency but it's hard to say. We hope so.

Councilmember Goebel: I do have a couple other questions related to the dental care issue. Do you have a ballpark of what percentage of medical issues at the jail really start as dental issues?

Brad Ellsworth: I'm informed that about 15 percent is probably dental.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay. I guess the follow up question is, have you been in any discussions with the First District Dental Society yet about how to get a dentist out there? Are you thinking that's pro-bono work or you're thinking they actually get paid?

Eric Williams: I've actually been doing a lot of the work on that issue and there is a contractual dentist that does this throughout the state. He used to with the Department of Corrections and that's where we started talking initially. We also plan to approach several dentists in the community and our existing dentist whose done a really wonderful job for us in seeing our patients. What we hope to do is work out an agreement with them where they will come to our facility two days a week and perform the same services they did there only using our equipment at a flat structured fee. We think that the cost of the actual dentist will be recouped in the reduction in the actual medical expenses that we are paying right now. It's basically going to be a transfer from fund to fund. The thing that we incur or that we gain out of that primarily is that we get to maintain security because the inmate never leaves the facility and we cut down the transport of people to and from and tying up deputies doing those kinds of things. We'll do it all in house.

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you. Other questions for the Sheriff? Okay, we'll move on to Jail Misdemeanor Housing page 175. That's 1850.

Brad Ellsworth: There's a couple employees out of there that moved over out of the grant and into...there's not enough money to cover their overtime even though they're grant employees.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion for the Sheriff on Misdemeanor Housing? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: With the increases that you just talked about, does that explain the elevation in the insurance line?

Brad Ellsworth: It should be the same for the same reasons.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

President Winnecke: Let's move on to Community Corrections, page ninety-six. Sheriff, anything you'd like to offer here?

Brad Ellsworth: I guess the good news is that there's a few reductions but most of that's combined and put in other budgets and moved to other accounts to combine the efforts. The Copy Machine Lease, we requested \$7,200. That was paid for out of community user fees currently and we'd ask that it be put in the budget. We can look at user fees on that and see if we can still cover that.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Eric Williams: Real quickly on the Community Corrections budget, I might add, that Council person Abell and myself had talked about, she's our liaison and one of the things we were striving for is number one, making community corrections self sufficient through user fees when that becomes possible in the grant. We are striving towards that. With the combination of the two facilities under one roof and campus there's going to be some shared resources. Things that makes sense to put under one contract and one place since they're all in the same building. So, some of those reduction items you see where we've intentionally zeroed them out, they've been inflated other places in the budget so we can get them under one contract and one device. That's what we talked about to gradually get those combined together where it makes sense all while not hampering our ability to get DOC grants. We want to make sure that project reflects the cost that it really does.

President Winnecke: I appreciate what you're saying but I'm not seeing any reductions from...

Eric Williams: They are reductions in our mind, you zeroed them out last year anyway. They are out of our budget now and in user fees. As user fees continue to absorb more and more of the cost, certain things we aren't able to absorb. Last year we absorbed the whole food expense for Community Corrections. We're going to be in the process of renegotiating our food price. We think that price will come down. There's a lot of things we are going to gain out of the combination of the two facilities being on the same campus and we're just trying to get those budgets all cleaned up into one area so that they are easier to look at and easier to review for everybody.

Councilmember Goebel: Is there a way we can come up with another name for line item 3721, page 99. Certainly we can come up with something a little more creative. Line item 3721 on page 99.

Brad Ellsworth: What is it? Is it urine drops?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Eric Williams: It is what it is.

Councilmember Goebel: Lab testing.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Line item 4352 Maintenance & Repair \$20,000. Shouldn't that equipment and everything be under warranty for a year? The construction and all that? Probably wouldn't include light bulb changing but, you know, some of that goes on the balance for the fixtures. Shouldn't all that be guaranteed for a year to cut that maintenance down? You shouldn't have a lot of maintenance right off the bat, should you?

Brad Ellsworth: You would hope. Is this Jail or Community Corrections?

President Winnecke: Community Corrections, page 99, 4352.

Councilmember Wortman: Line item 4352, bottom of the page, Maintenance & Repair. We're not in the old building now.

Brad Ellsworth: I realize that but that is generally for equipment repairs. A lot of equipment isn't going to be new. We are taking vehicles with us and radio equipment, and a lot of things. That is one that we can probably address and make a little lower. But just because it's an entirely new building doesn't mean a lot of the stuff we're taking with us and some of the testing equipment and a lot of other things that go with it will be old equipment. The budget's not going to allow for us to replace everything.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Okay, let's move on to page 1...

Councilmember Abell: Can I ask one question?

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, yes you may, Mrs. Abell.

Councilmember Abell: What's the telephone expense line item 3140?

Brad Ellsworth: It's been told to me that's the fixed lines they use with BI which is the ankle bracelet electronic monitoring. It has to be on the computer and a separate line.

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER

President Winnecke: Okay. Page 174, Misdemeanor Offender. I think this is pretty straight forward. I don't think there are any questions in here. Any questions or discussion for the Sheriff on this point? Okay, Sheriff. Thank you.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Appreciate your time today.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you very much. Good luck.

BOND ISSUE

President Winnecke: Thank you. We'll need it. Page 192, Bond Debt Repayment. Mr. Fluty, do you want to switch seats? We're in the home stretch here, folks. Mr. Fluty has our last three pieces of business for us. Isn't he the lucky one. Beginning on page 192.

Bill Fluty: Any questions? That's the bond repayments for Azteca and U.S.I.

Councilmember Sutton: In the payoff schedule on those, Bill, how much do we have left on U.S.I. and Azteca?

Bill Fluty: What do we have left to pay?

Councilmember Sutton: Right, what's the number of years remaining on it and the outstanding balance on it?

Councilmember Raben: I think it's 2011 on U.S.I., is it not, since we restructured that debt?

Councilmember Sutton: Right, we refinanced that.

Bill Fluty: 2015 is the maturity date for Azteca. There's a balance of \$1,520,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Wait a minute. One more time.

Bill Fluty: 2015. \$1,520,000. We've been using \$130,000 of COIT money because the TIF revenues with taxes haven't been enough to pay that bond payment but it's very close and we may be able to reduce that this year.

Councilmember Sutton: And the U.S.I.?

Bill Fluty: U.S.I. is 2010 and we pay that with \$480,000 of COIT money and also surtax and wheel tax.

Councilmember Sutton: And that balance?

Bill Fluty: That balance has been refinanced and it was \$4,310,000.

JAIL BOND

President Winnecke: Are there questions on those two bonds? If not, we'll move to the Jail Bond, page 186. Any questions on this \$2.5 million dollar expense beginning in 2006?

AUDITOR

Okay, we'll move to the Auditor's budget, page 7. Mr. Fluty, anything you'd like to point out to us as different or unusual?

Bill Fluty: Communications. We have \$900 in there for website and traditionally we've paid that out of Other Supplies so we reduced Other Supplies down by \$900 and moved it to a line item we thought better described it. We also have Computer/Data Management which is just new computers at a cost for three new computers for next year.

President Winnecke: Has the Kronos Maintenance been moved to another line item? Another budget?

Bill Fluty: In the last couple years, many of the maintenance contracts have been moved into the computer services budget. It's a trend and this is just one of those

things. It's still here, it's just been moved into there and reflects more of what we're paying on...computers in one central location for maintenance.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion of Mr. Fluty? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I just...Contractual Services?

Bill Fluty: That is \$15,000 and that is for GASB 34. We haven't spent any money out of that this year. They worked in connection with the State Board of Accounts that were in other counties and haven't arrived here. That is starting up right now, as we speak.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion for the Auditor? Mr. Fluty, thank you.

Bill Fluty: You're welcome.

President Winnecke: No other business to come before us today. We will stand in recess until 9:00 tomorrow morning. Thank you all.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 10, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 10th day of August, 2005 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning. I would like to reconvene the 2006 Vanderburgh County budget hearings and I would like the record to reflect that each of the members of the Vanderburgh County Council are here. We'll begin with the first order of business, the Levee Authority, page 187 in your budget books.

LEVEE DISTRIBUTION TAX

President Winnecke: Good morning, Bob.

Bob Mangold: Good morning.

President Winnecke: Do you want to begin? Sort of walk us through.

Bob Mangold: Oh, sure. Okay. My name is Bob Mangold with the Evansville Levee Authority. I'm the superintendent, so I am here to answer any questions that you may have on this budget.

President Winnecke: Just as a reminder, we voted to remove this budget from our levy. We hope that it will take effect in time for the 2006 budget, but it has not officially taken place yet, so we should still review this for all the technical and legal reasons. Mr. Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: Bob, how are things going?

Bob Mangold: It's going great.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is it?

Bob Mangold: It might as well be.

Councilmember Tornatta: Anything that we should expect in the next and upcoming year that you can foresee as far as something that would be a cost that would come before us?

Bob Mangold: No, not at this time. Everything that we have checked, all the new—all the pumps and everything in the levee system are all in good shape, so I don't see anything really.

Councilmember Tornatta: And I know that it didn't have a lot to do this summer necessarily with the rising water to my knowledge, but anything that we had in the spring or are we on schedule on all of our overtime and everything? Do we look pretty good right now?

Bob Mangold: We look real good right now. We really do.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell.

Councilmember Abell: The salaries and wages are not itemized in our budget book. Did you only include three percent for your staff?

Bob Mangold: Yes, we did.

Councilmember Abell: Okay.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you very much.

Bob Mangold: Thank you.

***DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN
CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT***

President Winnecke: Department of Children Services and Division of Family Resources.

John Schroeder: Good morning. My name is John Schroeder. I'm the Assistant Director with the Vanderburgh County Office of Family Resources and Child Services. We are here—Virginia Combs is the division supervisor for the child services area and she is here to assist if you have questions specifically concerning this, but these are what the budgets are for. The pamphlets I gave you, there are two parts to it. We have two funds now. If you look on the left side the one for the Family & Children's Fund, which is the bigger budget, the inside of the cover page is the request for each of the various accounts. There is a lot of other information in there concerning how we came by these and also information concerning what the Family & Children's Fund does in a separate section behind that. Finally, in the back what used to be called, and I don't know what the actual law is because it was called Senate Bill 400, but we're required to give you two statements on that every year about what expenditures are paid towards what areas and things like that. So that is there. On the right side is the budget requests and documentation for the Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services Fund. This is one that was established a couple of years ago by state law. When they originally suggested to us what it was to be for they gave us certain information about the eligibility for these and we were told to determine what it should have been from those who were eligible for Medicaid and then we found out after that all took place and started going through that not only did the children have to be eligible for Medicaid, they had to be in a certified facility and there are not too many certified facilities in the state. We don't utilize many of those so the actual costs that we've had in that particular account is much lower than was initially anticipated. We did not find that out until toward the end of last year, so we've had two years with the initial estimates. Now this year, as you'll notice, it is much lower at \$145,000 as opposed to the \$800,000 to \$900,000 that was initially proposed or determined. So those are the areas that we have and we were wondering if you had any questions or concerns about that or what you needed to hear from us.

President Winnecke: Well, I certainly appreciate the detail that you provided this morning. It's a lot to soak up in just a matter of a couple of minutes. Any questions or comments? Mr. Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is there anything that has a balance in all these funds? Do you have any documentation with balances in any of these funds?

John Schroeder: Working balances?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

John Schroeder: The current working balance—normally that is in here. Normally we're required to have a working balance of six months in there so that we can pay the bills as they come in. So—

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you have any balances over and—coming out of last year in the accounts?

John Schroeder: Yes, we did have a balance coming out of the account for the working balance situation and also then in the Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services Fund we had a large balance, but that was transferred to the—at least at the beginning of this year that major balance was transferred to the General Fund, the County General Fund, as the law is set up and said. But is that what you are looking for?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, in the Family & Children, does that go into the General Fund as well?

John Schroeder: No, that carries over.

Councilmember Tornatta: That carries over.

John Schroeder: And operates as a working balance for the next year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

John Schroeder: Because we're getting, you know, large payments to make.

Councilmember Tornatta: And is that—were those taken into account?

John Schroeder: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: With these totals right here?

John Schroeder: That's correct. Oh, yeah, that is how I always calculate it in. Any carry over balances are used in calculating the budgets through this year and for the next year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

John Schroeder: But they do require us to in calculating those, calculate a working balance for the beginning of next year so that we would have enough.

Councilmember Tornatta: I see, you're thinking 18 months out?

John Schroeder: Right, that's correct.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, Mr. President. This may be more of a legal question that might require our legal counsel to address, but I wonder if it is possible to shift any of our Patient/Inmate out of our General Fund into this levy? You know,

particularly the special needs where we're paying a much higher per diem for psychiatric help and stuff like that.

John Schroeder: The only ones that we can make payments on normally are children who are considered these children under the age of 18 who are considered to be and qualify through the court as children in need of services, a term that's used. One thing we do have and one thing that has happened is we have a number of delinquent children who are placed in institutions that the judge then also makes Children in Need of Services that we are paying for. As a matter of fact, for a few months this year we are paying more on delinquent children out of the Care of Wards and Institutions than we are for non delinquent children.

Councilmember Raben: Is it possible to look into that?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, you just want to know in terms of if there is a problem putting what...some of it or all of it into this budget?

Councilmember Raben: As much as possible. I mean, if possible I would like to put it all in there, but again, there are special cases where I think they would certainly qualify that we may not be picking up.

Jeff Ahlers: You said—

Councilmember Raben: As John said, some of them are.

Jeff Ahlers: Are you aware of anything that you think that would prohibit that from being done? You're saying that part of it is already. Some of the folks that are receiving this money are incarcerated or inmates?

John Schroeder: No, they cannot be in restrictive confinement.

Virginia Combs: Our budget does not pay for detention, secure detention, of any children.

Jeff Ahlers: And I don't think that is what Mr. Raben is talking about. It's not paying for the actual security or detention. It would just be a matter of if there was someone who was in detention that would have a need for a certain care.

John Schroeder: As far as I know the state law indicates that we cannot pay for children that are in secure detention.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: If I remember, years ago I think that was mentioned, but you can't intermingle these here. I think that is something you've got to be awful careful with. That was tried years ago, I think. Mr. Ward was wanting that years ago.

Councilmember Raben: If you could, pull a copy of the statute and let's just double check that.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion? Mrs. Abell.

Councilmember Abell: Did you figure a three percent salary increase for your employees?

John Schroeder: Our employees are paid directly by the State of Indiana. They're not in this budget. This budget is only for services provided to those that are children who are in our care.

Councilmember Abell: All of the employees including yourself and the other director?

John Schroeder: Yes, that is correct.

President Winnecke: Other questions?

Councilmember Raben: Just one quick comment.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Just to make sure everybody understands to change these accounts to these correct figures for both page 137 and 138. They should be laying on your desk. As an example, account on page 137, the Family & Children, the correct figure is \$17,146,300.

John Schroeder: The reason the difference is there is because this normally has to be filed and advertised before we get the information that has been checked and sent off by the state.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Okay, thank you.

John Schroeder: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Childrens Psychiatric Residential Treatment page 138.

Councilmember Tornatta: We just went over that.

President Winnecke: Yeah, we just went through that, too. Never mind.

Councilmember Tornatta: And these are, just to be noted, outside the tax levy. Just for those paying attention.

President Winnecke: Thank you, sir.

TREASURER

President Winnecke: Page 10, the Treasurer.

Z Tuley: Hi. Z Tuley, Vanderburgh County Treasurer.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Z.

Z Tuley: Morning.

President Winnecke: If you would just go through beginning with your 2000 level accounts unless you have something specific about an employee and we'll have questions after that.

Z Tuley: I did want to call attention to the Copy Fees. Last year we were given \$300. This is the Pacer, which is public access to the court electronic records. These are the pages that we have to review for bankruptcy pages and you're charged by the page. We have had several Chapter 11's which can be very difficult which can be very time consuming, and a whole lot of paper to retrieve and a whole lot of paper to work at. I don't think that \$300 being set in this line is adequate. I have asked for \$600. In 2004 we spent \$760 and for this year in 2005 it looks like we're going to run right around \$500. So I have asked for \$600 in this area. Some of you may be aware that Chapter or bankruptcy cases have been changing. Chapter 7's are going to be more difficult. They are going to force people to file the Chapter 11's and the Chapter 13's and this is where we have the more paperwork, the more involved, the more attorney advice we need and the need for the attorney to basically handle it for us. Chapter 7 is pretty cut and dried, but with the new changes in the laws we're not going to see that many where there is going to be a rise in the 13's and the 11's. So I think that \$600 is a good place to start. Even the attorneys are not sure how this is really going to impact the picture. The new law doesn't take into effect until October. Training. Last year Training was cut. I do feel that it is very important for my employees to receive a brushing up of their computer skills and not just that, I think they need to be often reminded of how to deal with difficult people. We have an awful lot of that in the Treasurer's Office, as you can well imagine, and if your imagination won't take you there just come and see me during tax time and you'll get a real clear picture of that. I think that we need to be educated and trained on how to deal with that and not let it get to you, and to conduct ourselves in a professional manner and not to be shouting back at taxpayers. So we didn't get any of that training this last year, so I am asking for \$1,000 in Training for 2006. On the Printing.

President Winnecke: How about Computer Data Management?

Z Tuley: I'm sorry, did I skip one?

President Winnecke: Yes, please.

Z Tuley: Oh, yes. We have the need to replace two computers. It's running on Office 2000. We've got two of them in that shape. They need to be brought up-to-date and the \$2,500 that's about how much one computer costs with all of the works. You know, all of your Excel, your updated Excel, your updated Word and your updated Office Outlook and those things. We're needing two. So I've raised it to \$5,000 to cover two computers. On the Printing, we have seen some increase in printing. We now have what we have labeled the COLTS form that goes in with the tax bill. That's an awful lot of additional printing. We're still working on that law. I'm getting ready to meet with some of our local legislators to discuss the financial impact that the law has on all of the counties. Along with that, we recognize that the tax bills were kind of going to go skyrocketing because that also creates additional postage because you have an additional piece of paper that goes into that envelope. So for the 2005 bills that—well, it's 2004 pay in 2005 we switched over to a label that was having to peel those off of your tax bill and use your own envelope so that the Treasurer wasn't mailing out two enclosures which was two self addressed stamped envelopes so that the taxpayer could mail their payments back in May and November. So with that, the 2004 postage was \$50,000. The 2005 postage was \$26,800. So yes it drove up printing to pay for the label, but it reduced the postage more so. So I'm asking that printing be put back at \$50,000. Last year, I think for 2004 it was at \$50,000 and last year it was cut to \$45,000 and I had to come back and ask for not one, but two appropriations in that line. Legal Services, this goes

back to the attorney fees. Last year we had 15. I'm in need of coming before you now to let you know that I need another appropriation for legal fees. We have everything itemized, everything that you need to know. We've had large cases. We're still trying to wrap up the convention center issue that was a huge bankruptcy case and that was filed in Florida. We have Buehler's Buy Low on board. We have Bodkins, we have Pameco, all of these things have needed attorney attention and advice and like I said, that new law is going to go into effect for October so I expect the need for the attorneys to get more involved in the bankruptcy cases for 2006. So I am asking for \$3,500. That's just the best ballpark I could guess. It's a really uncertain area as to how much it will go up. Then Office Machines, \$2,000 doesn't hardly get us anywhere. You can't purchase a piece of office equipment for \$2,000.

President Winnecke: What kind of office equipment do you need?

Z Tuley: What were we looking at? We had to ask for the scanner, the additional scanner.

(Comments made from audience)

Z Tuley: Didn't we purchase that new fax machine this year? Okay, there may or may not be a need for an additional scanner in the office. We did replace the fax machine, so I am asking for \$3,000 which is an addition. If I do have something that goes down I can come back and ask for an appropriation. This would be the only area that I feel that might have some room for flexibility. But all of the other increases that I have given you are pretty concrete.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion for the Treasurer? Mr. Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Good morning, Z.

Z Tuley: Morning.

Councilmember Goebel: On your \$50,000 item for Printing and Postage and all that. Are we in the future working on something because now we can go online and check our own bills and that, are we working in a direction where it might become paperless if people opt to go that route? That might save the cost.

Z Tuley: I think that's a great idea.

Councilmember Goebel: I know it would be a mammoth undertaking. Like the debit option you have now and things like that, but is there any thought in other counties or anything like that?

Z Tuley: It would take a change in the law because the law says you must mail. On the COLTS form and the tax bill.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Z Tuley: I have proposed that on the COLTS form because it would help reduce the postage again because it's another piece of paper that adds weight. If the state still insists that we produce this that they make it available online and not go through the postage—or yeah, the printing and postage costs.

Councilmember Goebel: It seems like that would be the route to go.

Z Tuley: It's a great idea.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Z Tuley: Uh-huh.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: Z.

Z Tuley: Good morning.

Councilmember Tornatta: On the—you were talking about the printing. That does not include postage, right?

Z Tuley: Correct.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, and who pays the postage?

Z Tuley: The Commissioner's budget.

Councilmember Tornatta: How much did you say you were bringing down the postage?

Z Tuley: In 2004 it was \$50,031 and in 2005 it was \$26,870.

Councilmember Tornatta: So you cut it in half?

Z Tuley: Close.

Councilmember Tornatta: Great. Thank you.

Z Tuley: You're welcome.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Comments? Thank you, Z.

Z Tuley: Thank you.

President Winnecke: See you in a couple of weeks.

Z Tuley: Okay.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Winnecke: County Commissioners. We'll begin on page 79. Good morning.

Suzanne Crouch: Good morning. Thank you, Councilmember Winnecke, president, and other Council members. We have kind of a budget overview book that we presented to kind of give you a progress report on our different departments since the beginning of the year. Also you will find a list of the funds that the Commissioners have authority over with the past revenues that have been receipted in and then six month year-to-date, so I hope that will assist you in your budget preparations. County Commission budget, just a couple of corrections to the budget

numbers. 3020 Southwestern Mental Health, that number needs to be increased to \$756,297. That represents a 1.039 growth factor. We did not receive that—the Auditor's Office did not receive that information until after the budgets were submitted.

Councilmember Abell: Would you say that number again please?

Suzanne Crouch: \$756,297.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you.

Suzanne Crouch: Also, if you would go to line item 3531 Vision 2000, actually that should be Vision-e. The Commissioners, Vision-e, requested and the Commissioners approved an increase to \$168,000. However, that \$18,000 increase is to be split between the city and county, so that number should be \$159,000.

President Winnecke: Any other changes before we go through these?

Suzanne Crouch: Those are the only changes on that particular budget.

President Winnecke: Okay. What I am asking everyone to do unless there is a personnel issue that you would like to talk specifically about is to begin with your 2000 level accounts and chat about any changes from the previous year.

Suzanne Crouch: Unemployment. That increase is to cover the cost of unemployment. I know Council realizes we've been back already once this year so that increase represents that. Part-time Help, we have requested money in Part-time Help. With only two employees when someone is out on vacation or a personal day it presents a problem for the office so we have requested that. Office Supplies, just an increased use of paper. We do provide the paper for all the offices, so that represents not just the Commissioners, but all the county offices. Demolition Fund, the Building Commission has requested that we put that money in for demolition of buildings that they are wanting to raze. Insurance, those are just projected increases. Those numbers were given to us. Soil & Water, I know that Mr. Ellison is here from Soil & Water, so he could probably address any more specific questions that you have, but that increase represents a three percent living increase and their Gas & Maintenance and then \$2,000 for an intern—or \$6,000 for an intern and \$2,000 for Gas & Maintenance. The Emergency Medical, that increase represents what we're anticipating. We're anticipating that they're going to ask for an increase in their contract for '06. They haven't had an increase I think in about ten years, so that is what that represents. Increase in Postage. We anticipate that—well, we anticipate we've been told that postage costs are going up. The cost of stamps are going up, so that's a 5.4 percent increase. They're going up the first of the year. Travel has gone up, so we put that number in, a more realistic number. Telephone, we're looking at going to a new phone system. While the initial—yes.

Councilmember Raben: Could we stay with Travel & Mileage?

Suzanne Crouch: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: At one time I think the Commission had passed an ordinance or maybe it was just a policy on attending only state called meetings. Is that still in place?

Suzanne Crouch: I'm not sure. Do you remember when that was?

Councilmember Raben: I think it was probably five or six years ago. I'm sorry?

Sandie Deig: '98.

Councilmember Raben: '98.

Suzanne Crouch: I doubt if that is still in place. People do more than state called meetings and while some departments have Training line items that they take those particular trips out of, most offices just take it out of Travel.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, thanks.

Suzanne Crouch: Let's see. Going down, I kind of lost my place.

President Winnecke: You stopped off at Telephone.

Suzanne Crouch: Telephone. Okay. All the joint departments, those were numbers that were given to us by the city on the city joint departments. The rent for space, the Department of Information Technology, that's rent for space and that's a 50/50 split with the city. Legal Ads, legal advertising, the \$5,000 is not sufficient to cover the cost of that for the year. We place legal ads—

Councilmember Sutton: Suzanne, were you going to say something about GIS?

Suzanne Crouch: I'm not going to address that. Commissioner Musgrave is here, but I believe that they have asked to have all of their issues moved to tomorrow because Matt Arvay had a family emergency, I believe.

Councilmember Sutton: Who?

Suzanne Crouch: Matt Arvay.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, it's here on your budget. I mean, are they going to address it in their budget?

President Winnecke: I can address this here. There were some issues, apparently the Commissioners had ongoing questions of Mr. Arvay and the technical staff and Mr. Arvay was out of town on a family issue and could not return in time to get the questions answered for today's meeting, so they will come to tomorrow's meeting to answer any questions related to the GIS budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, my question is it going to be in this budget or is it going to be in Matt's budget?

Suzanne Crouch: No, it's in this budget.

Councilmember Tornatta: And when did it move to this budget?

Suzanne Crouch: It appears that—

President Winnecke: We moved it there last year.

Sandie Deig: No, it was in our budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, it was in the Council budget.

Councilmember Abell: Suzanne, while he is looking that up I would like to ask a question.

Suzanne Crouch: Sure.

Councilmember Abell: Is this all of the computer expense, because we're seeing it come up in other departments are putting computer expense in their departments? Is ACS going to have—how much are we going to spend on computers for the entire county?

Suzanne Crouch: And I'm going to have to defer to Commissioner Musgrave on that. That is the area she is really focused more on. The different Commissioners kind of focus in areas that we have strengths in so I'll have to allow her to answer that.

Cheryl Musgrave: I'll try to keep your place. Your question, Councilwoman Abell, is how much will the county spend on computers overall? To arrive at a number like that I would suggest that you request the Auditor to go through all of the computer line items for every budget that has been submitted to you and generate a report adding them all up and then include the separate GIS budget which is in the County Council's budget and the ACS money which is in the Commission budget. But that would take the generation of a report in adding all those up.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I'm not privy to what the agreements are, but I have heard scuttlebutt that the departments are supposed to all go through GIS. If they're all going through GIS why are we getting \$10,000 and \$15,000 from them if they're supposed to go through GIS to get all their stuff, or is that not the way it is?

Cheryl Musgrave: I think it is a mixture of the two. For example, in the Commission budget you will see the court's hardware and software and other licensing fees put in the ACS budget. You'll see some licensing fees for various departments. Software licenses. Then you'll see in individual departments you'll see the licensing fees appear on their budgets and their own computer hardware purchases. But what I think you might be confusing is that for at least a decade that I am aware of, perhaps even longer, I think this policy was in place when I got here. In order to have a purchase order processed no matter where the money came from, your budget or ACS' budget, ACS or its predecessor SCT, had to sign off on the purchase order and that policy, my understanding, is still in place. So in order to buy something you still have to run it through the administrative path that has been in place for more than a decade.

Councilmember Abell: Well, but for more than a decade there was a Data Board in place which is no longer in place.

Cheryl Musgrave: The Commissioners and the City Council passed the ordinance that formed the new organization, but the new organization awaits Council's approval of it.

Councilmember Raben: Cheryl, when will someone come before us with that makeup and to ask for that passage?

Cheryl Musgrave: I suppose we could if you wanted us to, but I believe that was delivered to you by the last Commissioners sometime in December, but if you have lost it we can certainly surface it.

Councilmember Raben: No, because I had heard that, too. I guess there is somewhat of a meltdown within this building in regards to where we are going with computer services. But, no, we've not been approached by the prior Commissioners in terms of approving—

Cheryl Musgrave: I was not aware that they had lapsed in that sequence of events, so I will have the staff look for that ordinance and get that to you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: So where is GIS Contractual going?

President Winnecke: It should go back to our budget.

Councilmember Raben: It should go back, yeah.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, so it is out of this budget?

Cheryl Musgrave: It was always in your budget from what I understand. It was not in the Commission budget for the last two years.

Councilmember Sutton: So we should eliminate that line 3314? It should come out or is that—

Cheryl Musgrave: See, I don't have my glasses on.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, it's in our budget, too. We've got it at 234 in our budget.

Cheryl Musgrave: It is your pleasure whether you want it in the Council budget or in the Commission budget.

President Winnecke: I think it would probably be best placed back in our budget. Other questions relating to this? This issue or others?

Councilmember Tornatta: I would just like to inquire, you said 5.4 percent on Postage and Freight and it was marked at 350 last year. You've spent \$192,000 so far this year. Five point four percent would put it at \$372,000 and not \$500,000. So do you know where you come up with the difference?

Suzanne Crouch: I believe that part of it is because of an election next year and part of it may be because of the changes that are happening with the precinct level that will require some additional postage.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, it wasn't in your rationale. That was a concern and Z just told us that she saved us around \$24,000 so I would anticipate that would make up for a big chunk of any type of addition. It would definitely make up the 5.4 percent. So I'm just trying to figure up without a rationale how we came up with that

number. And on the Demolition Fund, what's the balance in their account in the Demolition Fund.

Suzanne Crouch: I'll have to check on that for you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. I did talk to them and they did not have anything on the books as of yet to talk about any kind of Demolition Fund. We've not funded anything in that in the past.

Suzanne Crouch: Right, but this number did come from the Building Commission.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. But they have \$100,000 in that account which is for these types of procedures so they would be happy—

Suzanne Crouch: Yeah, if they're willing to take on county, you know, do the county razing out of their fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, it is for city/county, that fund, so it can be taken care of out of that fund. For Extra Help, do you not have more than one person in that office at a time?

Suzanne Crouch: We have two employees currently.

Councilmember Tornatta: Two employees. And does the Building Superintendent of County Buildings, is she also in that area?

Suzanne Crouch: Yes, she is one of the two employees.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Just two employees out of there, okay.

President Winnecke: Okay, we left off before we got onto the GIS discussion, I believe that we're down to Legal Services, maybe, or Rent.

Suzanne Crouch: Um, Rent, that was a number given to us by Mr. Rector. That represents the cost for the new Jail and Community Corrections. The additional cost for that. That increase.

Councilmember Raben: Could I, while we're on that, Suzanne?

Suzanne Crouch: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: I'm sure that cost would cover the Health Department space that has now been renovated for Juvenile Court. The old jail space, are we still paying the \$16 or \$18 a square foot as it sits empty?

Suzanne Crouch: Well, it's not currently empty and we do pay \$557,000 in rent.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, will we though for next year? I'm sorry.

Suzanne Crouch: We'll be obligated for that rent, correct.

Councilmember Raben: But it should be—they ought to treat that like an example like they do hallways or common areas are about half the rate as occupied space because they are providing housekeeping.

Suzanne Crouch: That is certainly something we can talk to them about, but we also may be looking at renovating that space for other office uses.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but it could. Just check on that just in case because we ought to pay about half the rent there that we're now paying.

President Winnecke: Hold the discussion for a second while we change the tape.

(Tape Change)

President Winnecke: We may proceed.

Suzanne Crouch: Legal Services, we're requesting an increase to \$100,000. The county attorney is paid \$70 an hour. The city attorneys are paid \$150 an hour. That's an issue that we probably need to address in the future. Legal Contractual, that is the County Attorney's retainer. He does not take a salary nor does he take benefits.

Councilmember Sutton: So that's, we move that from the 100 accounts?

President Winnecke: It's zeroed out in the 100 accounts.

Councilmember Sutton: And then moved down here?

Suzanne Crouch: Right. Copy Machine Lease, that's for the copy--well, that's the copy machine in the Auditor's Office. The Joint Department Purchasing, that is the number provided by the city. Occu-Med, we're anticipating that will be a number that we will need for the drug testing that we're doing of new employees. There may be a little bit of play there, a little bit of leeway there. Building Commission is a joint number that was provided by the city. Contractual Computer and SCT and Computer Facility Management I believe that will be addressed tomorrow. Office Machines, we have put in for a new copy machine. The one, for those of you that have been in the office if you've seen it or heard it operate, it's kind of on its last leg. Transportation Services, we're anticipating that contract very well may go up. We're in the process of negotiating that for next year currently. The Southwestern Indiana Disaster Resistant, that is a number that you all did not approve so that will probably come out of this budget.

Councilmember Raben: Suzanne, could we go back to Central Dispatch, that request of \$290,000?

Suzanne Crouch: What line item?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I'm sorry. It's 3890.

Suzanne Crouch: Uh-huh, question?

Councilmember Raben: Well there is a request of \$290,000. We've been putting that budget in the 911 account. What is that \$290,000 for?

Suzanne Crouch: Well, the 911 we only put \$700,000 in there because that is what we're projecting in revenues. We thought it was not fiscally prudent to put in more than what the revenues were projected to be. That would represent the difference.

Councilmember Raben: That account has been raising 900 plus, has it not?

Suzanne Crouch: Well, if you'll look at your sheet that we provided to you it raised \$700,000 in the past. Last year it did raise \$900,000. When I inquired of the Auditor's Office they said it was probably because there was more usage, but this year, if you look at our six month revenues it looks like that \$700,000 is probably going to be a more accurate number for this year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Let me go back just a little bit on—I'm lost, give me just a second. On that Patient Inmate Care line item that was moved over to the Superior Court side, what is maybe the thought process there in terms of moving that over?

Suzanne Crouch: The Commissioners—it's always been in the—well, I don't know if it has always been, but it has been in the Commissioner's budget for as long as I've been involved and the Commissioners have no access to juvenile records. That is something the courts does and then when they get the invoices they check them against their records. They literally bring the invoices to our department. We just make a claim up and send it to the Auditor's Office. It seemed like an unnecessary step and would shorten the process if it in fact would go directly from the judge to the Auditor's Office. We checked with State Board of Accounts, Tom Simpson with the State Board of Accounts, and he said that they had no problem with it as long as the judge was agreeable. Judge Niemeier was agreeable, so that's why that change was made.

Councilmember Sutton: You know, the amount has been continuing to rise each year and we're budgeting the same amount for next year as we've got this year. Did you guys kind of discuss maybe what that amount was going to—what you anticipate it was going to be?

Suzanne Crouch: I did talk to Judge Niemeier and I guess there are some changes taking place with placement of children because that—and he thought that the 1.7, at least that is what he shared with me, probably wasn't too far off, but I presume he had addressed that with you.

Councilmember Sutton: Not necessarily on the projected amount, on how the number was arrived at, no he didn't. So I didn't know if you guys were—if you guys had discussion on how you come up with those projections since it has been on the Commissioner side for quite some time.

Suzanne Crouch: I don't know how he arrived at that number. Perhaps he just did it based upon, you know, past numbers that have been submitted.

President Winnecke: If I may, I think what he had done was look at the previous expenditures and just trended, looked at the trends, and arrived at \$1.7 million.

Councilmember Sutton: Um, also you mentioned earlier on that postage amount you were saying you are anticipating a 5.4 percent increase. Last year \$350,000 was allocated and now you're requesting half a million, so 5.4 wouldn't quite be a half million, I mean it would probably come right around the neighborhood of about \$372ish, somewhere around that range. Where there some additional expenses that were anticipated there over and above that 5.4 percent? You mentioned something

about the election. How much are you kind of itemizing now for postage for the election to come up with that five—that half million dollar figure?

Suzanne Crouch: Well, I believe, did—Councilmember Troy Tornatta, did you say that we've spent \$192,000?

Councilmember Tornatta: \$192,000 to date.

Suzanne Crouch: So if we take that, you know, times two that comes up to, what, \$384,000 and then you take the 5.4 percent on top of that. In terms of the election there will be mailings, we're anticipating mailings to registered voters. We already have precinct changes. That has been projected to be in the neighborhood of about 30,000, so there is probably room to cut at that \$500,000 amount.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and with those numbers there put it at about 420 or 425ish is what those numbers if you would take what you were saying there with the increase and then the mailings as well. There are on the Office Machine area, that's line item 4220, can you talk to us about that \$15,000 that you guys are requesting?

Suzanne Crouch: That is an estimate at this particular point in time, Councilmember Sutton. We have requested a number from Computer Services for a new copier. We're waiting for that number. Burdette also had looked at some numbers on a copier and they come up with 13 thousand something so we plugged that 15,000 in, but we're still waiting to hear back from Computer Services on a copier.

Councilmember Sutton: Of course, one of the bright spots in the budget for next year we won't have the Lodging of Inmates which is a good thing. Of course, we spent more than the \$200,000 we had allocated for 2005. But, if I don't include the 100 accounts and eliminate the Lodging of Inmates and then take that difference with the rent and I just eliminate that out, it's a pretty hefty increase overall in your departmental budget, so I guess it needs as we are looking at likely targets and things to get the budget down, I guess there probably will be a lot of discussions here over the next couple of weeks because on one set of figures I've got your budget increasing about 20.2 percent over last year and that's factoring in that Patient Inmate Care as well as if it were still in your budget. So it's a pretty hefty increase you've got over next year.

Suzanne Crouch: And I would like to point out that a lot of the costs that are in here are costs for not just the Commission, but they're costs for the entire county and they're costs that we really have very little control over. One of them, the rent, you know, for the actual space of the Building Authority that we get from the Building Authority, so while I realize and appreciate what you're saying, some of these are costs that we can't really control.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I know there are some that are non-discretionary items and then there are some that you guys actually have some direct input on.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. This might be a question for Commissioner Musgrave. I would like to know about, I can ask you this though, plans for the jail space. When do you think we'll get an idea of what your plans are for the jail space area? The old jail space area?

Suzanne Crouch: We will—we've already received from Mr. Rector costs, some rough costs, on renovating that current jail space. We also have received from him some costs on long term bonds to actually fund that. We also have—and he is currently factoring what that would do to the square footage price, so hopefully within the next month or so we should have that information to you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, because that would possibly play into what we would pay in the future.

Suzanne Crouch: That's correct.

Councilmember Tornatta: Determining on when you would have that space ready. What about the Commissioner's Office as it stands? Are we going to see anything different or changes that we're going to be seeing a bill for out of that?

Suzanne Crouch: No.

Councilmember Tornatta: We won't see any of that, okay. And then the last two questions are what are our plans for SCT and the Contractual Computer doubled. I didn't know if we knew why? You know, the plans for SCT and why the Contractual Computer doubled.

Suzanne Crouch: If it pleases the Council, we will be able to address that tomorrow when Mr. Arvay is here. He has been pulled away or called away because of a family emergency in Ohio, so if it is alright we can address that tomorrow.

Councilmember Tornatta: On the Contractual Computer?

Suzanne Crouch: Tomorrow also.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, now what about the SCT contract?

Suzanne Crouch: And that would be addressed tomorrow also.

Councilmember Tornatta: He doesn't make that decision.

Suzanne Crouch: But he has a lot of input and probably can answer a lot of the questions that you would have.

Councilmember Tornatta: He doesn't make that decision.

President Winnecke: What's your specific question? I'm not sure what—

Councilmember Tornatta: The question is what are the plans for SCT because we have a contract that expires if I'm correct in June of 2006.

Suzanne Crouch: That's correct.

Councilmember Tornatta: And at that point we either have SCT or we don't have SCT. So that is a Commissioner decision because they develop contracts so I'm asking what are the plans from the Commissioner with reference to SCT.

Suzanne Crouch: And I'll defer to Commissioner Musgrave on that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Cheryl Musgrave: Um, the Commissioners along with the Mayor, the City of Evansville, contracted with a provider to provide a report regarding the computer services and this report will detail every computer service now currently provided by ACS. It's hard to keep track of their initials. That report has been delivered only in draft form at this point in time and we await the final report. This is one of those reports we hope will be done in the next month. It will give the Mayor and the Commissioners some information as to whether or if they should pursue either a new contract, an extended contract, a difference scope of services, so no decisions have been made by the Commissioners with regard to their computer services. If you care to inquire of the Mayor what decisions that he has made regarding this that is, of course, your prerogative.

President Winnecke: When do you anticipate, I again, I'm sorry, I missed the completion of the report?

Cheryl Musgrave: We hope that it will be within the month. As you can appreciate, it's a very detailed report. There are quite a number of issues to examine.

President Winnecke: And who provided the study? Or who is providing it?

Cheryl Musgrave: The study was funded 50/50 by the city and the Commissioners and is being provided by McCarter, Incorporated.

Councilmember Raben: Cheryl, I might ask if we're going to have the discussion on computer tomorrow maybe if we could have a copy of the make-up of the new Data Board or what are we actually calling it today?

Cheryl Musgrave: I don't know. I was not part of the decision making process when the last Commissioners adopted this. I remember it occurring. I remember opposing parts of it myself, but it was adopted really without much discussion by the last Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Well, is there a copy?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes, there is a copy and that can certainly be provided to you. I will have our staff member get it to your staff member today.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, again, I ask that because I know it is a concern of a lot of the elected county officeholders as to where we are going with all this. Okay, thanks.

Cheryl Musgrave: Sure. And I'll see you tomorrow.

President Winnecke: I did have a question, Suzanne. I've been trying to find the line item and it's just I never remember the difference. Oh, here is one of them. Line item 3090 Urban Transportation. What's the difference between that and—

Suzanne Crouch: Urban Transportation is EUTS and that's represents the county's funding.

President Winnecke: Oh, that's EUTS? Okay, I'm sorry. That's what I needed to know, thanks. Other questions of Commissioner Crouch? Okay, let's move on.

Councilmember Abell: I have a question—

President Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Abell: —but not of Commissioner Crouch. I would like to address something with Commissioner Musgrave. Commissioner, I have a copy of a letter that was sent to you and I commend you on asking these questions and I hope you have no objection with my sharing it. It was addressed to Vision-e on March 15th. Maybe you're aware of—

Cheryl Musgrave: Oh, their responses to questions that I had?

Councilmember Abell: Yes, if you have no objection I have copies for the rest of Council that I would like—

Cheryl Musgrave: That would be fine. It's been a while since I read the letter so I'm not sure—

Councilmember Abell: I understand. I'd be happy to provide you with a copy of it if you want.

Cheryl Musgrave: Thank you.

Councilmember Abell: I realize that the county doesn't fund Vision-e in its entirety. However, I think the questions that you addressed here were very much on point. I'm concerned about, if you'll turn to the second page, there surely is something wrong if we're paying, or Vision-e is paying health insurance for Ken Robinson to the tune of \$22,400 a year and for Jim Holderread for \$31,600. That must be a mistake. If it isn't, they need to renegotiate their health insurance.

Cheryl Musgrave: As I understand the way this department or this organization works, they submit their budget to their board of directors and their board of directors signs off on it. They submit, in essence, a grant request to the Commissioners and to the Mayor for funding and that is approved. So if these are in error, then Vision-e made the error for they supplied this information to us.

Councilmember Abell: I realize these were responses from Vision-e. I'm concerned that the county is paying any of a fee that would include almost \$11,000 a year to lease a vehicle for an Executive Director that makes an excess, well in excess, of \$100,000 a year.

Cheryl Musgrave: I agree with you.

Councilmember Abell: I'm concerned that their employees got a ten percent salary increase and ours got \$500.

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes, I agree with you.

Councilmember Abell: I think these are issues—

Cheryl Musgrave: I think that if these people were your employees you would not make the decisions that have been made that arrived at the numbers that are on this page. That is why I spoke against at the Commission meeting for Vision-e's request for an increase above \$150,000. I fundamentally object to the government funding

this organization almost in its entirety based upon the city and county split and only having, I think, and I could be wrong here, between the city and the county maybe two appointments to the board. I object to that. I think economic development is incredibly important and I think that we may see more importance than we are getting in results here so I commend you in asking the questions that may lead to better spending of our money.

Councilmember Abell: I think we as Councilmen need to take a look at this part of your budget realizing it's not necessarily your definite request.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you.

DRAINAGE BOARD

President Winnecke: Okay, let's move on. The Drainage Board. Page—I have it, I'm sorry, 77. Any questions regarding the Drainage Board?

Councilmember Tornatta: I've done my paperwork, what's the page number?

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, page 77.

Councilmember Tornatta: Could we do 135 for the Commissioners?

RIVERBOAT

President Winnecke: Move on to 121 Riverboat. Any questions there?

CCD/COMMISSIONERS

President Winnecke: I did miss page 135 of the Commission budget, I apologize. We can go to it next. Any questions of that? Suzanne, you might speak to the loan agreement request that is in the CCD.

Suzanne Crouch: That amount Commissioner Nix had projected, Since 2003, the Commission has invested seven million in the Old Courthouse for a new roof, over seven million for a new roof, for new windows and an energy system and that \$450,000 that is currently in there does represent a ten year note for payment. Commissioner Nix estimates that it will probably cost five to six million to complete the renovation. That \$650,000 represents a five million dollar note over a ten year period.

Councilmember Sutton: Commissioner?

Suzanne Crouch: Uh-huh.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: How much are we anticipating—how much is the CCD Fund generating annually approximately? I know we've got like a \$1.7 million balance in there. How much is it generating?

Suzanne Crouch: About 1.6.

Councilmember Sutton: About 1.6 per year?

Suzanne Crouch: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: So we're going to have a pretty healthy balance, I guess, over the next year and a half in this account?

Suzanne Crouch: Well, actually this year when we get to Local Roads & Streets, we prepared that budget anticipating additional COIT above and beyond the one million. We realize that's probably not doable, therefore we need to cut about \$800,000 out of Local Roads & Streets and we're looking to move University Parkway to CCD and appropriate that this year. In addition we're looking at a \$700,000, potentially a \$700,000 request for juvenile detention also, so that would take that \$1.7 down to about \$200,000.

Councilmember Sutton: University Parkway, how much is that going to be? Did you say?

Suzanne Crouch: I believe it is \$875,000 which is in the Local Roads & Street budget.

Councilmember Sutton: But that's not in here.

Suzanne Crouch: No, that would be an additional appropriation this year, later this year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Should we budget it?

President Winnecke: She is saying it would be appropriated in this calendar year.

Councilmember Tornatta: This calendar year.

Suzanne Crouch: We would come back to Council for the appropriation. We actually have it in the CCD, excuse me, in the Local Roads & Street budget. We were hoping that we would get additional COIT money, but realize that's probably not a possibility so we would zero that out when you get to the Local Roads & Street budget and then come and ask for an additional appropriation out of our CCD balance that we have this year for that project.

Councilmember Goebel: Suzanne, what was that amount again that you're going to request?

Suzanne Crouch: For the—

Councilmember Goebel: University.

Suzanne Crouch: —University Parkway, \$875,000.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions of the CCD?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, real quick.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry. Mr. Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's okay. Building and Equipment. We've not put anything in that account. One hundred thousand dollars, if you explained it I missed it.

Suzanne Crouch: The Highway Garage has a lot of equipment that currently and over the years has been left out in the yard and hasn't been housed and this is for an outbuilding to house the trucks, the equipment, to actually extend the life of the equipment and to maintain it in better condition.

Councilmember Raben: I would see that to be an important request. I mean, they do have a lot of equipment, valuable equipment, that sits outside and they are somewhat becoming very limited on garage space. I mean, they do need some extra area under roof. I would like to go back to just the Old Courthouse for just a moment if I could. You know, I guess going back, Suzanne, four or five years ago there was a lot of discussion on where we're going with the Old Courthouse and I think this body at that time had agreed upon, you know, the term that we used then was sealing the envelope, new windows, new roof, taking care of leaks. I guess I question the need to spend six or seven million when we still really don't know what the purpose of going forward is with that facility.

Suzanne Crouch: Well, you know, kind of an interesting little bit of trivia. When the Old Courthouse was built in 1890 it cost \$440,000 to build it. We have invested a lot of money in the last few years. When the Commission took over at the beginning of this year we realized that, yes, that kind of big plan for the Old Courthouse hasn't taken place. We reorganized the Old Courthouse Foundation Board and we reorganized it to include individuals that are experienced in fund raising and it is our belief and hope that there will be a partnership where we can raise some money also for that renovation. That Old Courthouse Board is also looking because they have monies in the Foundation and they're looking at hiring a consultant to actually come up with an actual price and recommendation on what should be done with the Old Courthouse and then uses for the Old Courthouse. So they're in the process of addressing that very issue and, you know, hope to have some kind of a response within the next few months.

Councilmember Raben: My next question would be, surely we wouldn't begin any type of renovations until we found out what those uses or needs for the future are, would we?

Suzanne Crouch: No, but this is for next year.

Councilmember Sutton: So would this be a consultant paid for by this new board?

Suzanne Crouch: By the foundation board.

President Winnecke: The foundation has it's own resources.

Suzanne Crouch: They have their own monies.

Councilmember Sutton: They've had some real difficulty before.

Suzanne Crouch: In the past.

Councilmember Sutton: Which essentially caused them to disband just by a lack of interest, being able to raise dollars. Have they identified some new or different sources? Just a real difficult time generating a lot of enthusiasm around that former board. I was just wondering what this new group has been able to do.

Suzanne Crouch: That is part of what they are in the process of doing, Councilmember Sutton. They also are looking at, because they do have their own funds, they're also exploring the possibility of contracting or hiring a professional fund-raiser to assist them with that task. They've spent some time studying Allen County because Allen County has been very, very successful in actually raising money for their courthouse and I believe Councilmember Abell is very familiar with that because she sat on the original Old Courthouse Task Force and they also looked at Allen County. So there are some of those kinds of efforts going on. That is one of their missions and goals is to actually become more aggressive in raising money for that historic building.

Councilmember Sutton: The possibilities of, um, we've talked about trying to get additional tenants in that building, I mean, what are our prospects on that end? Are we getting any interest whatsoever?

Suzanne Crouch: That is going to be part of the mission of this consultant, in addition with the Old Courthouse Foundation Board is to try to come up with a plan on what still needs to be done and then what uses that building can be used for. Right now, while we spent \$7 million if you go in the Old Courthouse, other than the bathrooms, there is still a lot of structural and cosmetic work that needs to be done in not only the rooms, but in the common areas also. So that's the next step is to try to identify the uses for that building, whether it be to put government offices in there or whether it would be to go to the private sector, whether it would be to have a part of it that would be available for historic use and that is what they will be addressing here with the help of their consultant.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Just for what it's worth, I have never been a big advocate of moving more governmental offices over there. I think we're going to spread our costs out and make them much greater. I think the square footage we've got here should always house or be as much as we need to house government. I don't think government really needs to grow. I think we just need to become more efficient, but I do think that's a great future home for the private sector and what other areas. I am curious though as far as you cited Lake County?

Suzanne Crouch: Allen.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, Allen, I'm sorry. What future uses have they found or have they found, what are they using their Old Courthouse for today?

Suzanne Crouch: I believe that, and Ms. Abell can probably correct me, but I believe they use a lot of it for the courts. They've actually renovated it into courtrooms and they actually conduct court in their building.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, okay. When you look real hard at what we've got now, the Sheriff is vacating 35 or 38,000 square feet. You know, surely that's our future expansion if need to be under this roof. Again, I think when you spread

government out further we're going to see costs go through the roof and you lose efficiencies.

President Winnecke: I do have one question, really unrelated to the Old Courthouse or anything. Is there any budget line item of payment for election equipment, do you know? It was not in the Election Office yesterday.

Suzanne Crouch: I would have to research that.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Suzanne Crouch: Councilmember Winnecke, I'll get back with you.

President Winnecke: Okay. It just kind of occurred to me last night as I was reviewing some of the items. It may be in somebody's budget, I just haven't found it yet. It's something that we need to obviously have in. Okay, let's move on to—

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, hold on. I wanted to get out of the courthouse.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, I thought we were done.

Councilmember Tornatta: Sorry. In reference to any type of—in the past we provided Sheriff cars for our deputies and last year we bought none due the Sheriff. I didn't know what your thoughts were on law enforcement and providing law enforcement with the tools that they need to do their services.

Suzanne Crouch: Well, I'm always willing to work with Council with our Sheriff to assist them in what they need, so I would be open to that.

Councilmember Tornatta: You would be open to talk about servicing that car issue?

Suzanne Crouch: I would be open to it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Winnecke: Okay, let's move on to—any other questions? While Suzanne is here let's just move on. We'll skip just a little bit just for some efficiency here. Superintendent of County Buildings, page 90.

Councilmember Raben: Did you intend to skip over 185 and 111?

Suzanne Crouch: The Centre? They're here and they can address that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I didn't know if you were going to represent that, okay.

President Winnecke: Any questions of the Superintendent of County Buildings budget?

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, uh, the \$100,000 you're just taking, you've spent \$59,000 up till this point. Is that how we arrived at that number? Do we, how far advanced is that paid? Is that paid monthly, I assume?

Suzanne Crouch: Yes, and we're just anticipating that the cost will go up.

Councilmember Tornatta: And—

Suzanne Crouch: Maybe not since we've got that new energy savings system.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's a good thought.

Suzanne Crouch: Yeah.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is there any encumbered dollars in this fund at all? Do we know?

Suzanne Crouch: I would have to check. In the utilities?

Councilmember Tornatta: Are there any balances?

President Winnecke: In the Utility line item?

Councilmember Tornatta: Or Contractual Services.

Suzanne Crouch: I would have to check.

Councilmember Tornatta: If you could provide us with balances in this account. In fact, any balances that you have in these accounts, that would be helpful.

Suzanne Crouch: Okay.

President Winnecke: Okay, 147 Local Roads & Streets.

Suzanne Crouch: And John Stoll is here.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Suzanne Crouch: I will let him speak to that budget.

President Winnecke: I tell you what. We'll take maybe a—

Suzanne Crouch: Cum Bridge and Local Roads.

President Winnecke: We'll take a ten minute break. We'll resume here at 10:25.

Suzanne Crouch: Okay.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

President Winnecke: We have a special request to move, because of some time issues, we'll start with the Veteran's Administration. This will be a short request.

Suzanne Crouch: And before that, Mr. Gerard did send word up that on the postage, one of the reasons that it is so high is because the Assessors have to send out Form 11's next year. So that will be a significant cost and what we can do is ask them to project what they believe that cost will be. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Acker? Page 78 in your budget books.

Mark Acker: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Mark. How are you today?

Mark Acker: Pretty good.

President Winnecke: Anything you'd like to offer about your budget? Its pretty straightforward.

Mark Acker: I think its pretty lean and mean and ready for you to approve.

President Winnecke: The Memorial Day services have historically been in the Commissioner's budget and that's been moved to this budget, so that's the –

Mark Acker: By statute, the \$2,000 for programming for veterans for Memorial Day.

Councilmember Tornatta: So you're saying there's no raise in this budget besides the salary lines?

Mark Acker: I would hope.

Councilmember Tornatta: Excellent.

Councilmember Sutton: How is the building holding up over there?

Mark Acker: It's, the air conditioning is great. It's a good system and the bathrooms are nice. Its turning out nice, good paint job and it should be ready to go for the public.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and the last question. I always try and ask you this. How many dollars do you think you raised total for the –

Mark Acker: Total for our work in the work office?

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh.

Mark Acker: Now you're asking me a number – I know it, I can't tell you per se. Its over 24 million dollars of monies that come back into the community through Veteran's work, whether it be through voc/rehab, education, comp., pensions, and other annuities that come in from the Veterans Administration that we do. We're ranked third in the state in proficiency.

Councilmember Tornatta: And that's a good number, too. Thank you.

Mark Acker: Yes sir.

President Winnecke: Any other questions of Mr. Acker? Thank you. Have a good morning.

Mark Acker: Thank you.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Winnecke: Now Local Roads & Streets, page 147. Good morning, John. How are you?

John Stoll: Pretty good. How are you?

President Winnecke: Good.

John Stoll: Did you say 147?

President Winnecke: Yes. Just about every line item on that page is an increase. If you don't mind just kind of giving us a quick overview of the reason for each of these increases.

John Stoll: Some of these accounts, Mike Duckworth will have to address because the Tires & Tubes, Garage & Motor, Bituminous Materials, and Sand & Gravel are all for the County Highway Department. I guess the first one that my department deals with is Traffic Lights. The reason that's going up is we have more traffic lights that have been installed, most recently, St. George and Oak Hill, so that accounts for that increase. We've added the training accounts to cover some of the travel for our department. The Traffic Department is set by the city and we budgeted the increases based on the data they provided. Legal Services was added to deal with miscellaneous road related legal questions that we have. Previously, that had gone through the Commissioners budgets but since they pertain specifically to road issues, that was added in this year, I should say for 2006. The next one that I deal with in my office is 3930 Other Contractual. That is for our contractual road resurfacing and repairs. Then the next one that I deal with 4741 Eickhoff-Koressel Road and as Commissioner Crouch said, we can zero that out and those funds, that will be paid out of CCD. And then the final one from my office would be 4823 Oak Hill and Bergdolt. We requested the increase to 300,000 in anticipation of right-of-way, engineering right-of-way acquisition services and the preparation of legal descriptions for that project. And then Mike would have to address the remainder of the accounts.

President Winnecke: Mike, you want to come on up? Hit the ones off the top?

Councilmember Raben: Real quick, while we're waiting on Mike. Back to Traffic Lights, probably just five years ago the county was only maintaining one traffic light.

John Stoll: I believe we've got 12 or 14 now.

Councilmember Raben: Forever, St. Joe and Mill was the only traffic light in the county.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you have a number of the balances in any of these accounts as well?

John Stoll: I could get it. I don't have it here with me.

Councilmember Tornatta: We need to have, in fact, balances in any accounts that have money outside of what they're budgeting. We need to know any of those numbers like on Equipment Lease & Rental, to this date, we don't show that there's been any money spent and \$60,000 was dedicated to it last year. So we would start with \$60,000 coming into next year if no monies were spent out of that and you're asking for 60,000, so we could essentially cross that line out.

John Stoll: That would be one that Mike will have to address because there again, that's for their equipment. I don't deal with that.

Councilmember Raben: That's for a new gradall –

John Stoll: – particular account in this fund.

Mike Duckworth: I'd be glad to address the accounts that are related to – first of all, Mike Duckworth, Superintendent of County Highway. Good morning. Local Roads & Street funds that are germane to the area that I deal with, everything from Tires & Tubes down to Training. Account 2220, Tires & Tubes, as we have purchased more heavy equipment, more – I think in the 2004 budget there was \$240,000 encumbered over to this year and we just received a new gradall for our digging projects along roadways and culverts and those kinds of things. Those tires and tubes are much more expensive than just your regular single axle, double axle truck. So those costs for our mowing equipment and that kind of thing has increased. Garage & Motor, this equipment is equated to the mowing equipment, anything that breaks down that was not currently under warranty. Of course, we do our pricing and try to get the best possible cost we can on those repairs but many times it is sole vendor because the equipment that we have to have repaired comes from a particular vendor and we're pretty much at their mercy regarding parts and those kinds of things. Just recently we had a John Deere mower down that they had to get a part from Holland in and we had a three week delay. So we're trying to address those issues and keeping some things in stock, the things that wear down the belts, the generators, the motors, so that we can have a fast replacement and get those pieces of equipment back on task, on the roadway, and its going to take that type of a minimal increase to keep that fund operating. Bituminous Material 2530, of course, not only have we continued our paving projects, in doing stretches of roadways and those kinds of things but we also implemented the first county pothole blitz this year to try and initially get out after a snow removal, get out after the wear and tear on the roadways to patch those roads that are needed. And I can address any of the others that you have questions about.

President Winnecke: 3630 Equipment Lease & Rental.

Mike Duckworth: Equipment Lease & Rental, the \$60,000 that Councilman Tornatta alluded to, we have passed on and you'll see in the budget that we've decreased an amount of concrete street repair from our budget over to the Engineer's budget to have some of that work contracted out. Much of the dollars that were utilized out of this account as well as the concrete account was utilized for your subdivision concrete repair work, getting the mixer, getting the concrete delivered, getting the milling machines out to do some of the repairs. We've not concentrated on those because, like I said, its right now, under contract through John's account. So although it appears – we're doing things seasonally. We're in the paving mode now while we have dry conditions. We'll get into the bottoms and doing the shoulder work and the milling of certain kinds of problems where we will have to rent some of the bigger equipment that we don't have here later in the fall. And that's just the way

that I directed the work force and that as we work through these, that fund will be utilized.

President Winnecke: To Councilman Tornatta's earlier question of our County Engineer, I mean, is there a cash balance in that account, are you aware?

Mike Duckworth: In the rental account? Yes, I believe – I don't believe its been touched at this point because, like I said, we have, we've concentrated on other accounts to work out of until we get to the fall when we're going to be doing our milling and patching and some of our minor concrete repair that we're going to have to do.

President Winnecke: So I guess the two followup questions I have: one, how much cash is in there? And secondly, how much would you project to spend from that cash balance for those projects that you just talked about?

Mike Duckworth: I believe its all, in that particular account, is there at this point in time. It would be tough for me to estimate how much we would use because we're currently working through our work orders that people have requested for problems that exist, whether its culvert work or whatever the case may be. What we're trying to do in-house is utilize the equipment that we have so that we don't have to use that money, but I'm not to the point now in this first year of operations since I've been there of understanding what equipment we may need here this fall to do some of the additional work. For instance on Lynch Road, we've got some major problems there on our shoulders of the road, we may have to rent something that's going to enable us to reach down and fix some of those drainage problems. Its those kinds of things that haven't been priority but are going to be once we get the paving and some of these other things that are seasonal out of the way.

President Winnecke: Okay, other questions? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Possibly, Mike, that might be, if we have a heavy snow, additional equipment to lease, too, that would be in there, wouldn't it?

Mike Duckworth: Well, of course, you know last year we had our biggest snow in December of the year and that's definitely something we would look at that account to utilize some of those dollars out of. I can't anticipate that, so I tried not to spend money out of some of these accounts through the first part of the year understanding that from October on we're going to have to be looking at how we're going to prepare for snow removal, whether we're going to have to go in and rent some equipment to take care of some of the bigger jobs that we need, if we get another 20 inch snow or whatever the case may be. So I try to leave some balances in there. That just happens to be an account that I think we'll be working more out of in the fall and the winter than we would what we've done up to this point.

Councilmember Wortman: You know I mentioned before and I think I mentioned with the Commissioners, possibly think about the farmers out there, they've got big equipment now and they could utilize a lot of mowing, give them a contract as long as its reasonable and you have to take care of the insurance, too, and then the same with snow, and that way that would help alleviate your –

Mike Duckworth: Exactly, and I think the only problem that I've seen in that up to this point, and I've got to get with Ted Ziemer, in my investigations, there's not been a proper contractual scenario set up to where we can pinpoint and identify those

farmers in those areas where we may need some assistance that would help us clear those areas, and that work needs to be done. We're currently working through a priority route with our snow routes, identifying those. We're going to be pre-treating roads to hopefully mitigate some of the problems that have cost us with ice and shaded areas and some of those areas in the future, as well as identifying those areas that, you're right, farmers or other contractors that may be willing to do some of that work would be available. We have a contractual services account that we would look to for some of that but if it takes getting other equipment out there, this would definitely be an account that we would look at.

Councilmember Wortman: You want to elaborate on this new way of doing things prior to ice storms coming, and all that?

Mike Duckworth: If you will look at the packet that the Commissioners provided to you, there's some pictures that, just to give you an one-minute synopsis on what we're attempting to do, I look at how the state of Indiana attacks and mitigates snowfall and accumulation of snow and one of the things that they've always used is salt brine. There's other communities throughout Indiana that are doing this. It is relatively – it costs about two and a half cents a gallon to actually spread this and it is a pre-treatment, which means that by working through technology and our information systems that we now have in place, and by the forecasts that we get, we will be able to understand not only when fronts are coming in by the hour, but also we'll be able to identify things like, with the technology that we're implementing, pavement temperature, so we know when freezing is about to take place and we will apply not only brine, but other chemicals such as, believe it or not, beet juice, which is non-corrosive, which is not going to tear our trucks up like calcium chloride would do, but it burns as hot, if not hotter, than calcium chloride does. So we will be spreading that type of a liquid material that will adhere to the pavement. We lose about 60% of the salt that we put down if we pre-treat with salt, but this will adhere to the pavement to where we think we can mitigate what we have to go out and remove down the road. So I think it will definitely enhance what we're trying to do and hopefully, we can do that before a front gets in and it will help those school busses get around in the county.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, when I was out there I was impressed by your procedure doing that.

Mike Duckworth: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Say, Mike?

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: On line 3160 on Radio/Pagers, your request is at \$5,000, now you're through the mid-part of the year here, this year. We've only used like \$493, so not much usage there, now your request this year mirrors the request that was in for last year but I was trying to get an idea of what –

Mike Duckworth: What page, please?

Councilmember Raben: Are you in Highway?

Councilmember Sutton: Maybe I'm getting ahead too fast.

Mike Duckworth: Let me just address that. About six weeks ago I started working with Cingular and changing out our phones, our cellular phones and some of our radio systems because towers have changed. And the old equipment that we've got are not recognizing the existing towers. Us being a 24-hour operation, I may have a foreman and a truck or people removing trees from a roadway or whatever at 2:00 in the morning out in the bottoms and I've got to be able to have access to those people, and they've got to be able to have access to our office and to other foremen and supervisors. So I started that process in spending some of that money six or seven weeks ago and frankly, I've really had problems working with this vendor in getting some of that worked out. So that money is looking at to be spent to update some of our existing phone and radio systems.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess that's what I'm trying to get out, are you moving away from the old equipment and are you anticipating that this new equipment, and are you anticipating that this new equipment that you, is this something that everyone will get or just certain people on your staff? How are you intending to make that available because in the old days of pagers, you probably had a few more people who would have those.

Mike Duckworth: Are you talking about the cell phones?

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Mike Duckworth: Well, we are in a different age, but the cell phones that we're replacing, basically, are every supervisor's cell phone. And, of course, coming out of that would be the cost for their service as well as their equipment. In addition to that, we are implementing, I think, Commissioner Musgrave has helped us through getting GIS implemented into our system so that we can pull up a snapshot of some of these areas where we're working on to better understand where right-of-way issues and those kinds of things are, as well as vehicle locator systems, so if we have a major snow system and we have vehicles down or whatever, that we're able to follow their progress as well as the public actually being able to go on the Internet, lodge complaints, have concerns sent to us, as well as watch the progress of where those snow plows are and how close they are and how close they are to their area. So all that is an overall plan to bring us up to date. I said when we got there after reviewing what was there, we were in, you know, maybe the early 90's and we needed to at least get into the 21st century as far as how we gather information and how we take that information and best utilize it to be more efficient.

Councilmember Tornatta: Great idea.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: If you could discuss Other Contractual. We show spending –

President Winnecke: What page are you on?

Councilmember Tornatta: We're back to Roads & Streets. Okay, Other Contractual, 3930, we budgeted 700,000, it shows you spent roughly \$13,000. Is this a bill we'll normally see at a later time other than when this was proposed?

John Stoll: Yes, right now we have a \$275,000 concrete repair contract that's ongoing and we also have a \$230,000, I believe it is, contract for repaving. And then

we are also looking at a couple other projects depending on what the Commissioners want to do that would pretty well allocate the remainder of those funds.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and then under the Bituminous Materials, this might come back to Mike, but we proposed 975,000 to that area, do we have a balance in that or are we going to see some big bills coming out of it? We would see the season to be over, what, in October, normally?

Mike Duckworth: I'd say by October we're going to be pretty well done with what we've done. There are some bills that, what do you show?

Councilmember Tornatta: It shows about \$95,000.

Mike Duckworth: Well, there's actually two Bituminous accounts. One in Local Roads and one in Highway. But I will tell you that we are near completing the 25 point whatever miles that the folks came to the road hearings and complained about. And we covered every one of those in each district that were complained about. So we're about to finalize on that. Its going to leave us a little bit to maybe do some other things that have come up because of things like construction projects that have happened in areas where construction companies haven't been as user friendly of our roadways and we need to look at how we're going to go back and mend them. The first thing we're going to do is try to get the contractor to come back in and fix what he has torn up. And the second thing is, if not, we can't leave the roads in some of these conditions that they've left them in, so we're going to have to do some patching in some small areas. So we think we've left enough in those areas to do those kinds of things. In justification on the little bit of an increase with oil and the prices, we are currently on a two-year contract that froze those numbers for this year but we don't know really what to expect next year. That will determine how much more paving we'll be able to do in 2006.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, 4310, Road Equipment, we put 175 in there, in the past, in 2004 we spent 126,500, in 2003 we spent about 39,000, and so we budgeted 175 last year, we're looking to budget 175 this year, –

Mike Duckworth: I'll spend every nickle, and let me tell you why. If you look at the overall – we put together a five year budget projection of replacement vehicles that we've got to deal with and I'll give you an example. We currently have crews going out to our work sites in retired Sheriff's vehicles that have an excess of 250,000 miles on them and I'm borrowing parts to put those together. Its no way to send a crew out, so we're going to have to get some pickup trucks. We're going to have to look at a, we got a new roller this year that was a 1986 – replacing a 1986 model. If you look through that five year budget projection, you will see that we have numerous amounts of equipment with excess of 150, 200,000 miles or an exorbitant amount of hours on them. And we put together a plan to slowly but surely replace a few each year so that we're building that base back up and that's the other justification for our \$100,000 out of CCD for that building. It makes absolutely no sense to spend \$240,000 on a piece of equipment and sit it outside, you know, during the snow and the rain for it to deteriorate and not to work. And this is a shell of a building. This is not the bells and whistles. Its basically to get a number of these pieces of equipment out of the weather so that we can extend its life. And that's, you know, we didn't increase that but we're going to use every nickle of it to replace those that need to be replaced.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay and maybe comments, since you're here, of the people, I've had several people come to me who have dealt with the, been in different areas where they've talked about consolidation and different things, but the one thing they talked about is roads and streets and how well your guys have done to come out there and work with the people in their specific locations of issue, and go through and take care of them in a way that they felt like they were A, taken care of in a prompt manner and they were satisfied the entire time, not only from the first contact to when it was going to be taken care of, the length of time, and the end product. So just take that back to your guys. Its been –

Mike Duckworth: I appreciate that very much. One of the things that I've noticed coming on this position in early January is the fact that there is this misnomer about how administrative people and teamsters work together, that there is this wall between them. I've not found that. I've not found that whatsoever. We are, I think, a good team. I have employees coming to me on a regular basis with ideas of how to improve, how to save and how to better do things and I think that's the atmosphere that we want to keep not only in our shop but with the general public as well, because, I mean, we're going out and we're improving roadways, they're concerned about their driveways and how their approach is going to be and whether or not its going to scrape their car when they come in. And we want to work with them on that. And I think if you lose anything when you become bigger, is that personal touch and I don't want to see that happen. If that's what consolidation means, maybe I'm not for it but I think you have to look at the overall picture and I hope that that is something we would never get away from.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I think the main thing is, make sure you keep Darmstadt Road in good shape.

Mike Duckworth: Well, its funny that you mentioned that, Mr. Wortman, because I want to tell you that one of the things that we are currently doing is we're working with Darmstadt in a partnership, not only for paving, not only for snow removal, but for weed cutting as well. And we have a good relationship with them as well and Mr. Work and I, we conduct business very well together as well.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, we appreciate that.

COUNTY HIGHWAY

President Winnecke: Let's just go right to page 122, we've kind of gone back and forth on some of these issues, this is County Highway, Mike. Probably, the questions would start on page 125. If you want to briefly go down, like beginning with Gas & Oil, those six items there.

Councilmember Tornatta: Real quickly, on the employment side, are we cutting out two accounts? 1006 and 1007? I just didn't see a number on it.

John Stoll: We've switched those to the Cum Bridge fund and that was since the Highway Fund is generally short on funds and the Cum Bridge typically has been better funded, we figured that was a better location to pay those two employees.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I might, in an effort to save time here, a lot of this is going to be set by the state, too, so we really don't know what we can and can't approve here until really its about the last hours before we approve our budget in September. So I don't know if we need to spend a lot of time within this budget or not.

President Winnecke: Well, if you could just go –

Mike Duckworth: Yeah, I'll just give you kind of a thumbnail or –

President Winnecke: Thirty seconds or less, starting on –

Mike Duckworth: Uh, 2210 Gas & Oil, I don't think anybody has to tell you that, you know, gas prices have risen and, you know, being a 24 hour operation, we have to have the fuel to operate our vehicles and that's the best guestimate I can give you as far as what I thought it may mean to us as far as those lines items are concerned. Tires & Tubes, minimal increase regarding the wear and tear. On some of our older, we have two other older gradalls that the that the bridge crew uses as well as highway and it seems like there's not a day that goes by that we don't have one that we have to have moved to have a tire replaced or, you know, a tube replaced, so that's a \$5,000 increase. Uniforms, there is a current, that's 2,300, a contract through Cintas and I think that's also a part of the contractual agreement with Local 215. This Bituminous Material increase from 75 to 85,000, 2530, is warranted I believe due to what I anticipate, since we're coming off of a two year contract going into a new contract of what the increase in those oil prices may cause that increase. Utilities, \$4,000 increase. I don't think there's any other real significant increases other than we did add Legal Services. We have vehicles that throw salt that incidents take place and the Commissioners decided that those, and I'll let them speak for themselves, but this is a new account. But those issues should be budgeted in the different departments to maybe better get a handle on how they're used and who is using them. And that can change from year to year, of course. Concrete, I would tell you that 2560 is what I alluded to earlier, a decrease from 60,000 to 10. There still is some sidewalk and concrete street repair that, small projects that we will do. And, of course, out of that concrete account we do use it in setting some culverts and some ditch areas.

Councilmember Tornatta: You have it at zero.

Mike Duckworth: No, it went from 60 to 10. 2560.

Councilmember Tornatta: No, its zero.

Councilmember Abell: 2560 is zero.

Mike Duckworth: Are you saying currently?

Councilmember Tornatta: No. Well, if you have any encumbered dollars in there then you could use that, but at this point in this budget, it shows zero for next year.

Councilmember Sutton: You're gone to the Cumulative Bridge account.

Mike Duckworth: I'm sorry, I skipped over. My mistake.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, let's get back to this account. I just want to know, are you planning on using calcium chloride this year?

Mike Duckworth: No, I'm going to use the beet juice and salt brine.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, is that going to be under the calcium chloride?

Mike Duckworth: Yes, it's a burning agent, basically.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. I understand that. 2580 is Calcium Chloride, and we're showing right now we budgeted 100,000 last year. We spent roughly 48,000 so far or until June 30th, and we're budgeting another 100,000 in that account. Is that what you're putting your beet juice and everything under?

Mike Duckworth: Well, that's salt as well, that we use on the roadway. The \$48,000 has to do with the amount of salt. Now, of course, from January to this point, we've not used that. I –

Councilmember Tornatta: Royce just asked this, where do we keep the beet juice?

Councilmember Sutton: Is that going to draw some rats?

Councilmember Tornatta: Where is the garden that we can use for this?

Councilmember Raben: I think the question is, you're going to pay for the new agent out of this line?

Mike Duckworth: That's exactly right. That and the road salt.

President Winnecke: Okay, any other questions? We're getting a little slap happy here.

Councilmember Abell: Concrete is at zero, where are you going to get the money to do the little concrete work that –

Mike Duckworth: In the next account, yeah.

President Winnecke: Any other questions before we move on? Thank you, Mr. Duckworth. We're going to hit Cum Bridge now.

Mike Duckworth: Well, that would be me.

President Winnecke: We're going to change the tape.

(Tape Change)

Councilmember Sutton: Before you get away from that discussion on how you plan on melting this ice, aren't there some concerns about the runoff from that into waterways and how that affects...

Mike Duckworth: Not with the beet juice, there is calcium chloride. That's one of the reasons we...it's more environmentally friendly. It's a better agent on your trucks. It won't deteriorate your truck beds like calcium chloride would. So that's what we're going to treat with. We're doing it by spraying it directly on the roadway. Now, we

can also add it to the salt to burn the salt hotter. It's a variety of strategies depending upon the weather system that comes through. Whether you're dealing with what temperature, whether it's ice, whether it's snow, whether it's preventative, whether it's pretreating...whatever the case may be will determine how you treat your roadways.

Councilmember Sutton: I know that one of the on-going concerns is the runoff into your waterways and how it affects the fish and wildlife.

Mike Duckworth: The beet juice that we are looking into has been completely cleared as a safe agent. Jasper uses it and there's other communities in Indiana that are using it that swear by it.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can we change the name of 2580? Just maybe melting agent or something like that just to get calcium chloride out of the...if it's a problem, then we shouldn't have it listed.

Mike Duckworth: It's a strategy and an opinion. I will tell you that the city has all of their salt treated with calcium chloride, currently. What they have in stock they're going to use and I would not, knowing now what I know, I would not use that. But, you're exactly right, none of our salt is treated with calcium chloride. If we treat our salt, it would be with the dispensers that we already have that will apply to the roadway or directly to the agent as we dispense it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. At that point, if there's some words in our budget, as before, we've taken them out and maybe put a melting agent or something of that nature so we get the calcium chloride out of the system.

Mike Duckworth: I think that's more appropriate.

CUM BRIDGE

President Winnecke: Let's move on, please to page 129 and Cum Bridge. a lot of these are going to be items we have touched on already with slight increases in materials, Gas & Oil, Garage & Motor, and Concrete, to Mrs. Abell's earlier question. Anything you'd like to add to the discussion that might be able to help us understand these requests better?

Mike Duckworth: Well, they address everything from materials that we use to replace guardrails and culvert pipe and concrete flowable fill for culvert work. Out at the garage and motor are signage and safety equipment. In this budget, we do have a new account for Training. As we purchase new equipment for our mechanics and for the types of snow removal and those kinds of things, as you go through these new procedures there has to be training attached to it and we want to be on the right side...not only when we invest the money, but the best practices and how we utilize it.

President Winnecke: Did you want to touch on Motor Vehicles and Miscellaneous Equipment, as well?

Mike Duckworth: In that five year budget projection, we are going to put a tandem with a flow bed and I want to explain briefly what a flow bed is. For many of your

pieces of equipment, when you have a bed that dumps, you also use that bed in other capacities such as to dispense salt and those kinds of things. These flow beds allow you to eliminate some of the equipment you buy - your spreaders and those kind of things. It has included with it a mechanism that you swing around so you don't have to take the time to take all that equipment off and remove it. It's equipped with the bed and it's part of the equipment. You not only save in the amount you're spending but you save in the time and effort that it takes to change those beds out. You may be spreading rock one day to spreading salt the next day. You don't have that time to get your mechanics in there to change that out. That's the new age of how we're doing things to be more efficient and that's all inclusive in these requests for these tandems with these flow beds. We are also adding a bucket truck. We are using a 1981 bucket truck that was purchased used for our tree work. We have to clear and fall is another time we will be out trimming trees and getting limbs and things out of the school bus and vehicle way. That truck is a 40 foot lift; we probably need something a little higher due to the age of some of our trees in the county to trim those back. That's included in that as well. As well as things like a road saw and those kinds of things. We do have included in those items, replacement of those vehicles that I talked about with in excess of 250,000 miles on them to ensure that our crews get to their workplaces safely.

President Winnecke: Questions for Local Roads & Streets, I mean, Cum Bridge?
Mrs. Abell.

Councilmember Abell: On page 127, line item 3370 Computer/Data Management. What is that for?

Mike Duckworth: We are currently changing over how we gather information and how we exchange information with the public. We are going to have any active website that citizens can lodge complaints with us. We can do seasonal information and road closings and all those kinds of things so electronically people can visualize what's going on in our department. This...I'm trying to think where were at...this \$6,000 would be utilized for the upkeep of that system as well as our AVL system that tracks our vehicles. It's going to include our printers, copy machine that our lease has run out, that lease will come out of that as well.

Councilmember Abell: Is any of this webpage maintenance, setup and service and whatever included in ACS or GIS or whatever other computer packages we have going on out here?

Mike Duckworth: Since I've come onboard, and we can go through the alphabet with ACS and CST and ABC. I've utilized them in my operation more as a clearing house to provide me with the information on how we purchase equipment, on the proper equipment that we're going to purchase is not going to be outdated the minute we purchase it, the technical advice and how to set up our programs and those kinds of things.

Councilmember Abell: I guess my question is, if we are already paying a company that has the expertise of taking care of a web page and we are already paying a company that gets special pricing on these things, are you going through these people or are you going direct?

Mike Duckworth: No, I'm going through them, through GIS, through Matt Arvay and his group.

President Winnecke: Any other questions? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: So it that...the county has it's own website. Is this going to be separate or linked to that?

Mike Duckworth: It's linked.

John Stoll: Whenever they set the web pages up for the county, they gave each one of us a link. Assuming Mike has someone on staff that can update it, like right now Pat Seib in my office continually updates the web page, but it's all coordinated through the computer services people here in the Civic Center.

Councilmember Sutton: Did you talk about Legal Services?

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

President Winnecke: That's when vehicles that spew beet juice or whatever...the wild world of sports where spewing might damage other vehicles and their claims against the county and they felt that it was more appropriate that those claims go through this office...the legal services be flowing through here.

Councilmember Tornatta: You take care of rock chipped windows and all that stuff as well? And who pays for repairing those issues?

Mike Duckworth: The claim itself?

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh.

Mike Duckworth: Well, I guess a self insured part of our budget that is covered through that so if we damage someone's car, it would come out of that account.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: You did touch on this a little earlier on the training as you are preparing for updates. Is this training that is offsite like Indianapolis or is this training that can be brought here?

Mike Duckworth: It's both. This would include conferences such as, believe it or not, there are snow conferences where you go and basically go over what other communities are doing. You network with other communities as to what's worked for them instead of reinventing the wheel. There are training situations where we do bring mechanics or vendors in to train our personnel in regards to the equipment that we have. Some of that comes along with the purchase agreements that we have for some of this equipment. Some of the older equipment, when we get to the point where they are changing parts out, there has to be some training that comes in. For instance, we sent four mechanics out to Town & Country Ford because of a new six liter engine that's coming in the next group of vehicles that we are purchasing. We wanted to get them trained and acclimated to what's going on. I guess the answer to your question is, both. We bring them in when we can to keep the cost down, but there are conferences that we would go to out of town.

Councilmember Sutton: Do you have a list of what these conferences are going to be for next year that you're intending on going? You don't have to name them but if there is a list that maybe you could provide for us.

Mike Duckworth: Yes. Most definitely.

John Stoll: A lot of those are sponsored through Purdue, the LTAP Center up there. Like Mike said, we send people to the annual Bridge Conference in January or February. They have an annual Storm Water Drainage Conference and periodic other conferences throughout the year that are typically at Purdue or in Indianapolis.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can you explain the difference in the bridge inspection from the past years because that's elevated quite a bit. As well, I'd like a figure on the balances in each of these accounts that you have as we speak.

John Stoll: What is the account number?

Councilmember Tornatta: 4354 in Cum Bridge.

John Stoll: The \$18,400 that was shown for the expenditures this year is a carry over from prior years. Basically, the bridge inspection contracts are set up on four year periods. They do an inspection twice during that four year period. I believe our last contract with R.W. Armstrong was right around \$90,000. That would have been signed back in probably 2001 maybe or 2000, but they only bill it when they do the inspection so we get billing only every other year. I bumped it up to \$100,000 for next year on the assumption that the prices will have gone up, plus we have a couple more bridges that have been added to the inventory since that was done. I can get you specific numbers on that, but realistically, it was \$90,000 in 2000 or 2001 and it was bumped up to \$100,000 on the assumption of cost increases and additional bridges.

Councilmember Tornatta: And we don't know how much we have in the account right now, right?

John Stoll: I suspect it's zero because the consultant just finished up the inventory a couple of months ago and I suspect they billed out all that we had remaining on the PO for 2000-2001. I can get you that number.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thanks.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: No, he covered the question I had.

President Winnecke: Okay. Any other questions on Cum Bridge? Thank you, gentlemen. Burdette Park 113 in your hymnal.

BURDETTE PARK

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette.

President Winnecke: Morning, Steve.

Steve Craig: Good morning.

President Winnecke: Steve, I don't know if you have any specific personnel issues that you'd like to address but, if you'd like to begin in your 2000 level accounts and chat about the changes this year over last year.

Steve Craig: Okay. The one is Fuel & Butane and it's just the prices according to our vendor is going to go up next year. It's stuff we use in two buildings that we still heat with propane and then it's used in our concession stands. Gas is projected to go up and that's kind of self explanatory. Our laundry includes our chalet, EMT shack, our first aid at Day Camp and Discovery Camp. Every year they've gone up and I think we need this to cover it. Sand & Gravel, we haven't had any money in this account for, I think, two or three years and we are out of money that we tried to carry over. We've been hoarding it and I need some sand and gravel to take care of my gravel lots and the campground is getting in pretty bad shape. I wouldn't need this every year, but I'm at the point where I don't have any to purchase rock and that and I need it. Office Supplies is \$200 and we need this to make it through the year. We come up a little short every year. Medical Supplies, I'd like to take the \$2,500 that I'm requesting out of my budget over and above what we got last year. I think I may have a source that we can get a defibrillator without going through the general fund.

President Winnecke: So you'd like to see this back at \$1,500?

Steve Craig: Yes, sir. Telephone, we are trying to get high speed internet access to our Discovery Lodge and then we would like to expand it to other parts of the park. This is a thing that we've had several requests from companies and people using our park and we think it will be a good avenue to draw people out to the park in the sense that if the Discovery Lodge would have conventions or seminars up there. This is something that has been requested from us. This money would go towards the monthly payment of having the high speed internet access at Burdette Park. Utilities, they keep going up on us and that's what we project we are going to need for next year. We spent right at \$118,000 in 2004, so this would push us up just to cover about what that is. I suspect we might run out next year. Computer Hardware, according to the computer services, the two computers we have in our office are five years old and the printers are ten. These are the two computers we run our reservations system through. They have had several glitches this year and they have suggested that we should replace both of them. If the computers would go down and we would lose a year of reservations where we wouldn't have any idea except to go through receipts and that, it would be a disaster.

President Winnecke: Didn't we upgrade the hardware when we upgraded the software for the reservations out there?

Steve Craig: I don't think so. The printers are ten years and we got the computers five years ago.

President Winnecke: You don't remember when we bought the reservations software a year or two ago?

Steve Craig: I don't recollect it.

President Winnecke: If you could double check on that. I thought we did the hardware when we upgraded the software, too.

Steve Craig: Okay. Advertising - I put down that we would like to have \$10,000 more. According to the master plan and the Scheele/Irwin study that one of our problems of drawing people to our park is that we are under marketed and it's something that every time they do a study, they tell us that we're not marketing the park enough and that we should spend more money in this area. It's not a lot

compared to what other parks do use but it's what we thought would help us. We also get money from other sources that match what we have so sometimes this money, even though it might be \$10,000, could add up to more than that if we can get some matching funds. The last one is our Office Machines and we need to replace one of our copy machines that's 14 years old going on 15. The service contract is expiring this year so when it goes down, we will be at the mercy of the company. They've told us this year the couple times they came out to work on it that it's going to be hard, if not impossible to replace on this copy machine as it will be 15 years old next year.

President Winnecke: Any questions for Mr. Craig? Mr. Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Steve, on the Advertising. Is that basically for the O'Day center or just your park in general?

Steve Craig: It's for the whole park. It's for everything from brochures to advertising on the radio to billboards, but it is to advertise for the whole park.

Councilmember Goebel: That Center is pretty well booked, isn't it?

Steve Craig: Yes, through Memorial Day until the end of Day Camp it was used every day either through the Day Camp or rented.

Councilmember Goebel: I think as word of mouth goes around you're probably not going to have any trouble renting that facility because it's a nice one.

Steve Craig: At the present time we are trying to market some during the week. We've had companies like Vectren, Deaconess and that come out and have events. The weekends are pretty well booked through the year but there are openings through the week so that's something we're looking at and trying to rent it more during the week.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other questions for Mr. Craig?

Councilmember Sutton: As we look at the revenues on the pool, we've been relatively flat. What we've got this year on the pool is at \$107,000 but we hadn't had much activity at that particular point in time. Surely, it would end up the year a lot higher than what it's looking like for the first six months. I guess my point is, it appears that the growth area for us is the park rental side and that's where we are seeing the larger increases. You've discussed several times about some of the plans or thoughts about how we can further increase our opportunities to bring in more revenue to the county with additional chalets. Obviously, there's some up front costs involved there and some of the rentals involve just parties and other things, but with these weddings and receptions and things like that, the park is really being utilized in a pretty heavy way. I don't know what thoughts we may have for next year in how we capitalize on that so we can continue to see that revenue grow along those lines. Not to say that the pool isn't an important part of the park, but we just aren't seeing the growth like we're seeing in some of the other areas.

Steve Craig: On our project list that we did in Power Point for...we are in the process...we're going to take a couple of our screened in buildings and we're going to enclose them so we can use them twelve months out of the year. That's giving

us more rental capabilities in the winter. We are wanting to build a new chalet and to take our seminar building, which was the former manager's house, and turn it into a chalet which will give us more opportunity to have income twelve months out of the year instead of just three or four months during the season. The aquatic center has done extremely well when it was open. Of course, we had four days in June when Arlene was here that it rained steady for four days. Then we missed eight days in July. Today the pool is closed and it's going to be 94 degrees but the kids are in school. We've lost that three weeks several years ago and it makes the pool look like it isn't doing as well as it might have been doing five or six years ago but we're not open as much as we used to be either. When it's sunny and hot, we're full; when it's raining, we're not. It's as simple as that.

Councilmember Sutton: In the marketing side that you mentioned...the advertising budget, are you just emphasizing the park as a whole or are you looking at some specific things? Obviously, on the rental side we are pretty booked there. So what's kind of the plan that you're wanting to emphasize?

Steve Craig: Everybody you talk to has different ideas on how you advertise. What we got into this year is that we kind of advertised the park as a whole. It had an aquatic center theme on it, but what we want to do is make people realize that Burdette Park is there and we have a lot more than an aquatic center. Like I said, we are getting ready to do a business to business advertising where we're telling companies what we have to offer outside of the summer. They can plan Christmas parties, company functions, seminars, etc. during the winter. We are trying to expand it to where we are making the park accessible to the public for twelve months out of the year instead of having people think it's just a three or four month venue where they come to the aquatic center and that's it.

President Winnecke: Other questions of Mr. Craig? Thank you, Steve.

Steve Craig: Thank you, Lloyd.

President Winnecke: Okay, I believe...

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE

Suzanne Crouch: 911 and were done.

President Winnecke: Oh, 911, I'm sorry. I think, if you just want to touch briefly on how you see the revenues sort of flowing into this.

Suzanne Crouch: Well, we just took the six month receipts and looked at that and doubling it and that's how we came up with the \$700,000. It's probably a little bit of a conservative number but I don't think it's off too terribly much. We did not think it was fiscally prudent to put a larger amount in there, more than what our revenues were simply because then we are going to start eating into the cash balance which will probably be needed in the future for capital improvements.

President Winnecke: Just as a reminder, this is funded through a 35 cent fee on all land lines in the county. That 35 cent fee comes to this body or the county and we fund our 1/3 portion of central dispatch from this fund. Mr. Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is there a balance in the telephone? We show that nothing has been spent out of that account at this point.

Suzanne Crouch: I'll have to check on that for you. We typically...it's a contract so we end up spending it. It might be a semi-annual billing but I will check the balance of that.

Councilmember Tornatta: We also show that we haven't spent close to that amount so I didn't know if there was a reason why we were trending up in that account.

Suzanne Crouch: I'll get that for you.

President Winnecke: Before we move on, I don't think there are any other questions, I'll tell you that the Central Dispatch Board, of which Mrs. Musgrave and I are each members, would like to see an increase in this fee for a variety of reasons. Not the least of which there's really no mechanism in place to fund any capital improvements. If the telephone system breaks next year, neither the city or the county would be in position financially to replace that. That is something that the Central Dispatch Board will be coming to the County Council relatively soon with a request on an increase on that. So you may want to think about what kind of increase you are comfortable with. Right now it's at .35 cents and we are among the lowest in the state. As I recall, it has not changed since 19...in roughly 20 years. Just food for thought as we move down the road here. Other questions of the Commissioner while she's here?

Suzanne Crouch: Would you like to take hotel/motel operating and convention center?

President Winnecke: Sure.

Suzanne Crouch: Kathy LeBarron and Jenny Collins are here from the Centre to address your questions.

President Winnecke: Thank you for your patience.

THE CENTRE

Jenny Collins: Jenny Collins, I'm the Finance Director for the Centre. Anybody have any questions?

President Winnecke: Actually 185 and 111. 111 is the Centre Operating. Would you like to give Council a 30 second overview of how you see the year financially?

Jenny Collins: For next year the bookings...

President Winnecke: Well, maybe for this year and then projecting ahead for '06.

Jenny Collins: For 2005, we are slower than last year, unfortunately. For 2006, our bookings are already picking back up so 2006 is looking pretty good at this point.

President Winnecke: I'll also offer to members of the Council that there is a lot of discussion between the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Aztar, and the Centre about more joint marketing and sales efforts. I think that will help all the entities that have sort of a dog in this fight. Mr. Goebel, did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: I was just going to ask, you indicated that revenues were down this year, to what might you attribute the decline this year?

Jenny Collins: The biggest thing being the convention...The Heartland Dental Convention that we weren't able to get here this year that we had in the past. It brought huge dollars into us for food and beverage.

Councilmember Goebel: The efforts that are undertaken to try to attract more convention business here, are we kind of taking the lead on that or are we looking for the Convention and Visitor's Bureau to take the lead? How do we go about extending those efforts to get in some of those conferences and workshops and large gatherings?

Jenny Collins: I think it's basically a team effort at this point. I know I'm not in marketing, I'm in finance so I'm not...I know what's going on but...I know that our marketing director partners with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. She works with the Exec. She works with Aztar. They go to these different areas in the state trying to bring more conventions to our area. I believe it's a team effort, not so much any one person as a whole.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Okay, thank you. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Goebel: I guess this could go for anyone. How many groups or conventions do you think we may be getting as a result of the LST coming? Do you have any idea on that? If you can't answer, I understand.

Jenny Collins: No, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Goebel: I didn't know if the building would be used for any of those groups or not. It would be wonderful to know or to have happen. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, ladies. Okay, Legal Aid.

Kathy LeBarron: Mr. Winnecke, Mr. Goebel might address his question to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

President Winnecke: They will be here tomorrow so we'll throw that out to them. Legal Aid - 117 in your song book.

(Tape Change)

LEGAL AID

Sue Ann Hartig: I'm Sue Ann Hartig, Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society. Here with me today are three board members, Kelly Lonnberg, our Board President, David Guerrettaz, is Vice President and David Kent, member. I don't believe we have any changes to speak of except for Computer Hardware & Software and one personnel matter. That personnel matter I'll defer to the Board President to address in just a second. Most all line items, we've kept our request the same as last year. We do go through ACS for our computer needs. We try to keep our computer equipment the same as that of the court system. I don't know where they're at or what the details are. I know they had just completed a, they had leased their equipment and I have not checked with them to see where they are at on that, but we need to keep the same quality and caliber of computers that the courts have because we interact with them and have the Courtview access. Our computers are, I believe, all four years old. Previously the board had adopted a policy where we were going to replace half of the computers every two years. We haven't done that

because the courts didn't do that and we wanted to stay in sync with them. We do have a web presence. We're part of the city/county web site. A volunteer created that web site for us several years ago at one of the United Way Days of Caring and we now have two employees who have gone through the ACS training and can make those changes and updates to the web site in-house. Do you want to address—

Councilmember Abell: Can I ask you then what is the \$5,000 and \$2,500 Computer? Is that to replace computers?

Sue Ann Hartig: Yes, that's if we do need to.

Councilmember Abell: Okay.

Kelly Lonnberg: If you want to address the—we do have one kind of revamping of a staff position funding issue that has come before the board. The board has been concerned that if Sue Ann Hartig doesn't maintain this position we would have a difficult position in replacing her because she holds in addition to a full case load of representation of low income people in civil matters, substantial administrative responsibilities and does not receive any additional stipend for that as Executive Director. The board looked at that and the concerns they addressed with that, and decided to revamp our budget to rearrange the United Way funded portion of our budget to add a \$5,000 stipend to the Executive Director position. That is not any request for additional city or county funds because it does come out of the United Way portion of the budget. We approved that proposed by United Way. We took it before our board and then we took it to United Way. United Way is supportive of that and has approved it. We took it before the Job Study Board and they approved it. We think that it is appropriate as compensation for the additional responsibilities of that and will also then provide us an incentive in the event that we have to replace that position. At this point our two staff attorneys would have no incentive, of course, to step into those additional responsibilities because it wouldn't mean any raise in pay for them to do so. So we think it's an important future planning move for the board. Does anybody have any questions regarding that?

Councilmember Sutton: Has that come before Council?

President Winnecke: It's come before Job Study.

Kelly Lonnberg: Yes, and it was approved.

Councilmember Sutton: When do we anticipate that it will come before Council?

President Winnecke: Uh, I don't know. It came before Job Study three weeks ago, two weeks ago. I just have kind of an observation more than a question and it has to do with all things, Postage. We've talked a lot about the increased price of postage especially relating to the Commissioner's budget and several of us kind of commented along with various other departmental pieces of mail that we receive we frequently get your mail, your correspondence through the mail. I would just ask that you look at, whenever possible, using sort of the interoffice.

Sue Ann Hartig: Oh, I thought—certainly, I thought we were doing that.

President Winnecke: I think in some cases you might be, but again it's just we're very cognizant of postage here today, of all things.

Sue Ann Hartig: Sure, I understand.

President Winnecke: That would be really helpful. Other questions or comments for Sue Ann? Thank you very much. Thank you for your patience.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

President Winnecke: Local Emergency Planning Commission. Any questions or comments?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm just running onto the next little office we're looking at.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: 178.

President Winnecke: Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: Bill, can you possibly, or can someone explain this office to me? I probably ask this every year, but that's the only question that ever gets asked about this?

Bill Fluty: Which one do you mean?

Councilmember Tornatta: That's the Local Drug Free Community. How is that position funded and who administers that fund?

Bill Fluty: I could research that and get that back to you tomorrow.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and I might as well ask. The Local Emergency Planning Commission, I guess, who administers that fund?

President Winnecke: We're going to get back to you on both of those. I think those are good questions. No, those are good questions.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I just—

President Winnecke: Off the top of my head, I don't know.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, \$120,000, okay.

President Winnecke: As a bit of housekeeping, I will, because of a corporate commitment, I will not be here in the morning. Mrs. Abell will chair the meeting, but I am confident that she will do so with great vigor and professionalism. Having said that, we stand in recess until tomorrow morning.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 11, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 11th day of August, 2005 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Council Vice President Marsha Abell.

Councilmember Abell: I would like to reconvene the budget hearings for 2006 for Vanderburgh County. I am not Mr. Winnecke, the President. I am Marsha Abell, the Vice President. Mr. Winnecke could not be here today. Let the record reflect that the rest of the members of Council are present.

RECORDER

Councilmember Abell: Okay, we'll start with Recorder page 12. Betty.

Betty Knight Smith: Good morning.

Councilmember Abell: Good morning, Betty. Would you like to go through your budget with us?

Betty Knight Smith: Well, I really don't have anything but salaries there because that is the only thing that Council gives us. We're passing out a budget report for you all to know exactly what we do and how much money we've taken in and how much money we give to the county General Fund. If there are any questions on that I would be glad to answer.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I think you could toot your own horn a little bit and tell us how much that final figure was for 2004.

Betty Knight Smith: The final figure in 2004, let me see down—where is it, Rick?

Rick Davis: On the next page.

Betty Knight Smith: Uh, \$916,970. On the back page there is your totals for the years prior to that. I'm sorry, it was \$973,296. We recorded 45,125 documents. So if you take that and go down the sheet you can see exactly what we did.

Councilmember Abell: Well done.

Betty Knight Smith: I'm sorry we're not going over \$1 million like we did in 2003.

Councilmember Abell: Still well done.

Betty Knight Smith: Thank you.

Councilmember Abell: Very well done.

Betty Knight Smith: If there are any questions.

Councilmember Abell: Questions of Betty?

Councilmember Raben: Great job.

Betty Knight Smith: Thank you.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you, Ms. Smith.

Councilmember Abell: County Coroner page 34. We don't have the Coroner here. Let's skip over that.

EVANSVILLE AIRPORT

Councilmember Abell: Let's go to the Evansville Airport page 145. We'll come back to the Coroner.

Bob Working: Good morning.

Councilmember Abell: Good morning.

Bob Working: I'm Bob Working, Airport Manager. Did you say page 145?

Councilmember Abell: Yes, page 145.

Bob Working: Okay. I think we have sent you revised figures on our budget to reflect changes that we had in PERF that we were made aware of after we initially submitted the budget where they changed the contribution to 5.5 percent. We also had just a couple of shifting within positions within the airport that has caused some minor salary changes that were also included in there. I'm more than happy to answer any questions anyone might have.

Councilmember Abell: Let's go down to the 2000 accounts and see if anyone has any questions about these.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'll just list three questions that I have. In 2230 Garage & Motor went up pretty significantly. Explain 3996 the Loan Agreement, and then 4250 on Miscellaneous Equipment. Is there any money encumbered in that fund from last year? Or it's showing that nothing has been spent this year?

Bob Working: Okay, well first of all, I guess, I'll start with number one. We did double our budget for gas. Right now we are paying about double as far as a gallon rate on what we're able to purchase fuel for and it's just our best guess as what we will need to go through a year. Obviously, a great impact is the type of winters we have and how many times we're out plowing snow and those types of issues.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's under Garage & Motor?

Bob Working: That's under the Garage & Motor.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, okay, that's what I need.

Bob Working: Now, the other—what was your second one on the—

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh, 3996 Loan Agreement.

Bob Working: Loan Agreement, the airport this past year embarked upon an \$882,000 improvement for energy efficiency. We put window film on all the windows within the terminal. Not only does that save us energy it provides us a safety from potential terrorist attacks as far as a bomb going off in the terminal and

glass breakage. We changed out all of the light fixtures within the terminal from metal halides to energy efficient fluorescent. If you've driven by the airport at night I think you can see a great difference at night in that we've taken all our taxiway lights and have changed them out to LEDs rather than regular incandescent type bulbs. While our energy savings isn't that great on the power for those units, and the main reason they aren't we have to have what they call an arctic unit in there so an LED light generates no heat so in the wintertime snow, ice will stay on those bulbs, so we have to actually put heaters in them to warm it up to melt the snow and ice off of it. But the lights are extremely bright. It has changed the entire appearance of the airfield at night, but the bulbs should last somewhere around 20 years so we're going to see ongoing on the maintenance savings for that. We initially had set up that we would pay for that project out of our Cumulative Building Fund and then due to interest rates the board made the decision that they would rather borrow the money and pay for it through the savings that we would incur and this is one of those energy saving projects where we are guaranteed by the provider for sufficient savings that will pay for that project. We're doing that, but I can also say that as of this date or right now as of today that loan hasn't been made, but I did reduce utilities, maintenance and those areas that are impacted by the dollar amount that the loan is put in for.

Councilmember Sutton: On the energy savings end of it--

Bob Working: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: --when you were looking at implementing these structural changes to your building how much was indicated to you that you would actually save perhaps on a percentage basis?

Bob Working: I'm going to do a little tap dance and say that I don't know that I can recall those exact figures, but I can tell you that the figures that they have guaranteed over the ten year period exceeds the debt service that we're paying for the project. I hope that answers your question.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm trying to get a sense of, you know, we obviously have some energy saving projects on some other facilities and I know usually up front you'll get some indication that you can expect that your utilities will be lowered by "X" amount and I know it's still, for you still relatively new, and I'm just trying to find out if you actually have begun to see or realize some of those savings that were anticipated.

Bob Working: Oh, we're already starting to experience benefits from this. If you've come out at night the first thing you'll notice is all those dark spots within the terminal have disappeared. The interior lighting is much better, much more uniform. We have started seeing reductions in the utility bills from that. I guess, Councilman, what I would say, here again, I'm calling these off the top of my head. I want to say the debt service over the ten year period was maybe a million five, you know, with interest added and we were looking at savings of maybe a million eight over that same ten year period. That is guaranteed by Siemens, too, who did the project.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Bob Working: So if it doesn't meet the performance then they are supposed to make up the difference. That is a part of that project. So we are looking at it—the only change that we've made was instead of just going ahead and paying for that out of the Cumulative Building Fund we are considering financing the debt on it.

Councilmember Sutton: It's good. It's always good to hear of how we actually begin to fare.

Bob Working: I hope that my figures are—I think I'm in the ballpark or in the same neighborhood. I'm sorry I don't have the exact figures with me.

Councilmember Tornatta: How is the Trade Zone at this point and what's our status for that building?

Bob Working: Well, the Trade Zone is being operated by Warehousing Incorporated and they are doing a good job, I guess, of warehousing materials there. Unfortunately they have not activated the zone at this time. It's not—as you talk to them it's because they don't have the demand. They see product coming in that is being imported, but the duties are being paid by those people prior to it reaching the warehouse. This is a management decision by Warehousing because they are the ones that have to operate it. Each year, we have a five year agreement with them, as I recall we're in year two of that. The rents continue to escalate over that five year period. Handling—materials being handled in a foreign trade zone normally have a high dollar value because of the savings in that. I don't know that they will experience those savings, you know, in general warehousing that they're currently enjoying. But in talking with Ty Weber he feels good with the relationships he is building with the people that are bringing materials in and that he is hoping to see that he will get people that will have the interest and he can get the zone activated. We haven't given up on it. We certainly are moving forward with it. If any business approached and wanted to use it I'm sure they would activate it rather quickly.

Councilmember Tornatta: What type of revenues do we see from that building at this time?

Bob Working: Tess probably doesn't know. I'm going to say somewhere around \$80,000 a year in rents that we receive off of that warehouse.

Councilmember Tornatta: A year?

Bob Working: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Bob Working: It's about a 40,000 square foot warehouse and I am thinking we're getting somewhere around \$2.25 a square foot right now and it is going to escalate up to about \$5 or \$6.

Councilmember Tornatta: And do they take care of all of the utilities?

Bob Working: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: And all the upkeep and everything associated?

Bob Working: Well, I say all of the upkeep. Most of the building being new it's still under warranty like the roof and things of that nature, but yes they are responsible for mowing the grass and keeping the facility up. But if there were a failure, you know, which is under warranty obviously we would go back to the contractor or supplier.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Bob, you had mentioned that at one point you had considered paying for the energy savings contract out of your capital account—

Bob Working: Out of our Cumulative Building Fund, yes.

Councilmember Raben: What type of balance are you carrying in that?

Bob Working: Do you know, Tess? I'm going to say somewhere around \$4 million.

Councilmember Raben: Question number two, in regards to our Command Center that is owned that we lease through the airport, I think we're paying approximately \$10,000 a month rent there.

Bob Working: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: It seems like there may be some room to reduce that amount.

Bob Working: Certainly there would be. At the end of our lease period, and just maybe for the benefit of the Council what I would say is the Sheriff approached us years ago about building a Command Post for them and the Airport Authority funded that project and we've spent about \$1.2 million, I believe, in it. We entered into a 15 year agreement with the Sheriff and we're close to the expiration of that term. I would love to see the Sheriff maintain a facility there. I'm not sure that he is going to given what you're building, but certainly the debt service on that \$1.2 million will be amortized over that 15 year period and at the end of that we would be looking at reasonable rent for the facility.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, but you don't see that's a possibility of making an adjustment on that rent sooner than that, huh?

Bob Working: Well, sir, I mean, that's a board decision I guess more so than mine, but I am saying that at the point in time that we entered into that agreement and we took our money to pay for the facility, you know, the deal at that time was that the rents were based on a reasonable rate of return for that investment and that's what we did.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

Councilmember Abell: Any other questions? Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Working, just a question about line item number 3140 Telephone. Thanks for the breakdown that you've given us. Promotional Expenses?

Bob Working: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Goebel: What would that all entail?

Bob Working: Oh, it's a hodgepodge of things, but primarily it is Nelson Bailes budget, but it's television and radio ads. There is incentives that we can provide to the airlines when we see an upgrade in services. Just as an example, American's recent announcement of Dallas service. Part of that was that we agreed to expend \$10,000 in the local community marketing it. It primarily the major portion of it is advertising within the community, or not just the community but within the region that the airport serves.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Just one last quick point for those in the audience that may not be aware and those which are now able to watch at home, this budget is shared by the carriers, by the airlines.

Bob Working: Yes. I guess if I could have two minutes I will say this, this is the 22nd year that I've been before you and the 22nd year that we've not asked for General Fund monies to operate. The airport does operate self-sufficiently. We've been able to do that because we've entered into an agreement where the airlines—whereby they agree to cover our budget, plus 25 percent operating cushion. Each year when the Airport Authority Board approves our budget the airline also approves it and so we can come to the Council with the assurance that our budget has no impact on your budget. Also, I guess, Ms. Abell said one time about tooting your horn. I would say that the airport in 2003, it was estimated that the airport provides an economic benefit of \$159,000,000 to this community. For this year we're seeing traffic currently at 12 percent above what it was this time last year which is contrary to the national average right now. The airline industry this year is pretty flat, really. We do have a master plan that is under way now as we're looking for the next ten years pretty detailed. The next ten years after that, kind of a crystal ball, and we're going through that process at this time. I would like to say, too, of the tax money we receive in the Cumulative Building Fund most of that money is spent as a local match for federal grants. We pay taxes. When you fly out of here there is a seven and a half percent ticket tax that is paid to the federal government. We're able to use that local share to get back about 20 percent of those federal monies that we pay in, but we also when we're able to do that we're bringing back actually \$95 for every \$100 in benefit from the federal government comes back to us. We get two and a half from the state and our local portion is \$2.50 on \$100, so that money, that Cumulative Building Fund money, generates a lot of money within the community and bringing back to this community.

Councilmember Abell: Any other questions? Maybe I could put in a plug for a direct route from Indianapolis to Evansville.

Bob Working: Well, ma'am, I'm glad you brought that up, you know. Here again, I want to toot the horn. We were instrumental in getting a \$1 million federal grant from the Department of Transportation for the institution of intrastate service, Evansville and South Bend were. As you know, in January we got this service started. Unfortunately, due to the carrier 15 days later they announced their departure, but in the 75 days that they operated between the three communities we carried over 10,000 passengers. There is a demand for intrastate service and the

US Department of Transportation, South Bend, Indianapolis and Evansville are still working very diligently to try to get that reinstituted and I hope that we're successful.

Councilmember Abell: I hope you are, too.

Bob Working: Alright.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you.

Bob Working: Thank you.

CORONER

Councilmember Abell: I see the Coroner has arrived. Would you like to come forward, Mr. Erk? Page 34 in your budget book.

Don Erk: My name is Don Erk. I'm the Vanderburgh County Coroner. My budget, I think, is fairly straight forward and simple this particular year. I think worth noting the Computer Hardware is an item that I've asked for this year and the reason for that before there has been no money budgeted for it. We're down to one computer and that was purchased in 1995. The one computer we have will not even load most of the things that we have, software and hardware. So I have asked for \$7,000 in order to try to update some of this computer system. Legal Service is another item. There was no money granted last year. I've got a number of transient people that we have to run ads on by state law and that costs money. It's not a lot, but I am asking for about \$400 to take care of that account. The Autopsies is always a problem. We're asking for a little bit more this year. The problem I have in 2005 is at the end of 2004 I had about \$35,000 worth of autopsy bills that were leftover that we paid this year. So consequently it makes me come back at the latter part of the year and ask for that money to actually be restored. I understand a reason a lot of it was cut was because of the financial circumstances of the county at the end of last year. Forensic Dentistry, if we have a case, and we did last year, it runs at least \$300. We don't have them every year. It's an item that I think should be in there, but if it's not feasible that's fine I'll try to get it from another account, but if we have an unidentified body then we do need some kind of dentist to do the forensic work on the dentistry. Another item that's in this budget is Office Furniture. We've never had an account, we've used it from other supplies, but Mr. Fluty advised us that we couldn't take this out of other accounts to buy office furniture. I can only tell you we've been in that building almost 15 years and the furniture is basically starting to fall apart, the chairs and etc. and I have asked for some money to be allotted for this account. Other than that the total amount of my budget increased I think it's probably about one and a half to one and three quarter percent which I think is fairly reasonable. I might say that the Council has always been fair with me in the budget matters and if I needed additional money I have always been able to come back and ask for it. That's all I have. If anybody else got any questions I would be glad to try to answer them.

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. The Computer Hardware line that you made reference to.

Don Erk: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: How many units are you requesting or intending to request with the \$7,000? How many do you have in mind?

Don Erk: I'd like to get at least three units if I could. Currently, to be frank, the only unit we have that belongs to the county is one that we are using three now, but two of them I purchased out of my own funds.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. On the line just above that, 3310 Training, can you talk to us about what that request is? Who is all involved? How many people on your staff is involved with this training that you're anticipating for 2006?

Don Erk: Well, under state law they have mandated that each deputy and each coroner obtain at least 25 hours continuing education credits each year. There is a total of 13 part-time guys and three full-time. We need to have some money in them items in order to go on with these continuing education credits.

Councilmember Sutton: Is this a requirement or is it a recommendation?

Don Erk: No, it's a requirement by the State Training Board.

Councilmember Sutton: Moving on down, Equipment Repair, can you talk to us about that? I mean, it's in line with what you requested and received last year. What are you using those dollars for? That's line item 3520.

Don Erk: This money is used to fix garage doors, to fix the dictation equipment in the building and for all the incidental things that come up in there. Most of it is like the dictation equipment that the doctors use. We had to repair it and I think it ran over \$800. It's a continuous ongoing type problem when you're dealing with this type of work.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and on down I am assuming on Maintenance Contract will that be like a copy machine? What kind of equipment do we have this maintenance contract on?

Don Erk: No, that's for we've got generators and we have all kinds of equipment in the building that needs to be updated and maintained.

Councilmember Sutton: And most of those contracts have what kind of term on them?

Don Erk: They're renewable on a yearly basis.

Councilmember Sutton: Are there any other options available to us other than just a year-to-year? Is that the only option they provide?

Don Erk: You mean a longer term type thing?

Councilmember Sutton: Correct.

Don Erk: I've never really asked for a longer term type thing because stuff like the generator it needs to be serviced every two months and it's something I could check into and find out if they would make a better rate on a long term, but I wouldn't think so.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, alright. Thank you.

Councilmember Abell: Any other questions?

Don Erk: I might also say, you were asking about the Training. Part of the training, not to mislead you at all, the state pays for some of it, but we cannot send—they have one training session a year and I can't send everybody at one time, so consequently about half of it gets paid for by the state and the other half is what we're talking about here, if that makes any sense to you.

Councilmember Abell: Could you tell me briefly what your Contract for Services covers?

Don Erk: Well, that account is for cell phones, answering service, alarms, bug sprays, for instance, and bug sprays you would probably laugh, but when we have decomposed bodies we use a fair amount of chemicals and things of that nature to try to get the flies out.

Councilmember Abell: Any other questions? Thank you, Mr. Erk.

Don Erk: Sure.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Councilmember Abell: Going back to our schedule, Extension Service, page 139—no 72, page 72. Good morning.

Susan Plassmeier: Good morning. I'm Susan Plassmeier, County Extension Director for Purdue Extension here in Vanderburgh County. Looking at our budget the first section Salary & Wages, those are all set. We did go back last year you eliminated our Extra Help. We went back and we've put that back into our budget. We would like—that's the money that we use to hire college students during the summer to work with day camps that we go in and do educational programming with and 4-H workshops and similar programs. Office Salaries, we've asked that be increased by \$500 over last year's budget again back to the 2004 levels. The Training line item—

Councilmember Abell: I'm sorry, which line item was that?

Susan Plassmeier: I'm sorry, that was 2600. The Extra Help line, is that the one you're asking about? Okay. Pretty well actually what we're doing we're just asking to be reinstated back to 2004 levels. The 3310 level is Training again asking for \$500. That helps to defray costs when the Purdue educators if they attend national training. Also I had a 4-H program assistant this past year who wanted to go to a grant writing workshop, but we didn't have funds to be able to pay for that. The 3530 Contractual Services line that is the contractual services that we pay to Purdue University to maintain three Purdue educators here in Vanderburgh County. They assess that amount and actually what we actually need which I put in the rationale is \$64,080. We added a little bit to that because next year we're going to—they're going to come at us with an additional \$5,000 so I tried to buffer in a little bit. If you wanted to do that, if not what we have to have to maintain a three educator is \$64,080, but just realize next year there is going to be an additional \$5,000 assessment.

Councilmember Tornatta: On their—they think that right?

Susan Plassmeier: Well. No, they told us that two years ago coming down the line that in 2007 that each county will be asked to pay an additional \$5,000 from thereon in that budget and if you choose not to then we're going to lose an educator.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, we'll just tell them they can ask.

Susan Plassmeier: Well, they will.

Councilmember Abell: Any questions? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: In that same line item Contractual Service Purdue pays for the benefits there?

Susan Plassmeier: They pay all the Purdue benefits. All the benefits. They pay all of our insurance. We are not county insurance and actually when you look at that that's a bargain because all three of the educators here in the county have 20 years in and they all have master degrees so \$64,000 for three people with that many years of service with master degrees is a bargain. If we had somebody that was new on staff then because Purdue is actually picking up the lion's share of this line item to keep the three educators here.

Councilmember Wortman: Back to line item 3370. That's a contract that \$5,400?

Susan Plassmeier: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Abell: Anyone else? Thank you.

Susan Plassmeier: The youth program I'm asking for an additional—that one we're asking for additional money of \$1,000. That's the funds that we use to do educational programming when we go out into the community into the schools to do lessons, session. We do a lot of nutrition programs where we reach over 2,000 students every year in the community schools. It helps us subsidize some of the program costs with 4-H. I think that was everything else and it's kept the same as we had for the 2005 budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Without those dollars in that Extra Help line for those summer interns how were you able to run that program this year?

Susan Plassmeier: Well, actually we had to use some of our money in the 4-H Assistant's line to help that and we've always hired an extra person also to come in close to fair time to get everything ready for fair and so this year we didn't have the money to do that. We've also had in the past I would like to order, um, to hire a paraprofessional that is bilingual to go in so that we can reach a larger audience but if we don't have that extra help money then we can't do that because then that money is not available in that Assistant line item.

Councilmember Sutton: What audience are you trying to reach?

Susan Plassmeier: We're trying to reach anyone and everyone. We do programs through the school system all over the county. We do parochial schools.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean with the bilingual.

Susan Plassmeier: Bilingual? Well, actually we have an opportunity over at—and I just went blank—the church on the southeast side.

Councilmember Sutton: Nativity.

Susan Plassmeier: Trinity, no, Nativity. Yeah, they're having a program and they've asked us to come in to do a session on nutrition and food safety. We're going to go in and meet with them understanding there is a barrier there to reach that audience effective maybe as well as we would like. We do have an FNP, Family Nutrition Program that is on a grant through Purdue and the federal government also that works 20 hours a week in our office. It's not in our budget and she works with limited resource families in nutrition, trying to stretch their food dollars. She'll go to the grocery store with them and help them with their shopping. Try and teach them food preparation and how to cook even from scratch and not use box mixes that are more expensive. We were really actually thinking to try to find or get someone that was bilingual that could work with that audience in that way too.

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: And you're located in the famous town of Darmstadt?

Susan Plassmeier: Yes, we are.

Councilmember Abell: From the mayor of Darmstadt. Any other comments?

Susan Plassmeier: Any other questions?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: With the youth program, I commend you for reaching out to all the people in Vanderburgh County, our young people, but do you have a request in with the EVSC or do they help fund anything on educational lines?

Susan Plassmeier: We do through the 21st Century grant. They have given, when they send in their money for that they did put in a small portion, maybe \$2,000 or \$3,000 that does go back to help with program efforts.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Abell: Any other questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, one more question. Office Machines, did you encumber any money from last year in that account 4220? The last thing on your page.

Susan Plassmeier: Okay, thank you. Did we roll any money over into this year is what your asking for this 2006 budget?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, right.

Susan Plassmeier: No we did not because we actually had rolled over the previous year until last year and we used that to buy a risograph machine.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, I knew that. So you haven't spent any of this \$2,000?

Susan Plassmeier: This year?

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh.

Susan Plassmeier: Yes we did. We purchased a laminating machine.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and do you have plans for this \$2,000 appropriation?

Susan Plassmeier: For 2006?

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh.

Susan Plassmeier: Actually, no.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Susan Plassmeier: Yeah, that's an area we can be cut. We're pretty well set machine wise.

Councilmember Tornatta: Alright, thank you.

Susan Plassmeier: Just don't remember—just don't forget us in 2007 though. We don't want to lose that line item permanently.

Councilmember Abell: Any other questions? Thank you.

Susan Plassmeier: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Abell: We're going to change the tape. Councilmembers, you can go ahead and change to page 139.

(Tape Change)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Abell: Page 139, the Department of Health. Mr. Elder?

Sam Elder: My name is Sam Elder. I'm the Executive Director of the County Health Department. However you want to proceed with our budget. I would like to mention that Dr. Fritz and Dr. Heidingsfelder would like, after you've reviewed it, to make a few comments on the dental clinic, which is new and is in the budget.

Councilmember Abell: That will be fine. Let's, you don't have, let's skip over the salaries and wages.

Sam Elder: Okay. Go down to 1990, Extra Help, we've had a problem this year and last year with an area in the eastside with the West Nile virus. Our investigation has revealed that most of these mosquitos in this area, and we have them this year that are positive for West Nile virus, it's an area between Boeke and Weinbach and south of the Lloyd with a little bit of it north. This is a combination sewer area, and we had to larvacide all of those catch basins, and it's terribly time consuming. We used to have two people on that temporary help, but with the bottom line budget on this section, it's down to where we can just have one. If you can visualize the catch basins, they've got this big iron lid in it, and it has to be removed to spray in it, because some of the catch basins don't hold water. Now we have a new GIS system which we've plotted all of these that hold water, so we don't have to remove the unnecessary ones, but that whole area we've not completely covered it this year. When it rains a real hard rain, it washes the insecticide out and we have to do it over. We just can't do it with one temporary person. Now, the supervisor of that section, he works as this too this time of the year. That's all that he does is work in the mosquito control program. He also is the supervisor of the city's rodent control program, which is a separate budget.

Councilmember Raben: Is that the area along the levee you're referring to, Sam?

Sam Elder: No. It's, if you start at the Lloyd, it's between Boeke and Weinbach, and it pretty well goes south. I suppose those sewers were put in about the same time. Almost all the catch basins with water, they, practically everyone of them have mosquito larvae in them. You don't have any choice. It's, for mosquitos, and why the West Nile is there, we collect mosquitos all over the county, and why it's there and no place else, I don't know, but this is three years in a row that this has happened.

Councilmember Raben: I would think that the Water and Sewer Department would be helpful.

Sam Elder: I would too. They used to help with it. Then there was some kind of ruling, this is a long time ago, that we was adding this cost to the Sewer Department, they bought the insecticides to treat it, that we were adding this cost to people in the rural area that weren't even on this sewer, with the Water and Sewer Department. Of course, it's separated now, but they say they can't fund it with the income from the Sewer Department. But, that's not my—

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I understand. Thank you.

Sam Elder: We would like to raise that so we would have two. All of these people that work in the summertime are college students, and they work, you know, through the summer and we don't hire them, all of them are biology students, and they understand what they're doing, and they really can't work alone. I don't know if you're familiar with it, but everybody that works in that program has to be either certified pesticide, commercial pesticide operator, or has to visit all the sites. So, we can't turn them loose. We've got, I think, four or five people that are licensed as commercial exterminators, but, if we're going to continue to have this problem, we have to have more help with that. The Gas and Oil, we raised that \$500, and that was before the price took these last ten jumps. Now, in all of the accounts that deal with personnel, you know, we've added the dental people in it that are in the

program. So, we've added like Institutional and Medical, 2241, we've had to add to that for the dental supplies. I can give you, you know, after we go down through them, you know, the actual cost in the dental program, if you would like.

Councilmember Sutton: Sam, if you could give us that breakdown, unless you have some separate sheet you would want to provide.

Sam Elder: Do you want it now?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, just to, if there are some dental costs that are associated with the requested amount. If you've got a breakdown on that, that would be helpful.

Sam Elder: Yeah, I've got a breakdown here. I can give it to Sandie when I'm finished.

Councilmember Sutton: That would be fine.

Sam Elder: Fine, it's all color coded, so, it's real easy. Even I could understand it.

Councilmember Sutton: So, like, for instance, the Institutional and Medical line—

Sam Elder: \$15,000 for supplies in the dental program. The Office Supplies, 2600, is the same way.

Councilmember Abell: Wait a minute. You may want to slow down a minute. Does everyone understand what he is saying to us? He's giving us figures to take that would apply only to the dental clinic, which is not in operation at this time. So, those are added expenses.

Sam Elder: What I'm giving you is the amount that's for the dental program that's in that amount.

Councilmember Abell: Right.

Sam Elder: That's correct.

Councilmember Abell: But that is an operation that is not in existence at this time.

Sam Elder: That's correct.

Councilmember Sutton: Sam, we do have that breakdown. I'm sorry. It was kind of in a stack of papers here. So, I think we all should have that, that breaks down the additional expense that the dental clinic, for each line item.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. I've got it.

Councilmember Sutton: It kind of looks like this. It's a two page...yeah, look in your today stack, the lighter stack.

Councilmember Abell: Does everybody have their paper? Okay. So, that when we get to the bottom of this budget, Mr. Elder, the part that talks about dental clinic is over and above the expenses that are included in the budget up above, correct?

Sam Elder: All of these that I give you, which I haven't really given you all the numbers—

Councilmember Abell: Yeah.

Sam Elder: — but they're all in that sheet, and they'll all be included in the gross over amount of the budget.

Councilmember Abell: Well, and then at the end of your requests you have Health Department New Facility, that's over and above all that's incorporated in here also, correct? Do you see what I'm saying?

Sam Elder: Everything that I'm incorporating is in the bottom line.

Councilmember Abell: Okay. Well, when we get to that, we'll—

Councilmember Raben: The Health Department New Facility was their move.

Councilmember Abell: Their old facility, their move, okay. Alright. You can go ahead now.

Sam Elder: The Other Operating was increased to bring it back to the level that it was. The Rent, actually the rent we have to make, in the lease which was signed by the Commissioners and approved by the Health Department, we had felt that we wouldn't have any raise in '05. After it was interpreted to us by the legal department, they decided that we did. So, we didn't have an increase for this year, the three percent, but we had to put two, three percents in it this year.

Councilmember Sutton: So, is that escalation clause something that just continues each year?

Sam Elder: That's in the lease every year, and it's based on a formula, based on some federal statistics and the cost of living. It's in the lease with the rent, and then also in the Rent item there's the cost for rental of a facility that's located, that belongs to Southwestern Mental Health that was previously a dentist's office. Everybody involved in it felt financially, if you approved the dental program, that would be a, it's already, the infrastructure is there for a dental office. It was, I believe a Robert Martin had an office there on Fourth Street, right at Fourth and Mulberry. That's included in that. The next, 3790, the Professional Services, that pays the TB clinician, the VD clinician, pharmastry consultant, translation services, and County Attorney Fees we added \$6,000 to that. I think all of you know that if we were to be sued and had a jury trial, \$6,000 wouldn't anyways near—

Councilmember Tornatta: Where's that?

Sam Elder: —pay the cost of it. But, we had to start from someplace. Before the Commissioners have paid the attorney fees.

Councilmember Sutton: How much were you, of that \$30,000 is for the attorney fees? Did you say \$6,000?

Sam Elder: \$6,000.

Councilmember Abell: Did the Commissioners tell you to put that in there? Did they say they would not pay attorney fees?

Sam Elder: They just told us they would send us, that we would get the bill from the County Attorney. We got the bill, and our legal representative, and I'll tell you, by the statute, I think they're correct. I complained about it to the County Commissioners, and my complaint wasn't so much whether we owed it or not, because it looks, to me anyway, it's clear that we're supposed to pay all of our expenses. The statute says that the County Attorney is our attorney, unless other provisions are made. I'm not sure, but I think that the Commissioners is the one that would have to make these other arrangements. But, it doesn't say that they'll furnish them free. You know, the statute says that we're to pay all our expenses, because we have a separate tax rate.

Councilmember Sutton: Sam, maybe this isn't directed to you, but, I mean, you're not the only department that that goes—

Sam Elder: No, I'm not the only one.

Councilmember Sutton: Your not the only department that could potentially be sued by someone for whatever. The intent of having all of that legal costs under one budget, is so that we can get some, have some controls on how much we're spending, have an accurate idea of where the suits are coming from, and a consistency in how those claims are actually paid. Now, we are now moving to a process where everybody is now handling there own legal work, maybe we don't need a County Attorney.

Sam Elder: I can understand it. I was just telling you why the \$6,000 is in there.

Councilmember Raben: I think the intent was to get legal services in other levies. Like, for instance, where, you know, if part of their Contractual Legal Services in the Commission, say, if \$6,000 a year was spent on the Health Department, why have that in the General Fund levy. Move it to the Health Department levy. I think that was the case we had yesterday. The point I would like to make is, I think, we should be able to reduce the other line by the equivalent amounts of money.

Councilmember Sutton: Exactly the point that I was going to make. I mean, if that's the case, I didn't see a reduction in the legal costs in the Commissioners budget—

Councilmember Raben: I have a reduction.

Councilmember Sutton: —yesterday. So, if we could see a decrease.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I've got a running total, so far, so, we'll be fine.

Sam Elder: Well, we got past that one. Does anyone have any questions on the Professional Services?

Councilmember Tornatta: Under, just real quick, under 3510, Other Operating, it shows a trend of maybe somewhere between \$25,000 and \$40,000 being spent each year in that fund. Yet, you're wanting roughly \$79,000?

Sam Elder: That's correct.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Sam Elder: I'll tell you, every time that you turn around something else is given to us. This last month the post office is putting in an Anthrax detector. The state and the feds says that the Health Department is the one that should store the vaccine for them, and should administer it. Well, I don't have any extra money for that. Now, they furnish the vaccine, we're not to furnish the vaccine, and we hope it would never be needed. But, something like this seems like it just comes up all the time. If we don't have anything come up, we wouldn't use that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. Do you have a balance, do you have a list of the balances in these accounts?

Sam Elder: Yep, we have a full set of books.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. Can you get us the balances from last year that you have in the accounts?

Sam Elder: Sure.

Councilmember Tornatta: Those don't roll into the General Fund. Those stay in the accounts, is that correct?

Sam Elder: No, they stay in the County Health Fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Sam Elder: An unencumbered—

Councilmember Tornatta: They stay in their accounts.

Sam Elder: Unless you encumber it. Is that correct?

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. Well, you would encumber the funds.

Sam Elder: Yeah.

Councilmember Tornatta: Because they always stay in your—

Sam Elder: They stay in the Health Fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can you get us a balance of what you started the year with?

Sam Elder: We would have to, we got it from Mr. Fluty.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Sam Elder: We have to ask him.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Sam Elder: There are other things besides the taxes that go into the County Health Fund, and we don't know just exactly what that's going to be. But, we can give you a breakdown on it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Tornatta, are you also trying to get an idea, on that Other Operating, how much they have available to work with in relation to this? Because we, it's, Sam, I guess, in trying to really get a handle on our requests, you know, if they've got a healthy balance there, you may want to give us some suggestions on how we can get that down to a number that is workable. In relation to some of the things that you've talked about that you already know about and things that you might anticipate. So, just looking at just what you've spent this year, you've spent roughly \$20,000.

Sam Elder: You know, it's my understanding that the Health Department and the School Corporations and the libraries cannot get funding except at budget time from the Council. We can't come to you for money. We can transfer out of that Contractual Services or any other account that you would approve, but the other departments can come to the Council if they run out of money, and you're allowed to give it to them, if you choose. But, you're not to us. Is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: We can borrow money from the General Fund, but you have to pay it back.

Sam Elder: In that calendar year. If we could pay it back in that year, we wouldn't need it.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Councilmember Abell: Well, the other departments don't levy their own budget either.

Councilmember Raben: But, Troy's point, we do need to look at those balances.

Sam Elder: Yeah, I understand what he's saying. He wants to track it, and we can, it wouldn't take any time at all for us to show you just exactly what it was.

Councilmember Tornatta: The other side of that is, if we could re-appropriate some of these budget lines and move them into other sections, maybe it would satisfy another of your needs, rather than to just put it all in say the Other Operating Fund. If there's a pretty substantial balance in that fund. And, the fact that your trending does not show you coming close to the number that you're asking for.

Sam Elder: Well, it's kind of like, you know, I've talked about the attorney fees, \$6,000, if we had a need for it, wouldn't even start. Now, I know the County Attorney charges us \$70 an hour, and from paying other attorneys, that's cheap. Or else the others were high per hour.

Councilmember Abell: Well, but, Mr. Elder, if you got sued this year, it wouldn't come to trial for three years anyway, so, you would have plenty of time to get money for it. Let's go on.

Gary Heck: May I address Mr. Elder a minute please? The reason it's in that item is it's an emergency fund as well. If an emergency occurred, we don't have the time or the luxury to come and ask to transfer money at other times. It gives us the authority to have the balance sitting there so that we can address that emergency. If there's not an emergency, it doesn't get spent. I mean, it's kind of that simple too. So, if there is a balance, that's the other reason. It's not a huge amount of money, should an emergency occur, but it at least gives the community and the Council the safeguard to know that they've taken care of the community by having some funds that could address that if it happened. I think that's the other point.

Councilmember Tornatta: Gary, just mention your name in the microphone so they can—

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Finance Officer for the Health Department.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: I might add one thing. As an example, last year some of the cuts we were able to make within this budget was because of some of the balances that they were carrying forward. Mr. Fluty and I typically every year look at those. So, and we'll do so again next week.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, well, and my thing is I don't have those numbers. So, I wouldn't have any idea of, because we all, obviously, go at this in different directions. So, but point well taken, and noted, and, obviously, what we're trying to do is make it a workable budget, but if there's anyway to reallocate funds to get more things that you want, and you're getting ready to ask us for something you want here, then we can possibly be able to handle that within the parameters of this budget.

Sam Elder: Well, you know, when we were a city department, you know, the law is different, was different for city departments. We just, if we asked the Mayor, say we needed more money in the mosquito control program, he would say spend it.

Councilmember Abell: Well, the city's in better financial shape. Let's go ahead. We're running behind schedule here. Anyone else have any questions on this budget? I have a question back on line item 3310, Training, that's a rather large jump. Is there something that you need to tell us about that?

Sam Elder: You know, most of that, a lot of that's from that bio-terrorism program. Now, I don't know if you're familiar with it, but we're the coordinator for an 11 county area, and that's paid. We have an employee that's paid, you know, from the bio-terrorism network. We've incurred a lot of training expenses. It seems like that every time you turn around you have to be certified for something else to continue to perform, maybe even what you've been doing. The, used to get a lot of that out of the federal grants. You know, for example, the Health Officer and myself could travel out of the federal grants. Only the people involved. But, they've got bottom line budgets on almost all of them now. And, it's either have more money or we won't attend the training programs. I think it's important when you see what you receive from this, for, you know, the small amount. I can think of a lot of places that are not as much needed as the training money. Of course, I believe in —

Councilmember Abell: Do you have a calendar or some idea....\$7,000 is a lot of training. Do you have a calendar?

Sam Elder: How much did you say?

Councilmember Abell: Mine says \$7,000 requested in line item 3310. That last year we budgeted \$662, and the year 2004 you only spent \$460. So, that's a big jump. Maybe there's one too many zeros on there.

Sam Elder: I don't think so.

Councilmember Abell: Then, I think my questions' well intended. Do you have a calendar or something particular that you're going to attend this year? Or some number of people you're going to send to something? I mean, \$7,000 is a big increase.

Sam Elder: I tell you one of the places. We've had two nurse practitioners in the last little over 12 months that have come. They can't even work in the clinic until they've been trained by the federal program. If it's at Cincinnati you can figure on it costing you only \$800 or \$900. If it's, we had one that was in Arizona that cost us a couple of thousand dollars. I think that's important that we continue the level, when we lose an employee, I kind of figure it takes, my goodness, as much as a third of their year's salary to train them and change them in some cases. We are kind of in a bind with the nurses, we're not competitive anymore. We've got three vacancies in the Health Department. We've advertised, and we've not had any suitable candidates. A nurse practitioner, if they're going to work in pediatrics, they have to be a pediatric nurse practitioner. We had some applicants, but they don't fit the slot. But, that's, the majority of that training was spent in the VD program.

Councilmember Abell: Okay. Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Not to belabor the point, but your question was how many people are you intending to participate in training and how many sessions or workshops are we talking about?

Sam Elder: Well, I've got two people, two slots vacant in the communicable disease section, and they'll both have to be trained. They have to go to the HIV training, they have to have the venereal disease training, and these are held all over the country. You've got a choice, send them to the expensive one, or wait six months before they can work, when they have one that's close. Most of them are in Cincinnati and that can be done for under \$1,000.

Councilmember Abell: Any other questions? Is that it on the budget as stands? Let's take about a ten minute recess before we get into the dental clinic. It's almost half way through.

(Tape Change)

Councilmember Abell: Doctor, would you like to give your name and I presume you're here—are you talking about the health clinic, the dental health clinic?

John Heidingsfelder: Yes, ma'am, I am.

Councilmember Abell: Okay.

John Heidingsfelder: My name is John Heidingsfelder. I'm your County Health Officer. Should I begin? Do we have a quorum? Everybody is here that needs to

be here? I'm here to talk to you a little bit about the Health Department's involvement in the establishment of a public health dental clinic in Vanderburgh County. I would first like to mention that I am going to ask a dentist who has been involved in the project, Ed Fitzsimmons, to come up and say a few words. We also have at least one board member here and there may be one or more members of the community civic organizations present in the audience. We were approached, myself and the Board of Health were approached in early 2004 by representatives of the Dental Society relating to us what they felt to be an unmet need in the community for dental services. They thought that in talking to the dentists that there were a lot of people that needed dental help that weren't getting it and they asked if the Health Department could somehow get involved in stimulating the provision of these services in our county. The first issue that I had to look at and the question was is this a public health issue? Is this something of public health importance and in doing what research I did I found that it in fact is a public health issue, a significant public health issue. What makes it a public health issue is that it affects a large number of people. A relatively large number of people are involved in not having dental services. It results in significant degree of what we call morbidity and mortality. It causes people to become ill throughout their life. It makes them in various ways be less productive individuals and it can even if not for adequate dental services you can even die from dental problems. As a forensic pathologist I have actually autopsied people who have died from dental abscess as the initiating cause of their problems. So the Board of Health looked at it and determined that it is in fact a public health issue and that we should look into it further. This would have been in early 2004. Dr. Del Rio, at that time the chairman of our board recommended that I go and talk to other dental clinics—correction, other health departments and particularly those that might have dental services to see how they work or whatnot. She, in fact, recommended that I go to Savannah, Georgia and see a dental—a health department there that had in fact a dental clinic with two dentists. I did travel to Savannah, Georgia and I spent three or four days at a dental clinic operation within a health department within Savannah. I want to tell you I did that at my expense. I didn't get any reimbursement from the county for that, but it was a valuable experience. After determining that it was in fact a public health issue then we had to look at the consideration of establishing how severe the need was or how significant the need was. The first information we got was anecdotal from dentists telling us, you know, there is a real unmet need out in the community. We then were approached actually by civic organizations who also recognized that they felt that there was a need for unmet dental services in the community. Some of the different ways that you can assess dental services is of course there is something called a toothless rate. That is the percent of your population at age 65 who have no teeth and of course that is pretty late in the game. Dental services need to begin in early childhood and go throughout life to preserve the teeth for later adult life. In the course of looking at the need in the community we were met with and approached by an emergency room physician who said I'm seeing an awful lot of people with dental pain, dental problem, in the emergency room. We had a discussion with one of our dental committee members, an oral surgeon, Dr. Troyer who said that he sees people in the emergency room with dental abscesses that end up having to be admitted and are seriously ill with dental problems. So then what we did is we commissioned a study to be done where we looked at people who went to the emergency rooms of the hospitals with dental problems or dental issues. Primarily dental pain. The initial survey that we did didn't sound ring to true because there wasn't that many cases. What we found out was that we didn't really know how to push the buttons to get the information from the hospital's computer so then we said, you know, ask for dental pain rather

than oral/surgical pain or whatever and then we came out with what I think are more realistic numbers and facts that in a one and a half year period there were 4,000 people who were seen in the emergency room for dental problems between St. Mary's and Deaconess Hospital. This does not count patients that were seen in outpatient surgical centers or seen in private doctor's offices or in dentist offices. So we established a fact that there was a need in the community for dental services that was not being met. After looking at the need in the community how does the Health Department become involved in providing or being involved in trying to meet that need? We met with different players in the community, that is people who were in the process or in the business of providing dental services and there are organizations in the community that provide volunteer dental services on a part-time basis. St. Mary's Hospital has a mobile dental clinic for children, so a lot of the children's dental service needs are being met by St. Mary's Hospital. Not all of the children's needs, but there really was no one doing a great dent in meeting adult needs for dental services. We had meetings with civic leaders and I've had meetings with the CEO's of both hospitals and they both expressed support in the importance of dental services in the community. The CEO over at Deaconess Hospital recognized dental—the lack of dental services as one of their four priority items that needed to be addressed by the Deaconess Foundation and they are in the business of funding local health needs including dental services. We then said now how do we go about doing this? There are advantages to the Health Department being involved in the provision of dental services. For one thing attracting a dentist to come and stay in our community and provide these types of services requires some continuity of service and of care. By making it part of the Health Department I think that it adds validity and encouragement to a dentist to come and work in Vanderburgh County. Although our pay scales are not that high at the Health Department the fringe benefits are excellent and I think if we can find someone who buys that as their mission to provide these types of services then what we would try to do is provide a good work environment for that individual. I've talked to the dentists, my own personal dentist included, and they assure me that the best way to try to meet that need is through a full-time dentist. That efforts to have ten part-time dentists coming in four hours a week to provide a 40 hour equivalent is not nearly as efficient as one full-time dentist doing it. If you look at your own dentist's office it's a smooth operation if they do things right. Patients come in, they get their teeth cleaned, the dentist see them, procedures are done and you can see a fairly large number of patients. You get the opposite problem if you have part-time fragmented coverage, so I believe that the need whether through the Health Department or through other sources would be best served by having one and I hate to say this, but possibly two full-time dentists. But I think two full-time dentists is too much to even address right now. If one full-time dentist, a hygienist, a dental assistant and a dental receptionist could be brought on board in a clinic situation. This would certainly be a starting point. How much would such an operation cost? We had meetings with representatives of the Dental Society who gave us numbers as to what they thought the cost of hiring a dentist, a dental assistant, a dental hygienist and a receptionist would be. They gave us numbers as far as materials, consumables, supplies, dental appliances, and other types of things that would be required to run a full dental clinic. They gave us some ideas as to what—how many rooms need to be outfitted and how they needed to be outfitted. So we got a cost estimate of the ongoing cost of operation of such a dental clinic. There would be, depending on the location, variable up front costs. The Health Department has looked at what's in our community and we found that there is a dentist office literally one half block from the Health Department. It's closed, it's not a dentist office any more. The dental chairs have been removed, but

all of the electrical and plumbing is built for a dentist office and we felt that the cost of renovating that office would be much less than say even adding it to our present facility at the Health Department where we have to totally remove the walls and reestablish plumbing and everything. That it would be less expensive to reoutfit with dental equipment an office that is a half block from the Health Department which would allow a greater supervisory function of the Health Department over this dental clinic. It will require supervision and it's going to be an administrative headache, let's put it that way, for the Health Department, but I think that it's worthwhile and it's an important public health project. The cost of this clinic, it's actually owned by Southwestern Mental Health, which is also our landlord. It's presently vacant, but I'm told by Mr. Browning who is the representative of Southwestern Mental Health that they are, you know, they need to get it filled with someone. They would like very much for it to be the Health Department's dental operation, but if not there are other people that they would like to lease it to. He quoted us numbers of \$7.50 a square foot for a total of a little less than 1,700 square feet as what he would want for rent for this dental clinic. The up front cost of getting the clinic started, of putting in the dental equipment initially stocking it with supplies and everything is estimated to be about \$100,000. The continued cost of operation of such a clinic is estimated to be \$285,000. I was very much surprised by the enthusiastic support that we've received in the course of deliberating on this clinic from civic organizations, from the dentists, from the hospital chief executive officers. I feel confident that the private sector, charitable organizations, corporate citizens, our hospitals have particularly they have a potential for if no other reason economic gain. If they can cut their hospital emergency room visits in half it would be of an economic benefit to them if for no other reason to have the clinic in the community.

Councilmember Raben: Can I interrupt you just one moment?

John Heidingsfelder: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: Have the hospitals shared with you the cost associated with what the dental care that they're not necessarily giving, but the emergency room visits and stuff, have they given you any costs associated with it?

John Heidingsfelder: We had discussion of that at our meeting this morning of the Board of Health. I forget exactly what numbers were mentioned. Marsha Abell was present at that meeting. I believe that an emergency room physician who was involved in our project quoted a cost to the hospital of probably \$50 per visit as being very conservative. Not the charges, but the cost of each visit.

Councilmember Abell: I think we figured it was \$45,000 per hospital, \$90,000 a year I think is what the estimate they gave us.

John Heidingsfelder: That's if 100 percent of the people who would go to the emergency room were instead directed towards this clinic. One of the things that we would like to do if we had this clinic is to accept walk in patients. People who would go to the emergency room for the ER to say go over to the clinic and they'll see you or go there and they'll see you in the morning if it is after hours and thereby they can get treated earlier in hopefully a dental circumstance. The emergency room is not equipped to actually do any dental care. They just give pain medicines or if you are sick enough they might put you on antibiotics or put you in the hospital, you know so it would be a much more directed care. Now the concern of the

hospitals is how much will it relieve them of their responsibility on one hand of seeing patients in the emergency room, so what they would like to do is to see numbers to actually see, hey, our number of visits have dropped in half since this dental clinic opened up, okay? Then I think that we would get their enthusiastic support. I think this clinic, if it's going to be functional at all it's got to be an amalgamation of city or county support. The Health Department is a vehicle that provides long term stability, I think. As far as the funding and the operation of the clinic. If you look at funding, charitable organizations or church organizations and the funding is not consistent from year-to-year and if you lose a dentist and you have to recruit another dentist, you know, you have to have the resources to be able to do that. We have assurances from the Dental Society that they're going to help us in variety of ways to make this work including recruiting of a dentist, but also other support activities relating to the dental clinic. I believe that the up front expenses of this clinic if you agree to this clinic by a show of support I believe that charitable organizations will fund the up front expense of this clinic which is about \$100,000. I would think that if we did not have that kind of support in the community then maybe we shouldn't be doing this in the first place. Now the budget that you have in front of you includes those up front expenses of about \$100,000 in addition to the annual expenses that are ongoing. But I tell you, know that if we don't have up front contributions sufficient for us to remodel and open this clinic, then it shouldn't function, but I think that we will. I think that the hospitals particularly are waiting to find out what the county is going to do with this project and I can tell you that if I don't, as the Health Officer if I don't get dollar contributions from corporate or from civic organizations or from interested parties, donations towards the up front start up expenses we're not going to go anywhere here with it.

Councilmember Abell: Doctor, could I—I hate to interrupt you, but we have got a very, very long calendar today and I think there are a couple of Councilmen who might like to ask a question. Could you sort of summarize?

John Heidingsfelder: Well, I'm pretty much done with what I have to say.

Councilmember Abell: Okay, then Councilmen, does anyone have a question? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: If you get private support for start up, what kind of commitment do you have for private support in the future? Because it would seem to me that if we fund this—

John Heidingsfelder: That's a very good question.

Councilmember Goebel: —it's going to relieve them of any kind of future support, and I think this should be a joint venture.

John Heidingsfelder: Yes, and I think that if you look at the first year's operation if it doesn't relieve the hospitals of significant emergency room visits, you know, they may or may not be willing to continue their support. But I guarantee you if it significantly reduces the emergency room visits, you know, that it would be in the financial best interest of the hospitals, if no other players, to help with the continued funding.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilmen Goebel, Councilman Winnecke and I have had a chance to have several meetings on this issue and we truly believe that this is a

community health issue that will require resources from a variety of different sources. We've had a chance to meet with the dental health group here, the organization, CAJE, which has been actively engaged in bringing this issue forward. We met with representatives from Impact Ministry. We've met with the representatives from the two hospitals and then another non profit health care provider to really get a sense and feel on their support for this. Our intent is to make a request to the two hospitals for supporting this project. The amount hasn't been determined yet, but the intent is to not just the start up costs but the continuing support for this program. As we look at this particular request we are also weighing what might be the best way to execute the service whether it is with an existing non profit provider or whether it is through the Health Department. So we're trying to weigh that and meeting with as many people as we can as swiftly as we can so that we can get this resolved, really before this whole budget process concludes itself.

Councilmember Abell: Any other questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah. Do we worry that the numbers—we might not see diminishing numbers in the hospitals because most of the people that are going there have instant pain at that time and are going to the emergency room to relieve their pain and they're not thinking preventative maintenance.

John Heidingsfelder: Certainly there will be some people who will always go to the emergency room because that's the first the easiest thing to do. I guess it is yet to be seen how it will affect that. I would expect maybe a fifty percent decrease in emergency room visits especially as the clinic becomes known because they will not only get treatment of their pain they will have hopefully their problem solved.

Councilmember Tornatta: And, I mean, as long as a hospital would realize that the first year they might not see the type of benefit of an organization like this, but over time when you train the people to go and they know that there is an outlet that they can go and get something done or something handled they would be able to use it, but my first fear would be that a hospital coming in would say, hey, you know we don't see any appreciable numbers of decline in our emergency room, we don't really want to fund this program and hopefully we know that after an individual or individuals see that there is another avenue to get some work done that they would pursue that.

John Heidingsfelder: I think it might require three to five years of clinic operation to see the maximum benefit with regards to hospital visits. I would like a dentist who has been very much involved in this project to come forward at to at least say a few words as representative from the Dental Society, Dr. Ed Fitzsimmons, who has been involved with our dental subcommittee.

Councilmember Abell: Doctor, will you state your name for us please.

Ed Fritz: Yes, I'm Dr. Ed Fritz, retired general practitioner, native of Evansville so forth. I practiced in North Park. The Dental Society has been aware of a potential unmet need being out there among the under served population. We have been working on this problem for roughly two years and investigated all the options that we can think of to investigate about how to get the most efficient form of dental care to those who are greatly in need. After a lot of study and a lot of, oh I guess researching the options as best we could we determined that the thing that made

the most sense was to partner with the Vanderburgh County Health Department. After all there has been a precedent for Vanderburgh County Health Department having a dentist on staff and providing dental services in the past. When I first came to town long ago in the horse and buggy days they had a dentist on staff there. So, you know, we don't really have any hard data on the amount of this need, but we're reasonably certain, and I think common sense would tell all of us that it is significant and it's out there. One of the things that has not been brought out to this point is that Medicaid provides a considerable amount of funding or at least some amount of funding for dental services. This facility would qualify as a Medicaid provider which should provide some amount of relief in terms of the total financial burden for operating this clinic. There may be some other options for being able to obtain funds to operate this clinic also. So when you're seeing the \$280,000 to operate that's a number that we would certainly hope can be reduced by Medicaid and supplemental funding. But nonetheless we have no way of knowing just how much that relief is going to be. The value of services to the public and to the community are what is really the most important feature of this program. The value and services if they were done for instance in a private office would exceed what the cost of operating this clinic is. That's the true value that's going to come from this. We support, the Dental Society supports, pardon me, I need to get some of that water, bottled that is, but the Dental Society supports this wholeheartedly and we're anxious and stand firm in our approach to do whatever we can do to make this be a success.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you, doctor. Any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah—

Ed Fritz: And I appreciate your giving me time to talk in your busy schedule.

Councilmember Raben: Dr. Fritz, is the society committed to making a contribution, annual contributions towards the program?

Ed Fritz: Um, at this time the Dental Society does not have any funding available to do a project such as that and what funds we would have would be absolutely minimal. Our contribution will be in as Habitat would say "sweat equity". We're going to be involved in this to the extent that we possibly can and we're going to do it for free.

Councilmember Raben: Well, now we're talking about hiring full-time dental techs and dentists so where is that sweat equity?

Ed Fritz: Sweat equity is who is going to run this program? Who is going to go out and recruit a dentist to work in this program? Who is going to be able to evaluate the qualifications of applicants that are, we hope, going to apply for this program? Who is going to oversee and provide hopefully counsel on how this program should operate? It's going to take a dentist to do that or several.

Councilmember Sutton: As well there have been discussions—

Ed Fritz: Pardon?

Councilmember Sutton: As well there have been discussions about the Dental Society even though there would be a full-time dentist there would still be a need

for volunteers so that the assistance that the Dental Society could provide in recruiting, getting volunteers to assist with this whole effort is what has been discussed as well.

Ed Fritz: Yes. You know, we feel, and I think most feel, that this is a community problem. It's a dental problem that involves the community. It's basically the community's responsibility to address that problem, but we are willing to give all the guidance we possibly can.

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I think that's all well and good and there is definitely a need, but I think your Society could really make a massive statement if the local dentists were surveyed and maybe asked to help fund more than just add advice, because I think it would be a great statement from the dentists of our community along with the hospitals and the County Council. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I have one other question in regards to, and I know it's hard to speak on behalf of St. Mary's, but the mobile program that they currently have now for children if we were to overnight get into the dentistry business would they continue their mobile unit?

Ed Fritz: I have no idea. That serves a completely different market.

Councilmember Abell: I think Dr. Del Rio is prepared to answer that question.

Ed Fritz: Am I dismissed?

Councilmember Abell: Why don't you just stand there for a second. She is very attractive, you don't mind standing beside her. Would you please give your name?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Maria Del Rio-Hoover. I am a member of the Vanderburgh County Board of Health and a past chairman. I am also a member of the dental committee that did all this research. When we addressed this we understand that it is the adults in our community that aren't receiving dental care and they are the ones that are not being reimbursed by Medicaid in a manner that they can find dental care in private offices in many ways. The children are being served by the mobile clinic and that will continue to serve the children so that we can focus on serving as many adults. If you look at the numbers that we looked at out of the 4,000 people that made the ER visits there were about a little over 200 that were children. The rest were adults. I think this is the population that we're talking about because we can't handle everybody in this clinic at this time. What's going to happen in the future as far as both merging I don't know, but at this point I know that St. Mary's is committed to continuing the children's dental clinic so we're talking about adults. I also want to make a point that wasn't made before. We can talk about joining forces, but we need a catalyst and this is why we're here. If somebody doesn't step up and say we're going to support you, we can't go out to the hospitals, to the businesses to tell them help us out. I think they want to see if we can recruit a dentist if we can get some numbers down so that we can then go and seek support, ongoing support. And I agree, it's a community project. It shouldn't be funded just by you, but we cannot go out and seek further funding on a what if basis, and we've got to be able to recruit a dentist to start and the only way to recruit a dentist is to tell him I have a guaranteed salary here right now. When

we're asking for money we don't think we're going to spend all that money. I don't think you want to remember when we were here asking about the new building, but we're asking you to help us get it started. If we were to recruit someone we probably wouldn't get started until mid year or later towards the year so one hundred percent of this money wouldn't be spent this year. It's asking you to help us get started so that once we get going we can then recruit the rest of the community, but we need you as the catalyst to get us started.

Councilmember Abell: Any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Real quick before you step away, would it be possible, I mean I know with something like this it takes a while for the community to understand that you're in the business of dentistry, but I would really like to see some three and five and maybe even a ten year projection on what the annual operating costs associated with this would be as this program grows.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: The problem is that I can't get data right now for some of our basic issues like prenatal care. We're having a hard time gathering data. There has been a committee in this community looking at dental needs for many, many years and this is the first time—this is the basic hardcore data that we have been able to get right now. I think until we get a dentist and actually see who is coming to the clinic we won't be able to do that. That's the problem. We need to get started to give you that projection. The other area that I think fits the Health Department is education and prevention portion. If we can educate the community to come in and get preventative care we will decrease the visits to the hospital and the Health Department has the means and the services to provide that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and one last question. Dr. Fritz, you had mentioned that several years ago the Health Department did operate a dental clinic. Why did they cease?

Ed Fritz: I have no idea.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Sam?

Councilmember Raben: Sam, could you come to the podium please?

Ed Fritz: We've got a historian!

Sam Elder: Actually, when we operated the dental clinic it was operated through the Public Health Nursing Association which now is VNA. They did all of our outreach work and the money was in our budget and we paid it to what now is the Visiting Nurse. We had a dental chair and had the equipment and it was in the VNA's area, you know, in their building, and they did the dental work for the Health Department. It actually, some of the people involved in it thought this money would be better spent on an educational program. That was proposed to the City Council that it be made an educational program instead of a dental program. I don't know if all of you know it, but we have a scrapbook at the Health Department and even today we cut out everything that even has any bearing on the Health Department. It goes back to 1927 and I can read what the Courier said transpired at that time, but they took it out. They took it out of the budget, the City Council did. It was taken out.

Councilmember Raben: How many years ago was that, Sam?

Sam Elder: I would say it was probably, and I'm going by the dentist that worked there. The dentist that worked there, most of them were just out of school and they would work there maybe a year and then you would have a different dentist. Lloyd Helm was the dentist when it was discontinued and I think probably it was the late 50's. I could look and could tell you in the scrapbook, but it was somewhere within a year or two of that. The Health Board did propose that it be changed to an educational program and that's what they cut out.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, with the number of meetings that we've been involved with, that I have been involved with, I mean it truly is an important issue for this community. We're going to do what we can to work to make as many parts come together for this whole—and it's more than just a public health issue. It's also an economic issue for a variety of reasons. If you don't have good dental health you miss work or you can't find the right job and a number of different other issues play in here, so a lot of things are affected, but the information that you guys have brought has been very helpful for us.

Councilmember Abell: Any other Councilmen? I'm sorry. No. Thank you.

Ed Fritz: Thank you.

Councilmember Abell: The organization CAJE has asked for an opportunity to speak to the Council. They have been told that they can have three speakers at three minutes each. I will tell you that I am definitely going to hold you at three minutes because we are going to have to vacate this office for another meeting and we've got a long agenda left.

Elizabeth Winstead: Hello. My name is Elizabeth Winstead. The last time I visited my dentist's office was last year in October of 2004. I was presented with a shocking statement. I went in for a routine checkup and I had x-rays done that cost me \$30. Then they told me that I needed a special treatment for my teeth. I asked what the charge would be. They told me \$760. I couldn't believe it. I asked them if they had a payment plan and they said no, but they told me what they could do. They said they would take care of one side of my mouth and I could pay them \$380 and when I came up with the rest of the money I could come back and they would do the other side. I just couldn't believe it. I am a retiree. I'm on a fixed income and I couldn't afford \$760 for my teeth and I haven't been back. I don't think it is fair for a person to work their whole life and pay city and county taxes and not be able to have an affordable dental plan to count on. I put in 25 years of service and I am not offered anything. I am sort of stuck between a rock and a hard place. I don't know what to do. I'll guess I'll just wait until the new clinic comes.

Jill Dugan-Miller: I have a testimony from Dr. Ellena Boddie.

Councilmember Abell: Would you give your name please.

Jill Dugan-Miller: I am Jill Dugan-Miller, I am a resident of Evansville. I am reading a testimony by Dr. Ellena Boddie who could not be here today. She has given permission for me to read this.

"My name is Ellie Boddie. I am a medical doctor at Echo Diabetic Management Center. Only 3.6 percent of the patients at the Diabetic Center have had any dental care within the past year. In the

unfortunate patient who does not receive necessary dental intervention the results can be catastrophic. This is not a theoretical problem. One of my patients who despite working full-time as a care giver in a nursing home could not afford dental insurance for herself. She developed a toothache and took the usual over the counter medications hoping in vain the problem would resolve on its own. After a week the pain did not resolve so she called the Impact Ministries dental clinic and was told that she would be put on a waiting list that was several months long. She waited patiently and continued to nurse the rotten tooth on her own. A diabetic, she came to my clinic for the first time about four months after being put onto the waiting list. She was febrile and swollen and had lost 22 pounds in one week because it was just too painful to eat. I suspected that she had an abscess and informed her that she would need to go to the hospital emergency room for further equipment and she begged me to give her antibiotics and treat her as an outpatient. My appointment at Impact is only two weeks away and I just can't afford to go to the hospital, she said. I reluctantly agreed and gave her the antibiotics and told her to return to my office within five days time for reevaluation. Unfortunately, her condition worsened significantly and she had to go to the hospital for intravenous antibiotics and a surgically placed drain to rid the infection. She was given a bill for \$5,000. She was one week shy of her appointment at the Impact dental clinic."

Joe Easley: I'm Reverend Joe Easley, the Pastor of Central United Methodist Church and the secretary for Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment and it is on behalf of CAJE that I speak today. There is a dental crisis in our community and as you've heard there is really no place that a person in this county can go to get immediate care for a dental emergency. I'm not going to belabor that any more. We had some written information to submit to you—

Councilmember Abell: Can I interrupt you, we have to change our tape.

Joe Easley: Sure.

Councilmember Abell: We don't want to miss any of your testimony.

Joe Easley: That's fine.

(Tape Change)

Joe Easley: – information that we're presenting and hope you will read. If you have questions about whether there really is a need or not, we'll be glad to discuss that, but I hear that you have seen that there is. And you've heard the personal testimonies of people who have experienced this firsthand. The Health department has appropriately recognized this problem and put funding for it in their budget. And we, as CAJE, are here today as taxpayers and voters saying this is a priority and we support this. We've collected over a thousand letters to the County Council, they are being presented now, in support of this clinic. They represent people from every district in every part of this county. That's an impressive stack and they're not just for the chair today, but they're for all of you. All your names are on them. Additionally, 400 people came out to a meeting in June at Nazarene Baptist Church to show their support. And today, we have more than 50 people here to show their support, who are standing with me, and many more of the folks from our churches,

5,000 members would have been here had it been at a different time but work conflicted. Again, we want to emphasize that not meeting this crisis would end up being penny-wise and pound foolish. There are costs to not caring for people and people missing work or being laid off or out of work because of dental pain, there are costs in going to the emergency room, and as you've heard, the emergency room can only give antibiotics and pain medicine, not really treat the source of the problem. We do know you have difficult decisions to make to balance the budget, but we also know that when there are priorities, we find a way to fund the priorities. And we're here telling you, thousands of people in this county know this is a priority that needs to be addressed. Taxes go to fund important public works: roads, government agencies, schools, and this is as important an issue as roads, and healthcare for employees and inmates in the county jail. Its interesting that the county jail has funding in it, has a dental chair in it and you're going to have to staff that, as you appropriately should, but where is the dental chair for the working poor, if this plan is not approved? Would someone have to go to jail, get arrested, in order to get dental care? We hope not. The people writing these thousand letters want a response, their addresses are there and you're welcome to write them individually or you can simply say today, that, tell us what your response is and we'll be glad to take it back to them. I'm here today on behalf of CAJE asking, will you support full funding for the dental clinic in the 2006 county budget?

Councilmember Abell: Any questions? I trust you didn't sincerely mean it when you wanted an answer today, because we will not be giving anyone answers, including your group.

Joe Easley: Sure, we understand that you're not going to be voting today, but we hope for some indication that you recognize the problem, that it's a serious issue, and that you're committed to addressing it. Do I hear that? Is there any other information that you need at this point from anybody?

Councilmember Abell: I guess not. Thank you.

Joe Easley: I'm assuming that means you hear it and are going to address it.

Councilmember Abell: We have to address it, its in our budget book.

Councilmember Sutton: You're welcome to stay.

Councilmember Abell: Yes, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Because we have lost a considerable amount of time, as we get into the Assessors, I just wanted to say before we got that far, most of the 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts will probably be shifted over to Reassessment when we finalize our budgets. And, in fact, we may not even do it in September, may do it or may wait until September to set those figures in, so we don't need to lose a lot of time on those accounts today.

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Abell: Thank you. Okay, let's start with the township Assessors, Armstrong, page 52.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now I did speak to Joyce Kron last night by phone. Randy is in a meeting in Indianapolis and she had an appointment this morning, so

they will not be present. Along with, I did receive a call yesterday from Paul Hatfield, he is ill and would not be present although his Chief Deputy is here, but he did want everyone to know that he could not be here.

Councilmember Wortman: And Scott Township, the same. He's out of town.

Councilmember Abell: Okay, so Armstrong, Scott and Pigeon are not going to have their Assessors here. But let's quickly look at Armstrong and see if there is anything we want to discuss among ourselves. If not, we'll move right along. We have to be out of here at 12:30, there is another meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Abell, would you consider just taking the ones that are here today and if we have any questions on those, because how many groups do we have here?

Councilmember Abell: I would certainly be agreeable to that.

Councilmember Raben: – earlier statement, outside of the 2, 3 and 4000 accounts, all we have is salary related issues, –

Councilmember Abell: I just wanted to see if anyone, quickly go through and see if anyone has requested any big computer money that's not in Reassessment.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, –

Councilmember Abell: If we could just hit them real quick and go on.

Councilmember Tornatta: Start with Center?

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Abell: Page 54. Okay, John.

John Gerard: Good morning, John Gerard, Center Township Assessor. The only thing I have in salary, I did have a job study for one that did pass unanimously for, that was line 1140-0110. Other than that, as Mr. Raben stated, the 2000, 3000, and 4000 will probably be moved over to Reassessment, that I don't have any problem with that. Basically, our budget has been flat line since 1993 on most of those items down there. I gave a pass out yesterday for you to kind of show you that on the bottom line and then the top line is salaries. So if you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

Councilmember Tornatta: And there is nothing additional in the Reassessment than what's in this budget, 2, 3 and 4000 accounts?

John Gerard: Correct. It was exactly the same.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Gerard, I just would like to address your letter. You indicated a space problem. Are you looking at something? I mean, –

John Gerard: At this time, I'm not looking but it is becoming more and more critical. And like I said, we're having to bring in another file cabinet and most likely its going

to end up in my office because there is no other place to put it. We are very, very cramped. We work in half the space of any other township, major township assessor's office. Something has to give soon. I'm hoping that with the space here being, you know, the jail or possibly with another office moving, that some space would be made available to us, but it is becoming a critical issue and each year becomes more critical, and I just wanted the Council to be aware of it. That as of right now, I'm not looking, but I can't go too much longer.

Councilmember Abell: You might want to address that concern to Mr. Rector.

John Gerard: I have.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you. Any other questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: How much equipment and collective services are you sharing with the other Assessors in that row of offices? Are you sharing a lot of equipment or are you –

John Gerard: No.

Councilmember Tornatta: None at all?

John Gerard: None that I can, the only thing that I think of sharing is that I know Perry Township comes in and occasionally uses our scanner to scan equipment for them, but as far as that, basically we just have had general things that you would need, just copier and computers. I don't have anything, any specialized equipment.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Abell: German.

Tim Schaefer: Tim Schaefer, German Township Assessor. The only increases I had was a couple – my Chief Deputy had a five year raise and my Real Estate Deputy had a six month. Are you wanting to say something, Troy?

Councilmember Tornatta: No, no, no. Sorry.

Tim Schaefer: And then I added this Computer Software for the personal property. The County Assessor asked me to start paying for that out of my funds. That's a \$1,500 new line item there. It was a minor increase in Office Supplies, \$100.

Councilmember Raben: Its not a new service.

Tim Schaefer: No, its not a new service. I did not have money in my budget and it was paid by the County Assessor, I think, the last year, maybe the year before also.

Councilmember Abell: Any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Next.

Tim Schaefer: Thank you.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you.

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Abell: Knight.

Al Folz: I'm Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor. I noticed when you mentioned Assessor, everybody left the room. Mainly, just as Councilman Raben said, it goes into the salaries, you'll notice we've had some step raises from our people. My Chief Deputy had a step raise \$4,100 and a few others there which were not as noticeable. Is there any questions on the rest of it? Most of it follows a certain pattern that we do have.

Councilmember Abell: I have a question.

Al Folz: Yes.

Councilmember Abell: You have \$2,000 for Level II Certification. Is that four people? Is that \$500 a person, is that what that is?

Al Folz: Yes.

Councilmember Abell: How many do you need to have in an office, this Level II Certification?

Al Folz: Level II's, I think the state requires that we have at least two.

Councilmember Abell: And do you have any now?

Al Folz: Beg your pardon?

Councilmember Abell: Do you have any now?

Al Folz: Yes.

Councilmember Abell: Do you have two or one?

Al Folz: Oh no, I have more than that. I have four. But these are continuing education classes and when you go there, and I send my employees there, that once you reach a certain level, the you start off with a level I, you have to be certified by the state, you have to go to the state to be able to take the tests which run about, oh anywhere from six, seven, hours. And after you reach a Level I, then you still have to be able to increase your knowledge to being able to intelligently use the manuals, the computer software and situations like that. And then, you have to take another test for the Level II's. And then you're qualified as an Assessor/Appraiser by the state of Indiana. To keep that up, you do have to have continuing education, I think to keep your Level II you have to have 45 hours of continuous education, to being able to complete this. It is a well established type of program in being able to keep up with the latest technology and the latest instructions from the State Tax Board.

Councilmember Tornatta: We pay for training and then give them a \$500 stipend.

Councilmember Abell: That's my objection and I'll tell you why, because there are other departments that have people that get college educations and we don't pay them for it. So I have an objection with paying somebody to better themselves at our expense. I think the fact that we pay for their training is enough. But there are other Councilman that feel differently.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, we have to take care of one in each office. I mean, that's mandated by the state, so unfortunately, its unfunded and we don't see anything from that, but hopefully, we have a better workforce. But the decision has always been with this Council, if we want to limit it to a certain number in an office then that's something we have to address.

Al Folz: This was from the state, oh, years ago, that said that anybody who reached their status of a Level II and that they may be paid, and then that was changed then into a shall type situation. So that's where this is all coming from. Of course, its up to the county to be able to do the funding and such like that.

Councilmember Abell: Does it say how much they shall be paid?

Al Folz: Does it establish –

Councilmember Abell: It says they shall be paid \$500?

Al Folz: For a deputy.

Councilmember Abell: For how many?

Glen Koob: Assessors are 1,000. It says whoever attains the Level II Assessor/Appraiser has to be paid \$500, shall, its –

Al Folz: Yeah, –

Glen Koob: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone) you might lobby the legislature about it, but (inaudible).

Councilmember Abell: I'd be more inclined to limit the number that can have it.

Al Folz: See the last time that they changed this, the legislators changed this, see the deputies, even though they were a Level II, they did not receive any increase in that type situation. And when they passed the legislation on this last one, why it said that the deputies can have a stipend of \$500, the Assessor always had basically \$1,000. And I think all of our Assessors, basic Assessors have a Level II.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, Al.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you, sir.

Al Folz: Thank you.

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Abell: Perry.

Glen Koob: Good morning, Glen Koob, Perry Township Assessor. Any questions? I did raise, I put in for Training and the legislature, this year, passed a law that said if you're not a Level I/Level II, I think starting in 2007 you don't to pay them their salary, the Assessor. First year Level I, second year you need to get your Level II. So this is legislated. We don't have anything to say about it. They do legislate this. And the reason why they did, I think we're the only elected office that I can think of other than a prosecutor that has to have the education to be able to be paid. They wouldn't let you be elected because of the discrimination –

Councilmember Abell: My objection is that the whole office doesn't need to be.

Glen Koob: Well, its nice that –

Councilmember Abell: Oh, and its nice if everybody in the Clerk's office was a paralegal, but you know –

Glen Koob: Right, and if you're an accounting firm and you get all these changes put on your every year, we are accountants, you can pretty well hit us at every level of – we have to manage money, we have to assess, we have to work with the Auditor's office to do the homesteads, we have to answer those questions, they ask us legal questions, but we defer them. So its really not that we're just assessors, we're everything. And I've been an Assessor/Appraiser since 1987 and only started getting paid for it in 1999.

Councilmember Abell: Well, and I really don't want to argue the point with you, its just that other offices also have to be bookkeepers and all have all the same problems that you, everybody has.

Glen Koob: Yeah, and its really not a problem for us, its just what we do. I'm not arguing with you about it, I'm just stating what we do.

Councilmember Tornatta: Alright, in this line item, just for those who are new to this budget process, Perry Township does have a part-time employee that they fund out of that, although they obviously are not paying this person benefits and that is their only field person. So some of the other offices do offer extra help for extra field people, however, this is their only field person. And then as far as, the statute essentially says, Glen, if I'm not mistaken about, you don't have to pay somebody an Assessor or what have you, that's not Level II. That's their portion that they use for assessment.

Glen Koob: I don't understand the question.

Councilmember Tornatta: There's kind of a gray area there –

Glen Koob: About the law?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, kind of, because it says you don't pay them for the amount that they assess. So, I mean, they consider themselves administrator or something of that knowledge, so its kind of a gray area.

Glen Koob: Actually, IAAO, the International Assessing Association of Assessing Officers – Association of Assessing Officers, its international, they set out at one point in time about ten or fifteen years ago as to how many parcels a person could assess, I mean, how many employees you needed. And I think they set it in at about

2,500 parcels, I don't know, with all of our changes with trending and things, if that's still accurate or not. I really have not asked. And that's probably ten years ago. I did, if I might mention this, I did raise the equipment repair from a thousand to 1,500 because I take out of equipment and repair, I take the \$500 contract for IKON, which is our copier, \$499 and \$300 goes to the two software programs that we need to run. The first one is the personal property program. The second one is the land program that we run, that are both by Appraisal Research. So that comes up to approximately \$1,300 and I also need my microfiche machine worked on because it doesn't make copies. So that's why I put in the \$1,500 as opposed to the thousand. And the training, like as Al said, we do have to have so many hours of training for our Level I's and Level II's for them to keep their certification.

Councilmember Abell: Any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: Just a general question, Glen.

Glen Koob: Sure.

Councilmember Goebel: I attended the Indiana Association of Counties seminar, and they – I asked that very question about how many Level II certifications each Assessor should have and they said basically the same message you're giving, as many really as can be upgraded to that level. However, could we not then, if we're getting so many involved in that, but the expenses for training and –

Glen Koob: That's part of the certification that you have to be – if you're a Level I, you have to be trained 30 hours in four years, and if you're a Level II, you have to be trained 45 hours in four years.

Councilmember Goebel: But would this not cover like to trending and things like that, that's you're asking, that's being requested on the outside of this?

Glen Koob: Do you mean, the state gives us training, four sessions of training a year. Is that what you mean, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: No, I'm just talking about training, in general. It seems to me like if you get the certification, you should be pretty much up to snuff, so to speak, on all the tax laws and assessing laws and we shouldn't have to fund an outside group to come in.

Glen Koob: Let me say this, the reason why they're doing this training is because in 2004, we used market value, in 2003 we were using cost, and next year in 2006, we're going to be using trending. So they change every year, the legislature changes something for the Assessors on how we assess. And that's what they're doing, is they're training us as – and that's the reason why they put it in there to make sure the people got it.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, well, I'm not trying to put you on the spot because I think its really hard for everyone to understand and keep up with. And its changing constantly.

Glen Koob: Right, they changed it every year for the last probably four or five years, the legislature has changed something different that we do. Okay, next for, for example, remember I was here last time and they were taking away the inventory, personal property inventory, the businesses, that's going to affect Perry Township

alone by \$14,000,000. So, you know, we were talking about that earlier in the year. So now we have to – we still have to collect, book keep the numbers, but we abate them at the end. And that's because of the state says that we have to do that.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Abell: Anyone else? Thank you.

Glen Koob: Thank you. Oh, can I say one more thing? Thank you for my copy machine. I mean, for my printer. Its' great and thank John Gerard for letting me share his scanner so you don't have to buy one. Thank you.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Abell: Pigeon, do you want to address your budget? Page 62.

Judy Stricker: Judy Stricker, Chief Deputy, Pigeon Township Assessor's office. I think we have an increase of 1,000 in training, and I think Glen's already spoke on that. We increased our computer software by \$1,500 because I under budgeted it last year and had to put some money into it or I think I came back and asked the Council for some more money. Other than that, and we did put in \$500 for office furniture because we have a couple broken chairs that need to be replaced.

Councilmember Abell: Any questions? Thank you.

Judy Stricker: Thank you.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Abell: Scott is not here.

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Abell: Union, not here.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Abell: County Assessor, page 49.

Tammy Elkins: Tammy Elkins, Vanderburgh County Assessor. I have also the two duplicate budgets: one in the General fund and one in the Reassessment fund, and they are, besides the salary line items, identical. The first thing I'd like to address is the Extra Help. This year we did not have any Extra Help. I perceive next year that we may need some based on the fact that exemption applications are going to be filed again in my office, which happens every two years and I feel like we will probably need assistance in processing that paperwork. And in addition to that, once the townships finish trending, then that comes to my office for equalization and I think some extra hands for that will be important as well. On the 3370, the Computers line item, I've been told by my network supervisor in the GIS department that its anticipated we will need a new server. This runs the Pro-Val software in the Township and County Assessor offices. And then I've asked for just a couple hundred dollars in Office Machines for a new FAX machine.

Councilmember Abell: Any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: The new server that you referred to, Tammy, what brings about the need for having a new one?

Tammy Elkins: I don't really have the specifics. I was told that the one we have was, we purchased in 2000, that they don't feel like it will, I guess, last much longer and that I needed to put in an appropriation for the additional funds.

Councilmember Sutton: And so you've gotten some specs or –

Tammy Elkins: I've received some specs –

John Gerard: John Gerard, Center Assessor. Royce, I did talk to Scott Davis the other day, he was talking to me about that because some of the computers in our office are running slow and he was blaming it on that server and saying that right now, that it is running, on average, between 85 and 90% capacity. And that is, apparently, according to him, was way overworked and it should be somewhere between 60 and 75% with that, and he was afraid with the volume that we are putting on that, that we may have a catastrophe very soon down the road because the capacity, or that we may even exceed the capacity of that server.

Councilmember Abell: Anyone else?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, Tammy, how much of the costs have you defrayed to the other townships, we talked about German, now taking on some of the, what, \$1,500 for part of the server or part of the system. Have you started now to defray that to the other townships?

Tammy Elkins: No, that was the only thing. Like Mr. Schaefer said, there was the personal property software that is actually, has been purchased by all the townships, and at the time it was a requirement of the County Assessor to transmit data to the state electronically. And so we needed to move to a system that could handle that. And so at the time, German Township did not have the money in their budget. We had some extra funds available, so we offered to pay for that. And then we paid for an additional year of support, I believe. And so since all of the other townships do pay for their own support, we felt that it was just appropriate for them to pay for it as well, so we asked them to put it in the budget this year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Abell: Anything else? Thank you, Tammy.

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

Tammy Elkins: And I also have PTABOA. And again, I've asked for Extra Help and there is an increase in our Contractual Services and at this point I've asked for \$40,000 for our assessing software because the contractual arrangement with them is currently under dispute and I am working with Pro-Val and the county attorney to get that worked out. And so I just want to be prepared for that increase, should it come.

Councilmember Sutton: And the dispute is...

Tammy Elkins: Currently we have a contract with them that it states that the annual fee is approximately 13,000 or \$14,000. However, they say that's based on 26 work

stations and they've been billing us at a higher cost for, basically, ever since the first bill it was more than the contract amount. We've had the Pro-Val software for ten years and its just kind of come to a head. Last year we only paid what was – it was actually always in Computer Services budget. They would receive the bill and they would pay it. Last year it came into the County Assessor's budget. We paid the contracted amount. Pro-Val immediately said, hey, that's not right. This is, you know, you have 68 work stations now. We've done this increase. And so, in the meantime, I've been speaking with the CEO of Manatron and we're trying to best work out how to go from here.

Councilmember Tornatta: And what, is that in the contract or have you...the county attorney address that?

Tammy Elkins: It is in the contract on Exhibit A, which talks about Pro-Val support, and it says 1,135 per month. And that's what the county attorney is looking at to see if it does address anything further, if we could uphold that type of contract or not, and then we'll have probably further discussions.

Councilmember Tornatta: And your Contractual Services is where you're pulling that money?

Tammy Elkins: Correct.

Councilmember Tornatta: And that's the only addition to Contractual Services?

Tammy Elkins: Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you, Tammy.

SALES DISCLOSURE

Tammy Elkins: I have one more, it's a little bit down the line, but it's the Sales Disclosure Fund.

Councilmember Abell: What's the line item?

Tammy Elkins: Its 3300 –

Councilmember Tornatta: 180.

Tammy Elkins: The only large addition there is in the Computer line item again. And that is for the Arc View software. I guess its one of the specialty softwares used for the GIS, and the network supervisor told me that in order, I guess, for him to do his job more efficiently and effectively, he would need this upgrade of software. Phillip Bernard is our network supervisor.

Councilmember Abell: Any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Did you want to say anything on the training?

Tammy Elkins: I believe that as far as our training is concerned, its also mostly continuing education, conferences that we attend for the County Assessor or Township Assessors.

Councilmember Sutton: And that would include how many people in that training?

Tammy Elkins: Usually we send between two and four. I currently have four Level II's including myself, with my Chief Deputy working towards that. She has her Level I and hopefully by the end of the year, she'll have her Level II.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Abell: Any other questions?

Tammy Elkins: Thank you.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Councilmember Abell: Convention & Visitors Bureau, page 181

Marilee Fowler: Good morning.

Councilmember Abell: Hold on a second, Marilee.

(Tape Change)

Marilee Fowler: Marilee Fowler, the Executive Director at the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau. And to give you a little background, 2004 was an incredible year for Evansville and Vanderburgh County. We exceeded the Innkeeper's Tax by about 15% over 2003. And when our Board of Commissioners reviewed this, they felt very comfortable to write this budget with a ten percent increase. And we have not increased our operating budget in probably, not since I've been here and that's been four years. So based on that we felt comfortable in doing that. And just to let you know at this point in time, for 2005, we're almost \$131,000 ahead of '04, which is already a ten percent increase. So I think we're due diligent in trying to increase what we're trying to do in recognition of Vanderburgh County and getting more visitors here. Based on that, on the first page, on page 181, we are looking to increase staff. We'd like to add another sales person because we feel as we continue to grow this, the more people we have out there selling, the stronger and more tax and benefits to Evansville, can we grow. We've also then looked at increasing some of the line items, not too many of them. 3130, which is Travel. As you add another staff person, the cost of traveling will increase. So we increased that one to 88,000. We've increased convention services which is 3794. As we bring more and more of these groups to Evansville it requires more services on our part as to incurring some of the expenses for them to come, so we've increased that one. Research, we've increased that one very minimal, but we've found out its very important for us to stay abreast of different issues and things that affect what we're doing and be able to have the research to back up our efforts. And, let's see, I think those are the major ones.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, before you get too far, Education, is that, can you explain that?

Marilee Fowler: Education is an opportunity for staff to attend different sessions or different conventions or learning what they are doing. I just came back from, its called, its just recently changed its name, its called Destination Marketing Association International. And its made up of convention and visitors bureaus all over the world, and what we do is learn how to improve what we're doing, discover what other bureaus are doing to improve their efforts to bring visitors to their community. So its education on the staff part.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Abell: Any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, Marilee, explain what's going on with the salary and benefit accounts.

Marilee Fowler: Alright, every year we look at salary toward the end of the year because our staff is based on performance and meeting their goals and objectives. So what we do is wait and decide what those staff's should be. We don't have a step process in salaries, the only staff increases we have are based on the percentage set by the county. So that's why I like to wait until the end of the year. And what I usually do is then provide the County Auditor's office a list of what the salaries are at the end of the year, based on their meeting their goals and objectives. That also includes adding a staff person, it also includes all of our health benefits, and being a small office of eight people, our health benefits are very high. We've even brought in an outside consultant out of California to review our health costs and to give us recommendations when we renew that program in the following year. So we're looking to decrease the health costs, but we had to look at it based on what we're paying currently.

Councilmember Raben: So this nearly 521,000 represents adding a new person?

Marilee Fowler: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, because it looked – well, on surface it was about a 25% increase.

Marilee Fowler: But it also includes the health and all the other amenities that –

Councilmember Raben: I understand that. And the estimated salary for the staff person – I guess first, explain what would that person do?

Marilee Fowler: The person would be a sales person and currently we have three. So we would add a fourth person that would do sales, promoting Evansville to meetings, conventions, sports groups, religious, state associations, there's quite a list, tour groups, so we'd add another person to help pick up the efforts there. The starting salary there is about \$30,000 plus benefits. So that would include that. Again, as I said, that includes the raises for staff that I would evaluate at year end and our health costs.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you have a number – do you have a number per sales staff member on what you think they're bringing in?

Marilee Fowler: They have quotas that they are to reach based on how many room nights they generate. And it should be enough to generate their salary plus offset some of the costs of the office operations.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and right now, with the three, they are well exceeding that?

Marilee Fowler: Well exceeding that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and so with that fourth person –

Marilee Fowler: We hope would even increase it – well, definitely, they would need to increase it even more.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. Okay, and then did we ever get a report back from the study that we did on the Centre?

Marilee Fowler: Yes. The study has been completed and we had some board members absent at our last meeting and they had requested it be tabled, so it should be presented to our board and anybody else in the public that wants to attend, at our board meeting this month, which is the 25th or something like that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I'd like to request a copy sent to all Councilmembers.

Marilee Fowler: You bet.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: What were the goals of that study?

Marilee Fowler: The goals of the study, we were asked by the County Commission to do this and it was to evaluate the operations by SMG in running the Centre, and looking at their costs in comparison to other convention centers, how its operated, how well its maintained. The person that we had consulted to do this is from the state of Washington. He has been in this business for 20 some years. He runs a center out there as well, so he is very well versed in what an operation should entail, and did very good due diligence in looking at how the Centre is managed and operated.

Councilmember Sutton: How much was that study?

Marilee Fowler: The study on our part was \$15,000 plus his cost, his travel expenses. If the County Commission chooses to take it the next step, and that was if they are wanting to put this out for an RFP and to look at all kinds of management companies that do that type of management, the recommendation was then to hire him for that phase of it, and it would probably be another \$15,000.

Councilmember Sutton: So the only cost was just the 15,000 and that material, if we take whatever that final report is, and we act on it, we have to work with that specific vendor to then act upon what's recommended in that study?

Marilee Fowler: That was the arrangement that was made that then he would take it to the next step and issue the RFP and take the County Commission through the

process of reviewing the applicants, and deciding who they should hire. I don't know at this point in time if they're going to do that.

Councilmember Sutton: We had a discussion yesterday about some joint efforts that are being undertaken with the CVB, the Centre, some of the larger hotels, in trying to jointly promote the city and trying to really emphasize more convention and more, larger groups coming in to the city. What is, what is going to be CVB's role in this joint effort?

Marilee Fowler: Well, ironically, the same gentleman that did this study for us is, as I said, has been in the convention center management for a lot of years and we felt very comfortable working with him. And one of the opportunities and one of the discussions has been to maybe hire him as a consultant to bring the two big convention center hotels, the Convention & Visitors Bureau, as well as SMG to the table, and lets work on a united plan on how we can actually use our resources better to promote and sell Evansville and Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Sutton: Do we need a consultant for that, I mean, I thought –

Marilee Fowler: Yes, we do. We do need –

Councilmember Sutton: We talk about a new sales person and then we're really talking about really beefing up what we do in terms of promoting the city and it seems like that's something we could do in-house.

Marilee Fowler: We've talked about it. We meet on a regular basis, but I think we need an outside party that has come and evaluated everything, that can come to the table and say this is what I'd recommend you do, working as a team. It gets very territorial as we all come together. Everybody gets very, you know, ingrained in what they're doing. And its very hard for us all to see what the aspects should be working together. So that is one of the ideas is that we bring him together. And the thing is, if we do that, the cost of that would be picked up by the private sectors.

Councilmember Goebel: Marilee, just very briefly, do you market very heavily, for instance Burdette Park? Because we had a request for advertising for it yesterday and it seems to be this would be a very natural flow if your organization took it over.

Marilee Fowler: We work very closely with Burdette Park. As a matter of fact, through our grant program we have passed for the past two or three years, we have put \$10,000 into the marketing program for Burdette. We think it's a wonderful asset for this county to have. And we work very closely with them as far as the facilities they have in matching up with what needs are. I think the O'Day Center is probably one of the premiere meeting sites of this county and I encourage a lot of people, when you're looking at Evansville, even for a meeting or convention, and they're going to be in the Convention Centre, to consider an evening outside and in a different venue and I always recommend Burdette Park, because I think it's a beautiful setting in our county. That building lends itself to do so many different things out there. And its been taken advantage of in many respects. So yes, we work very closely with Burdette.

Councilmember Abell: Councilman, we'll get to – I just want to remind you, we have less than an hour and we have to be out of here and we have a lot of departments left, so lets speed it up.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's fine. You said your group paid \$15,000. Did the county pay \$15,000 as well?

Marilee Fowler: No, if they go to the second phase of that, if they want to do an RFP that's when they would step up to the plate and pay the \$15,000 for that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, but nobody matched that?

Marilee Fowler: No, this part of it, we paid total.

Councilmember Abell: Any other questions? Thank you, Marilee.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Abell: Area Plan Commission.

Brad Mills: Hello, Brad Mills. Just a few increases that we had and we had those detailed, requesting some additional funds for \$500 for maintenance of our vehicles, asking for additional money to send my assistant director with me to a national conference, and asking if we can get our intern back. I know that's probably not going to happen, but I thought I would ask anyway. Extra \$500 for Equipment Repair and I think that was with the increases. One other item, too, the Executive Director salary should be \$12,449, if you could make that correction. It was my understanding that was going to go to job study and that didn't happen, so that figure that you show there is incorrect. It should be \$12,449. And I'll answer any questions.

Councilmember Tornatta: We might save any questions for the joint budget, which is in a week.

Brad Mills: We can do that, too. We'll be there.

Councilmember Abell: Yeah, you'll be back on the 17th.

Brad Mills: Yes.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you.

Brad Mills: Sure.

SURVEYOR

Councilmember Abell: Surveyor isn't here. Has anyone looked at this budget and have any questions they want to talk about quickly?

Councilmember Tornatta: Guess it doesn't matter.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I mean, if we want to talk among ourselves without asking him. We'll just hack his budget, I guess.

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Abell: Judge Heldt, Circuit Court, page 92.

Carl Heldt: Madam Chair, members of the Council, I'm Carl Heldt, Circuit Court judge. Our regular budget, really we're asking for the \$5,000 reinstated for our intern, summer intern program, that's where we use college students for typically bailiff interns to help out with our Bailiffs. That was zeroed out last year, we're asking you to put it back in, that's 1990. 2600 Office Supplies, asking for an additional \$2,000 that was cut from this years' budget. That's really just a historical number based upon what our needs are and what we spend. 2610 Copy Machine Supplies, additional \$1,000 due to increased amount of paper used to prepare pre-sentence investigations. Once again, that's historical and we need another \$1,000. 3902 Jurors, Petit Jurors, additional \$10,000. This year's budget we're going to run behind on and have to get some more money for that, so we're trying to just put in a realistic number. That's it on the regular budget. Anything I can add to that or – I think everything else is pretty flat.

Councilmember Tornatta: How has that, Judge, has that Cyclops machine, is that what its called?

Carl Heldt: The evidence presentation system?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Carl Heldt: Its working wonderfully, and the jurors love it, trials go faster, –

Councilmember Tornatta: I just wondered how much appreciable efficiencies you've noticed.

Carl Heldt: A lot. A great deal. We're very pleased with it. It makes for better trials, more informed juries and judges and it moves quicker and once you get the lawyers to get used to it, and once they do, they start out afraid of it. Once they see how easy it is and how easy it flows, then they like it, too. So it's the wave of the future. All of the federal courts have it, we have it, I'm sure the rest of the courts will have it some day and it would do wonders for you all, too.

Councilmember Tornatta: I asked a questions of Judge Dietsch the other day about he's talking about law books as well, and we always get into this dialogue, but is there a possibility that all law books can be bought from a center unit and then distributed –

Carl Heldt: I saw this on TV last night, I actually watched you guys on TV, and this morning. I couldn't sleep, woke up, turned on the TV, and –

Councilmember Tornatta: And then you went back to sleep!

Carl Heldt: No, I heard your question –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once.)

Carl Heldt: Cause I knew that you were going to ask me that question. This is our law librarian, Helen Reed, and I told her the question was, why can't we consolidate everything and buy in bulk and save money.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Carl Heldt: And I hope she can help you with this.

Helen Reed: My name is Helen Reed, I'm the county Law Librarian. And unfortunately, book vendors are not in the practice of giving bulk discounts. The legal publishing industry is a for profit venture and its controlled basically by two large companies. And they charge whatever they want to charge. We are forced to keep our budget flat by eliminating titles by sharing and referring our customers elsewhere whenever we can, but there really are no economies of scale in the way that they would give us bulk discounts the way say, photocopy paper. This is not that kind of product.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Helen Reed: Does that answer your question?

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess it does.

Helen Reed: I'm sorry, I wish it were otherwise.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, and it lets me know of a business venture...

Carl Heldt: And we are not asking for any more money for the law library. You were good to us last year and give us the 45,000 that we always ask for and usually get, and we make up the rest of it through the law library foundation, which is an organization of lawyers that contribute to the law library, and so they help supplement some of the funds and then, as Helen said, we just, sometimes we just discontinue things or put them on microfiche or whatever to try to save money. But we're asking from you the same amount of money we got this year.

Councilmember Abell: Any other questions? I'd like to just take one minute to say one thing. You heard him say that attorneys contribute financially to keep the law library going, they also do a lot of pro bono work, and we heard the dentists up here not willing to even make a ten cent commitment to something that they want to see. I think that speaks well for the legal group in our community, and I think it tells us how committed the dentists really are to this dental lab.

Carl Heldt: Thank you, Ms. Abell.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Carl Heldt: Do you want to go to the probation? That's Supplemental Adult Probation user fee fund.

Councilmember Abell: Yes, 167.

Carl Heldt: Line 1980 additional \$5,000 for more part-time help and that's like for interns for probation of interns, but additional help for drug testing and such, 2,000 more for Office Supplies under 2600, that's been flat since 1998 and doesn't reflect what it really costs. Contractual Services, 3530, as you may know, for our alcohol abuse and probation service clients, they are required to take Antabuse or have a breathalyser if they can't take Antabuse every day for many reasons, much of a budgetary. We haven't been able to do it on the weekends and, of course, you know, a lot of these folks, that's the best time for them to drink is on the weekends and so we're going to institute a seven day a week deal, and we got the money in the user fees, so the county isn't funding anything but we want to add that to our budget so we can do that on the weekends as well.

Councilmember Abell: Where are you going to do it on the weekends?

Carl Heldt: At 501 John, where the AAPS & DAPS offices are.

Councilmember Abell: They're open on the weekend?

Carl Heldt: Its an adjunct to that.

Councilmember Raben: You don't want them to drink on schools nights and now you're taking away the weekends?

Carl Heldt: That's right. They can't beat us.

Councilmember Abell: Any questions of Judge Heldt?

Councilmember Sutton: This is on TV.

Carl Heldt: I can assure you that it is.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you have, is there a schedule of what you have in the balance in these funds?

Carl Heldt: There is. I don't know where it is.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Can we be provided with what balances you have in those funds?

Carl Heldt: Are you talking about the probation user fee fund?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Carl Heldt: Do you have that?

Karen Angermeier: (Inaudible -- comments not made from the microphone)

Carl Heldt: We'll get it to you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Carl Heldt: I might say that it was down to perilously low levels a couple of years ago, almost empty and the DOC, Department of Corrections, instituted a community transition program where, which you may know about, where they like for you to take people that are going to be released back a little early into your community for 60 or 120 days to sort of bring them back into society, and the corrections complex has been doing that for a while and now the probation is also doing it. So we're taking some people that we select back from prison early and try to get them started better than if you just released them onto the street. We are making money from the DOC by doing that, and that's not why we do it, but it's a great side benefit and its really helped us build up our probation user fee fund. And one of the results of that also is that, as you may know, the Building Authority is paying for almost all of this court renovation that was precipitated by the Health Department moving and we're also going to be able to contribute some from the user fee fund towards the probation end of that to help supplement some of the cost of that. So he will see that it is built up to a nice degree and we need it.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you, Judge Heldt.

Carl Heldt: Alright. Thank you.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Councilmember Abell: Voter Registration, page 70.

Anthony Bushrod: Okay, I'm Anthony Bushrod and this is Connie Carrier with the Voter Registration. We're not asking for much, just general increases to cover just the general cost increases we're going to have in 2006. In Office Supplies, we're asking for \$1,000 more, \$1,000 more for Printing, \$200 more for Equipment Repairs, \$75 more for the copy machine, not the lease but it's the maintenance program on it and \$20 for Dues & Subscriptions, which is a total of \$2,295.

Connie Carrier: The reason for the cost increase is we're going state-wide and we're going to be doing a lot of our printing. It looks like now we're going to have to print our own poll books also, and cartridges for laser printers.

Councilmember Abell: Any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick comment, and I'd like to compliment both county chairpersons for agreeing to each eliminate a position in this office, so –

Anthony Bushrod: So does that mean we get what we want?

Connie Carrier: Thank you.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you.

COMMISSIONERS (CONTRACTUAL COMPUTER)

Councilmember Abell: I think we're down to the three gentlemen in the back.

Matt Arvay: Good afternoon, Matt Arvay, Chief Information Officer, City of Evansville and Vanderburgh, County, Indiana here to present the 2006 IT budget. I wanted to start by thanking Council for allowing me to reschedule. I had some problems on Tuesday and had to reschedule and I appreciate that. Before we get started, on the line items, I have some good news. The original submittal of \$1,569,6 –

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, let us get – what page?

Councilmember Raben: 82.

Matt Arvay: Okay, sorry about that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

Councilmember Abell: You don't have anything that itemizes this 1 million –

Matt Arvay: \$1,569,618. Subsequently, I was able to look closer after that original submittal and I was able to eliminate, reduce that by \$80,242, which would make the line item read \$1,489,376.

Councilmember Abell: And this is the money that we pay ACS?

Matt Arvay: No, this is not the contractual arrangement. This is for things like software maintenance, hardware maintenance, the operating system itself. So you have things like –

Councilmember Raben: I'd like to see a breakdown on this. Is that available?

Councilmember Abell: Me, too.

Councilmember Raben: Would the figures be available for last year or for our current year compared to –

Matt Arvay: Yes, I can provide that. What you have in this breakdown is, we have a couple of different pages. The difference is evidently the court's line item was transferred to the Computer Services budget in '05, is my understanding. So what I did was I looked at it with and without the courts to show some trending. The courts, without the courts the traditional IT budget, I was able to reduce that by 6% this year.

Councilmember Raben: And that, hold on just a moment. We may want to look in the court's budget. That was in Superior before, I think.

Matt Arvay: I believe it was in County Council from what I understand.

Councilmember Abell: The courts used to be in the County Council budget.

Councilmember Raben: You're talking about in 2000 when we did the Courtview?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Its not been in there since then has it, Sandie? We've not had anything in our budget for the courts.

Matt Arvay: There was a \$249,000 cost that I believe was spread out.

Councilmember Abell: As I recall, the \$249,000 is to buy out the computers that are left over at the courts right now and I understand that the judges are all in favor of buying those out so that they can use them for one more year.

Matt Arvay: Yes.

Councilmember Abell: Sandie says that it was there in 2004, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: It was there in 2004, okay. Where you've got Courts Technology, the \$919,000, where was the before?

Matt Arvay: Okay, the courts have a dedicated individual, Tim VanCleave, who has been working closely with the courts over the past few years and I'm going to let him explain a little bit more on the \$919,000 line item.

Tim VanCleave: Good morning Tim VanCleave, with Computer Services. That line item represents two separate items. One is for \$350,000 as an estimated lease payment to continue the lease program for the courts desktop environment, which

would start sometime in the fiscal year '06. And the remainder of that amount is for a project that has been on the courts for multiple years for providing court services via the Internet. The \$559,170 is representative of the cost to provide several court services via the internet. And I believe there is a one-page summary in your packages that was just given to you that breaks down the stages of that project.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I have met with several of the judges on and off in the last few weeks, some computer related, most of them budget related and none of these requests have been mentioned in my presence. What's the value in these requests? What are they all about?

Tim VanCleave: The internet project has been something that the community specifically the members of the bar, the assessment community and several other entities that do check public records before they make decisions on providing loans or leasing property or renting property. And they have shown desire to see that information provided via the Internet and very similar to like the assessment records.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and will there be costs above and beyond this, are there going to be annual fees that will be associated with making this available?

Tim VanCleave: There will be additional costs to maintain that. They are hoping to start an enhanced user base to help offset that cost. But the level of commitment has not been determined yet.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I guess one of my fears has always been, and it continues to be even with GIS, is our vulnerability and, you know, how well we maintain fire walls and what have you, but are there not risks involved in allowing people access to our court's records?

Tim VanCleave: This project would actually replicate the court's data into a protected zone and would not allow the public into the live records.

Councilmember Raben: Is it possible? I mean, you know, there are hackers out there that are better than you are. I mean, is it possible to get through that barrier?

Tim VanCleave: Today –

Councilmember Raben: Is there ever a chance that it could happen?

Tim VanCleave: With the design that has been presented through this, very, very, minimal, but any time that you have Internet access or dial up access, there is always a small percentage of risk. Even today, just having Internet access to the community, you know, for the courts and the Civic Center Community to get out to the Internet does open a certain level of risk. But Computer Services, as well as Matt Arvay and his group, have always worked very hard to try to ensure that the protection is there in place.

Councilmember Abell: This you have listed as the total expense of what it would cost to do this, where does the income off Jay Tech play into this because I know that's two dollars a filing fee and that's what was supposed to be used for this Internet project. Where is that money?

Tim VanCleave: Unfortunately, going to Computer Associates. The Jay Tech is spending nearly all their funding on trying to get a state wide case management system in place so –

Councilmember Abell: No, there is an electronic filing fee, there is a fee that the Clerk assesses to every case that's filed, and that can only be used for electronic storage and computer usage, and I know it had a balance in it in December 31st, 2004. I wonder, that's what that's supposed to be used for. Are you not aware of those monies available?

Tim VanCleave: I thought you were referring to the automatic transaction fee which goes straight to the state. But yes, you're right, there is a storage fee, I believe its two dollars per case and I believe a portion of that is being used to continue the electronic order book project and there is some of that that will be used to offset some of these maintenance costs.

Councilmember Abell: Can you find out how much is going to be used to offset this cost?

Tim VanCleave: Yes, I'll get that information from the Clerk.

Councilmember Abell: I think all of the Councilmen would like to see that.

Councilmember Sutton: The budgeted amount that we have on that line last year was just a shade over 800,000, we're talking about, I guess with the revised figure, 1.4, so, you know, we've got a pretty – I mean, what is different in terms of this total cost? And we've got a number of departments as well that are making hardware and software requests and projects that they're doing that are computer related where there's servers. Just, this is growing to pretty large scale, can you help me to see this in such a way as opposed to what we were spending this year to what we're spending this year in terms of what we're doing and why is it, seems to be so fragmented now with so many people making requests from all over the place?

Tim VanCleave: I think a portion of that comes back to the way the county government works, that there are elected officials with needs and they come to this body for funding and then there is the Commissioners who also help in providing the centralized resources that can be better cost effectively shared. And I'm not probably the best person to speak to that, you know, from a court's perspective, they have traditionally requested most of their funds through the data processing review board and the County Commissioners joint budget, even though a significant portion of those do end up supporting the courts technology infrastructure and hardware plant. There is some increases that are coming forward in that \$350,000, lease payment that is projects that the court would like to see to help maybe increase the productively inside of the courtroom, such as putting computers on the benches so that they do not have necessarily have to call for a recess to go to research something. There has been some additional areas where volunteers, I believe, have come in. I believe you heard talking about CASA and some of those, where they used to be able to share work stations and due to increases in environments like that, there have been increases in the need for additional work stations. Almost every office that was originally included in the lease three years ago have had some increase in staff and are having employees share work stations, pending what is going to occur with the current lease situation and buy-out and moving forward. So there are some increases in that realm.

Councilmember Raben: And that's 350,000 that is inclusive of that?

Tim VanCleave: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, but what I'm saying is, I don't see – I'm seeing more expense from the other departments, but I'm also seeing increased expense here. Do the departments cycle their requests through your area or Matt's area so that there is some coordination on these requests whether they are requests that are needed, things that can be delayed or even just efficiencies in purchasing this equipment?

Tim VanCleave: I believe that is what did occur to some extent with the last, the computers that were purchased in 1999, that those were surplussed and then distributed to either county agencies or county offices that wanted to utilize those. This time we were not sure whether or not this Council would want to move forward with a purchase which would be a significant impact to a buy-out, or buying all new equipment, so we are assuming that the Council would prefer to stretch that cost over a multiple year period as opposed to take that hit, if you will, all at one time.

Councilmember Abell: I, you're just responding to the courts, though.

Tim VanCleave: Right, I'm –

Councilmember Abell: See, and you're asking a question about the enterprise, aren't you?

Councilmember Raben: My question may answer Royce's question. If you'll allow me here, I think I'm going to get to the bottom of what you're asking.

Councilmember Sutton: If you don't I'll come back.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I think you're both asking the wrong people. I think you ought to be asking Joe and Matt, actually.

Councilmember Raben: If we should elect not to fund the other, the Internet services for the courts, that should reduce this figure by approximately 570 or \$575,000, which would bring it down below 900,000, so we get back down there where we're at today, do we not?

Tim VanCleave: Right, and but there was two projects put into that line item this year where traditionally there was only the lease payment for the courts. And one of the other things that is facing the courts is a lot of the printers that have been in service since 1999 and 2000 are beginning to have maintenance costs that are greater than the cost of a new printer. So that is also included in the \$350,000 as opposed to having those, each office coming to you and asking for monies.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Royce had mentioned, you know, some of the spin-off and what have you, and that this has always been a pet peeve of mine, is – and you know, we're all given all this information from Dell almost every time we walk in this room, there's something from Dell alone on our desks, and I know that's what my business uses is Dell equipment. But, you know, we hear these different requests and, you know, it seems like almost 100% of them or they're figuring approximately \$2,500 per PC. You know, I think that's excessive. I know what's available through Dell. You know, you can get anything that'll serve any function within this building

for 7 – \$800. Now you may not get a 25 inch plasma monitor, but you can get a high definition 17 inch, 15 inch monitor and, you know, each work station is up and running for 6 to \$800. Is there anything being done to bring that stuff together? You know, maybe we need to do it as a Council, we need to set a standard and say this is all any office, any county office is allowed to purchase, but we waste thousands of dollars –

Councilmember Abell: We need to change the tape.

(Tape Change)

Councilmember Sutton: We've got requests all throughout this book, and it's one thing, and it's three here, five here, seven over here, two over here. It is just something that seems logical to me that the people who are working on the hardware and software would be involved in that process and coordinating that in such a way where individual office holders aren't just going out...not to say they don't understand what they need, but they can't get the kind of discounts that will benefit this county in the long run.

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Sutton, let me, before you answer, tell you that the total of the computer requests to this body is \$3,024,011. That's what all the departments added up and the contracts of these various computer providers are projected for the county this year, because I had Mrs. Deig add this up for me yesterday, and she worked on it last evening.

Councilmember Raben: Is that including hardware and software?

Councilmember Abell: This is every request that we've gotten across the last three days, \$3,024,011.

Councilmember Sutton: That's about two and half percent, three percent of our budget.

Councilmember Abell: It's too much of our budget.

Councilmember Raben: Back to the question, what, if anything, is being done, or what do we need to do as a body to set parameters for purchasing computers?

Matt Arvay: We could establish standards. As these computer purchases come through, they are reviewed on each individual case basis to make sure we've got the best price available at that time. So, we're constantly, you know, on the phone with Dell and/or HP getting the lowest prices. What you're seeing is budgetary numbers. They may not come in at \$1,500, as requested, because you are correct, you know, a lot of the lower end machines can serve most of the business needs of the end user in the enterprise.

Councilmember Raben: And none of them are as cheap as \$1,500. They are always \$2,500.

Matt Arvay: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Again, you know, I'm not interested and concerned with, you know, \$1,000 monitors. I'd rather, you know, all that stuff's excessive. Maybe we need to, as a body, before we finish our budgets, we need to set some guidelines,

or just maybe we need to set a limit, a spending limit, not to exceed \$1,000 per unit, including monitor and keyboard.

Matt Arvay: We do have some guidelines for the offices that we can share as a baseline number on PC's, on the HP and the Dell side, as well as the monitors themselves. So, we could share that with all Councilmembers.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, especially if you guys are being asked to go in and support from a maintenance standpoint on these units. It only seems to make sense that you guys are involved with the front end. The Data Board—

Councilmember Abell: Further questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: I've got a bigger question. Where does ACS stop and GIS pick up? What's the overlap? I mean, I don't think when this was first intended that we wanted a two-headed monster here.

Matt Arvay: Right. Contractually, they're separate. They are responsible for separate parts of the enterprise. They are not overlapping as far as what they support. You know, the new ACS contract does not support the GIS portion, contractually, and vice versa. They bid on the portions of the enterprise which predominates the courts and a few other elected offices, and the GIS has several other city-county offices. So, at this point there is no overlap, even though what I'm trying to do now is get both vendors to work together, which we have accomplished that in the past month, so we can better serve everyone. Versus different portions of the network. I introduced a new organizational structure, internally, with our contractors that I think is going to see benefits in the near future.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, now, I was told yesterday that you were the point person to decide what is going to happen as of June 30, 2006 with that contract. I wasn't aware that GIS made contracts, but I was told that you're the man that's going to decide that. So, what is our, what do we see as far as the contract? What do we see as far as our IT future? How exactly do we think that we're going to proceed at that point in time?

Matt Arvay: Well, currently an audit is being done by McCarter and Associates. We hope to have some information back by the end of the month. Like I say, I just reorganized, so what I'm trying to do is set up processes and an organizational structure that regardless of what happens, or if contracts are extended, certain individuals are brought in-house, that we have a process in place, and we're just plugging people in to these roles. What I did was I flattened the organization out, and divvied up the responsibilities from the infrastructure, from an application and a project management side. That was implemented three weeks ago. I already see some benefits there. We, as an enterprise have trouble getting to the Internet. Our bandwidth is saturated, if you will. I was able to pass a contract with SBC that's going to serve the enterprise as a whole with a 9 megabyte connection, versus a smaller pipe and utilize a piece of equipment that's already purchased by the city-county, versus in the past you would have seen an additional duplicate piece of hardware for a certain aspect of the enterprise to use this new service. So, we're already making strides to maximize our investments that we've already made, made recommendations to try to utilize, you know, what we've invested in.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we have any type of supplemental budget in place if we did not extend the contract with our current IT provider?

Matt Arvay: We have exactly the budget that's historically been there with the three percent cost of living increase that's there. That should suffice whatever decision is made.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I don't want to pay for their services if we're providing it in-house.

Matt Arvay: Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, my question is, why would we not have a budget, if this is going to change midstream 2006, potentially, and that's the direction, (a) we don't have a direction, (b) we don't have a budget, and we're supposed to supply funds to an entity that might not be here in six months of 2006.

Matt Arvay: Well, that money would go back to the Council, or it would be sitting in the Computer Services line item that would be reallocated appropriately at that point and/or returned back. You know, I'm the focal point as far as getting the information about the contractors and how they're performing today, and recommendations on the three aspects that I described; in-house, contract extensions, or a new contractor. I'm trying, that's a lot of information that I'm trying to gather up and I have been working on that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Then, once we have an IT department, would that not be a city organization as well?

Matt Arvay: Yeah, it would be a joint department.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, a joint department, then split between the two. Budget hearings are coming up on both accounts, yet, we still don't have any idea of what those costs would be, or what the direction would be. You know, if a study is supposed to be done, shouldn't it be done before budget hearings?

Matt Arvay: It was, you know, it was a lot of information to gather. It's due by the end of August.

Councilmember Tornatta: But, we met, we met last year to address this problem, did we not?

Matt Arvay: And it's not ultimately my decision. There's a lot of information I've got to gather to provide to not only yourselves, but the executive levels on both city and the county so they can give me some direction also.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Tornatta, I think I'm maybe helping make your point here, but, you know, I'm not interested, at this point, in making a whole lot of new changes. I think we really need to just try to maintain what we've got until we can get a new Data Board or some form of Data Board re-established that give you direction in where we go and what are what they deem as the appropriate changes. Because there's, you know, there's a lot of elected officials here that are held, their feet are held to the ground to run their office, you know, the best and most efficient manner they can. You know, I think those people need to have a say in what direction we do to in terms of IT, because there's a lot of things that are important to them that may not be important to you, or may not be important to the Mayor's office. So, again, I think we just try to maintain things until we're at that point in which we have the new body or board or whatever you want to call it established.

Matt Arvay: You had mentioned security a little bit previously, and there was a security study done in 2002 by Cisco themselves, which are the top level hackers on the good side, the white hackers, that attested our vulnerabilities. They made recommendations, those things have been changed. We are very secure on our perimeter from the public. A lot of elected officials are concerned about their data, and rightfully so. What I want to do is to put in plans like we did for the HIPPA compliance. We had planned the stakes how are we handling your data, how are we protecting your data? And working with those elected officials to make them feel comfortable with that.

Councilmember Abell: We've not got much longer and we've got to adjourn, we're going to have more questions for you August 17th. I would like to say, Jim, I don't think it's a re-establishment of the Data Board, this body has never voted to establish a new Data Board. The current Data Board, the Data Board as it stood in 2004, in the opinion of people other than me, attorneys that I've talked to who've seen in, feel that, certainly, the Data Board as it was is still a functioning board, it just needs to meet. Because this body was asked to sign off on an agreement, and we did not sign off on it. It said it would not go into place until signed by the County Council, and this County Council has never signed that.

Councilmember Raben: Because we've never been asked. We have never, until that was brought up, that was—

Councilmember Abell: We've never had it presented to us—

Councilmember Raben: —new to this body.

Councilmember Abell: I think the other elected officeholders have adequately voiced their opinion on whether or not we should sign it or not.

Councilmember Raben: Again, that just came before us Tuesday for the first time. You know, that was something that was supposed to come before us last year.

Councilmember Abell: I have one more comment, and then I have a question for Tim. My other comment is, I'm concerned to see that joint departments administered by the city are bourne financially by the county. We pay more of this computer budget than the city does, but yet it indicates that Mr. Arvay reports to the city.

Councilmember Raben: Where is that at?

Councilmember Abell: If you report to the city, I think you ought to send your bill to the city. Not to us. This piece of paper by the joint meeting says:

“Joint departments administered by the city: Computer Services, Matt Arvay.”

But, yet, when I look at these budgets that you've presented to us, the county's share, with or without the courts is more than the city's share. I have a problem with paying the bill and not having the....you know, if I own stock, I want to own 60 percent of it, if I'm paying 60 percent of the bill.

Matt Arvay: Okay, this, what you've been supplied was provided by me by Computer Services. You know, I've worked—

Councilmember Abell: Well, I don't know who Computer Services is, because it says you're Computer Services. You see, that's the problem this body has—

Matt Arvay: I'm managing Computer Services.

Councilmember Abell: — we have no idea who all of you people are.

Matt Arvay: I'm managing Computer Services. Can I just say two other things real quick, I know you're running against the time. I have another budget cut on line, on the County Commissioners line item, page 81, in their phone system, I think it's line item 3140. In reviewing our phone contract and working with Commissioner Crouch on this, and with the preliminary numbers, we feel that line item can be reduced to \$225,000. So, that, so, we had two reductions in costs, the \$75,000 for the phone system, and the \$80,242 from the Computer Services budget.

Councilmember Abell: How much are you paid, Mr. Arvay?

Matt Arvay: How much am I paid?

Councilmember Abell: Uh-huh.

Matt Arvay: I'm paid, let's see here in my budget.

Councilmember Abell: Ballpark.

Matt Arvay: \$69,000, roughly.

Councilmember Abell: And who is Matt Rolley, and how much did he get paid, and what is his position here?

Matt Arvay: Mark Rolley, is a separate contractor who supports the GIS portion of the enterprise. His company will be \$229,000, roughly \$229,000. That is five employees, that is the skilled employees that are a little bit different than what the Computer Services/ACS currently employs. With, we can go through certifications in another meeting, as well as GIS specialties to go into more in-depth of that. Again, it's two separate contracts. They do not support the same parts of the enterprise, even though, I think for the overall good, in the long run, as I'm trying to do is work with these two contractors together to better serve the total needs of the enterprise.

Councilmember Abell: Okay. I presume this wasn't bid out?

Matt Arvay: No.

Councilmember Abell: I didn't think so. Tim, I have a question for you. You refer to a contract with the courts, what contract is that and how much is it?

Tim VanCleave: The lease payment?

Councilmember Abell: The contract, you call it a contract. I guess, it's a lease payment?

Tim VanCleave: The contract expires November of this year. That started three years ago.

Councilmember Abell: On the hardware?

Tim VanCleave: On the servers and desktops and some networking equipment that was put in place to help keep the Court View product servicing the community properly.

Councilmember Abell: How much is Court View annually? Do you know?

Tim VanCleave: The, it is budgeted, I believe, at \$130,000 this year. Or for the '05, but that is for a full service help desk as well as quarterly updates and keeping the application in compliance with the state.

Councilmember Abell: Okay. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: You said that expires in November of this year?

Tim VanCleave: That expires in November of this year. We do need to make a decision, otherwise the lease agreements will execute a six percent buy out clause which is about \$28,000. Which is what I would recommend to this board to do. That would at least extend the use in the courts into the next fiscal year and allow us to go out for either RFP or work with QPA pricing to drive that cost down on the workstations.

Councilmember Raben: Again, I guess, my question there is, of the courts, could we again reduce it by another \$100,000, because do we not have that lease price figured in right now? The \$130,000? You're saying we can exercise our right for buy out at \$28,000, or round it up to \$30,000. So, is there not an extra \$100,000 in there?

Tim VanCleave: My recommendation would be to purchase some back office items needed, so that the lease payment could be kept at a reasonable increase.

Councilmember Abell: (Inaudible. Mic. Not on.)

Tim VanCleave: Yes, that is strictly for the maintenance contract.

Councilmember Tornatta: Ms. Vice President, may I recommend that you head up the IT resurfacing committee for this budget process? If you can find some other willing soul other than the one that's presenting this—

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Winnecke. I vote for Councilman Winnecke.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, there you go.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Winnecke is on the Data Board—

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. So, so, alright, so I would like to recommend that you two head up the IT department information and get back to Councilperson Raben, with some recommendations on what, how we should proceed, and then that get passed out to all the other Council people.

Councilmember Abell: I would be happy to do that. Thank you, Tim. Any other business to come before this Council?

Councilmember Sutton: Just to make sure I'm....GIS, how many departments or offices are you supporting?

Matt Arvay: Thirty two.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Matt Arvay: Approximately 32.

Councilmember Sutton: ACS, how many are you supporting?

Matt Arvay: Predominantly the courts, Treasurer, a portion, a large portion of the Auditor's office, Recorder, that's off the top of my head.

Councilmember Sutton: So, it's, I mean, what's that, the courts--

Matt Arvay: The courts which is the predominant large amount of their user--

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Matt Arvay: The Recorder, Treasurer, a large portion of the Auditor's office. I mean, I can get you that breakdown. But, that's off the top of my head. Public Safety, they do their own thing.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Anyone else who's involved with this IT function that's handling or addressing some department or office holders needs, any other players? Besides the Sheriff's department?

Matt Arvay: Yeah, that's it on the Public Safety side.

Councilmember Abell: I would like to tag team that. Thirty two departments, how does that break down city-county?

Matt Arvay: It's on the website. I can provide you that information.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Matt Arvay: Absolutely.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Abell: County Council budget, which is, what page is that?

Councilmember Tornatta: 119.

Councilmember Abell: 119. We just, let's just approve our own budget and go on.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think the salaries are low.

Councilmember Raben: I'll assume the responsibility to further review this budget with our Executive Assistant if need be.

Councilmember Sutton: I do have a question.

Councilmember Abell: Your salary?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, that's pretty clear. Storage, you guys are losing all that, lost all that space and everything, what provisions have you guys, I mean, you guys are in those small offices over there, how are you guys working this storage issue out? Because we get an awful lot of paper, I don't know where you guys are pulling all this stuff from.

Councilmember Abell: I was going to say, you've been in her office.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, it's clearly an issue that needs to be addressed here.

Councilmember Raben: You did just expand your space by how many square feet?

Sandie Deig: Maybe ten.

Councilmember Sutton: It's, take five books like this—

Councilmember Tornatta: Can I make a recommendation, and maybe it's something just to think about. Through that door gets you into the, obviously, the Council Executive office. Let's put a wall down the side—

Sandie Deig: We asked for that and was refused by the Commissioners.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, our main man, Councilman Wortman, will look into that. We have a Commissioner in the audience as well. But, that could be, the Commissioners, I guess, are calling that their space for, I guess, interviewing and having some meetings and whatever, that's fine. That leads into the Council chambers, it also leads into that Council office. In the event that obviously it's packed in here or what have you we are able to go through there and get any type of supplies we need. Just making a wall with a door, that would give you some additional space for supplies and what have you. It would also, that wall would partition it and give the Commissioners the space if they needed to have any type of meetings.

Councilmember Raben: You have noticed what's been done as of recently, right? There is a new wall and door. If you didn't step in there this week, you wouldn't know it.

Councilmember Tornatta: No, I understand, and I went through that direction. My problem is, I also entered into a Commissioners meeting through this door, and that door has access to what we need to get in the executive office. So, just, if we need to take that wall out, fine. If we want to keep that and put another wall going across the room, that would take a little space out of there. It would still offer ample space to have whatever meetings need to be done in that room, but offer the executive office some space, which they desperately need. It really has not been addressed. They are in cramped quarters, essentially a super small bedroom, or for some people their bathroom is all the space that they have for one office. Then the other is about the same.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that door locked? In between, I mean, that new door that's been created? Is that an open door? If I were to go out this door right here, three oh, this door right here and to try to get to your office—

Sandie Deig: It's unlocked now, but I was told this morning by the Building Authority there would be deadbolt locks put on it.

Councilmember Sutton: Why? Commissioner Musgrave, I mean, if you want to speak to this, since you're the only Commissioner here. I mean, maybe you can give us some insight. I mean, I'm not really familiar with deadbolt locks being put on what seem to be open access areas around here.

Sandie Deig: Excuse me, we need our office locked, where people don't go through.

Councilmember Sutton: Which part? Are you talking about this new door that's put in? Or are you talking about just to get into your office area there?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible).

Councilmember Sutton: There you go.

Sandie Deig: Okay. What I'm saying is we do need our office door locked so no one can access through their conference room into our office at anytime they want. I have a number of personnel files, medical files in there that I really don't have any desire to share with the general population.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh.

Councilmember Wortman: I was told, if I may interrupt here, that door will be open when we have Council meetings to go back and forth, and they won't have no meetings when we have Council meetings. Otherwise, it will be locked so neither side can get in. That was what I was told. Am I right, Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, you're talking about a different door than what Sandie is talking about though, right?

Councilmember Wortman: We did ask for a hallway, but it was refused. It would cost too much money. I think it was \$18,000. So, now we got this done for \$1,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Well—

Cheryl Musgrave: I was told the same thing, that during Council meetings the door would be unlocked, and the rest of the time the door would be locked. I was told this morning that I could go ahead and conduct a meeting in there, that I should just expect some pass through traffic, which didn't bother me. So, that's my understanding of the situation. I had not heard the deadbolt story. I would request that you address your questions and concerns to the President of the Commission who is handling this.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, since you're here, I figured you were apprised of the situation—

Cheryl Musgrave: No, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: –and knew what was going on. That room, how often are you guys using that room? I know you use it for your joint department heads, and what other–

Cheryl Musgrave: We just last week got the wall installed. So, I only have a week's worth of data to give to you. We use it constantly. We used it constantly before.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, somehow or another we've got to figure out we can get a little bit more space on the Council side out of that confined area that we've got there. Because it's, that's just not a workable situation. I mean, by the time you get file cabinets and desks, you don't have much space left to work with.

Councilmember Abell: Ms. Musgrave, could you, what are the plans for the meeting you that you all used to meet in, now that you're meeting in here?

Cheryl Musgrave: I believe that's been turned back to the Building Authority. It was apparently considered Commission space, and the Commissioners paid rent on that. So, now it has been swapped for this other room. The Commissioners will now pay rent for this room, and return the other room to the building. But, again, for details of your questions, you would be best directed to the President of the Commission.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, you could take that back to her.

Cheryl Musgrave: I will let the staff know.

Councilmember Tornatta: Any of those questions, yeah, that would be fine.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay. Anything else? Okay.

Councilmember Abell: Any further business? We're adjourned.

Councilmember Tornatta: Oh, recessed.

(Meeting recessed at 12:40 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 23, 2005

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 23rd day of August, 2005 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the continuation of the 2005 Vanderburgh County budget hearings. We'll begin with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Two weeks ago we heard from department heads and officeholders about their budget justifications for 2006. This body appreciates your patience and your due diligence during that process. Today we'll begin setting the 2006 budget line by line, department by department. We are departing from our traditional format of performing this task over a three day period. Instead we intend to complete this phase of the budgeting process today. As a reminder, this is not our final budget hearing. The final budget hearing is September 14th, so there could be additional changes from anything that is set in place today until the September 14th meeting. Again, I'd like to thank our county department heads and officeholders for their input during the budget process. I'd also like to thank Council Secretary, Sarah Nunn and our Executive Assistant, Sandie Deig. They put forth really extraordinary efforts to keep us organized and they do a lot of research on our behalf and, ladies, we do appreciate what you do. Before we get to the business at hand, I'd also like to thank my six other colleagues on Council. Like the last several budgets before this one, this effort has truly been a collaborative effort with significant input from each member. I believe that when we conclude this process next month we will have crafted a budget that is not a republican budget or a democrat budget, but a spending plan that is well conceived and that is in the best interest of our entire county. And before I turn it over to Mr. Raben to begin, I'd just like to point to the pie chart that the Auditor's office has prepared for us, just kind of a breakdown of how property taxes are spent in our county. If you look at it closely, the big blue piece is the school corporation. They receive almost 44% of property taxes, the city of Evansville would be next with almost 26%, the county is next with about 17% and it breaks down in smaller pieces from there. Each of the Councilmembers has that at their desk for reference, but I think that's a nice visual aid to kind of keep things in perspective for us. Having said all that, I'll turn the event over to Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. Again, just to rehash part of what President Winnecke stated, we're going to work from these sheets and I think it will be much easier than paging back and forth through this book that's somewhat hard to read from anyway. Starting out, my motion will be that we'll set all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance at our September 14th meeting as we do

every year. And that will be with all budgets, you know, for which we're responsible for in this process. So one other point of note, what I'll do, I'll set these cuts in and I'll proceed until someone has a question or asks me to stop and then we'll call for the motion at that point, if that's...

President Winnecke: We'll do it by department head, by budget, though.

Councilmember Raben: Right. You're talking about the – call for the motion by budget or –

President Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: We can, I mean, I –

President Winnecke: I think it would be cleaner that way.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, fine. Again, Mr. President, I move that all salaries, FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September 14, 2005 meeting.

COUNTY CLERK

Councilmember Raben: Starting out with the County Clerk, 1010-1990 Extra Help zero, 1010-2600 \$60,000, 1010-3520 \$500, 1010-3603 \$60,000, all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Raben, on 2600, in our talks we cut that \$20,000. Is there a reason why we went to the 10 or...

Councilmember Raben: I actually do not have 20...

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, I guess we can go 15 as a compromise. I'm showing right now that if they spent the exact same amount, they'd still be about 50,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Mr. President, I will move to amend my motion for 1010-2600 to be set in at \$55,000.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, will you amend your second? \$55,000, that's line 2600.

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1010-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1010-2600	Office Supplies	55,000.00
1010-3520	Equipment Repair	500.00
1010-3603	Record Storage	60,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CLERK IV-D

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, County Clerk IV-D. I move all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts be set in as submitted. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, under County Auditor, 1020-3370 Computer zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all other accounts as they are listed.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1020-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Treasurer, 1030-1990 zero, 1030-3370 zero, 1030-4220 Office Machines zero. All other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Councilmember Raben: Legal Services, I skipped over that. That needs to stay as it is, as it appears in your book so leave that at \$3,500.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1030-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1030-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	0.00
1030-4220	Office Machines	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RECORDER

Councilmember Raben: Next under County Recorder, all salaries, FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 14th, and that's it for that budget. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Sheriff. Starting with, as you can see on your paper, these first several lines are salary related. Those will be set in September the 14th. So we'll start with account 1050-1210 \$63,000, 1050-1310 \$10,000 --

Councilmember Sutton: 1301?

Councilmember Raben: 1301, excuse me. 1050-1301 \$10,000, 1050-1540 \$2,500, 1050-2210 \$100,000, 1050-2230 \$60,000, 1050-2300 zero, 1050-2600 \$9,000, 1050-2610 \$3,000, 1050-2640 zero, 1050-2650 \$4,000, 1050-2660 zero, 1050-2670 \$7,000, 1050-2700 zero, 1050-2760 2,500, 1050-3310 \$15,000, 1050-3370 zero, 1050-3520 \$5,000, 1050-3540 \$5,000, 1050-3700 zero, 1050-3920 zero, 1050-4230 zero, 1050-4250 zero, and 1050-4290 zero. All other accounts as listed and I make

that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Councilmember Abell: I have a question. Mr. Raben, what does Court Security cover?

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me?

Councilmember Abell: What does Court Security cover?

Councilmember Raben: What account number?

Councilmember Abell: 2760.

Councilmember Raben: That, its my understanding that takes care of repairs on the security equipment.

Brad Ellsworth: Sonitrol and key fobs.

Councilmember Abell: Okay.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1050-1210	College Incentive	63,000.00
1050-1301	Civilian Overtime	10,000.00
1050-1540	Process Server Vac Cvg	2,500.00
1050-2210	Gas & Oil	100,000.00
1050-2230	Garage & Motor	60,000.00
1050-2300	Uniforms	0.00
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
1050-2660	Reserves	0.00
1050-2670	Identification	7,000.00
1050-2700	Other Supplies	0.00
1050-2760	Court Security	2,500.00
1050-3310	Training	15,000.00
1050-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	0.00
1050-3520	Equipment Repair	5,000.00
1050-3540	Maintenance Contract	5,000.00
1050-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00
1050-3920	Youth Development	0.00
1050-4230	Motor Vehicles	0.00
1050-4250	Misc. Equipment	0.00
1050-4290	Vehicle Equipment	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. Next under the Jail, starting with 1051-1850 \$25,000, 1051-2200 zero, 1051-2210 zero, 1051-2250 zero, 1051-2260 \$350,000, 1051-2300 zero, 1051-2600 zero, 1051-3310 zero, 1051-3520 zero, 1051-3530 52,000, 1051-4250 zero. All other 2, 3, & 4,000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1051-1850	Union Overtime	25,000.00
1051-2200	Jail Expense	0.00
1051-2210	Gas & Oil	0.00
1051-2250	Inmate Assistance	0.00
1051-2260	Food	350,000.00
1051-2300	Uniforms	0.00
1051-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1051-3310	Training	0.00
1051-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1051-3530	Contractual Services	52,000.00
1051-4250	Misc. Equipment	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, on this next budget, County Surveyor, we're going to begin with 1060-2320 Instruments in the amount of \$5,000, 1060-

Councilmember Wortman: \$500.

Councilmember Raben: 500, excuse me.

Councilmember Tornatta: And that's been changed to 1,000.

Councilmember Raben: To cut \$1,000?

Councilmember Tornatta: To cut \$1,000 and to move it over.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I stand to be corrected. 1060-2320 Instruments zero, 2330 zero, 3371 zero, 3700 \$4,000, all salary lines, FICA, PERF & Insurance will be adjusted September 14th and all other 2, 3, and 4,000 accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1060-2320	Instruments	0.00
1060-2330	Surveyor Stakes	0.00
1060-3371	Computer Hardware	0.00
1060-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	4,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: County Coroner, starting with 1070-2230 1,500, 2410 7,000, 2700 2,000, 2710 2,500, 2720 7,000, 2740 1,000, 3160 2,000, 3190 4,000,

3371 zero, 3530 4,500, 3610 zero, 3640 35,000, 3650 150,000, 3660 zero. 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 Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1070-2230	Garage & Motor	1,500.00
1070-2410	Body Transport	7,000.00
1070-2700	Other Supplies	2,000.00
1070-2710	Color Film	2,500.00
1070-2720	Lab Supplies	7,000.00
1070-2740	Chemicals	1,000.00
1070-3160	Radio/Pagers	2,000.00
1070-3190	Solid Waste Disposal	4,000.00
1070-3371	Computer Hardware	0.00
1070-3530	Contractual Service	4,500.00
1070-3610	Legal Services	0.00

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1070-3640	Diagnostic Studies	35,000.00
1070-3650	Autopsies	150,000.00
1070-3660	Forensic Dentistry	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Prosecutor 1080-3371 zero. All other 2, 3, & 4000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1080-3371	Computer Hardware	0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR IV-D & GRANTS

President Winnecke: Okay, next we have Prosecutor IV-D and department 1080 Prosecutor grants. I'll move that all salaries be set in September 14th meeting, all other 2, 3, & 4000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: County Assessor, 1090-1990 zero, 1090-3370 zero, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1090-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1090-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, starting with 1091-1900 through 1091-3530 all set in at zero and we will move that to the Reassessment budget later this year.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, just as a matter of clarification, 1180-1091 Per Diem, we'll set that in September the 14th as well.

President Winnecke: Okay. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1091-1900	FICA	0.00
1091-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1091-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1091-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1091-3530	Contractual Services	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Tornatta: What was the total set aside in the Reassessment on that account? Total number?

Councilmember Raben: The total number that is in the budget is \$82,961. Again, we'll make adjustments and set that in later this year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I was just curious. We had \$81,400. How did we come up with that versus the other one? You were talking about the Per Diem?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, moving to Armstrong Assessor. Starting with 1100-1990 down through 1100-3600 all set in at zero. Mr. President, again, as we go through all these Assessor's budgets, the intent with these cuts are to shift all this to Reassessment fund.

President Winnecke: I understand.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1100-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1100-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1100-2700	Other Supplies	0.00
1100-3120	Postage/Freight	0.00
1100-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1100-3140	Telephone	0.00
1100-3141	Communications	0.00
1100-3372	Computer Software	0.00
1100-3540	Maintenance Contract	0.00
1100-3600	Rent	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Center Assessor. Starting with 1110-1990 through 1110-3700, all accounts set in at zero, I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1110-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1110-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1110-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	0.00
1110-2710	Color Film	0.00
1110-2820	Red & Blue Books	0.00
1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1110-3310	Training	0.00
1110-3380	Photography/Blue Prints	0.00
1110-3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	0.00
1110-3410	Printing	0.00
1110-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1110-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: German Assessor, starting with 1120-2600 through 1120-4220 all set in at zero. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1120-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1120-2840	Recording Fees	0.00
1120-3120	Postage/Freight	0.00
1120-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1120-3141	Communications	0.00
1120-3372	Computer Software	0.00
1120-3410	Printing	0.00
1120-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1120-3530	Contractual Services	0.00
1120-3540	Maintenance Contract	0.00
1120-3600	Rent	0.00
1120-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00
1120-4220	Office Machines	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I’m going to move that well, we’ll stay with one budget at a time. Knight Assessor, 1130-1990 through 1130-3700 all be set in at zero. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There’s a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1130-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1130-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1130-2710	Color Film	0.00
1130-2820	Red & Blue Books	0.00
1130-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1130-3141	Communications	0.00
1130-3310	Training	0.00
1130-3400	Printing Plat Sheets	0.00

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1130-3410	Printing	0.00
1130-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1130-3530	Contractual Services	0.00
1130-3540	Maintenance Contract	0.00
1130-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, if you would like to group the next four together in the interest of time because the intent is the same.

Councilmember Raben: Alright.

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that Perry Assessor account 1140-1990 through 1140-3700 be set in at zero. Pigeon Assessor 1150-1990 through 1150-3700 set in at zero, Scott Assessor 1160-1990 though 1160-4220 zero. Union Assessor 1170-2600 through 1170-3700 set in at zero, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PERRY

1140-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1140-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1140-2840	Recording Fees	0.00
1140-3000	Bond & Insurance	0.00
1140-3120	Postage/Freight	0.00
1140-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1140-3141	Communications	0.00
1140-3200	Utilities	0.00
1140-3310	Training	0.00
1140-3380	Photography/Blue Prints	0.00
1140-3410	Printing	0.00
1140-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1140-3600	Rent	0.00
1140-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00

PIGEON

1150-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1150-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1150-2820	Red & Blue Books	0.00
1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1150-3371	Computer Hardware	0.00
1150-3372	Computer Software	0.00
1150-3410	Printing	0.00
1150-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1150-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00

SCOTT

1160-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1160-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1160-2700	Other Supplies	0.00
1160-2820	Red & Blue Books	0.00

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1160-3120	Postage/Freight	0.00
1160-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1160-3140	Telephone	0.00
1160-3141	Communications	0.00
1160-3371	Computer Hardware	0.00
1160-3372	Computer Software	0.00
1160-3410	Printing	0.00
1160-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1160-3540	Maintenance Contract	0.00
1160-4220	Office Machines	0.00

UNION

1170-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1170-3120	Postage/Freight	0.00
1170-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1170-3140	Telephone	0.00
1170-3410	Printing	0.00
1170-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1170-3540	Maintenance Contract	0.00
1170-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ELECTION OFFICE

Councilmember Raben: Election Office, starting with account 1210-2700 \$10,000, 1210-3410 20,000, 1210-3470 700, 1210-3530 zero. 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 Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, quick discussion. 3630, we talked about cutting \$1,500, 3610 talked about cutting 1,000 –

Councilmember Raben: Hold on, hold on.

Councilmember Tornatta: Sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Cutting \$1,500, and what was the other account?

Councilmember Tornatta: 3630 was \$1,500, 3610 was 1,000, 3420 was 1,000, 2290 was 350, and then 4220 was 1,000. I had a total – a little bit more than you did.

Councilmember Raben: The 2290 I agreed with. First, Mr. President, I'd like to amend my motion to add account 2290 \$300.

President Winnecke: Be set in at \$300?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Winnecke: That's 2290 Board Meals.

Councilmember Raben: No – yeah, –

President Winnecke: 2290, set in at \$300.

Councilmember Raben: As far as 3610 Legal Services, its my understanding that that needed to stay in place and there is a, on 3630 its also my understanding that there is a contract or a lease agreement, one, on that account. I don't know that to be factual. We can, if you'd like, we can come back to that in September if need to be, if we want to make note of that.

Councilmember Tornatta: 4210 is Office Furniture. Since we've pretty much did not allow on the Office Furniture, I thought we agreed on that. And then the 4220 was Office Machines. And the only thing I had under 3420 for the thousand was, to me, that's Legal Advertising, should that not go through the Commissioners budget?

Councilmember Raben: Which account? Oh, I see, 3420?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Marsha, I would ask you, is that something that has to stay in? Having worked with this office, does that Legal Advertising, does that need to stay within this budget?

Councilmember Abell: The Clerk advertises the list of candidates and its going to be a large list this time, so I suspect you should leave it in there but it could go into the Commissioners budget, they list the polling places.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. As far as Legal Services, that takes care of both election attorneys, correct? Or –

Councilmember Abell: Well, I think that the Legal Services that you're seeing here is a lawsuit that's been filed on behalf of Vanderburgh County against the state of Indiana regarding whether or not to put numbers on the ballots. There's going to be more litigation because the Election Attorney is, you will find that on the Election Board, should be under the Election Board budget.

Councilmember Tornatta: So would that be set at zero?

Councilmember Abell: If you want to wait until September 14th, Mr. Raben, I'd be happy to sit down with Ms. Kirk and maybe the two of us can go through this.

Councilmember Raben: I want to leave that one alone, but I do have an amendment on the floor to include 2290, should be \$300, 3420 set in at 700, and 4210 zero, 4220 500. I make that in the form of a motion. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as they are listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion on the floor. Questions or more discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Before I vote I want to make sure we're clear here on our sheets, its listed as 3470 as Legal Advertising, am I reading that right?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible, microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Sutton: Should be 3420, okay. Do you see what I'm talking about there?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah. For the record, Legal Advertising is account 1210-3420.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and that should be \$700? Okay. My vote is yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1210-2290	Election Board Meals	300.00
1210-2700	Office Supplies	10,000.00
1210-3410	Printing	20,000.00
1210-3420	Legal Advertising	700.00
1210-3530	Contractual Services	0.00

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1210-4210	Office Furniture	0.00
1210-4220	Office Machines	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Councilmember Raben: Voter Registration, account 1220-1160 zero, all 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Yep. 2600, we cut 500 off that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll entertain that. Mr. President, I would like to amend my motion to include account 2600 set in at 2,000.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, would you amend your second?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1220-1160-1220	Deputy	0.00
1220-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

President Winnecke: Okay, Co-op Extension Services. Starting with 1230-1990 zero, 1230-2600 \$4,500, on everyone's sheet they also have a cut for 1230-3370, its my understanding that's a contract so disregard that, that should remain as stated or requested at 5,400, 1230-4220 Office Furniture \$1,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as they are listed. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay,...

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: 3130, there was a thousand dollar cut, 3530 was \$2,500 –

President Winnecke: Let's go a little slower. You're breezing through those lines.

Councilmember Raben: 3130, so set that in at 5,000? 3130 –

Councilmember Tornatta: 3130, we had...we were going to set in at last year's totals. I mean, they obviously are going to come close. I didn't know what the rationale was, just since the last time we talked.

Councilmember Raben: Oversight. So I'm comfortable with that. 3130, and did you have another cut you want to propose?

Councilmember Tornatta: 3530, the actual amount requested was \$64,080.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that's correct, I was going to set that in, in September, but that's fine. I'll make that on this motion as well.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta, what was your proposed cut on the Travel/Mileage?

Councilmember Tornatta: I tell you what, since they're meeting their goal in that line item, if we just take 3910 and set it in at last year's totals, and leave their Travel line item where it is, I'd be okay with that. So 3130 would stay the same.

Councilmember Raben: Let me, just for clarification, starting again with Co-op Extension, 1230-1990 Extra Help zero, 1230-2600 Office Supplies 4,500, 1230-4220 1,000, 3130 5,000, 3530 64,080 is the correct figure and 3910 \$8,000, 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 Winnecke: We have a new motion and a second.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, what I had said earlier is, since we took the thousand away from 3910, we'd just go ahead and leave 3130 as is since they're going to hit their goal in that account. So it would stay at 6,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll amend my motion to leave 3130 in at the requested amount of 6,000.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, will you amend your second?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1230-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1230-2600	Office Supplies	4,500.00
1230-3530	Contractual Services	64,080.00
1230-3910	Vand. Youth Program	8,000.00
1230-4220	Office Machines	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Area Plan, starting with 1240-2230 \$500, 1240-3130 2,000, 3310 zero, 3520 500, 3740 zero, 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 Winnecke: Motion and second. Questions or discussion? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: On 4250 we had cut 3,000, was there any other information in that account?

Councilmember Raben: I don't have that cut but I'm comfortable with it if everyone else is comfortable with it.

President Winnecke: How did you make the justification for the \$3,000 cut, Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: They had spent \$477 in that account year to date, if they had a piece of equipment that they needed, they would encumber that money over into the next year, giving them a thousand would be \$4,000.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, one, I mean, if you look at the history, the least amount they spent last year was \$5,900 and the high was 2003 at 12,000, so it looks like, you know, outside of this year, they're on track every year to spend much more than \$4,000.

President Winnecke: What's your proposed cut? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Tornatta: The proposed cut was 3,000 out of the 4250 account.

Councilmember Raben: Let's, just for the sake of security, could we just take 2,000 out of it?

Councilmember Tornatta: That's fine.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I'll, Mr. President, I'll amend my motion to set 4250 in at \$2,000.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman? Okay. Roll call vote – oh, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Let me just add, since there is a little bit of uncertainty on that and just based on our discussion about the history on that, perhaps we might want to do a little bit more, gather up a little bit more information so that if we do need to restore that line, that we have the option of doing that.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Tornatta, would you take on that responsibility to verify this between now and September 14th?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, that would be fine.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1240-2230	Garage & Motors	500.00
1240-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00
1240-3310	Training	0.00
1240-3520	Equipment Repair	500.00
1240-3740	Intern Program	0.00
1240-4250	Misc. Equipment	2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRAINAGE BOARD

Councilmember Raben: Okay, on Drainage Board, Mr. President, I'll move that all salary lines, again, just like with FICA and PERF, will be set in September the 14th, all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Veterans Administration, since there is no cuts I will go ahead and again, this goes with every budget we're discussing today, that all salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in September the 14th, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as they are submitted, I make that in the form of a motion.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Commissioners, starting with 1300-1990 zero, 2690 zero, 3000 the correct figure is \$805,000, that's Bond & Insurance, the correct figure is 805,000, 3020 the correct figure is 756,297, 3040 the correct figure is 15,820, 3060 40,000, 3080 197,000, 3100 the correct figure is 165,086, 3120 375,000, 3140 210,000, 3210 \$126,096, 3314 zero, 3420 15,000, 3490 20,000, 3500 the correct figure is 40,324, 3530 1,500, 3531 150,000, 3530 zero, 3610 80,000, 3612 56,956, 3750 122,840, 3760 16,000, –

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, take a breath.

President Winnecke: Let's get through this –

Councilmember Raben: Can we get through this –

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I understand, I've got to catch up on what I've got here.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, excuse me.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thanks.

Councilmember Raben: 3850 the correct figure is \$495,509, 3860 650,618, 3890 zero with the intent of moving that to the 911 account, 4220 4,577, 4231 as listed, that needs to remain in as 100,000, 4433 zero. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: We have a motion and a second. And before we have discussion, we're going to change the tape.

(Tape Change)

President Winnecke: Now, questions or discussion? Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: The 100,000, I think Sandie has told me –

Councilmember Raben: That, as of late afternoon, the information I was given is that there is a new proposal on the Commissioners' desks, there was only one bid and the bid is in the amount requested. So...we had hoped that that would come in somewhere between what was submitted and what was budgeted last year but it came in at the 100,000, and only one bidder, so...

Councilmember Abell: Okay. I think you read a number 3535 as 3530. I think you meant 3535 at zero.

Councilmember Raben: 3535 zero, yes.

President Winnecke: I would just make one observation and then we'll call for a vote. I think this is, and this is probably not the year to do it, but this county needs to look at – he didn't ask me to say this – but the fees that we pay our attorneys on the county side, we pay half the rate that the city does. And I think that's, at some point, is not healthy. So at some point we're going to have to, I think, come back and look at Legal Services. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1300-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1300-2690	Demolition Fund	0.00
1300-3000	Bond & Insurance	805,000.00
1300-3020	SW Mental Health	756,297.00
1300-3040	Soil & Water	15,820.00
1300-3060	Veterans Burial Allowance	40,000.00
1300-3080	Emergency Medical	197,000.00

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1300-3100	Animal Control	165,086.00
1300-3120	Postage/Freight	375,000.00
1300-3140	Telephone	210,000.00
1300-3210	Emergency Mangement	126,096.00
1300-3314	GIS Contractual	0.00
1300-3420	Legal Advertising	15,000.00
1300-3490	YMCA	20,000.00
1300-3500	Human Relations	40,324.00
1300-3530	Contractual Services	1,500.00
1300-3531	Vision-e	150,000.00
1300-3535	Voices for I-69	0.00
1300-3610	Legal Services	80,000.00
1300-3612	Legal Contractual	56,956.00
1300-3750	Purchasing Dept.	122,840.00
1300-3760	Occu/Med	16,000.00
1300-3850	Bldg. Commission	495,509.00
1300-3860	Contractual Computer	650,618.00
1300-3890	Central Dispatch	0.00
1300-4220	Office Machines	4,577.00
1300-4433	SW Ind. Disaster Resist.	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Councilmember Raben: Weights & Measures, starting with 1302-3580 \$900, 4230 zero, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as they are listed, I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1302-3580	Vehicle Repair	900.00
1302-4230	Motor Vehicles	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Public Defender, starting with 1303-1810 zero, 1820 zero, 1830 zero, move down to 3130 Travel/Mileage \$3,500, 3310 3,000, 3370 zero, 3482 30,000, 3943 zero. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Raben: Just a –

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Just a brief point. As you look at your list you'll see on several of these, like the FICA & PERF, those will all be, again, corrected with the salaries on September 14th.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I think all of us will note on our – we took 3130 down from \$45,000 to \$3,500. Mrs. Deig tells me that should be \$4,500 down to 3,500.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I set it in at the correct figure.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1303-1810	Juv. Ct. Public Defender	0.00
1303-1820	Admin. Assistant	0.00
1303-1830	FT Dep. Pub. Defender	0.00
1303-3130	Travel/Mileage	3,500.00
1303-3310	Training	3,000.00
1303-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	0.00
1303-3482	Investigative/Cont. Svcs.	30,000.00
1303-3943	Pauper Expense	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superintendent of County Buildings, starting with 1310-1150 \$8,000, 1310-3200 90,000, 1310-3550 zero. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as they are listed.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, on Contractual Services, 3530 I took that down 5,000.

President Winnecke: On what basis?

Councilmember Tornatta: On the basis that in the past year they had enough money

to take a personnel line item out of that account and that's really not what that account is made for, personal line items and that was about a, almost a \$5,000 account in that Extra Help fund, so I don't see any reason why they need that money in there.

President Winnecke: I would not be comfortable making that cut at this time.

Councilmember Raben: Particularly when they've already spent 11,000 this year and –

Councilmember Tornatta: I understand, they overspend that account, but how much is in that account, Mr. Fluty?

Bill Fluty: How much is in that account?

Councilmember Tornatta: Is in the account as it sits? It accumulates in that account every year. They always overspend that account and so in tough times we need to take from accounts that have a balance.

Bill Fluty: I can get you a detail on that, but I can't tell you the balance as of today. This report shows as of June 30th, they expended \$10,981, but I'll have to give you an up to date on that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, we only gave them \$10,000 and this is an every year occurrence, so there is money in that account.

Councilmember Raben: I did not carry my transfers up from this year, but are you sure that they –

Councilmember Tornatta: They've over spent that account every year, so there is money that stands in that account and I think if they're using it for personnel issues, and it's a contracted service for issues in that courthouse, if they have that type of money, then we ought to be able to cut that account.

Councilmember Raben: I don't think that fund can accumulate additional funds. Its possible they transferred money, which they would of had to have done through our –

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, and that hadn't happened.

President Winnecke: I think pending the information that Mr. Fluty can provide, I'd be comfortable leaving it as it is and if we want to revisit this in September, I think that's fine. Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: So am I understanding your question or your issue related to this is, that its being used for extra help?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, the account was used for extra help last year and if that's not an appropriate place to take that money, so if there's extra monies in that account to use for extra help, then we should be able to cut that and put it somewhere else.

Councilmember Raben: I guess a concern of mine would be, how much of that account was used on extra help? If a few thousand of the \$10,000 were used for

Extra Help and the other –

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm almost positive it was a \$5,000 extra help line.

Councilmember Raben: Let's come back to that in September.

Councilmember Sutton: If its used for extra help, I mean, there's obviously, we have a line for Extra Help which obviously, we're zeroing out for next year, but, you know, there's a place for it, but let's get maybe the breakdown of whether we're actually contracting out for particular services or items out of that or using it for another purpose.

Councilmember Raben: Just for a point of information, last year was the first year Extra Help was eliminated from this budget but Extra Help was in place for years 2002, 2003 and 2004. And yet, out of this line in 2002 they spent \$47,000, in 2003 \$14,000, and 2004 \$16,000. So even when they had Extra Help they were spending a lot of money for Contractual Services over there. So my motion stands at leaving it in place at 10,000 for this time, but we can address it if we find out otherwise in September.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Raben, I think we sent a memo to all of the officeholders that they tell us what they're going to use their Contractual Services for and I believe we have a response from the County Commissioners that might set forth what they plan to use that money for and I'm sure Ms. Deig can find it for us.

President Winnecke: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm going to vote yes, but obviously we've got the September meeting to decide how we're using that line item.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'll follow with Councilmember Sutton and revisit 3530, but I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1310-1150	Building & Grounds Keeper	8,000.00
1310-3200	Utilities	90,000.00
1310-3550	Repair to Bldgs & Grounds	0.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Circuit Court, starting with 1360-1990 zero, 1360-3903 30,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as they are listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1360-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1360-3903	Petit Jurors	30,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Raben: Community Corrections starting with account 1361-2210 zero, 2260 zero, 2300 zero, 2600 zero, 2750 zero, 3140 zero, 3200 zero, 3310 zero, 3520 zero, 3620 zero, 3721 zero and 4352 zero. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as they are listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Raben, did you maybe want to provide some explanation? That's an awful lot of zeroes that went down there. I don't want to fight anyone in the audience.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the Sheriff's office has agreed to pick up these lines out of the user fee account, user fee funds.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Sheriff.

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, I should have mentioned that.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1361-2210	Gas & Oil	0.00
1361-2260	Food	0.00
1361-2300	Uniforms	0.00
1361-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1361-2750	Work Release Supplies	0.00
1361-3140	Telephone	0.00
1361-3200	Utilities	0.00
1361-3310	Training	0.00
1361-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1361-3620	Copy Machine Lease	0.00
1361-3721	Probable Cause Urine Drops	0.00
1361-4352	Maintenance & Repair	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Court. Starting with 1370-1990 zero, 1370-2230 1,500, 1370-2600 22,000, 3730 8,000, 3980 14,000, – 3730, again, was 8,000, 3980 \$14,000, 4210 zero, 4220 26,000, 4230 zero and 3903 at \$50,000. Again, that's 3903 at 50,000. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as they are listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Line 3903 is Petit Jurors on page 104 if you're trying to – 106, I'm sorry. Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Professional Services, 3790 we had talked about taking that to 12,000. Is there a –

Councilmember Raben: What account, I'm sorry?

Councilmember Tornatta: 3790. Maybe that's – here again, another one we can check on –

Councilmember Raben: I don't have that cut.

Councilmember Tornatta: It looks like roughly they've spent through the halfway point \$5,334. Last year or this year we budgeted the office \$16,000. If we do the same next year, if there was a P.O., obviously that would cross over.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I think the rationale, I don't have a cut there, but I think the court's rationale for that line is they pay a lot of special services such as language translators and what have you out of there, and the Spanish population has grown immensely in Vanderburgh County, so they're utilizing that service more and more.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1370-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1370-2230	Garage & Motor	1,500.00
1370-2600	Office Supplies	22,000.00
1370-3730	Continuing Education	8,000.00
1370-3903	Petit Jurors	50,000.00
1370-3980	Trans. Child & Misc.	14,000.00
1370-4210	Office Furniture	0.00
1370-4220	Office Machines	26,000.00
1370-4230	Motor Vehicles	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services,1371-3370 Computer set in at zero, all other 2, 3 and 4000 accounts as they are listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I'm going to vote yes, but maybe we need to let the officeholders know why we're zeroing out all of the computers, maybe they need to know that.

Councilmember Raben: I can hit on that after we take this vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1371-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Marsha, thanks for bringing that up. I should have brought it up earlier in our budget cuts. Most of the Council has a lot of concerns in regards to everybody out purchasing computers, hardware, software, everything on their own. We're spending as much as \$2,500 and \$3,000 for a single PC. We spoke with our IT person. He is developing a standard for which every office, every county office should use in terms of a standard computer, standard monitor, printers, and the unique thing about that is, you know, there is a significant savings to that. And then, consequently, you know, we can have parts on the shelf, so if Sandie's computer goes down tomorrow, rather than her be out of service for days or weeks, you know, there's a possibility that, you know, once we get standardized we can make those repairs and have people up and running extremely quick. But with that being said, what we're going to do when we get to the Council budget is put funds within our budget that the offices can come to us for appropriation requests for those items. So that's pretty much it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think, Councilman Raben, obviously with the discussion we've had here, its important and a really good move to create some

efficiencies. You know, when you're talking about ordering one PC as opposed to ordering 20 PC's, you know, the person ordering one PC doesn't get the option of a volume discount and perhaps we can take advantage of that and will benefit the county as a whole and be able to order a lot more rather than just here and there with a lot of different programs so that we can get a good understanding of what software we've got out there as well. So when it comes time to repair and make adjustments, that everybody is on the same page.

President Winnecke: Proceed.

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Court Drug Court. Again, their salary lines will be adjusted September 14th. I move that all 2, 3, and 4000 accounts be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Real quick, Councilman Raben, did you get the new number from the Superior Drug Court?

Councilmember Raben: You're talking about for...? I don't have a, it's a salary line adjustment, is that correct?

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't think it just covers a salary line.

President Winnecke: Can you be more specific as to what you're talking about?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Or just give me the number that you're referring to.

Councilmember Tornatta: You're being a little snippy, aren't you?

President Winnecke: We have a –

Councilmember Tornatta: \$29,595 --

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta, we had a motion on the floor and about to make a roll call vote. You changed the tone and you're not very specific. I think everyone would like to follow –

Councilmember Tornatta: I understand –

President Winnecke: That's why I was snippy.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's fine. And all this, we've discussed with Mr. Raben, so that's why I was unsure because I was looking it up and trying to find out where the differences were and what we were talking about. Now, Mr. Raben, the

differences, \$29,595 is the county's portion.

President Winnecke: On which line item?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, it's a total line item because it's a, if I'm not mistaken, a 3/4's, 1/4 or a 1/3, 2/3's set up. The Byrne grant handles a portion of it and I believe the total for the Byrne grant is 88,788.

Councilmember Raben: And I appreciate that. The difference is within the salary line so we would set that in September 14th. But as a matter of clarification, Mr. President, I'd like to amend my motion to, this budget will be set in at \$29,595. Does that kind of –

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, well, the salary in my – from talking to the drug court, that salary does not make up that balance to get it down to \$29,595. So at that point, then we'd either have to put extra monies in there aside from the Byrne grant.

Councilmember Raben: I think the difference is yet FICA, PERF & Insurance, I believe. I may stand corrected. But again, let's set that in, that total, let's get it out there today if that's what makes everybody comfortable. And my motion was amended to include a total of \$29,595 for this budget.

President Winnecke: Do you amend your second?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: At this time, Mr. Raben, let's take about a ten minute break.

(Tape Change)

President Winnecke: Okay, Mr. Raben, you may proceed.

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Raben: Okay. The Centre. Starting with 1440-3536 set in at \$1,000,000, 1440-3537 175,000, 1440-3798 600,000, I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second. Discussion or questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1440-3536	Centre Operating Acct.	1,000,000.00
1440-3537	Centre Mgmt. Fee & Incentive	175,000.00
1440-3798	Food Services	600,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Burdette Park. 1450-1180 450,000, 1450-2100 3,000, 2210 10,000, 2310 8,000, 2550 zero, 2600 2,500, 2770 1,500, 3371 zero, 3372 zero, 3440 15,000, and I'd like to come back to that during discussion, and 4220 4,577. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as they are listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Raben: Just real quick, on Advertising, and Councilman Tornatta and I discussed this at the break, the Convention Center really needs to work in every way they can to, not only help pick up expenses in advertising, but promoting the park, and I think they do work to promote the park. But their advertising account ought to make up the balance on this line for Burdette. And on the 2550 Sand & Gravel, that was cut. That needs to be picked up out of County Highway or Local Roads & Streets. You know, the Highway Department should take a load of gravel out there as needed because it is county roads and county parking lots out there. So that's the reason for both of those cuts.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Councilman Raben, I do have a question on line item 2210, that's Gas & Oil, where their request was 16, we've cut that down to 10. I guess in light of the price of gas and all, it seems it might be a little bit a heavier hand on that cut than what might be necessary for the environment we're kind of in right now.

Councilmember Raben: Well, its 2,000 more than was granted last year. I guess, you know, I would question, we don't know where gas is really going next year. You know, it could be back to \$1.30 a gallon or it might be \$3.00 a gallon, but its hard to forecast where they're going. I don't even think the industry itself knows where its going to be in January. But if everyone would be more comfortable, I'd entertain an amount to set that in at.

Councilmember Sutton: I was thinking maybe \$12,000 might be –

Councilmember Raben: Twelve, okay. Mr. President, I'll amend my motion for 2210 to be set in at 12,000.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, is that amenable to you?

Councilmember Wortman: I accept.

President Winnecke: Okay, other discussion or questions? Hearing none, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1450-1180	Other Employees	450,000.00
1450-2100	Fuel/Butane	3,000.00
1450-2210	Gas & Oil	12,000.00
1450-2310	Laundry & Cleaning	8,000.00
1450-2550	Sand & Gravel	0.00
1450-2600	Office Supplies	2,500.00
1450-2770	Medical Supplies	1,500.00
1450-3371	Computer Hardware	0.00
1450-3372	Computer Software	0.00
1450-3440	Advertising	15,000.00
1450-4220	Office Machines	4,577.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID

Councilmember Raben: Legal Aid, starting with 1460-3120 zero, 1460-3371 zero, and 1460-3372 zero. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1460-3120	Postage/Freight	0.00
1460-3371	Computer Hardware	0.00
1460-3372	Computer Software	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Council, line 1480-3370 set in at \$50,071, then we're going to create a couple new account numbers, 1480-3371 Computer Hardware 28,700, 1480-3372 Computer Software 7,140. Again, that takes care of the cuts that we've seen in the other budgets. And basically, this is the sum total of all those other requests, less about 30 percent. So, you know, that's probably conservative, I think. But this should be ample funds to cover us.

President Winnecke: Is there a second to that motion?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion? Ms. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I just want to say, it's a good move. Its going to help us get our hands around how much we're spending, which is pretty substantial. I

appreciate you're doing that.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1480-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	50,071.00
1480-3371	Computer Hardware	28,700.00
1480-3372	Computer Software	7,140.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RIVERBOAT

President Winnecke: Okay, Riverboat, 1490-3110 150,000. All other accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1490-3110	Economic Development	150,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Highway, account 2010-1971 zero, 2010-3010 Other Insurance, the correct figure is 355,000. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed, I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

2010-1971	Accrued Payments	0.00
2010-3010	Other Insurance	355,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

FAMILY & CHILDREN

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'm going to lump some together again, starting with Cum Bridge, all 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed and the standard, FICA, PERF & Insurance will all be adjusted September 14th. County Commission's CCD, move that that also be set in September 14th. Division of Family & Children Services, if you turn to page 137, we were given corrected numbers for those accounts, I'll read them just for a matter of record. Account 30090 as listed, 32500 1,708,000, 32510 1,110,000, 32520 6,850,000, 32530 22,500, 32540 2,950,000, 32550 475,800, 32560 5,000, 32600 3,711,000, 32700 15,500, 32920 2,000, for a total of 17,146,300. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: The last line item, there, I didn't catch the total on that.

Councilmember Raben: 32920 \$2,000.

President Winnecke: And what's the grand total, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: 17,146,300. And again, if you remember, that was the numbers that they stated to us.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, now is this, you say this is just for this, for the Family & Children? I guess what I'm saying, you said something about combining everything in that motion.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, let me, let's do this, Mr. President, let me amend my motion to exclude the first two budgets that were originally part of this motion, which were Cum Bridge and CCD fund. This motion is only for the purpose of Family & Children.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll accept that.

President Winnecke: Okay, Mr. Wortman amends his second. So now its just the Family & Children Services.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I again need to amend my motion. The top line should read 296,500. The grand total remains the same.

President Winnecke: Any other - Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, I probably wrote it down wrong. On 32550 Miscellaneous Cost of Wards, I thought that that was originally 475,000 even. Is the, that is the correct number, 475,800?

Councilmember Raben: That's the number that I was –

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

30090	Child Welfare Services	296,500.00
32500	Out of Home Place-Fost.	1,708,000.00
32510	Out of Home Place-Ther	1,110,000.00
32520	Out of Home Place-Inst.	6,850,000.00
32530	Ind. Living for Wards	22,500.00
32540	Preservation Services	2,950,000.00
32550	Misc. Cost of Wards	475,800.00

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32560	MRO	5,000.00
32600	Adoption Services	3,711,000.00
32700	Foster Parent Insurance	15,500.00
32920	Interest on Temp. Loan	2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
CCD/COMMISSIONERS
CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Mr. President, I'm going to move that Cum Bridge, all 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed. Along with that, that the County Commissioner's CCD account be set in September 14th and the Children's Psychiatric Treatment Services, which in your book would be on page 138, the correct – I may want to come back to this. I think the correct figure on this is \$145,000. Is that what everyone else recalls?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. So account 32926 in the amount of 145,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, on the – do you have any information on the CCD Funds, what monies are going to be taken out and how that's going to be distributed? I mean, now would be the time to go over those issues.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we can certainly go to that part of the budget. Page 135, okay, what they have listed is, if you recall, starting at the top under Loan Agreement is a ten year note for future possible renovations, additional renovations for the Old Courthouse, Buildings & Equipment \$100,000, which was for the purpose of a –

Councilmember Tornatta: Pole barn.

Councilmember Raben: – overhead covering or pole barn for the County Highway. The Energy Savings Contract for 450 and then phase two for Eickhoff-Koressel, our portion of that was 875,000. The reason that I would like to delay this, number one, is to try to shift that 100,000 into County Highway's budget. Along with that, there may be a need for some purchases such as Weights & Measures portion of the new vehicle and what have you. So I'm just not comfortable at this point setting this budget.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and then would this be a line to pull out of the CCD for the judge's car for the juveniles?

Councilmember Raben: And that was another one, although, the judge's car for juveniles, I think that kind of depends on where we go in regards to the Youth Services. I mean, we're probably not going to need that transportation vehicle if its

all, you know, brought in here locally. So there's a lot of unanswered questions yet, so I'd feel much more comfortable setting this in -

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Alright, that answers it.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CHILDRENS PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES

32926	Other Svcs. & Charges	145,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Health Department.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, if I may offer a little observation here on the Health Department. We're going to get into some discussion here on the proposed dental clinic and I'd just like to bring everyone on Council up to speed. For those of you who have not heard, we have some folks from the CAJE organization in the audience today who, I know, are interested in this. And they know generally what I'm about to say, but Councilman Sutton and I have put in a lot of time in the last few months on this specific issue. Last Friday, he and I met with the president of Deaconess Hospital and the president of St. Mary's Medical Center. Each institution seemed very committed to try and solve this community problem. What we are about to propose is not exactly what the Health Department has proposed, but I think it is a start to a solution for this community problem. What I propose and I believe,

I don't want to speak for Councilman Sutton, but I am pretty sure he concurs, is that we're going to propose an amount of \$80,000 of county money to start this project and challenge each of the financial institutions, or each of the medical institutions - sorry about that - each of the financial - gosh, I did it again - medical institutions to come up with some matching money so we can get this project off the ground. The hospitals have a concern and I believe it's a legitimate concern, and they'd like to know exactly how their money is going to be spent and how the clinic would be run. It is my hope that we can forge a partnership with the existing Impact Ministries, which has a downtown dental clinic very close to the Health Department. The observations made by both hospitals are, they would like to see a business plan drafted so they know exactly how their monies would be used and how a partnership like that would be used. So the \$80,000 that would be proposed today, and I have spoken with Commissioner Crouch, so we may have to reopen one line item, I just thought of this, she is fine with taking the \$80,000 from Infrastructure, from Riverboat money. If that pleases the Council, I think that's probably a good idea.

Councilmember Raben: I can speak to that. We don't actually have to do anything. We're appropriating a lump sum into that account, they spend from it as needed.

President Winnecke: Okay. And then the hospitals, I think, will come forward in very short order with some matching money so we can get this project off the ground. We can immediately begin the search for a dentist who can come in and get this operation going. In the meantime, I would ask the Health Department to sit down with Councilman Sutton and I. We'll come up with a little committee that will draft a business plan so all the parties involved know how their monies are going to be spent and how a partnership with Impact could work. And based on our discussions with Impact, I believe they're very open to that and it would eliminate the - it would not be duplicating any services that are out there.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the other important point, too, is by partnering with a group like Impact Ministries, we don't have the startup cost that has been proposed in our budget here. Those are eliminated, so we do see some cost savings there. And we do recognize that this is a non-profit organization and there will be a lot of discussions about what type of clients will be served. There's a lot of ways you can define this area of need and how it will be served. The business plan will spell out how that is going to be put into place. There are a few other items that we'll need to work through, but essentially what we want to do is over the next several weeks or the length of time that's needed to put together a business plan to clearly indicate how these dollars will be used. The concern that the hospitals expressed as well, and -- we're not looking for a project that starts up and is out of service in a year. We want to see that it has some sustain ability about it, so that's going to take some work. But essentially, we're talking about a community wide effort. I think there are some who would like to see the county fund the entire process. We really don't have the ability or the resources to be able to fund it all. But what we can do is, by the meetings that we've had, and the resources that are out there in the community, bring those all to the table to really address this issue in a very positive way, but one that we all can be very comfortable that this issue is being addressed in a proactive fashion. So as we talk about putting the dollars from the riverboat into a line item specifically for this, and the indications that we've gotten from the two hospitals. We're also looking for other partners as well to join the table at this point in time. The dental society has not made a commitment to this project. We've had numerous discussions with them. We hope and trust that they, too, will see the need as we have seen it and are interested in putting resources toward this project. So as we begin to try to keep you apprised of what's going on, that's where we stand right now

in terms of the resources and how we intend to allocate those resources. There's questions about will the dentist be a county employee, will it be an employee of Impact Ministry, will the operation run out of the Health Department? Still there's a lot of questions that we are working on that we will answer, but the best thing that we want to do is try to put together a project where there is a degree of accountability from the public as well so that you can answer and get questions on how it is performing over a period of time.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, is this going to be a grant from the county? Is the county going to grant this and it be predicated on how much they –

President Winnecke: Essentially, it would be an appropriation to the Health Department budget from our budget, so I don't think its really a grant, its just a county appropriation, and whatever monies we would receive from say, the hospitals and hopefully the dentist would be, I guess, grants from them that would go toward the Health Department budget.

Councilmember Raben: Or possibly the appropriation would go towards Impact Ministries or something. I don't know that we'll necessarily transfer or appropriate monies from one fund to the other fund, but we'll work through that.

President Winnecke: Those are some of the technicalities we need to iron out.

Councilmember Tornatta: And then, you know, before we get into this, one thing I think we ought to do as a Council is establish our commitment to this project and, not only financially, but what are our expectations, how long do we think, how much do we think, do we see increases for a matrix that would increase over a period of time? That's kind of what I would like to see before we get too far down the road. A, can this be a grant that the county gives and will this be a grant for X amount of time or what do we look at? And then how long do we continue with that and then what stipulations will we have on that money? If it's a match, where if they bring in so much, the county matches that up to 80,000 or whatever our number is.

President Winnecke: All very good questions, and all of which we still need to work out, technically. I think the purpose of today's action, I hope, is to at least get the ball rolling so we can start the search and I think one of the great concerns of all the folks who are really involved is the length of time it will take to recruit a dentist for the position. If we can get the ball rolling with some seed money, if you will, I think we can start that process. And in the meantime we can work out all these kind of details because you're right, we need to figure out how to track the success of this clinic and see to what degree our money, how its being spent. Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, President Winnecke, then your feeling today is by our action that we will definitely be moving forward with a dentist and this is going to take place?

President Winnecke: Yes, I do. I believe that because of the commitment from the hospitals that we received on Friday. I'm not exactly sure what dollar amount they will commit to, but I have a pretty good feeling that its going to be a healthy enough number to let us really get this project going.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you. I think its important we show commitment also.

Councilmember Raben: Real quick, I thank both you and Royce for what I know you've spent a lot of time working on, probably the better part of last Friday alone. I know the meetings and conversations that took place there, so thanks again for that. I am concerned with where the dental association is with this and, you know, just encourage you to continue to push them in the direction of making a sizable contribution and, hopefully, something that would match the hospitals.

President Winnecke: Our discussions have been candid and they have been along those lines. Okay, having said all that, Mr. Raben, if you want to proceed with the Health Department.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, back to the Health Department –

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry, Mr. Raben, before you get started there, I just want to make a note that as we begin to go through this Health Department budget so that people aren't alarmed or think that we're saying one thing and doing something else, as we go through these items in here that refer to the dental clinic, that the intent is to zero those out since we're looking at other line items to supplement those costs.

Councilmember Raben: Good point. Okay, with that being said, to Royce's point, 2130-1600 zero, 2130-1610 zero, 2130-1620 zero, 2130-1630 zero, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at September 14th, 2130-1930 zero, 2130-1940 zero, 2130-2241 55,000, 2600 7,500, 2721 54,000, account 2130-3000 the correct amount is 122,342, 3120 3,000, 3140 11,460, 3310 3,000, 3510 30,000, 3600 the correct figure is 343,520, 3700 882, 4222 zero, 4230 zero, 4290 zero, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Abell: Could you read your figures on 3600 and 3700 again, please?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, one moment, please. 3600 is 343,520 and 3700 is 882.

Councilmember Abell: My numbers are backwards.

Councilmember Tornatta: She had the old sheet.

Councilmember Raben: You've got an amended sheet on your desk.

Councilmember Tornatta: Somewhere.

Councilmember Raben: Somewhere with the many papers.

President Winnecke: And do we need to go back and reopen the Riverboat line to put a lump sum in this?

Councilmember Raben: No, again, you've already approved 500,000 in that line. Again, the Commissioners, once we take action on that, they can spend from it as needed, so they'll have to follow it through or foster that request through now.

Councilmember Sutton: And they're aware of the request for the dental clinic?

President Winnecke: I talked to Suzanne about it this morning about using that funding mechanism for that. So we just need to –

Councilmember Raben: Do nothing. We need to do nothing.

President Winnecke: Okay, other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

2130-1600	Dentist	0.00
2130-1610	Dental Hygienist	0.00
2130-1620	Dental Assistant	0.00
2130-1630	Dental Receptionist	0.00
2130-1930	Unemployment	0.00
2130-1940	Workman's Comp.	0.00
2130-2241	Institutional & Medical	55,000.00
2130-2600	Office Supplies	7,500.00
2130-2721	Laboratory	54,000.00
2130-3000	Bond & Insurance	122,342.00

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2130-3120	Postage/Freight	3,000.00
2130-3140	Telephone	11,460.00
2130-3310	Training	3,000.00
2130-3510	Other Operating	30,000.00
2130-3600	Rent	343,520.00
2130-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	882.00
2130-4222	Dental Clinic Startup	0.00
2130-4230	Motor Vehicles	0.00
2130-4290	Vehicle Equipment	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Airport Authority. I'll say it again, all salaries FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at the September the 14th meeting. All 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as they are listed. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Local Roads and Streets account 2160-3481 the correct figure is 174,909, 2160-4741 zero, if you'll recall, that will be shifted in CCD in September. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

2160-3481	Traffic Department	174,909.00
2160-4741	Eickhoff-Koressel Rd.	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**SURVEYOR MAPS
AUDITOR/REASSESSMENT**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Surveyor Map fund, 2420 account, I move that that budget be approved as listed. Let's go ahead and take the next one under the Auditor/Reassessment, I'll move that that be approved as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Tornatta: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me?

Councilmember Tornatta: In the Auditor, did we put the 4,000 for Computer back into their budget? For the Auditor, 4,000. Or did that go back into the Council budget?

Councilmember Raben: There is 4,000 in the Reassessment budget for them.

Councilmember Tornatta: Correct. I didn't know what computer lines you took out of what budgets and I didn't know if that was an oversight or we're keeping it in that budget?

Councilmember Raben: No, we'll keep this one in Reassessment.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, on 1990, the Extra Help, I think we've zeroed that pretty well across the board. I know this comes out of Reassessment, but I don't

know if we want to stay clear across the board on that or not.

Councilmember Raben: All, just as a matter of clarification, all offices that Reassessment pertains to, even in the regular assessor's budgets, we will put Extra Help back in under Reassessment.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Because, again, their Extra Help is actually part of the reassessment process. But to Councilman Goebel's point, all other budgets that do not deal with the reassessment process, their Extra Help will remain zero. I mean, I think that's the point you're wanting to make, correct?

COUNTY ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT
PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS/REASSESSMENT
CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT
GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT
KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT
PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT
PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT
SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Assessor, Reassessment account 2490-1090-3370 \$15,000, all other accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, Mr. President, do you have a rationale for why we're going to set that particular line item in? Are we buying the entire server at this point? That's what that line was for.

Councilmember Raben: That was the intent, yes, was to pick up the server. And the only reason where we had it, a shuffle like that, I mean, we don't have to approve all other Assessor's budgets, but where we had to have an actual necessity, it was just easier just to go ahead and get this budget out of the way at this time. I'll be glad to separate this and just put this line in there or –

Councilmember Tornatta: No, that's fine. I guess I just –

Councilmember Raben: Or for that matter, we can do it all later in the year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is this a computer line item that, are we wanting to check this through our IT person and get all that information back before we look to upgrade any systems? That's really what I was focusing on.

Councilmember Raben: Again, because this is Reassessment, which is totally separate from General fund, which you know all computers from in General fund is what we moved into our budget, I'll be happy doing whatever. We can, it was just a matter of, its easy –

Councilmember Tornatta: I would appreciate setting this thing at zero and then in the

event that we need to come back, we can always portion Reassessment funds toward that computer setup, if that's what we need to do.

Councilmember Raben: Allow me to do this, Mr. President, I am going to amend my motion on County Assessor, that on the County Assessor/Reassessment, that that budget along with PTABOA, Center Township, German Township, Knight Township, Perry Township, Pigeon Township, and Scott Township will all be set in at September 14th's meeting. Are you clear on that motion, Teri?

President Winnecke: Curt made the second. Curt, are you amenable to amending your motion?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION
SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION
PROSECUTOR PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President 2600 account, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation account 2620 and Prosecutor Pre-Trial Division 2630 all those salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September the 14th meeting. All other

lines as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, let's stop and change the tape.

(Tape change)

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, excuse me, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation fund. I'll move that all 2, 3, and 4000 accounts be approved as listed with the salary lines and benefit lines adjusted in September 14th's meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, we took the, if I'm not mistaken, we took the 2320 out and put back into this fund, out of the Surveyor's budget to put in this fund, 2330, 3371 and 3700. That should have been a total for \$5,500 taken out of the

Surveyor's budget and put into the Perpetuation Fund. Is that –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that wasn't my understanding when he made those motions but I'll be glad to make that amendment. Give me those accounts again.

Councilmember Tornatta: 2320 –

Councilmember Raben: We need to increase by how much?

Councilmember Tornatta: 2320 by \$1,000.

Councilmember Raben: So that should read \$1,500? You took out a thousand out of the other budget. Let me look at it.

Councilmember Tornatta: 32. We took the entire amount in Instruments out, if you remember and that moved over into the Perpetuation Fund. The Surveyor Stakes moved over into the Perpetuation Fund. The 3371 is the Computer Hardware, and 3700...the only, I didn't talk to Bill on Dues & Subscriptions to see if \$1,000 moved over or did you cut that \$1,000 in 3700?

Councilmember Raben: 3700 I have no cuts for.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm sorry, not in the Perpetuation Fund, in the Surveyor's fund.

Councilmember Raben: What account, Sandie, is the Surveyor?

Sandie Deig: 106, it's on page 32.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 106.

Councilmember Tornatta: Just a note for memory, Sandie, when we do these pages again, I think it's a great idea, let's number them if we could, just if it's a written number or something, maybe that would help us to go through these. That's actually Royce's idea but I'm just saying it might help us because I know we're going back and forth sometimes, but this is an easier way to do it.

Councilmember Sutton: Are you finding it, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: I certainly did. I guess my question would be, line 3371 we cut 3,000 out of his regular budget, he has 3,000 in his Perpetuation fund, so are you asking to take that number to 6,000, then?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, that was his intention. When we first started it was 6,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and then on the Surveyor Stakes, we can add that hundred to Other Supplies, which would make that – well, excuse me, if we're taking 1,000 out of Dues & Subscriptions, we also need to pick that up. So make Other Supplies –

Councilmember Tornatta: 1,100.

Councilmember Raben: No, you're going to make Other Supplies \$4,100.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm saying we're taking \$1,100 over and adding to that.

Councilmember Raben: Right. So, Mr. President, let me amend my motion –

Councilmember Tornatta: And you've got – you should have \$5,500 added to Corner Perpetuation. Is that – or \$5,100.

Councilmember Raben: Right. Okay, starting with – the amendment is for the Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation Fund, again the standard salary lines including FICA and PERF will be adjusted September the 14th. 2320 Instruments should be \$1,000, 2700 Other Supplies \$4,100, 3371 Computer Hardware 6,000. All other accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: I think I seconded it earlier so I agree to the amendment.

President Winnecke: More discussion or are there other questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

2650-2320	Instruments	1,000.00
2650-2700	Other Supplies	4,100.00
2650-3371	Computer Hardware	6,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER
SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING
LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Sheriff Misdemeanor Offender, Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, Local Emergency Planning, Local Drug Free Community, I'll move that, again, all the salary lines, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in September the 14th. All other accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: 911, 3290-3890, the correct amount is \$948,455. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me. All other accounts as listed.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

3290-3890	Central Dispatch	948,455.00
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(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Abell opposed)

***SALES DISCLOSURE FEES
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT***

Councilmember Raben: Disclosure Fee account 3300, Convention & Visitors Bureau account 3570, Tourism Capital Improvement 3600 account, I'll move that those budgets, that any or all salaries will be corrected September the 14th. All other accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Raben, here again, the Disclosure fund 3370 Computer (Data Mgmt), are we wanting to review that before we follow through with the process of letting that go through?

Councilmember Raben: You know, again, this was not General fund. At this time, my concern was purely the General fund money, so I'd be happy just letting this one

go. If everyone recalls, this is for the ArcView software.

Councilmember Tornatta: We have ramped that up somewhere between, been anywhere between 4 and 6,000 and now we're looking at 10,000 for that account. I didn't know if we appreciated that much leeway in that account.

Councilmember Raben: You're welcome to check on that and again, we can make an adjustment in September if need to be.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CONVENTION CENTRE OPERATING FUND

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Convention Centre Operating Fund account 3650-4065 set in at zero. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions, discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

3650-4065	Depreciation Reserves	0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL BOND

LEVEE AUTHORITY

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

BOND ISSUE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and lastly, Mr. President, the Jail Bond, Levee Authority Distribution Tax, the Bond Issue, and Legal Aid/United Way 4290, any accounts that have salaries, I move that those along with benefits will be set in September the 14th. All other accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions, discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Lastly, Mr. President, for my behalf, I would like to thank everybody for the effort that was put forth in preparing this budget. As Finance Chairman, I think I heard too many times to count from each and everybody on this Council, everybody worked very hard to try to get a budget that is doable, that every – I feel comfortable with every department. I think they've got a budget that can get them through 2006. It may not be as much as they wanted, they may not get all the little bells and whistles that they may have requested, but I think it's a workable budget and I thank each and every one of you for all your help and input throughout the whole process. I'll just give you a real quick recap on where we're at today. We're at approximately 5.2 million dollars before we make salary line adjustments. You know, there's some salary lines that are grossly overstated, there's insurance lines that are incorrect. You know, I feel very comfortable that when we finalize this budget September the 14th, that we'll be at six million or in excess of six million dollars, which should get us exactly where we need to be.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, thank you for your hard work. I know you've been at the center of all of this. Mr. Sutton, and then I have one last item to kind of wrap everything up.

Councilmember Sutton: I wanted to add something really important, Councilman Raben has done a tremendous job in coordinating, putting the budget together and working with all sides and members of the Council here in making what has been, you know, the budget is always a tough process, but we find a way to get to that end number. But most importantly, I wanted to add that we've been able to work through these cuts and be able to provide that three percent raise which is extremely important, so as the word gets down the hallway, which its probably already all over the building already, and then no appreciable, at this point in time, no appreciable increase or change in our health plans that impacts our employees in a negative way. So it takes an awful lot of work on a lot of people's part to make that happen: Auditor's office, Sandie, and so many others. And so, we don't have the final figures yet, but its looking pretty good.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, and I appreciate that comment, and as you were speaking, the Auditor looked at me and said, its not over yet. We have to make sure that everything goes as planned, but with every hope that the three percent is going to remain intact, yes. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Just one last point of discussion, I don't know how much

thought each of you have given to it, but before we can prepare a salary ordinance and approve a salary ordinance for 2006, we need to look closely at the salary line items, especially of the Assessor's offices, many of whom have put in larger increases so as to stay ahead of their Chief Deputies. I don't know how each of you feel about that, but that is something that we do need to address before our September 14th meeting, so Mrs. Deig can prepare the appropriate salary ordinance. Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I've had talks with the Assessors and they have a unique situation. I've talked to Auditor Fluty about it, Councilman Raben, just about some ideas. The idea that I'd like to propose and have serious thought to is that we give them their natural three percent raise that they would be given for this year or for 2006, that is, and then we throw a \$5,000 step increase on their salaries, of the four full-time Assessors. That would bring them to 48,200, I believe, less than what they put on their sheets. Of all four of the Assessors I talked to, they were all agreeable to those terms. They felt like that would put them above their Chief Deputies for life that they would be in office, and there would be no more step increases at that time for their Chief Deputy. So there would be no other conflict, whether it be 2,000 or 1,000 or however much more they put, they felt comfortable that they would then be put in a position where their Chief Deputy would not ever come across or go on top of them, salary wise. And they were happy to do that and commit to having our trending done with the least amount of additional cost and on time. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I have no comment. Just for the people that may -- I can't get used to that -- people who may be listening at home, again, your intent with this is that the Chief Deputies who work under these officeholders are paid considerably more than the actual officeholder themselves, so its just trying to get that realigned. At some point probably, what, Sandie, over the last three or five years things kind of got out of whack, so its really just a one time adjustment. So again, I think what the President is asking for is just an initial nod, maybe, just so we have some sense in preparing a salary ordinance for our September meeting. Do you possibly want to contact everybody?

President Winnecke: I may do that myself.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton, were you going to say anything?

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to say go for it. You don't need a nod, I would just say just go ahead and go for it.

President Winnecke: I'll be in contact with everyone and get back with you. Again, thank you, everyone, for their hard work and I forgot to thank the Auditor's office, too. They do an awful lot of work to keep us on the straight and narrow during this process. At this point, this budget hearing stands in recess until September 14th.

(Meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Marsha Abell

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 14th day of September in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the September meeting at a special time, of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll begin with the attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X*	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman		X
President Winnecke	X	

(*Councilmember Sutton arrived shortly after conclusion of attendance roll call)

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Winnecke: Please let the record reflect that Mr. Sutton has joined us.

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES AUGUST 3, 2005</p>
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President Winnecke: Okay, at this time I would entertain approval of the minutes from our August 3rd meeting and the August 9th through 11th budget meeting.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Winnecke: Do I have a second on approval of the minutes please?

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

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

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, Mr. President.

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: First, under County Treasurer, 1030-3610 Legal Services in the amount of 2,400, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-3610	Legal Services	2,400.00	2,400.00
Total		2,400.00	2,400.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Sheriff 1050-1210 3,500, 1050-1300 90,000, 1050-1520 1,500, for a total of \$95,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1210	College Incentive	3,500.00	3,500.00
1050-1300	Overtime	100,000.00	90,000.00
1050-1520	FTO Incentive	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total		105,000.00	95,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Next under Jail, 1051-2240 Medical in the amount of

\$90,000, 1051-3051 Lodging of Inmates in the amount of 38,068, for a total of 128,068. I make that in the form of a motion and can answer any questions there may be with that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: And the final number is 128,068?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: And the Medical number one more time?

Councilmember Raben: 90,000.

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

Councilmember Raben: I might go ahead and explain that. That makes up, that 38,068 makes up the balance. If you turn back and look at where there was a transfer request out of Lodging of Inmates in the amount of \$98,432. My motion, when we get to that point, will be not to grant that transfer, so this 38,000 makes up the balance of what's requested.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2240	Medical	100,000.00	90,000.00
1051-3051	Lodging of Inmates	136,500.00	38,068.00
Total		236,500.00	128,068.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SURVEYOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Surveyor 1060-1210-1060 Assistant to Surveyor 500, FICA at \$39, PERF at 30, for a total of \$569, I move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1060-1210-1060	Asst. To Surveyor	500.00	500.00
1060-1900	FICA	39.00	39.00
1060-1910	PERF	30.00	30.00
Total		569.00	569.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

ELECTION OFFICE

Councilmember Raben: Election Office, 1210-3630 Equipment Lease & Rental in the amount of \$200, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1210-3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	200.00	200.00
Total		200.00	200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Commissioners, 1300-3050 Patient & Inmate in the amount of 500,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	1,000,000.00	500,000.00
Total		1,000,000.00	500,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Councilmember Raben: Weights & Measures 1302-4230 for \$24,800, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1302-4230	Motor Vehicles	24,800.00	24,800.00
Total		24,800.00	24,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER AGENCY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Public Defender Agency, 1303-1620-1303 through 1303-1900 set in at zero. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Winnecke: There's a motion, do I hear a second to set these in at zero?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'll give it a second just to get –

President Winnecke: Get it on the floor? Very well. Discussion or questions? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes. Did we decide what ramifications we'd have if we didn't go by the guidelines of the state?

President Winnecke: Would you like to answer? You asked Mr. Ahlers to research that.

Councilmember Abell: As a matter of fact, I'll defer to Jeff because I asked Mr. Ahlers to research this for us. I thought there was a question with the statute.

Councilmember Tornatta: Super.

Jeff Ahlers: I spoke with – well, first of all, I looked at the statute or any statutes mandating that we have to give a raise. I did speak with Chief Public Defender Steve Owens to ask him if there were any contracts or anything that, you know, maybe we weren't privy to with the state. He sent me what guidelines or, you know, motions or ordinances had been passed regarding the public defender's office and there is nothing at this time that would cause a penalty to the county for not paying that. There are guidelines, I guess, that suggest that the salary should, you know, be at the 90% level, but he agreed that at this point it would not cause there to be a penalty in the reimbursement. So the worst thing that would ever happen would be, at some point, we'd need to look into it further. He suggested that, I guess, that I guess the state was trying to get everybody, as of January 1, 2007, to be in compliance with the guidelines. But, I mean, there's no legal ramifications. I guess, the worst thing that happens is someday if the state decides that they want that to occur, could, you know, make indication that might, could affect the reimbursement level from the state in accordance with the program. But as of now, in talking with Mr. Owens, it will not be a problem. So that's up to you what you want to do with regard the appropriation request.

Councilmember Tornatta: And do they have a certain time that they have to notify a county of a change in a reimbursement situation where we would have to meet certain guidelines?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, that I can't answer whether they need to tell you in advance or not, whether or not they would change their reimbursement. I can check into that for you, if you'd like. And I can also give you, you know, copies of the guidelines and such that I received from Mr. Owens, if you would like.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Well, I mean, I guess we don't have to make this happen today, but yeah, if you could find out something along those lines because, obviously, if that hit our reimbursement, that would affect us more than a \$4,500 number.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PUBLIC DEFENDER AGENCY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-1620-1303	Chief Public Defender	4,047.00	0.00
1303-1910	PERF	310.00	0.00
1303-1900	FICA	233.00	0.00
Total		4,590.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superintendent of County Buildings, 1310-3200 Utilities in the amount of 60,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-3200	Utilities	75,000.00	60,000.00
Total		75,000.00	60,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Circuit Court 1360-3903 in the amount of \$10,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-3903	Petit Jurors	11,000.00	10,000.00
Total		11,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Burdette Park, 1450-1180-1450 Other Employees in the amount of \$35,000, 1450-3580 Vehicle Repair for \$2,000, for a total of 37,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: At our last meeting I did ask Superintendent Craig to give us an update on the income or the revenue for the park over the past few weeks or in comparison to last year, so he does have that figure. We've got such a stack of papers here, Steve, that you made reference to it, but I can't find it in this stack. Can you at least give us maybe a brief summation of where we stand on revenue in relation to last year?

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette Park. From 2005 to 2004, on the pool facility, we're approximately \$20,000 above last year. The rentals are about \$7,000 above. Day Camp was 2,000 below. Miscellaneous was 400. Previous year intake was 10,000 ahead, for a grand total of 35,000 more than we had last year at this time in our intake. And in comparison to the end of June, we were \$45,000 behind last year, at the end of June, so since the end of June until the end of August, we have made about an \$80,000 turnaround from last year.

Councilmember Sutton: Good. Now I did ask him as well, I mean, there was, just so that we're – have a good understanding. Part of it, we did have a slight fee increase at the aquatic center, is that –

Steve Craig: Yes sir. And there was no increase on the buildings. The Discovery Lodge, it went up five percent.

Councilmember Sutton: Its good news. Thank you.

Steve Craig: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thanks, Steve. Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	35,000.00	35,000.00
1450-3580	Vehicle Repair	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		37,000.00	37,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CCD/COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, under CCD funds, County Commissioners 2031-1300-3340 Juvenile Correction Facility in the amount of 700,000, 2031-1300-4416 University Parkway \$875,000 for a total of \$1,575,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Councilmember Goebel: On the facility that we're going to approve, we pay for empty beds, is that correct, if they're not being used?

President Winnecke: The, right now, the county is negotiating with the Youth Care facility for a flat annual rate that would be paid no matter how many beds would be utilized during any given time and Vanderburgh County would be credited for any empty beds that they would, that the Youth Care Center would lease out, if you would, to other counties.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I requested that we have a board member. Has that been addressed?

President Winnecke: Could you come forward, Chuck?

Chuck Harper: Good morning. Chuck Harper, Director of the Youth Care Center. We have addressed that and, Ms. Abell, we are willing to do that. It think the more appropriate appointment is on the Youth Care Center Advisory Committee because it focuses solely on the Youth Care Center and not a full board appointment to the issues that would have to do with the Rescue Mission or Camp Reveal. But we are willing to have somebody on the board if that's what the Council feels is appropriate. I think an appointment to the Advisory Committee is a more appropriate appointment.

Councilmember Abell: Who controls your budget?

Chuck Harper: The Youth Care Center budget or the budget as whole?

Councilmember Abell: Who would be in charge of watching over the taxpayers' money if we were to approve this and spend our money on it?

Chuck Harper: Our board. The Rescue Mission Board.

Councilmember Abell: Not the Advisory Board?

Chuck Harper: Not the Advisory Committee, no.

Councilmember Abell: Then I would like to see us have a member on the board that takes care of the money.

Chuck Harper: Okay.

President Winnecke: Other questions or more discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CCD/COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1300-3340	Juvenile Correction Facility	700,000.00	700,000.00
2031-1300-4416	University Parkway	875,000.00	875,000.00
Total		1,575,000.00	1,575,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

Councilmember Raben: Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals 2490-1091-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of 31,500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

**PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT
BOARD OF APPEALS**

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1091-3530	Contractual Services	31,500.00	31,500.00
Total		31,500.00	31,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION FUND REPEAL REQUEST

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund 2650-1220-2650 Chief Deputy in the amount of \$20,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2650-1220-2650	Chief Deputy	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under transfers we have a transfer for County Commissioners, I'm going to move that these lines be set in at zero and ask that they file an appropriation for these accounts for October.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we set in that amount of \$98,432?

Councilmember Raben: No, we're not transferring.

Councilmember Tornatta: I know we're not transferring. Do we need to vote on using that money out of that fund or does it get...

Councilmember Raben: No, they will just pay that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, it will be in there. Okay, I didn't know if there was any clarification that needed to be made.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3051	Lodging of Inmates	98,432.00	0.00
To: 1300-1930	Unemployment	20,000.00	0.00
1300-3120	Postage/Freight	65,000.00	0.00
1300-2600	Office Supplies	5,432.00	0.00
1300-3420	Legal Advertising	3,000.00	0.00
1300-3130	Travel/Mileage	5,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: And Cum Bridge, we have a transfer in the amount of \$98,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4408	Burkhardt Rd. Br. #290	30,000.00	30,000.00
2030-4733	Schaeffer Rd. Culvert	23,000.00	23,000.00
2030-4736	Barton Rd. Culvert	23,000.00	23,000.00
2030-4738	Oak Hill Rd. Culvert	22,000.00	22,000.00
To: 2030-4409	Kentucky Avenue Bridge	98,000.00	98,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last we have the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. I move that we set salary line 1050-1300 under Sheriff Overtime account in as previously adopted. Under Surveyor, set salary line 1060-1210 Assistant to Surveyor in as previously adopted. The 2005 salary is \$41,552. Burdette Park, set salary line 1450-1180 Other Employees in as previously adopted. And Superintendent of County Buildings, amend Salary Ordinance to allow part-time Buildings and Groundskeeper employees to be paid at the rate of \$7.50 per hour. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD & WILLARD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS

President Winnecke: Okay, under new business, I do have an appointment to the Willard Library Board of Trustees, that person is Bob Davies. And I do not have an appointment yet to the Human Relations Board, so if anyone has a suggestion I'd be happy to hear that.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX PHASE-IN GUIDELINES
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President Winnecke: At this time, the last bit of business that I am aware of has to do with the proposal to adopt tax phase-in guidelines. Mr. Tornatta has been working a lot on this topic over the last three months. It started out with Mrs. Abell, myself and Mr. Tornatta, and developed into a broader based committee that has really put a lot of hours in and did a nice job, I think, to craft a document that, I think on the surface looks like it could work for the county. Mr. Tornatta, if you would like to lead the discussion here, you're more than welcome to.

Councilmember Tornatta: Just so all Councilmembers know, the new document, again, is on your desks. And it is the latest and the newest document that we've revised and I believe this is the most correct document. So this would be the one that we'd be following in looking at any information. Anything you've received before, just go ahead and put aside and any earmarks, we'd be happy to discuss, but it might have been addressed in this newest document. If it would please the Council, I'd like to bring up a few of the architects of this document, Evan Beck, possibly Kim Howard, Marco DeLucio, I know Ken Robinson was involved in some capacities, as well as Rob Schaefer. If this Council has any questions or, Evan, if you would like to make a brief statement just to talk about what things we've gone through. I know we've kind of hit on it before, but I think you have the document that your group supports.

Evan Beck: Again, Evan Beck, President of Woodward Development and Construction. Appreciate you having us here today. Troy is accurate. We, the last time we met with you there were some errors that were discovered in the document. The one you have in front of you today appears to be the document that was agreed upon by all parties. We have spent many, many hours, a lot of hard work to getting to this point and the group that Troy is mentioning, basically the economic development ad-hoc committee that was formed by several local community leaders, and we do support the document in full and think that it will be a document that represents the community in retaining and expanding companies that are currently

here, and also hoping to attract new businesses to the area, and it addresses the issue of preserving and creating our tax base, which is the whole purpose of using tax phase in as an economic incentive. And we are here today to answer any potential questions that you may have. And I think that the differences between, I think Councilman Raben asked, to outline the differences between the current city guideline versus this new proposed county guideline, there were a few, I think four that were outlined and provided for you. So again, if you have any questions, please let us know.

President Winnecke: I think I'll start if its – make sure I get the right page here on the new...I had it earlier and lost it. I apologize.

Councilmember Sutton: Evan, since we have the benefit of having the actual copy of those differences between those, addressing Councilman Raben's question he had, could you cover through those since everyone doesn't have what we have before us today?

Evan Beck: Yes sir, Councilman Sutton. Difference number one, the county guideline document that's proposed today requires the applicant is asked to meet with all Councilmembers before County Council action on tax phase-in applications. Item number two, applicants are requires to have made reasonable efforts to substantially comply with the statement of benefits. Again, the focus is on reasonable efforts to substantially comply. Item 3, Council and DMD are responsible for scoring the project. Again, the scoring sheets that are in your document are very self explanatory and I think concise. Item 4 and the final item, scoring guidelines have been revised including more points for some questions, different questions, and the scores can go beyond 100 points, and bonus points have been added as well for certain items that we felt were important to the community. Those are the major differences at this point in time.

President Winnecke: Evan, I'd like to ask, when we first addressed this issue two or three months ago, one of the kind of sticky wickets was the whole issue of construction wage. If you could address in the bonus criteria scoring that specific element and from a developer's standpoint, are you satisfied now that this language would not be a deterrent to recruiting potential industries to our community?

Evan Beck: Yeah, you know, its been a document that we've worked very hard on as we've stated earlier and its not the most perfect scenario, but again, for the community as a whole, we think this is the best representation that we can put forth today. Again, it may be modified six months, nine months from now if we find there's a problem, but from where we started three months ago, Councilman Winnecke, to where we are today, I think the document is in a form that is acceptable. And again, its more about a substantial portion of the construction being completed under certain parameters. And I don't think, personally, that it will deter potential expansion or retention or attraction of companies to this area.

President Winnecke: Okay. The other question I had along the lines of the bonus questions, the notes I made in reviewing this, the Council may award up to ten points to a project if the applicant commits to award a substantial percentage of the total fees for construction associated with the project to companies licensed to do business in Vanderburgh County. Won't everyone claim they're going to do this on an application for the additional points, and how do we kind of police that in our scoring?

Evan Beck: I know how it could be policed from my company, it would be a simple

check with the Area Plan Commission on who is licensed to receive the permit for the project and it would be a very simple check –

President Winnecke: But won't most companies come here before they do that?

Evan Beck: Yes.

President Winnecke: So our – so really, our oversight really comes at the annual compliance –

Evan Beck: Absolutely, and the compliance from the standpoint of years one through whatever is awarded to the company, they come back in here in front of you. You have full authority as written by Indiana Code to respond accordingly to whether or not an applicant will still receive the full amount or a portion of the tax phase-in.

Councilmember Tornatta: And if I might add, that was really one of our big bases for looking at all these criteria. We knew that at some point we could call a company in every year to talk about a compliance issue if that were the case and we knew that, in fact, some of the language was taken out to put a penalty against a company because you pay in arrears. So after that first year, if they're not in compliance, we could hit them with a do not pass which would pin taxes on them within 30 days. So we really thought that the policing mechanism would be the compliance hearing and everyone on that board thought that it's a great opportunity for the Council to have that set in place.

Evan Beck: I'll further that comment by saying that, with the help of Marco DeLucio on the board and other members on the committee, we spent a lot of time trying to get the document as clean as possible in our opinion, and making sure that it meets current Indiana Code in how it relates to tax phase-in.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of the document establishing guidelines for tax phase-in for Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Mr. Sutton, are you poised to say something?

Councilmember Sutton: I have nothing to say other than I'm ready to vote.

President Winnecke: I would just offer a couple of comments. One, I think one of the things I really like about, especially the scoring system, I just went through and just got half the points in each of the categories on the personal property you could score 83 points and still qualify according to the guidelines for a seven year phase-in, which I think is good, so you don't have to have a perfect application in order to be considered for, I think, a generous phase-in. I think that's good. I think the last comment I'd like to make is, just as a reminder for the Councilmembers, and I'm assuming that this going to pass today, is that, you know, these are guidelines. It does not – each of us can take our own measures into account when we score and consider each phase-in. So these are just guidelines and I think that's important to consider as we move forward. And lastly, I would just like to thank everyone who's been involved in this from the Council's standpoint and from the Chamber's standpoint, and Vision-e. I think it's a good document and at this time, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: Any other – Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, one other piece of business that's come before us. The state has mandated and, of course, I've lost that page, but the state has mandated that we send all our Voter Registration documents to the state to have those processed and Mr. Bushrod here would like to make a comment on that. And he's kind of done a little investigation. I think he's going to save the county a few dollars.

Anthony Bushrod: I'm Anthony Bushrod, Co-Manager of Voter Registration. The company – its been mandated we send all of our cards up to have the signatures scanned. We can't do it locally. They want to charge us \$930 to come down and get the cards, we've got about 120,000, come down and get the cards and take them back up there. I looked into me taking them personally and it would be a lot cheaper. In front of you, you should have a copy of map quest that shows how many miles it is one way, but a round trip would be like 353 miles or so. Also, there is a sheet that shows what the recommended IRS mileage rate is, which includes figuring gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, and that's 48.5 cents per mile, which comes to a total for a round trip of \$171.48. Now, at a later date, I would have to go back and pick the cards back up because it takes them three to four weeks to get them processed, but still, that's a lot cheaper than the \$930 that they want to charge.

Councilmember Tornatta: And at some point, we even talked about possibly getting a couple of counties to go on the same –

Anthony Bushrod: Right, that fell through. Yeah and, you know, I wouldn't want to accept responsibility of taking theirs.

President Winnecke: So the state was going to charge us \$930 –

Anthony Bushrod: Well, not the state. The company that's scanning the cards. You

should have a chart in there that shows what they're charging each county.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell, as the former Clerk, is this a good idea, do you think?

Councilmember Abell: I actually discussed this with Mr. Bushrod briefly and I think it's the best idea. I'm concerned that he can't stay with our cards, but I guess that's –

Anthony Bushrod: I would love to, but three or four weeks, you know...

Councilmember Abell: But he is going to do a spot check to make sure we get all of them back.

Anthony Bushrod: Right.

President Winnecke: Do we need a motion on this or...what do we need to do?

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess we just wanted to bring it to the attention of the Council. I don't think we can necessarily – I don't know if we can appropriate any money in that area which would come, probably come out of Travel/Mileage, I imagine, in the Commissioner's budget. But just kind of wanted to bring it to your attention when this comes down that it's a \$931 mandatory fee that we'd have to – is that each way or is that one way?

Anthony Bushrod: That's round trip.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that bringing it back?

Anthony Bushrod: Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, so that's quite a bit. I think we can save a few dollars.

Anthony Bushrod: You know, I told them I would call them back if things changed, but I set a date for the 23rd.

Councilmember Abell: September?

Anthony Bushrod: Yeah, and I told them I would have them up there between 8 and 12.

President Winnecke: Thank you for thinking about a way to save money.

Anthony Bushrod: Okay.

President Winnecke: Any other business to come before Council? I would move that we adjourn.

Councilmember Sutton: After we adjourn, I've got one small piece of business for us.

President Winnecke: After we adjourn?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, this is a good one.

President Winnecke: Okay, we are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 14th day of September, 2005 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning. I'd like to welcome everyone to the Vanderburgh County Council's final 2006 budget hearing. We are reconvening our previously recessed meeting and I'll begin with attendance roll call, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: At this time I would ask that you stand and join me in Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 9, 10,11 AND 23, 2005 BUDGET MINUTES
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President Winnecke: Okay, at this time I would entertain approval of the minutes from our previous meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Just a couple of things for those who are in the audience and for those who are viewing at home. This is the final budget hearing and the purpose is to complete the adoption of the budget and establish salaries and all employee benefits, and also recommend to the state what the proposed tax rate should be for the following year. Today the chair will only recognize Council members until the finance chairman has completed his duties. At this time, actually, just before I turn it over to Councilman Raben, because I know we have a large contingency of folks here representing CAJE, there will be no specific reference to the dental clinic in today's activities, but it will be part of the budget as we've discussed that we previously discussed. So while there will not be a specific reference to it, it is part of what will be adopted today, I assume, given that all the votes will fall, and I believe they will, so just so you know that. At this time I'm going to ask Councilman Jim Raben, who is our finance chair, to begin with the corrections, amendments and additions.

<p>APPROVAL OF VANDERBURGH COUNTY AND CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU EMPLOYEES 2006 SALARIES</p>

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First, I move that all full-time county employees receive a three percent raise for 2006 as listed in the 2006 salary ordinance for all salaries in accordance with the county's salary ordinance. All Convention & Visitor's Bureau employees are to receive a three percent raise for 2006. All Airport Authority employees as submitted. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Winnecke: There is a motion, do I hear a second?

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second, questions or discussion? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: When you mentioned as listed on the airport, was that just three percent and no increase in the salaries out there?

Councilmember Raben: No, some of the – its my understanding some of the administrative employees, its higher than three percent.

Councilmember Wortman: And that's in your motion?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: The form I'm looking at says all Airport Authority employees shall receive three percent. Which ones are not – can you specify which ones are getting more than three?

Councilmember Raben: I would have to defer that to Bob Working.

President Winnecke: It's the administrative officers. Almost everyone else, I believe everyone else is covered by union contract. I believe there are seven administrative officers out there and just as a reminder, that's all funded by airline revenue and not by tax revenue.

Councilmember Abell: So we have to vote on that with our county employees' three percent? Is that your motion?

Councilmember Raben: I can separate that.

Councilmember Abell: I'd rather have it separated.

President Winnecke: Who had the second on that?

Councilmember Tornatta: I did.

President Winnecke: Troy, would you amend your second?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

President Winnecke: Okay, the motion on the floor is to separate the Airport Authority vote.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll amend my motion to state all county employees including the Convention & Visitors Bureau are to receive a three percent pay raise for year 2006.

President Winnecke: And you agree to second that?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, second.

President Winnecke: Further discussion before we vote?

Councilmember Sutton: Repeat that again, the motion.

Councilmember Raben: All county employees and Convention & Visitors Bureau employees are to receive a three percent pay raise for year 2006.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that reflected in our material?

Councilmember Raben: That's reflected in your Salary Ordinance, yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, because I know there's one that I know we'd had some discussion on, and I didn't see it reflected in our material. I don't know if I'm a little ahead of myself. On County Highway...

Councilmember Raben: The Superintendent?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Its three percent.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, alright. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Other discussion or questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF AIRPORT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES 2006 SALARIES
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Councilmember Raben: Next I move that the Airport Authority's budget be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Councilmember Wortman: I think we've got to be careful here because I just heard on the radio this morning that two airlines filed for bankruptcy and I know there is some discussion about everybody getting a raise and all this, but down the road the airlines, there might be others to follow and then we get too far down the road, we're

going to have problems, maybe have to rescind these raises. So I've got a problem with that right now. And then the other county employees don't get no big raises like that. The Airport Authority is under the jurisdiction of the Salary Ordinance of the County Council. So therefore, I don't go along with that and I'll express that with my vote.

President Winnecke: Other – Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, they are not, they are under the ordinance of their board. They have a separate board that runs that Airport Authority. I don't believe at this time it is in the County Council's best interest to micro manage what other boards are doing. We are, obviously, have people on the board. The Commissioners place people on the board. The Commissioners place people on the board and they can go through those individuals. But to say that we want to overturn what that particular board has done and has granted those employees, as long as they stay within their budget, they have their own budget and they are doing the things that are prudent to keeping that airport open and running, functioning, that's great. That's why those people were put on the board to be able to take care of that. The administration has done a fine job. I believe that its well within their means to be able to utilize that raise, if they're able to do it within a budget.

Councilmember Wortman: I understand that. I understand that and I've understood it for years, but at this time, I just don't see how we can do it.

Councilmember Tornatta: And make a mention, they're not under that Salary Ordinance, so it doesn't matter whether we give three percent or not, they don't have to abide by that rule.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I think there are other hard working employees that we want to keep our employees here and we shouldn't be giving to everybody else, I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

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

<p>APPROVAL OF 2006 SALARY ORDINANCE AND ADJUSTMENT OF FICA & PERF</p>

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I move that all salaries and rates be set in as listed in the 2006 Salary Ordinance, along with that the Salary Ordinance be made part of the record, all FICA & PERF be adjusted accordingly. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>APPROVAL OF EXHIBITS A THROUGH H</p>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Mr. President, I'll move that Exhibits A through H be approved as submitted. Everyone has a copy before them. I'm looking for

mine right now – here it is.

Councilmember Tornatta: I have the second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Most of these or all of these are items we have seen in previous meetings. Okay, we have a motion and second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>APPROVAL OF LIST A 2006 BUDGET CORRECTED POSITION TITLES AND SALARIES</p>

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Mr. President, I ask that all Councilmembers check the listing of salary and position title changes from the budget book and move to approve List A, and ask that that be made part of the record with one deletion. If you would turn to page 5 of 5 and strike Airport Authority employees from that line. I make that in the form of a motion.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: What list is this, please?

Councilmember Raben: List A.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Now questions or discussion?

Councilmember Abell: I have a question about the Center, Knight, Perry and Pigeon Township Assessor salaries.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, that is the requested figure, that gets them ahead of their Chief Deputies.

Councilmember Abell: That's giving each of them 5,000 plus three percent?

Councilmember Raben: Uh-huh.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: This will alleviate the problem for future years, period? This situation will not reoccur as far as Chief Deputies making more than Township Assessors?

Councilmember Raben: That is correct. It should alleviate the problem from this day forward.

Councilmember Goebel: A Chief Deputy can never surpass, is that correct?

Councilmember Tornatta: Never say never. At this time we have a worst case scenario. We have an officeholder, we have officeholders who have been in the position for over twenty years, we have their Chief Deputies who are at least at that position as well. So they've kind of come up through the ranks together. I don't know, never these two will meet from here on out as long as the Chief Deputy and the officeholder are the same. I don't know if it will ever change. I don't see it, but I mean, I guess there could be a scenario. I don't know of one off the top of my head.

Councilmember Raben: And I don't think there is a scenario. Again, you hate to say – never say never, but it does not appear as if it could happen again.

Councilmember Sutton: Are these classified or unclassified? I mean, maybe we should give some consideration, I mean, to avoid the possibility of this happening again, that we unclassify the positions and set in some type of ordinance where that Chief Deputy would be, by our Salary Ordinance, would make a percentage of what the officeholder makes like we have in some of the other offices so that, you know, when that person comes into the office, they know exactly what that salary is going to be and if county employees get a two percent, three percent, whatever it is the raise is going to be, it still stays in line and true to the spirit of whatever the ordinance might be. In most cases its 75, the Chief Deputy is 75% of the officeholder, correct? I would think it would be most appropriate for us, along, if we're going to do this, that we also put in an ordinance that stipulates that as well and unclassify those positions so that we can do that.

President Winnecke: Yes, Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: Right now all the Chief Deputies in the Assessor's offices have a cap of a Step 7, they can't go any higher, so they'll never, right now, they will never surpass, if it stays the same, the Assessor.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, but if you've got one of those Chief Deputies that leave, you have someone that comes in with equal or greater experience –

Sandie Deig: No, Step 7 is as high as they can go. Under a PAT IV, I think we have a Step 5, a Step 6 and two Step 7's. But Step 7 is the cap.

Councilmember Goebel: Sandie, you're saying then this could never happen again?

Sandie Deig: Again, somebody said never say never. But right now, the way the ordinance is right now, the Chief Deputy will not surpass the Assessor.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I agree with Councilman Sutton, that we must come up with a plan or an ordinance that will guarantee this doesn't happen again. Its really a –

President Winnecke: But its in place because its based on their current pay structure, that is as high as they can go.

Councilmember Raben: Our Salary Ordinance follows what is known as the Oliver system and the only way that that could change is if at some point, we made a change to that. So, again, its – it could happen if future Councils decide to adopt further steps, but as our Salary Ordinance is written today, it could not surpass the officeholder.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I have a question on List A, page one of five. In the Sheriff department, line item 1050-234 Lieutenant set in at \$100. I'd like somebody to explain that to me please. Will you, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I can explain that, I certainly can. The situation with the Sheriff's office, according to the state statute, if the outgoing Sheriff can continue to work for the Sheriff's department, he has to go back to his last highest rank. What the Sheriff's office has done for the last year that I know of, maybe longer, have allowed a Lieutenant position to remain empty, that's a position that needs to be filled, has not been filled. So this basically establishes a line, we're only putting \$100 in it should, so we can go ahead and bring on the Lieutenant that they need and should they need it, Sheriff Ellsworth then has a position to fall back into.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, we've never done that before, so I'd be against that.

President Winnecke: Any other questions? We've kind of jumped around a little bit but any other discussions relating to the Chief Deputies?

Councilmember Goebel: I'm not totally satisfied with the situation. I don't know if a Level 8 would ever be created or something like that, but I don't think it would be. But still, it just doesn't seem to me that we're finishing our business limiting the Chief Deputies so they cannot surpass the elected officeholder. I know what's going to happen this time, but I think we have to guarantee that it won't happen again because the method we're using right now, I don't think its quite right. Does that make sense?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, we're talking right now, these lines don't meet. These two lines will not meet for these individuals. And if a Chief Deputy comes in,

they have to fall back down to the lowest spot and move up, but the officeholder will continue at its rate. So that would be more disparity between those two rates at that point. And the thing that last got these two offices close has been the longevity of the Chief Deputies and their step increases, which are not your normal three percent. They could get a – yeah, like a three and three if they have a certain step increase. Their steps are done, so if the Chief Deputy gets a three, so does the officeholder, there's no way that there's going to be any type of cross over at that time. And I doubt that you're going to have a Chief Deputy come up into the ranks that's going to have 25 or 30 years in order to get that salary. And right now, it's covered. And like Councilman Raben said, the only way that this thing changes is if there's a legislative change which, you know, we can't do anything about that. And at that point, we'll have to address what the legislative change is and how it will affect our payroll system.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think and precisely to Councilman Goebel's point, though we may have addressed the situation with what is proposed here, I would see no problem with putting something in to ensure that down the road it does not happen to further burden the taxpayers and this Council with readdressing this issue over and over again. And it would appear that what is being put in place here will fix the situation. But just to add as an extra measure of caution, I think would be very appropriate to address that through the form of changes to our Salary Ordinance to ensure that it is properly addressed all the way through the process, and not just a band-aid on it.

President Winnecke: For the purposes of today's exercise, if we approve what's been presented and we ask our employment/financial consultant, Mr. Deisher, to work on a plan for us to consider at a future meeting about to address your very concerns, that might be a prudent action for today.

Councilmember Sutton: He's quiet. Mr. Deisher?

Tim Deisher: Certainly I'll do that.

Councilmember Raben: Again, just for everyone's comfort, I think we're talking about a very hypothetical situation. In fact, as a Chief Deputy would retire or would be replaced, they're going to be brought back in at the introductory level. There may be some things factored in, but it would never be anywhere close to a Step 7, COMOT IV, Step 7, so I mean, it's – the likelihood, I mean, it's probably almost an impossibility that the situation could ever arise because the officeholder's salary is going to continue to increase. The Chief Deputy, at some point, is going to be set back in at a much lower figure. You know, you get Step increases off of your years of service, basically. So it's just really, the likelihood is just very nil.

Councilmember Goebel: I think President Winnecke's recommendation is a good one, so that will be fine with me, if we come up with an ordinance so even though the probability is almost nil that it will ever happen again, we can assure that it will not.

President Winnecke: Okay, great. Mr. Deisher, if you could work on that and let me know when you have something, I will put it on the agenda. Other discussion?

Councilmember Abell: I'd just like to make one correction. That isn't true that a new Chief Deputy would come in and start at the bottom. If you transfer a Chief Deputy in from another department, they bring their steps with them, they bring their longevity with them. And if somebody has a Step 7 in the Treasurer's office and they

transfer in and become a Chief Deputy in the Knight Assessor's office, they bring their Steps with them. They wouldn't come in starting at zero, they'd come in with their longevity with them.

Councilmember Raben: True, but again, they can't go beyond a Step 7.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

<p>APPROVAL OF LIST B 2006 BUDGET ADDITIONAL CUTS/ADDITIONS/CHANGES</p>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I move that, all Councilmembers have been given a list of additional cuts and/or additions, what is known as List B. I move that List B be approved and be made a part of the minutes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. If you want to take a second to review that or a minute to review that. Again, these are all cuts that have been discussed at various points.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, one thing I'm glad to see that's been, maybe it was an oversight on our part or Commissioner's part, is the televising of the meetings that's been added back to the Council's budget.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do those monies include just Council...

Councilmember Raben: Just the Council's.

Councilmember Tornatta: And, good point, Councilman Sutton. The other thing I'd like to point out, although it doesn't have anything to do with the cuts, I had a cut in one of the budgets because it was a contractual line. And it was used for an employee. Just trying to get this out on the record and I would like the Council to really look into the fact that we do not want to see any offices circumvent our way that we use job study, the way that we bring employees on, whether they're part-time employees or full-time employees, and I think we really have to just make it known that this Council does not condone circumventing processes by which we use to hire employees. And to hire them out of a contractual line is not, is a circumvention that we don't want to see. So I'd like to get that out there and I'm fine with the List B, but just want to make it clear that we want to see employees brought on in the correct way, through the correct channels, so that we have a good, clean record of how we hire our employees. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Other comments or questions relating to List B that's before us? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'm sorry. I have one question.

President Winnecke: That's fine.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**APPROVAL OF 2006 BUDGET
LIST B-1**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Mr. President, I move that List B-1 be approved and also be made part of the minutes.

President Winnecke: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF ALL OTHER 2, 3, AND 4000 ACCOUNTS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I move all other 2, 3 and 4000 accounts for the 2006 budget be adopted as previously approved. I'm going to read the following: 911 Emergency Service, Airport Authority, Area Plan Commission, Armstrong Assessor, Armstrong Assessor/Reassessment, Auditor, Auditor/Reassessment, Bond Issue, Burdette Park, Center Assessor, Center/Reassessment, Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center, Circuit Court, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Convention & Visitors Commission, Convention Center Operating Fund, Coroner, County Treasurer, County Assessor, County Assessor/Reassessment, County Recorder, County Clerk, County Clerk IV-D, County Commissioners,

County Commissioners/CCD Fund, County Council, County Highway, County Co-op Extension, County Surveyor, Cum Bridge, Disclosure Fees, Drainage Board, Drug & Alcohol Deferral, Election Office, German Assessor, German Assessor/Reassessment, Health Department, Jail Bond, Knight Assessor, Knight Assessor/Reassessment, Legal Aid, Legal Aid/United Way, Levee Distribution Tax, Local Drug Free Community, Local Emergency Plan Commission, Local Roads & Streets, Perry Assessor, Perry Assessor/Reassessment, Pigeon Assessor, Pigeon Assessor/Reassessment, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals/Reassessment, Prosecutor, Prosecutor Fees Check Recovery, Prosecutor Drug Law Enforcement Program, Prosecutor IV-D, Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion, Prosecutor Stop Domestic Violence, Prosecutor Victims/Witness Assistance Program, Public Defender Commission, Riverboat, Scott Assessor, Scott Assessor/Reassessment, Sheriff, Sheriff Community Corrections, Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, Sheriff Vanderburgh County Community Corrections Misdemeanor Offender, Superintendent Of County Buildings, Superior Court, Superior Drug Court, Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Surveyor Maps, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation, The Centre, Tourism Capital Improvement, Union Assessor, Union Assessor/Reassessment, Vanderburgh County Department of Child Services and Division of Family Resources, Veterans Administration, Voters Registration and Weights & Measures. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Councilmember Abell: When are we to discuss the two pages we have here regarding detention officers? I guess I missed hearing that.

Councilmember Raben: – pages we have here –

Councilmember Abell: Well, it was laying on my desk and I was waiting for us to get to it.

Councilmember Raben: I –

President Winnecke: Its part of the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I didn't hear it mentioned and I like to have some discussion on that.

Councilmember Raben: Could I see what you're referring to?

Councilmember Abell: These two pieces of paper that have –

President Winnecke: I don't have them either.

Councilmember Abell: They were sent to me. You don't have this?

Councilmember Tornatta: What page is that? Is there a page number on it, because that's what's in here.

President Winnecke: Okay, I tell you what we're going to do. This motion relates to 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts. We can circle back and address this in a moment,

but right now, the motion is on the floor for 2, 3, and 4000 accounts. Are there other questions relating to that?

Councilmember Tornatta: I second.

President Winnecke: We already got your second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, the question raised was where did two faxed copies out of the Exhibit A through H from the Salary Ordinance come from on Councilperson Abell's desk? I have no idea. I mean, somebody, since you –

Councilmember Abell: I had them given to me because I was not privy to the meeting that you had with the Sheriff, although I am their liaison. And I want to discuss it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Again, those two sheets that are laying on your desk are part of this booklet.

Councilmember Abell: I want to eliminate four detention officers until we have an opportunity to have a meeting that Judge Trockman is setting up to review court security to see if we can find the money to put from court security into this account to cover the deficit, the amount that we don't have to cover this budget. I understand we're over \$200,000 short and I want to eliminate four Detention Officers until such time as we have that meeting to determine if we can pick up the extra money from reducing the court security staff. And that's been an ongoing project that I've been

working on. I just talked to Judge Trockman yesterday and he's setting up a meeting with the judges and hopefully, the Sheriff's representative, and I'll be there, and I think this is a way we can come up with some money that we don't have.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. First let me make a statement here. I mean, you and I discussed this last week and I told you today is the last and final day to prepare this budget, to set this budget that goes to the state. The numbers, we have to prepare what we think we're going to need for 2006. If we need to make amendments at any point, that will have to be negotiated with the Sheriff's office. I'm sure he would agree to repeal these salary lines should that happen. But again, we can't wait until the day we're finalizing our budget that goes from here to Indianapolis to make those amendments.

Councilmember Abell: You're saying we, as a Council, can't eliminate an expense that we don't think is necessary just because it was put in and submitted?

Councilmember Raben: Do you have a for sure...have the judges guaranteed to you, I mean, do you have their word that that's what's going to happen?

Councilmember Abell: I have their word that there's going to be a meeting and I know that the court security budget is over \$900,000 with Deputies that are well in excess of \$50,000 sitting at the door doing nothing. This is ridiculous. I want to eliminate these four people. If you don't want to, and I can't do it, I understand that. But I want to make the point that I've been working on this. Its not my fault that we can't get it done by today, but we certainly could eliminate four Detention Officers to make sure that this budget is correct.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll allow you to make that call.

President Winnecke: Well, right now, we've approved the Salary Ordinance so we would have to go back and reopen the Salary Ordinance. We'd have to vote to reopen that line. At this time, I'm comfortable leaving the Salary Ordinance the way it is. I don't think there's enough information to know what kind of savings we can count on. I'm comfortable leaving it the way it is. Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Is there a time table when an actual amount that could be worked out with the courts, as far as making the change? Can we repeal later and put a new policy into place at a later date if we approve today?

President Winnecke: When do you anticipate your meeting?

Councilmember Abell: I spoke to Judge Trockman yesterday. He intends for the meeting to be this next week.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to add, I mean, obviously, Councilman Abell has put in a lot of time and effort on this and just as we've got some things in our next meeting that we're going to be considering that are kind of new and a change to how we've kind of conducted on the tax abatement side, tax phase-in, I mean, this too, would be something that if she's put this kind of time into it, we'll bring a proposal for it, for the Council to consider. And we can make a decision at that time. I don't think it should be the end of the road for the proposal, and then if there's some adjustment that then eventually affects our 2006 budget, then I'm sure we're

going to go in and make adjustments as necessary. But we all have a proposal in hand that we can work with and look at the options and make a decision. I think it would be the best way, Councilman Abell, to move forward with it.

President Winnecke: Anybody else? Lets move on. Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Abell: I think Mrs. Abell is right. I think Mr. Raben has been working with the Sheriff going around Mrs. Abell and she's the liaison (Inaudible – microphone turned off) I don't like it.

President Winnecke: I'm just going to say one thing and then, you know, if someone wants to make a motion, that's fine. I don't know what's going on about meetings and who is invited to what meetings or what, but I would say that we're all elected officials. Mr. Raben is the finance chair, I have no problem with anyone contacting any elected officeholder and, you know, I think its well within his purview to call the Sheriff or Mr. Working or Mrs. Smith, anybody, so that being said, if someone wants to make a motion to reopen, I'll entertain it, but I don't know that it will fly.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'm going to, in my defense, I'm going to make one quick statement. Again, we've discussed this. I told Councilman Abell last week, I said I cannot, you can't come to me Wednesday and say, hey, we need to try to put the toothpaste back into the tube, we need to make these changes. We do know that it requires thirty-four new staff members to operate the new jail. We all know that, so if we can reduce that number between now and the first of the year, that's fine. But if we can't those positions are in this budget. It won't require additional funding next year. We have budgeted for it if they're required.

Councilmember Tornatta: I need to clarify something as well. I mean, I think that good work and due diligence to bring some light and some different ideas to the table and Mrs. Abell has been very good in bringing those ideas to the table. Timing was an issue and those things weren't done. It doesn't mean that the job is done, forget about it, don't worry about, I mean, I think it's a good opportunity for us to move forward and see if we can't bring some stuff to light. The only thing I disagree is there could be four people down there that's going to save somebody's life some day and its not going to happen today, and it might not happen over the past 50 years they've been in that office working at that stop, but we need to respect every employee as long as they're employed by Vanderburgh County. And we've done our diligence to make sure that they're paid right, given them a three percent raise, but I don't think its this Council's objective to degrade the job that they've done over the time that they've put their time in. And so I applaud all our county members. I hope that it is their focus that they work hard, and they're great employees for Vanderburgh County and do not want to, at any time, put any type of restriction or tell them that they aren't doing an ample job at the job that they're doing, no matter what their pay.

President Winnecke: Before we move on, we're going to change tapes.

(Tape changed)

President Winnecke: Anyone else? Mr. Raben, let's move on to the Health Insurance issue.

APPROVAL OF 2006 HEALTH INSURANCE
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President, all Councilmembers have been given a final copy of insurance data. I move that the County Council approve the 2006 Insurance budget as listed. These figures represent the county's share of the county's three current health plans with the total employee's contribution at eight percent. The figures are for full-time employees and do not include insurance for Superior Court Magistrates. And I would also move that this insurance data be made part of the record. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Tornatta: Councilman Raben? If I could interrupt here for just a second. Councilman Sutton brought this to my attention as well, if we could just entertain looking at List B, there was an addition to that list and I apologize, we didn't catch it. Obviously, this is the first time some of us have seen this document. Was there some type of discussion of the salary of the Executive Director of Legal Aid?

Councilmember Raben: No, that's what was budgeted last year. That's the United Way stipend. I mean, this stays consistent with her salary last year with the exception of the three percent pay raise.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, there was an additional stipend. I think that that's one thing that both the City and County Council had talked about. At this time, they were comfortable with increasing that extra stipend. Was there another number that was introduced?

President Winnecke: That's the figure that they requested.

Councilmember Sutton: While she's looking it up, I think the question was, as I can recall when they came forward to us this year and then last year, the concern that they have is the potential inequity between the Executive Director and the person directly under the Executive Director and trying to make sure that those salaries, that there's a certain amount of distance between them. Is that what this stipend is trying to address?

President Winnecke: Right, and this is not tax money, its United Way funding, this piece of it. The \$5,000 increase is United Way funding.

Councilmember Raben: Again –

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, we've discussed this in the past, United Way always funds a certain amount. They just drop funding in other areas. They allocate it to difference sections.

President Winnecke: Right, and what the Legal Aid board has said to us on a couple of occasions is that they have reallocated their United Way monies to make sure that they can fund this \$5,000 additional stipend.

Councilmember Tornatta: But then we make up the difference. Is that correct?

President Winnecke: That position is funded through United Way funds and through tax monies, but we don't make up anything. There is a set amount that is budgeted from the county. The United Way piece actually, if you want to look at it, really, acts as the additional stipend if you would, but their board has decided that they will reallocate their United Way resources to pay for this.

Councilmember Raben: And I'll turn to our Executive Assistant. This is consistent with the action we took last year, correct?

Sandie Deig: No, the \$5,000, you denied last year. This year you're adding.

Councilmember Raben: That's the United Way's portion.

President Winnecke: Right. But they did come before us last year and we denied it last year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, but we're agreeing to it this year.

Councilmember Raben: This time its with the United Way funds.

Councilmember Tornatta: But this is the same proposal that came to us last year.

President Winnecke: And we denied it. This year we're approving it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. That was not discussed and that was cut out. In

all of our negotiations, that was cut out of the Salary – or yeah, the Salary Ordinance, in all our discussions. And –

Councilmember Raben: I'm fine, we can go in and open that line. I'm fine with that.

Councilmember Tornatta: I make a motion to open it up, and I have a –

President Winnecke: I tell you what, we're going to come back. I don't mind going back there, but let's finish the agenda first and then we'll come back to it. Okay, Mr. Raben, proceed.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, did we complete our vote on the last motion?

President Winnecke: We voted on the Insurance, correct.

REOPEN LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY BUDGET

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move that we reopen account 4290-1120 United Way Executive Director.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion to reopen. Roll call vote to reopen the line.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: No.

(Motion carried 6-1/President Winnecke opposed)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move that 4290-1120 United Way Executive Director be set in at zero.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Councilmember Goebel: Again, this is funded entirely by United Way and their board has agreed to the stipend, so –

President Winnecke: They've been before us on two occasions stating that.

Councilmember Goebel: It really means nothing to the Vanderburgh County taxpayer?

President Winnecke: That's correct.

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't agree with that. It did last year and now all of the sudden, this year it doesn't.

President Winnecke: No, it didn't.

Councilmember Tornatta: The United Way money is, from what I understand, are just moving their monies to a different area, and we're picking up the part that they're moving them from.

President Winnecke: That's not correct.

Councilmember Raben: They didn't reduce their other –

President Winnecke: They have not reduced allocating to other agencies to make up for this. They get a pot of money that is Legal Aid, from United Way. The Legal Aid board has decided they are dividing their pot of money differently so they can make this additional \$5,000 stipend. That's all there is to it.

Councilmember Tornatta: How do I get clarification of that because last year it was not that way. Last year it was not that way.

President Winnecke: They've been before us twice to explain that. We've had members of their board of directors here to tell us.

Councilmember Tornatta: And we weren't comfortable with it then, and I don't know how we all of the sudden became comfortable –

President Winnecke: This year we've had board members here to explain it to us.

Councilmember Tornatta: They've explained it to the City and County Council in conjunction in their meetings and each time its always been they're just moving to a different section and saying Legal Aid is taking care of that and then the County is picking up the portion from which they moved those monies. And I'm not talking from outside, I'm talking if they moved it from a paper line to the salary line, we're picking up that \$5,000 for paper. So in a sense, we're picking up that money, they're just saying we're throwing it in a salary line to take care of her salary. And my point is, they're moving it from the monies that they're giving to the Legal Aid. They're

distributing it and paying for her salary, yet leaving a line item open that we're going to have to make up. So either way, we're paying this \$5,000 from the county. And if you have clarification, I want to know because in the past two years I've heard it, I've not heard anything different from what I'm telling you.

President Winnecke: Well, I can just tell you, one of the board members, I know that Mr. Guerrettaz was here, I can't remember the other board members. They have been in this room explaining this very issue twice. So –

Councilmember Tornatta: And I understood it, and when they brought it to me a second year, with the same protocol, I understood the same thing I did the year before, so I didn't have to ask a question. So, I mean, its just a movement of money.

Councilmember Raben: Can I offer a suggestion? If the United Way has made this offer months ago, I'm sure they'll make it again. So we can always go back in and set this in next year in January if their offer holds. So let's just leave it at that. But I agree with Councilman Winnecke, its always been my understanding that, just using a number, if United Ways' portion of funding for this budget was \$150,000, \$150,000 continues plus this extra five.

President Winnecke: Okay, the motion on the floor is to set this line in at zero. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: No.

4290-1120	Executive Director-stipend	5,000.00
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(Motion carried 4-3/Councilmembers Abell, Wortman & Winnecke opposed)

Councilmember Sutton: Jeff, how many votes does that need?

President Winnecke: Just four. Okay, let's move on.

ADOPTION OF TAX RATES AND LEVIES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I move that the County Council set a county tax rate as deemed appropriate by the Indiana State Tax Commissioners following the review of our budget. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ADOPTION OF CUMULATIVE BRIDGE TAX RATE

Councilmember Raben: Next, I move that we set the Cum Bridge tax rate in at .03 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>DESIGNATE ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX (COIT) TO LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS FUND</p>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, I move that we set one million dollars in COIT into the Local Roads & Streets budget. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, that kind of concludes my portion of the budget. I would like to make a closing remark that, while today it may not have appeared as if things went as smooth, it certainly wasn't indicative to the last several weeks of efforts by everyone on this board. I thought going into today, everything went very well and I applaud each and every one of you. I'd also like to thank our Executive Assistant Sandie Deig along with her assistant Sarah Nunn, which those two individuals have burned the candle at both ends along beside us to finalize this budget. With the action that has taken place today, the total budget cuts came to a little over 5.7 million dollars. Its actually 5,747,299, so we've worked hard, we've got what I think will allow us to have a healthy operating unappropriated balance next year and again, I thank everyone and that concludes matters for me. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I'd like to also thank Councilman Raben for, you've done this several years since I've been on Council. Each year it seems to get smoother. I'd just like to say that this Council has worked as good together as any Council that I've been on. I think that each of us have taken a task and maintained that task, brought it to our finance chair and have explained it and minus a few hiccups here or there or some timing issues, things have come in really well and we could not stare this monster in the face without the cooperation of all seven Councilmembers and I appreciate just the working together with all of you and thanks for heading the thing up, Councilman Raben.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: My initial experience with the budget, I also want to say thanks to all the Council persons because I think that we worked in a bipartisan manner. We tried to do the best with what we have available and always to remember the Vanderburgh County taxpayer as we've gone through the process. And I think that every individual sitting on this Council has been very open and worked hard for the benefit of our Vanderburgh County residents. So from my standpoint, I just want to say thanks to the members and hopefully we can live with this and it will get better in the future.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to add, President Winnecke, that I think we can't

really fully underscore the value in terms of the effort and the time we've put into this on all the Councilmembers part, and it was a rather tall task that we had ahead of us in trying to cut several million dollars out of our budget for 2006. And somehow, a way was found to be able to do that and at the same time, with several highlights that I think we should underscore, and that is being able to provide a three percent raise for county employees for 2006. And last year there wasn't as bright a picture. We knew that last year was going to be tough going in and it was tough going this year, but the way things fell, we're able to do that. So I think it speaks to the good, hard work that county employees put in and fortunately, we were able to find a way to be able to show that level of support in the form of that pay raise and without any substantial increase in health insurance, being able to maintain a good health insurance program. And then the other progress that's been made as far as the law enforcement and so many other offices and creative new things that we're taking on like the dental clinic. So being able to do those kind of things in the context of the matter of the few short weeks that we have takes an awful lot of work and effort. And I'd like to commend you, Councilman Raben and Councilman Winnecke, on helping to gather and pull all of us together to work as a team to make this happen and the feedback and support we get from the officeholders is very valuable in helping us to craft together a budget that works for Vanderburgh County, and ultimately keeping the tax rate, which is very important, keeping the tax rate low here while providing the essential services needed.

President Winnecke: Okay, I know there are a lot of people here, some of whom may like to say something. We do have a limited amount of time, but we have another meeting shortly. I would open up brief time for comments from the audience if anyone is so inclined.

Jay Davidson: Hard to resist an open mike.

President Winnecke: There you go. If you could state your name for the record, please.

Jay Davidson: Father Jay Davidson, I'm with CAJE, Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment. And I really wasn't prepared to make a statement, but I do have a question. The paper reported that at your previous budget hearing you had approved the \$80,000 from casino funds for this new dental clinic. We were here at that meeting and I didn't hear that motion. Did it happen or not? Was it veiled? When did it come and go?

President Winnecke: It did happen in the County Commission budget relating to Riverboat funding.

Jay Davidson: Was it explicitly mentioned there or is that just part of a package that —

President Winnecke: Part of a group package and we'll pull out \$80,000 from the 1.5 million dollars that is set aside in the Riverboat account, specifically for the dental operation.

Jay Davidson: Okay, I appreciate that and we appreciate your efforts on this. We do feel that the budget calls for \$280,000 to make this clinic happen, so we're waiting to see what further magic you can work. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you. Anyone else? If you could state your name for the

record, please.

Charles Carey: My name is Charles Carey. I'm not an official with CAJE, but as you can see, I've been around a long time and its all in Evansville. And we've had a problem in Evansville with dental care for the poor for a long time. I want to take just one moment of your time for you to imagine having a toothache for a year, and what you might do about it if you didn't have the money. I can tell you of six instances where a person wrapped adhesive tape around a pair of pliers, pulled their own teeth because they were so desperate and had such a problem with the pain that they didn't think they could wait the time it took to have it serviced under our present system. One of those people was my own son and when I found out about it, I was not a happy camper. And I would suggest to you that each of you probably know someone who has been forced into that kind of desperation. And I implore you to do whatever you can to keep people from having to make that type of a choice. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, sir. Anyone else? Having no other business, I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion.

President Winnecke: We are adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of October in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: I'd like to welcome everyone to the October 5th meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll begin with the attendance roll call.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell		X
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 14, 2005 REGULAR AND FINAL BUDGET MEETINGS</p>
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President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our September 14th meeting.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our final budget meeting of September 14, 2005.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: Okay, before we begin with our appropriation requests, I thought I'd just remind the folks who are viewing at home and also who are in the audience who may not be with us on a regular basis, that the votes we are about to cast, we heard a lot of information on last week. So if we don't ask questions today, we are apparently comfortable with the request before us and with that caveat, I'll turn it over to our finance chair, Mr. Raben.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First, under Jail, 1051-1950-1051 through 1051-2242 for a total request of \$203,964, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Councilman Raben, I guess I'm focusing on our unappropriated balance in the General Fund is, I don't know if my report, the report is dated 9/15 and we've got \$198,812 in there, –

Councilmember Raben: I can answer that. We'll be following up with a Repeal just shortly for about 240 or \$250,000.

Councilmember Sutton: As well, I mean, we are – still have a couple of more months to go in the year, so just trying to get an idea if we're fully aware of what we're working with on limited funds here.

Councilmember Raben: You're exactly right, things are going to be close. The unappropriated balance after today will fall in just below \$80,000. One thing we do have to remember that there are other funds should we have an emergency such as our COIT Windfall account or even our set aside that we needed to pull monies out for an emergency, we can certainly do that.

Councilmember Sutton: And I guess maybe along that line, I mean, if there are some things that we anticipate through the end of the year that really demand our attention, we really need to get those requests in as soon as possible and not wait until December. That will be for all department heads, officeholders, so that we can be as adequately prepared to make any transfers or pull from other funds if we need to do so.

Councilmember Raben: We may just have to buckle up and put everything off, too.

Councilmember Sutton: Absolutely.

President Winnecke: I think that request is a good one and, Mrs. Deig, if you could make a note to send a memo to the department heads and officeholders to apprise us of especially large spending requests they might anticipate before year's end, that would be good for us to have before our next meeting.

Councilmember Tornatta: And probably put P.O.'s in there as well.

President Winnecke: Right. Any other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1950-1051	Teamster Education Fund	2,464.00	2,464.00
1051-3051	Lodging of Inmates	136,500.00	136,500.00
1051-2240	Medical	50,000.00	50,000.00
1051-2242	Medical-Other Counties	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total		203,964.00	203,964.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Coroner, 1070-3650 Autopsies in the amount of 40,000, 1070-3200 Utilities for 2,000, for a total of 42,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-3650	Autopsies	45,000.00	40,000.00
1070-3200	Utilities	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		47,000.00	42,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Commissioners, 1300-1930 down through 1300-3420 for a total of \$116,191, I'll move approval.

President Winnecke: There is a motion. Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: The Office Supplies request, Commissioner Musgrave, could you talk about that request? I know last month we had some discussion about Office Supplies, so if you could maybe give us some insight on this request here.

Cheryl Musgrave: I attempted to prepare for today's meeting as I was not here for the discussion last month. And I am here today as Commissioner Crouch is out of town. And I was unable, even though I requested the minutes of that meeting, to obtain a copy of the minutes. And so I am not aware of the discussion about the Office Supply line item and I would request that you convey to me what the concerns were so that I may address them.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, maybe if you could just speak to maybe what the request is here then maybe we can reflect on what it was – if you can just talk about this.

Cheryl Musgrave: The bulk of this money, I've been told that \$5,000 worth of it, is to pay for the paper that is used in the common copy machine in the Auditor's Office and it pays for the paper that all of the offices run through that machine.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, well, that is a different issue from what we were talking about last month so, –

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay.

President Winnecke: Other questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes. One is the travel request. We show that we spent roughly \$8,800 through the year, yet we have \$3,800 still in the balance –

Cheryl Musgrave: I'm sorry, what did you say the balance was?

Councilmember Tornatta: The current balance is \$3,800. I take that back, there is a – do we have what we've spent in the account? I've got the wrong number here.

Cheryl Musgrave: I am told that today's balance is \$3,436.36.

Councilmember Tornatta: What have we spent so far this year?

Cheryl Musgrave: I don't have that figure –

President Winnecke: It would be roughly \$11,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. And I guess what I'm asking, in two months we think we're going to go through \$8,800 in that account?

Cheryl Musgrave: I'm told that this amount is hard to predict as the Commissioners pay for the travel of various officeholders who go to conferences and so its not just the Commissioner's budget and that the fall conferences are coming up for all of the officeholders. For example, Mr. Fluty is not here today because he is at the fall Auditor's conference. I will be at the fall AIC conference as will Z Tuley and I believe its her Chief Deputy have also asked for the Treasurer's office. So there are a number of conferences coming up and I'm told that this is the amount of money that appears to be necessary to keep us going through the end of the year.

Councilmember Tornatta: And we're not condoning at this point, with limited funds, that there be multiple people in an office go. I think we've kind of let that cat out the bag earlier this year. But \$3,800 to me seems like plenty of money to get us through the year on the travel side. Legal Advertising, I'm fine. On the Postage, for the taxes, is that where the Postage stands?

Cheryl Musgrave: No, and that's why I approached the microphone today, President Winnecke. I'm happy to be able to reduce that – is that a \$60,000 figure?

President Winnecke: Yes, ma'am.

Cheryl Musgrave: Down to \$10,000. We've had a conversation with Linda in Purchasing and you'll note that the Commissioners, just like the paper with the copier in the Auditor's office and the travel, the Commissioners pay for the postage for all the offices and now Purchasing believes that \$10,000 will see us through to the end of the year so you can take \$50,000 off the request today.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'm going to amend my motion: 1300-1930 Unemployment in the amount of \$20,000, 1300-2600 in the amount of \$5,430, 1300-3021 in the amount of \$17,761, 1300-3120 Postage in the amount of \$10,000, 1300-3130 Travel in the amount of \$2,500, 1300-3420 Legal Advertising for 8,000 and I believe the corrected figure should be \$60,691.

President Winnecke: 60,691?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, if someone has a calculator, they may want to double check that, but that's what I've got.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, will you amend your second?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: And then I just have one quick question please. As far as the paper, we're planning on buying \$5,400 worth of paper for that Auditor's machine? I mean, are those – we're buying a bulk amount for the Auditor's office in paper?

Cheryl Musgrave: That's what I'm told will take us through to the end of the year. I'm told that we have \$45.60 in that account right now. If you feel that number should be different, that's fine. Again, that's the common copier for all of the offices.

Councilmember Tornatta: \$5,000 is a lot of paper.

Cheryl Musgrave: We're also happy, if you do not give us that \$5,000 and you instead ask the Auditor to appropriate that since the copier is physically located in the Auditor's office and they are in a better position to give you the counts on that machine and the traffic on that machine. We'd be more than happy to take that away from our line item and give it to the Auditor.

Councilmember Raben: First, I think the correct figure should be \$63,691, 63,691. Back to the issue of the paper, I don't know that we're going to address that particularly since the Auditor is at the Auditor's conference.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, could we not set that in at zero and then they can make an appropriation?

Councilmember Raben: Well, we can, but if we're going to be appropriating \$5,000 and –

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I don't know that that's the number. That's what I've asked. Is that the number we're looking for a big crate of paper to last us two and a half months? I don't know, that's why I'm asking.

President Winnecke: Eventually we'll need, I mean, the paper is not going to go bad.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's the question, are we buying it all on paper? I mean, that's what I think we're hearing, but I don't know if that's what's actually happening.

Cheryl Musgrave: The Commissioners would be fine if you took the \$5,000 out of our budget which we were obligating toward paper, take it away entirely, and ask the Auditor. That is what the money is for.

Councilmember Raben: I'm comfortable with that. I think we've, again, –

President Winnecke: Comfortable leaving it as it is?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: I did have one more question for the Commissioners and that's on the Unemployment. Is that kind of, that figure, how did we arrive at that? Do we have some things that are coming up that helped us get to that number or –

Cheryl Musgrave: There are current claimants receiving benefits and this is the

correct number to reach to the end of the year for that line.

President Winnecke: Other questions or more discussion? Roll call vote please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-1930	Unemployment	20,000.00	0.00
1300-2600	Office Supplies	5,430.00	0.00
1300-3021	Hillcrest-Washington	17,761.00	0.00
1300-3120	Postage/Freight	60,000.00	0.00
1300-3130	Travel/Mileage	5,000.00	0.00
1300-3420	Legal Advertising	8,000.00	0.00
Total		116,191.00	0.00

(Motion fails 3-3/Councilmembers Tornatta, Sutton and Goebel opposed)

President Winnecke: Okay, I guess we'll address this at a later time.

Councilmember Goebel: Can I ask a question? If we adjust the Office Supplies, can we come back and do that and grant the rest of the request?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: We have to open it.

President Winnecke: I would consider a motion at this time to reopen these line items.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'm going to move that 1300-1930 be set in at 20,000, 1300-3021 \$17,761, 1300-3120 10,000, 1300-3130 2,500, 1300-3420 8,000, for a total of 58,261.

President Winnecke: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Tornatta: You need to zero –

Councilmember Raben: I'll come back to it.

President Winnecke: We'll vote on it separately.

Councilmember Tornatta: And your total, I'm sorry.

President Winnecke: 58,261.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I could, let's do that. I'm going to amend my motion to zero 1300-2600, set that in at zero. All other as previously stated. That will save us opening back up again.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Okay, now questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-1930	Unemployment	20,000.00	20,000.00
1300-2600	Office Supplies	5,430.00	0.00
1300-3021	Hillcrest-Washington	17,761.00	17,761.00
1300-3120	Postage/Freight	60,000.00	10,000.00
1300-3130	Travel/Mileage	5,000.00	2,500.00
1300-3420	Legal Advertising	8,000.00	8,000.00
Total		116,191.00	58,261.00

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Superior Court, 1370-3980 Transportation of Children & Miscellaneous in the amount of 4,500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3980	Transportation-Child. & Misc.	4,500.00	4,500.00
Total		4,500.00	4,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, 2600-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of 12,000, 2600-4250 Miscellaneous Equipment for 2,000, for a total request of 14,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

**CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL
ADULT PROBATION**

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-3530	Contractual Services	12,000.00	12,000.00
2600-4250	Misc. Equipment	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		14,000.00	14,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Let’s go back up. Knight Township Assessor, 2490-1130-1930 Unemployment for \$488, I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

KNIGHT ASSESSOR

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1130-1930	Unemployment	488.00	488.00
Total		488.00	488.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEALS

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Repeal, under Sheriff 1050-0007, the correct figure should be \$34,000, all other accounts as listed for a total of \$62,400,

I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0007	Lieutenant	45,473.00	34,000.00
1050-1130-0010	Sergeant	1,300.00	1,300.00
1050-1130-0026	Sergeant	250.00	250.00
1050-1130-0035	Deputy Sheriff	5,100.00	5,100.00
1050-1130-0042	Deputy Sheriff	400.00	400.00
1050-1130-0055	Deputy Sheriff	3,900.00	3,900.00
1050-1130-0066	Deputy Sheriff	500.00	500.00
1050-1130-0068	Deputy Sheriff	700.00	700.00
1050-1130-0069	Deputy Sheriff	500.00	500.00
1050-1130-0074	Deputy Sheriff	700.00	700.00
1050-1130-0089	Deputy Sheriff	1,500.00	1,500.00
1050-1130-0091	Deputy Sheriff	750.00	750.00

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1050-1130-0099	Deputy Sheriff	500.00	500.00
1050-1130-0104	Deputy Sheriff	1,300.00	1,300.00
1050-1130-0208	Clerk-Typist	6,300.00	6,300.00
1050-1130-0210	Investigative Trans.	2,700.00	2,700.00
1050-1130-0230	Court Screener	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		73,873.00	62,400.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everyone is clear what these are all about, correct? Okay, under Jail I'll move that all repeals be approved as listed. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1130-0309	Detention Officer	950.00	950.00
1051-1130-0313	Detention Officer	1,800.00	1,800.00

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1051-1130-0315	Detention Officer	5,800.00	5,800.00
1051-1130-0318	Detention Officer	4,000.00	4,000.00
1051-1130-0321	Detention Officer	10,000.00	10,000.00
1051-1130-0323	Detention Officer	2,300.00	2,300.00
1051-1130-0329	Detention Officer	9,500.00	9,500.00
1051-1130-0339	Detention Officer	1,000.00	1,000.00
1051-1130-0341	Detention Officer	11,000.00	11,000.00
1051-1130-0342	Detention Officer	12,000.00	12,000.00
1051-1130-0343	Detention Officer	7,172.00	7,172.00
1051-1130-0344	Detention Officer	7,172.00	7,172.00
1051-1130-0345	Detention Officer	7,172.00	7,172.00
1051-1130-0346	Detention Officer	7,172.00	7,172.00
1051-1130-0347	Detention Officer	7,172.00	7,172.00
1051-1130-0348	Detention Officer	7,172.00	7,172.00
1051-1130-0349	Detention Officer	3,586.00	3,586.00
1051-1130-0350	Detention Officer	3,586.00	3,586.00
1051-1130-0351	Detention Officer	3,586.00	3,586.00
1051-1130-0352	Detention Officer	3,586.00	3,586.00
1051-1130-0353	Detention Officer	3,586.00	3,586.00
1051-1130-0354	Detention Officer	3,586.00	3,586.00
1051-1130-0355	Detention Officer	3,586.00	3,586.00
1051-1130-0356	Detention Officer	3,586.00	3,586.00
1051-1130-0357	Detention Officer	3,586.00	3,586.00
1051-1130-0358	Detention Officer	3,586.00	3,586.00
1051-1130-0359	Detention Officer	3,586.00	3,586.00
1051-1130-0360	Detention Officer	3,586.00	3,586.00
1051-1130-0361	Detention Officer	3,586.00	3,586.00
1051-1130-0362	Detention Officer	3,586.00	3,586.00
1051-1130-0363	Detention Ofcr. Supvr.	4,625.00	4,625.00
1051-1130-0364	Detention Ofcr. Supvr.	4,625.00	4,625.00
1051-1130-0365	Detention Ofcr. Supvr.	4,625.00	4,625.00
1051-1130-0366	Detention Ofcr. Supvr.	4,625.00	4,625.00

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1051-1130-0368	Jail Clerk	1,326.00	1,326.00
1051-1130-0369	Jail Clerk	1,326.00	1,326.00
1051-1130-0370	Jail Clerk	1,326.00	1,326.00
1051-1130-0403	Nurse	7,275.00	7,275.00
1051-1130-0407	EMT	900.00	900.00
1051-1130-0408	EMT	900.00	900.00
Total		183,139.00	183,139.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Transfers, the Coroner, 1070-3190 down through 1070-2710 into account 1070-3530 down through 1070-2210 for a total of \$2,900.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1070-3190	Solid Waste Disposal	1,400.00	1,400.00
1070-2230	Garage & Motor	600.00	600.00
1070-3310	Training	500.00	500.00
1070-2710	Color Film	400.00	400.00
To: 1070-3530	Contractual Services	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-2600	Office Supplies	600.00	600.00
1070-2730	Sanitary Supplies	500.00	500.00
1070-2210	Gas & Oil	800.00	800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY COUNCIL
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
RECORDER (LATE)
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (LATE)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
RIVERBOAT
CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL
HIGHWAY (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, next we have Community Corrections, County Council and Circuit Court and Riverboat, Cum Bridge, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation and Recorder, along with those we also have County Highway which were late transfers that everyone has and then Cum Bridge. I'll move that all transfers, including the late transfers, be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-3723	Psych. Evaluations	1,000.00	1,000.00
1360-3944	Special Reporter	4,000.00	4,000.00
To: 1360-2600	Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00
1360-2610	Copy Machine Supply	2,000.00	2,000.00
1360-3620	Copy Machine Lease	1,500.00	1,500.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1361-1230-1361	Correction Officer	5,755.00	5,755.00
1361-1290-1361	Clerk	3,133.00	3,133.00
1361-1320-1361	Correction Officer	3,129.00	3,129.00
1361-1330-1361	Correction Officer	3,961.00	3,961.00
1361-1340-1361	Correction Officer	333.00	333.00
1361-1420-1361	Correction Officer	233.00	233.00
1361-1440-1361	Correction Officer	862.00	862.00
1361-1560-1361	Case Manager	7,778.00	7,778.00
1361-1980	Other Pay	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1361-1200-1361	Correction Officer	221.00	221.00
1361-1220-1361	Correction Officer	155.00	155.00
1361-1450-1361	Correction Officer	109.00	109.00
1361-1750	Clothing Allowance	800.00	800.00
1361-1850	Union Overtime	19,899.00	19,899.00
1361-1910	PERF	6,000.00	6,000.00

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-3520	Equipment Repair	200.00	200.00
To: 1480-3550	Repair to Buildings & Grounds	200.00	200.00

RIVERBOAT **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1490-3110	Economic Development	250,000.00	250,000.00
To: 1490-3112	Infrastructure/Drainage	250,000.00	250,000.00

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

From: 2030-4738	Oak Hill Rd. Culvert #364	30,000.00	30,000.00
To: 2030-3550	Repairs to Buildings & Grounds	30,000.00	30,000.00

**CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL
ADULT PROBATION** **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2600-2720	Lab Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00
To: 2600-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,500.00	1,500.00

LATE TRANSFERS

RECORDER **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1040-1190-1040	Deed Deputy	1,718.00	1,718.00
To: 1040-1200-1040	Entry Bookkeeping Clerk II	1,718.00	1,718.00

HIGHWAY **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2010-2550	Sand & Gravel	40,000.00	40,000.00
To: 2010-2210	Gas & Oil	40,000.00	40,000.00

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

From: 2030-4738	Oak Hill Road Culvert #364	20,000.00	20,000.00
To: 2030-4409	Kentucky Avenue Bridge #1110	20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last under Amendments, I move that we amend Salary Ordinance for the Sheriff's department as the Repeal previously adopted, under Jail, amend the Salary Ordinance as the Repeal previously adopted. Under Community Corrections, I move to amend the following salary lines after being

assigned to cross training and it's 1361-1200, which is a Correction Officer that the current employee's hire date is 3/31 of '97 with a base pay of \$31,081 and two increments at \$500, resulting in \$31,081 annual wage rate; 1361-1220, the current employee's hire date is 9/27/91 with a base pay of \$31,081 and four increments at \$500, resulting in \$33,081; 1361-1450, the current employee's hire date is 7/7/03 with a base pay of \$31,081; 1361-1850 Union Overtime set in as previously approved. Recorder, 1040-1190 Deeds Deputy, set salary in at \$25,854, the current employee is a COMOT IV, Step 2, 1040-1200 Entry/Bookkeeping Clerk, set salary in at \$25,886, that current employee is a COMOT III, Step 4. And last, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, amend salary line to pay one part time employee up to \$10 per hour. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p>PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX PHASE-IN FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3245 KANSAS ROAD REXAM CLOSURES AND CONTAINERS, INC.</p>

President Winnecke: Okay, next we have, under new business, last week we talked about the compliance on the tax phase-in. I don't believe we had any follow ups to that. At this time we are to take up the issue of the tax phase-in request for Rexam. I see Mr. Drennan and Mr. Kimpel are here. Any questions for them as a follow up to last week's presentation? I believe the recommendation from the Department of Metropolitan Development was, what was it a seven year phase-in?

Rob Schaefer: Eight.

President Winnecke: Any questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, I think if we look at it, some of that is maybe a little bit subjective as far as our scoring goes, but I think to stay in line with the other grants we have, its not quite the same but similar, I think we should lower that eight at least to a seven year tax phase-in.

President Winnecke: If there is no other discussion, I would entertain a motion for a preliminary resolution.

Councilmember Goebel: I'd like to make a resolution to accept the phase-in at seven years.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President? I'd just like to say that we're very glad to have Rexam in the community. This is a little bit different project than we've been given in the past. There were a couple, as Councilman Goebel said, a couple of scoring areas where there probably is a back and forth between, its right on the border of seven and eight years where we saw that. I was kind of right on the high side of seven, where we were at that point in my scoring but do want to say that we appreciate having the company in town, we appreciate the expansion and we definitely want to help this company to do something on a county level so that we can make sure that this company flourishes in our area.

President Winnecke: I would just add that we had a discussion along these lines near the first of this year and that is that we would see a number of tax phase-in requests this year that were really more geared toward retention than job acquisition and that there would have to be probably a change in paradigm as to how we looked at tax phase-ins, and I think this is one of those projects. And I concur with Councilman Tornatta, we're lucky to have Rexam here and lucky that the company is looking to figure out a way to retain 32 jobs and I think this is an important vote that we make today. And I think Councilman Goebel is correct, I think seven years is a good number given all the variables and if there are no other questions or discussion at this time, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

President Winnecke: Okay, so the preliminary resolution passes. We will do the declaratory resolution next month. So thanks for your time. Thank you, Mr. Drennan.

NOVEMBER MEETING FILING DATE/OCTOBER 13, 2005

President Winnecke: The next thing on the agenda is to set our filing date for the November meeting. That's October 13th.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PUBLIC REFERENDUM
OF THE UNIFICATION PROPOSAL**

President Winnecke: And then the very last thing on the agenda, relatively brief agenda today, is consideration of a resolution to approve a referendum for the concept of a unified government. We have Dr. Phil Fisher and John Dunn from the Unification Committee here. If there are any questions or points of clarification anyone would like to make with them before we vote. I thought it might be appropriate, we did provide a copy of the resolution to everyone last week, but I thought it might be appropriate to go ahead and read it into the record what the language is and at that time I would entertain a motion for approval and then we would get into some floor discussion. This resolution is of the Vanderburgh County Council supporting a public referendum on the unification proposal. It states:

“Whereas, the Vanderburgh County Council is committed to improving local government and the delivery of services to citizens of Evansville and Vanderburgh County; and

Whereas, as part of its commitment to improving the operation of local government, the Council made appointments to a citizens committee known as the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Unification Study Committee for the purpose of studying the local government structure and alternatives thereto in an effort to improve local government for the benefit of all citizens of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, Indiana; and

Whereas, the Committee has concluded a two-year study relating to local government structure and alternatives thereto; and

Whereas, the Committee has reported its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Council; and

Whereas, one of the Committee's recommendations is to request the State of Indiana to enact legislation to allow the unification of city and county government

structure in Vanderburgh County, Indiana; and

Whereas, the Council believes that the citizens of Evansville and Vanderburgh County deserve an opportunity to voice their support for, or opposition to, the recommendation of the Committee to unify local government; and

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Council, while taking no formal position concerning the proposal of the Committee to unify local government, hereby supports the Committee's recommendation for a public referendum to allow the citizens of Evansville and Vanderburgh County to voice their support for, or opposition to, the unification proposal."

At this time, I would entertain a motion to approve.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I would offer a motion to approve the resolution as has been presented.

President Winnecke: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Winnecke: We have a motion and a second. Questions, discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Sure. Yeah, I've got just a few questions. I'll try to limit them. I guess my first question would be what has the committee came up with in regards to non-constitutional offices and the continuation of those offices?

Phil Fisher: Would you please rephrase the question?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, has the committee addressed the issue with what happens once the Metro Council is formed in regards to non-constitutional offices?

Phil Fisher: Those offices that are not covered in the proposal, which of course, includes the County Council and the City Council and the Commissioners and so forth, they remain in place until action by the new Council. So lets say township assessors, for example, they would remain in place until some sort of counteraction on the part of the new council.

Councilmember Raben: So from this day forward through the referendum, should the referendum pass, we don't really know the fate of what those particular offices, including the township offices might be until the Council is formed.

Phil Fisher: That's correct. The committee has a vision for this and that is that the changes are made, if changes are made, they're made one at a time and that they're made incrementally.

Councilmember Raben: Because, you know, again, I guess most of the contacts that have been made by citizens to me, most of them have been from citizens outside in the county. And, you know, that's a great concern. I mean, they want their township representation in terms of tax assessment and what have you. Another concern is in regards to the volunteer fire departments. Let's discuss that.

Phil Fisher: Well, the committee concluded that we're going to continue to need suburban fire departments manned by, largely by volunteers for any time in the foreseeable future. And, of course, any change in that would be up to, again, the

new council. The committee does believe that there are areas which now really need full-time fire protection. This would give the Council the power to extend full-time fire service through the mechanism of expanding partial taxing districts or full service taxing districts to just those areas. We think it's a more efficient way. One of the things that I think this Council and the City Council might be faced with some time down the road is three or four full-time fire departments. And I think if that happens there's going to be a lot of duplication. Then you have the situation that they have today in Marion County or certainly on a smaller scale. But we think that we're going to continue to need volunteers for any time in the foreseeable future just on a cost basis.

Councilmember Raben: I tell you, the county residents are quite proud of their volunteers. They do a wonderful job. Before I forget, also, I think everyone was given a rather large envelope this morning or today and its from John Buckman, who is over the German Township Fire Department. John is quite respected in, not only just this state, but throughout really the whole country. John has served and has chaired various boards and, I mean, we're quite fortunate to have him in Evansville or in Vanderburgh County. But along those lines, there is a letter and along with that some surveys that I've not had an opportunity to read, but I think its important that everyone read that letter because he addresses the concerns that their volunteer staff has along with – and he speaks for the citizens, too. I mean, I really believe that, but I would like that this letter be made part of the minutes because I think its very important. Okay, you know, one of my concerns is and always has been that I'm concerned that should a referendum pass, and I really don't have a good feel for it or not, but its kind of wait and see what you get. I mean, I don't think there's enough spelled out here. I think there is a lot of unanswered questions that I think we need to slow down and if we need to address this issue over the next two years, I think we need to allow that time. But I can sit here and list several other questions but I don't want to take everybody's time away.

Phil Fisher: I think that the philosophy of the committee, when they considered all of these issues was that if they made recommendations with respect to the kinds of things that you're talking about, township assessors and volunteer fire departments, that that would be set for some time to come and what really is needed is an opportunity for the Metro Council to manage the resources in the most efficient way and provide services where they are needed. And this approach of giving broad powers to the council permits that. I also would point out that there are currently, including County Council, City Council and County Commissioners, 19 people involved in some form of legislative action, if you will. There are 15 people on the new Council. We think that the new Council would probably be made up almost entirely of people who are now serving. And that the likelihood of radical change is not very great from a practical matter.

Councilmember Raben: I don't know. I mean, I think, again, that's one of the unknowns. I think it could change drastically and it might possibly be for the better, it could be for the worse. But another example is what is the plans for the Evansville Police Department? I think there is roughly 250 uniformed officers there. We have, on the Sheriff's department, 210, 212, some thing like that.

Phil Fisher: Again, that is left up to the council. However, the committee started feeling, after looking at the two departments, taking into consideration the different pay scales, the different pension funds, the fact that the City Police have union representation, the Sheriff's department does not, and as best as we could find out from talking to people in both departments, the cultures of the two departments are different. And also, county residents have made it very clear that they want Sheriff

patrols to continue. So we've left that unchanged. However, again, the Council would have the power to change that. It may be that there are some areas which are now not convenient to be well served by the Sheriff's department which really should have police patrols. Again, I can think of commercial areas and industrial areas adjacent to the city, outside the city limits that probably could use both full-time fire protection and full-time police protection. And it may be our vision for what the council would be doing is extending those on an incremental basis.

Councilmember Raben: And it may be me, but to me, the whole thing sounds very cloudy. I mean, it seems like there is a lot – you're asking a lot of the taxpayers to support a referendum and wait and see what happens. I mean, I think all these issues should be addressed prior to the day people go in and place a ballot. I mean, I don't even think you're giving it a fair chance by not doing that. Again, part of it could be to leave it cloudy, but I think, you know, there's a lot of unknown variables out there that I'm certainly not comfortable with at this point.

President Winnecke: If you could hold that thought, we're going to change the tape.

(Tape changed)

Phil Fisher: No, I think, as I said before, the committee deliberated these issues and thought the best approach was to allow the new council and mayor to manage the resources in the way that they see best. They are, after all, answerable to the people.

Councilmember Tornatta: Two years ago, obviously there were some asked to join this committee and to take that on took some nerve to be able to take that and do something with it. And I just thought that's a tough thing to do to go in there and to make up some type of how government is going to run, what things are going to happen, how to form teams, how to get the ideas out, how to get ideas back in, and you guys have run through that process better than anybody could have set it up. You also went through a political election that was heavily contested keeping out of the political eye. Although there were many questions in many of the events that I attended, there was never a focus from this committee to address a candidate with making a decision on consolidation. That was always left up to the people outside, the people at the forums. They might ask the question, but it was never asked of a politician off that committee to address whether they were for or against that particular item. It was only asked, what ideas do you have and can you bring any ideas to the table or can you answer our questions so that we can be the best served. Now the only problem I see with assigning you the task is you've built a team, you've brought the team a long way, you now are at the pinnacle, you are at the Super Bowl of your event and for me to vote no, I would say that you can't play in the Super Bowl. I would think that would be very unfair to a football team, making the athletic reference, and I think it would be very unfair to this commission to ask you to go through all the effort that you've gone through, the many nights, and I know there's been more nights than have been publicized, to get as many people involved and talk to those people and then to bring those things to fruition. As far as the cloudiness, as I've gone around and I've talked to not only Louisville, but some people from Indianapolis, those who have consolidated, Lexington, we know now that at this point, we can change these same items using our mayor, our City Council our County Council and our County Commissioners, we can make all these changes right now. So we haven't heard remonstrance on making those changes at this point. I think that there is going to be some sculpting done. I think there will actually be some more information that will be brought out through more committee meetings and the push to make things happen. We've met up at the – those who have

pushed this have met up in Indianapolis and have made their concerns known, have answered questions of a committee, and have really been a fruitful comment because the state is looking to this area to see how they are going to proceed, maybe before another community will proceed in a same or like manner. And whether I vote for or against consolidation and have not been asked, and today will not be asked to do one or the other, I think that it is imperative that we put a big question out to the public much like we've done in other instances like the thought that we would possibly have a baseball stadium or the thought that we would possibly have a riverboat in town, those things, the EVSC has even put a referendum, the referendum is put in place so that those things can be – those big items can be looked at from a community point of view as opposed to having one person to kind of lay the line. So, in short, I will not block this vote. I will have, on my side I will have a referendum for this county and I will let your good work go out. Whether the county listens and likes or whether they turn you off and say no, that has no decision on my decision to vote yes for this referendum.

President Winnecke: Any other comments or questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I think both Councilman Tornatta and Councilman Raben have brought up some very good points and I'm sure that you've heard these same questions over and over. I think there is a gray area as far as what is in store if this referendum passes with a Metro Council. Obviously, you agree to that. It would be better spelled out. I have a question, in the other communities that accepted or voted yes to a Metro Council, were things better determined ahead of time or did the Metro Council have that ability to set, let's say the fire department or the police departments?

Phil Fisher: Well, it varies. In Nashville, more recently in Louisville, they had the power to unify. And in Louisville they elected a much larger Council and so they moved very quickly to consolidate some of these operations. We don't really think it was a good idea. Now Indianapolis is at the other end of the scale. There, they only went to a single executive and in fact, according to the mayor yesterday, they just got a unified budget this year. They've had separate county and city budgets up until now. And, of course, what he's trying to do now is some of the things that we would give the – trying to get now the power to do some of the things that we would give this Council the power to do because their projections are that the city is going to run out of money if they don't take some of these actions. And, of course, it's a much different situation. They are a totally urbanized county undergoing a lot of changes, so it isn't the same, but there, they didn't give the Council and the Mayor the power to make the kinds of decisions that we think need to be made here because somewhere down the line – I think the point is, change is constant. We see it all around us as the areas outside of the city develop. And as they do that, they are going to need some, but perhaps not all, city services. Who is going to supply them? Is this going to be supplied by the county, by the township, are you going to have separate entities competing for resources or are you going to have the ability to manage all of this growth? And we think that its better to have a single Council to manage this growth. But more important, I want to come back to the thing that we think is the most importantly aspect of unified government and that is that it provides a platform for leadership, unity in leadership that we do not have today and at the meeting yesterday, Council President Winnecke described the process of courting companies and from the standpoint of a Councilmember, and Les Shively, from the standpoint of a lawyer representing a client, we think that the greatest gains are in streamlining that process, taking out the city/county competition for new business and providing us an environment where businesses know who to go to to get decisions made.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I just wanted to finish by saying I may have questions later, but I taught government most of my adult life and, you know, we've touched upon issues like this in the past and I think terms sometimes, like grassroots and democracy in action are somewhat evasive and, you know, out there in the air. And you can't really feel them or touch them, but I think in a case like this, in my time, we've had two major referendums where the people had the opportunity from Vanderburgh County to vote yes or no. One voted yes, one voted no. But if we truly believe in the common sense and the ability of the people to become educated and make a good decision for Vanderburgh County, then I think that's what our fore fathers laid for us, the foundation they laid for us and I think its truly a place where we can have democracy and you can go to the booth and read very clearly what the resolution is and very clearly, you have the opportunity to push yes or push no. And the people of Vanderburgh County can determine exactly which type of direction we want to go in. Are they satisfied now with the government as is, or do they want to allow the unification to go through. So I think I also feel the referendum should be allowed. I think there are some areas that have to be cleaned better and I think those opposed need to organize better and perhaps better educate the entire population. And that's the duty of all the residents of Vanderburgh County. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think this effort as its been underway, it is a – I think it really has been a challenge to present a very clear picture of what this is all about, whether you call it consolidation, unification, whatever name you put on it, and to make that so clear for the committee, for the community, people who are elected in government, people who are serving in government in a variety of different capacities. There's been a lot of meetings and a lot of questions to come to the point where there could be an understanding of what it means for our community. And I know the committee has had a chance to visit a number of other communities to see how they identify and how they felt what was best for their community. And with the number of meetings that you've had, I feel like the document that you've put together, there's been a lot of effort and work to make it an Evansville-Vanderburgh County document. When I can recall, early on the questions that I had about this effort, my question was well, why do we want to do this? Why now and what benefits are there to gain by doing this? And I think as I can recall, the reasoning behind moving forward in this effort was really about threefold: economic development was one of the key things and we spend so much time here on this body and other bodies of government talking about how economic development is such an important part of our community, what we can do to make government more efficient toward creating economic development opportunities for ourselves and how, at times, we have faltered in our efforts to be as effective as we can be in creating economic development. So that was at least one of the reasonings behind it. Another reasoning that I can recall hearing for the unification effort is that there was a concern that we would create efficiency. As we often all know, there is a lot of confusion about what the differences between the City Council, the County Council, what do County Commissioners do, as opposed to what the Mayor does, and trying to create, pare that down so that it's a process whereby people would have a better understanding of how government actually works, who to go to for certain services, and then as well, eliminating duplication in certain areas. Now right now, we have about, I think its like 15 different departments that have some way or another some kind of agreements, there's some type of communication or there is already consolidation in those departments, which is a very positive effort. And there are

some areas where we could use some additional work. I think the third area where we – I think where this committee has communicated that they want is the area of accountability. Accountability so that government could speak back to the people with a unified voice and people could understand what government is saying whether we're talking about taxes, whether we're talking about new initiatives that we want to undertake, that's what I believe I've been hearing. Those three things are what I've been hearing from this group. You know, the questions that I have had was about how the representation would be broken down to ensure that there was a degree of fairness across our county, across this city, however it would be divided up so that areas are not excluded. And I think the committee has attempted to address that. I think that really at this juncture where we find ourselves is the way government really ought to work. I see myself as an elected official as someone who helps to facilitate the process through the decisions that I make, through the people that I represent here in this community, and in that role as a facilitator, I see that there are times when I need to make a call to action right here in the seat that I sit, but then are also times when those that I represent need to be the ones speaking with a voice about what their interest and what their needs are. I see that this particular effort here is one of those times where the community speaks about what they want and what they'd like to see, what their desires are for this community whether it is a unified approach as is being proposed here to move on several steps or whether we remain with the present structure that we do have. So as I vote today on this particular proposal that we do have, I'm voting yes for it because I think it is an opportunity for us to move forward and see what the community wants from its government and if I were to vote no, I feel like I would deny the community that opportunity to do that.

President Winnecke: Okay, any other questions or comments? If not, I'm going to kind of wrap things up. I would just say that as elected officeholders, we're all elected to make important decisions but I personally feel that some decisions are so important, so monumental that I think the entire community should have a voice in and I think the future structure of our local government is one of those issues. I would echo Councilman Tornatta's accolades toward the committee, you have done a phenomenal job. There is a lot of research and hard work that's been put into it and I think that committee should be rewarded by letting the citizens of Evansville and Vanderburgh County ultimately decide whether their proposal will better serve our community's needs. With those comments, we have a motion and a second for the resolution in favor of a referendum on the unification proposal, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to make one quick comment. There is no question in my mind that the public should vote on a consolidation plan. My no vote is

because we do not have enough information to make this referendum meaningful. Its been discussed. We are told everything in government is going to be better, yet nothing of substance is available. All we know today is there will be a 15 member Council and there won't be a County Council, there won't be a County Commission. There won't be a City Council. They will no longer exist. And all that the referendum will define, you know, a lot of money will be spent to produce all the political reasons why to vote yes, but they're not going to be on the ballot. None of those will be on the ballot. All the big issues have been skipped over. I just feel its necessary to point that out and I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes. So the resolution passes four to two.

(Motion carried 4-2/Councilmembers Raben & Wortman opposed)

President Winnecke: Again, thank you Dr. Fisher and Mr. Dunn, appreciate your efforts and we look forward to seeing, hearing what other bodies do as they consider the same proposal. And having no other business before us, we stand adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Marsha Abell

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 26th day of October in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:21 p.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: I'd like to call to order the special meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll begin with the attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben		X*
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

(Councilmember Raben arrived shortly after roll call)

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

Councilmember Sutton: Did Vectren send a memo and we can't get lights on – concerning about the utility bills around here?

<p style="text-align: center;">ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT</p>

Councilmember Raben: The purpose of this meeting is to approve an ordinance to pledge COIT money for the refinance of redevelopment bonds to pay for Azteca. The memo I think you have before you outlines the significant savings to the county of over \$100,000 and amends the term of the bond, shortens it by one year. At this time I would entertain a motion for this to be the first and only reading of this resolution – ordinance, rather.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote. And this will be the final reading also, not just the only but the final.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain a motion to approve the ordinance.

Councilmember Abell: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: 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 Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Okay, we have done our business and at this time, I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

President Winnecke: We are adjourned until 3:30.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24)

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2005**

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

President Winnecke: Good afternoon and welcome to the November 2nd meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll begin with the attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel		X
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman		X
President Winnecke	X	

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2005**

President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our October 5th meeting.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand please. Just changing things up a little bit. That was five to nothing.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Winnecke: As a reminder for those folks who are viewing at home or those who are in the audience for the first time, the requests that we will be voting on today we heard information on last week. If you don't hear questions asked, it means we probably asked them last week or we've asked the questions of folks individually. So with that said, I'll turn the floor over to our finance chair, Mr. Raben.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CLERK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda today is County Clerk 1010-3603 Record Storage in the amount of \$5,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-3603	Record Storage	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: County Treasurer, 1030-1910 PERF for \$590. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-1910	PERF	590.00	590.00
Total		590.00	590.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

SHERIFF
JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, the next two, I'm going to move on Sheriff 1050-2230 and Jail 1051-3051 and 1051-2240, all be zeroed and we'll pick those back up later as we go here.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2230	Garage & Motor	20,000.00	0.00
Total		20,000.00	0.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-3051	Lodging of Inmates	150,000.00	0.00
1051-2240	Medical	25,000.00	0.00
Total		175,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

SURVEYOR

Councilmember Raben: Surveyor, 1060-1910 PERF in the amount of \$68. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1060-1910	PERF	68.00	68.00
Total		68.00	68.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: County Coroner, 1070-1910 through 1070-2720 for a total of \$5,268. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-1910	PERF	268.00	268.00
1070-2410	Body Transport	2,000.00	2,000.00
1070-2710	Color Film	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-2720	Lab Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		5,268.00	5,268.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

COUNTY ASSESSOR
CENTER ASSESSOR
PERRY ASSESSOR
SCOTT ASSESSOR
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
VETERANS SERVICES

ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR
KNIGHT ASSESSOR
PIGEON ASSESSOR
UNION ASSESSOR
DRAINAGE BOARD

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, is it okay with you if we lump the next page together?

President Winnecke: It is fine with me. Are there any objections? These are all requests to restore PERF or FICA line items. It might make things go quicker since they're all small amounts of money.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'm going to move that County Assessor, Armstrong Assessor, Center Assessor, Knight Assessor, Perry Assessor, Pigeon Assessor, Scott Assessor, Union Assessor – turn to page three – Co-Op Extension and Drainage Board and Veterans Services be approved as listed.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1910	PERF	269.00	269.00
Total		269.00	269.00

ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1100-1910	PERF	17.00	17.00
Total		17.00	17.00

CENTER ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1110-1910	PERF	170.00	170.00
Total		170.00	170.00

KNIGHT ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1130-1910	PERF	160.00	160.00
Total		160.00	160.00

PERRY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1140-1910	PERF	240.00	240.00
Total		240.00	240.00

PIGEON ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-1910	PERF	10.00	10.00
Total		10.00	10.00

SCOTT ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1160-1110-1160	Scott Assessor	263.00	263.00
1160-1900	FICA	21.00	21.00
1160-1910	PERF	49.00	49.00
Total		333.00	333.00

UNION ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1170-1110-1170	Union Assessor	88.00	88.00
1170-1900	FICA	7.00	7.00
1170-1910	PERF	10.00	10.00
1170-3140	Telephone	480.00	480.00
1170-3540	Maintenance Contract	1,200.00	1,200.00
Total		1,785.00	1,785.00

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-1910	PERF	187.00	187.00
Total		187.00	187.00

DRAINAGE BOARD		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1260-1910	PERF	12.00	12.00
Total		12.00	12.00

VETERANS SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1270-1910	PERF	2.00	2.00
Total		2.00	2.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under County Commissioners, 1300-3610 and 1300-3050 be set in at zero. And again, we'll pick those up in just a few minutes.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Oh, I'm sorry –

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3610	Legal Services	30,000.00	0.00
1300-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	200,000.00	0.00
Total		230,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

**WEIGHTS & MEASURES
CIRCUIT COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we also have a couple more PERF adjustments: Weights & Measures 1302-1910 and I'm going to move ahead just a bit to Circuit Court 1360-1910 as listed.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1302-1910	PERF	196.00	196.00
Total		196.00	196.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1910	PERF	391.00	391.00
Total		391.00	391.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Superintendent of County Buildings 1310-1110-1310 through 1310-1150-1310 for a total of \$4,558. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPT. OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-1110-1310	Supt. Of County Bldgs.	2,915.00	0.00
1310-1900	FICA	300.00	0.00
1310-1910	PERF	343.00	0.00
1310-1150-1310	Bldg. & Grounds Keep.	1,000.00	0.00
Total		4,558.00	0.00

(Motion fails 3-2/Councilmembers Tornatta & Sutton opposed)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Court 1370-4220 Office Machines zero, 1370-3994 in the amount of \$2,007. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Raben, you said set everything in at zero at that point?

Councilmember Raben: Office Machines at zero, and approve the Special/Matching Grants.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. I'm sorry, okay.

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Raben, what are they doing about Office Machines? Are they just not going to buy them or do they have another account they're getting it out of or what are you doing with it?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I think they're going to hold off and wait and get them next year with funds that we budgeted.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-4220	Office Machines	10,000.00	0.00
1370-3994	Spec./Matching Grants	2,007.00	2,007.00
Total		12,007.00	2,007.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services 1371-3700 for \$50. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SVCS.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1371-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	50.00	50.00
Total		50.00	50.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under The Centre 1440-1910 in the amount of \$1,677, 1440-3798 Food Services zero, 1440-1850 Overtime zero, 1440-1900 FICA for \$2,678, for a total of \$4,355. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you read that one more time, Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: PERF in as listed and FICA as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, got it.

President Winnecke: Do I need a second? I do need a second. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Raben, and you are picking that up later?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we'll pick that up in just a moment.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, they're breathing a sigh of relief back there. Second.

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1910	PERF	1,677.00	1,677.00
1440-3798	Food Services	100,000.00	0.00
1440-1850	Union Overtime	35,000.00	0.00
1440-1900	FICA	2,678.00	2,678.00
Total		139,355.00	4,355.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Burdette 1450-3200 Utilities zero and we'll pick that up in Riverboat, 1450-1900 FICA for \$2,678, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-3200	Utilities	20,000.00	0.00
1450-1900	FICA	2,678.00	2,678.00
Total		22,678.00	2,678.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

LEGAL AID

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Legal Aid, 1460-1910 PERF for 1,107, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

LEGAL AID		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1460-1910	PERF	1,107.00	1,107.00
Total		1,107.00	1,107.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

RIVERBOAT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Riverboat 1490-2230 Garage & Motor \$20,000, 1490-3051 Lodging of Inmates 150,000, 1490-2240 Medical \$25,000, 1490-3050 Patient/Inmate Care \$200,000, 1490-3798 Food Services 100,000, 1490-1850 Overtime 35,000, and Utilities1490-3200 for \$10,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second. For a total of --?

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, Mr. Raben, what was the Utilities line?

Councilmember Raben: Utilities is \$10,000, for a total of...someone may want to double check this, \$545,000.

President Winnecke: I think we're missing one. We're missing Commissioner's Legal.

Councilmember Raben: No. They have a transfer.

President Winnecke: Oh, a transfer, I'm sorry. I stand corrected. And what was the total appropriation then? 545?

Councilmember Raben: 545.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Abell: I have a question. Why are we not taking this Inmate Care and the expenses for prisoners out of our Jail Fund?

Councilmember Raben: For the simple fact that this is – this is General fund so we would have had to re-advertise and would not be able to vote on it until December.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I could live with my vote not until December. I just don't think its fair to all the other departments that we pull these out of Riverboat funds, that they could all pull out of if they needed something. But they can't pull out of the Jail fund is they need something, so it really hinders every other department in this county except the Sheriff's department and the Jail. I don't think that's fair to the other departments. Now if the Treasurer came in here and they needed something that was \$100,000, we could take it out of Riverboat, but we couldn't take it out of the Jail fund.

Councilmember Raben: Well, the Jail set aside is not – that wasn't set aside for Patient and Inmate. In fact, Patient and Inmate is a Commissioners account, not a Sheriff's account. But, –

Councilmember Abell: But it still has to do with jailing of prisoners. I mean, you're not jailing private citizens in Patient/Inmate.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think I asked a similar question last week and that's just really related to the Lodging of Inmates. I recognize what our situation is with our General Fund and being that it is at a rather low level but they're part of the reason why our General fund is where it is in terms of how low it is, is because of the regular payments we've made out this year due to the Lodging of Inmates. You know, since we've got that fund there that's specifically for jail related expenses and I would consider this a jail related expense...I would have preferred that it would have come from the Jail fund that we've already got set up. You know, and the other thing, too, just reservation-wise, you guys have heard me say this many times over, I just feel somewhat uncomfortable when we begin to draw on those Riverboat dollars especially for operational expenses. That Riverboat money, I am fine when we do one-time projects, specialized projects, things that we ordinarily could not do through the General fund, but many of these things are just day to day operational issues. Now the other side of that coin would be that the expenses, the things that

have caused us to have the financial situation where we find ourselves with the General fund is depleted, having been caused by Jail related things that we won't see in 2006. But if we are in a situation next year and we are considering, we're even considering drawing on Riverboat dollars for operational expense, I will vote against them. This year, given just the special nature of what we've had to deal, what we're faced with, I'm going to vote in favor of this when we vote, but like I say, if we have this again, I can't support it.

Councilmember Tornatta: I would just like to make a suggestion and maybe we can clarify this and maybe make it a little simpler in December by transferring funds from that Jail set aside money back into the General fund.

Councilmember Raben: I don't think we can transfer from fund to fund, can we?

Councilmember Sutton: Bill?

Bill Fluty: It was always General fund money, you've just named it, earmarked it as Jail project, so it could be – I think as a body you could decide to move that money.

Councilmember Sutton: It is almost the equivalent of going from like one account to another if we were to make a transfer say next month.

Bill Fluty: With proper advertising, I believe it can be done.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess I would have asked this question before, but what is the difference between the Riverboat monies and its setting and the set aside money, because it was General fund money at one time.

Bill Fluty: I believe the Riverboat money was always in the General fund but you've asked it to be kind of split out as you see the two columns in the financial statement, the unappropriated General fund and the Riverboat are actually one in the same. But they are just split out because of the way that you like to spend Riverboat money compared to General fund money.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I guess what I'm asking you is the set aside.

Bill Fluty: The set aside is different because you set that aside in a different fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, so we'd have to advertise to get that over. So if we were to do that, we could do that in December and then reimburse the General Fund for the amounts that we spent out of maybe in Patient/Inmate Care and Medical, Lodging of Inmates, something of that nature.

Bill Fluty: If that would be your pleasure, yes.

Councilmember Raben: And I might, just as matter of clarification, I think I mentioned this to a few people, we might at some point, it might be in the first quarter of next year or whenever, but once we realize that the jail is up and running and there aren't any emergency situations or hidden surprises or something like that, you know, we can look at some point renaming that fund. I mean, it no longer would have to be Jail set aside. If we have a big capital project or, you know, we need to use it for enticements for new business, just whatever, but we can rename that fund at some point when we're comfortable with that.

President Winnecke: Right now we have a motion on the floor and a second for the

approval of the appropriations as Mr. Raben has described for a total amount of \$545,000. Any other discussion or questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1490-2230	Garage & Motor	0.00	20,000.00
1490-3051	Lodging of Inmates	0.00	150,000.00
1490-2240	Medical	0.00	25,000.00
1490-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	0.00	200,000.00
1490-3798	Food Services	0.00	100,000.00
1490-1850	Union Overtime	0.00	35,000.00
1490-3200	Utilities	0.00	10,000.00
Total		0.00	540,000.00

(Motion carried 4-1/Councilmember Abell opposed)

**SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION
PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Under Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, we have again a PERF request, this is account 2620-1910 in the amount of \$131. The next page Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion 2630-1910 PERF for \$148, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2620-1910	PERF	131.00	131.00
Total		131.00	131.00

PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2630-1910	PERF	148.00	148.00
Total		148.00	148.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, last week we had discussed someone from LEPC speaking on this request. I didn't...does anybody have questions on this or do you wish to move forward?

Sherman Greer: Sherman Greer with the Emergency Management Agency representing the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

President Winnecke: Could you describe briefly the nature of these requests?

Sherman Greer: The \$8,000 that we –

President Winnecke: Excuse me, Sherman, could you pick up the microphone? We have a new podium in here and we don't have the gooseneck yet.

Sherman Greer: Okay, the \$8,000 that we've asked to be transferred is for the exercise that we just did in September. And that money is going to be – three quarters of that money will be reimbursed to us from the Department of Homeland Security. But we had to front the money up front.

President Winnecke: Other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: So when you receive the reimbursement, what occurs then?

Sherman Greer: It goes back into this account.

Councilmember Sutton: In the form of a repeal or...

Sherman Greer: Yes. This money that we’re using for the LEPC is, I’m pretty sure you’re all familiar with it. You’re the custodians of it. This is not LIT tax money or anything of that sort. This is from fees that are paid to IDEM, we get 50% of that back into our community to do training, to buy equipment for hazardous materials to do all those different type things that the fund was set up for in 1996 by President Reagan and SARA Title III after the Bhopal incident, so that we can account for all manufacturers and non-manufacturers of hazardous materials within our community, and then be able to educate the public about that, and then also help the first responders to be able to use that money. I have a couple letters here, a letter here that explains all of that if you would like to have a copy.

President Winnecke: That would be great. Any other questions of Mr. Greer?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I’m going to move that 2861-3310 through 2861-3130 be approved as listed, for a total of \$6,800.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

LEPC		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2861-3310	Training	3,000.00	3,000.00
2861-3210	Emergency Mgmt.	3,000.00	3,000.00
2861-3130	Travel/Mileage	800.00	800.00
Total		6,800.00	6,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUESTS

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under Repeals, we have one today under Jail, 1051-1910 in the amount of \$5,800. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1910	PERF	5,800.00	5,800.00
Total		5,800.00	5,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

- COUNTY CLERK
PROSECUTOR
GERMAN ASSESSOR
AREA PLAN COMMISSION
LEGAL AID
FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES
WEIGHTS & MEASURES (LATE)
COUNTY COUNCIL (LATE)
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION (LATE)

SHERIFF
PROSECUTOR IV-D
KNIGHT ASSESSOR
BURDETTE PARK
COUNTY COUNCIL
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BURDETTE PARK (LATE)
RIVERBOAT (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under Transfers, Mr. President, I'll move that all transfers including Late Transfers with the exception of Superior Court be approved as listed and we'll come back to Superior Court.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1570-1010	Counter Clerk	2,261.00	2,261.00
To: 1010-1170-1010	Circuit Court Clerk/ Archives	449.00	449.00
1010-1380-1010	Deputy Clerk/Misd.	178.00	178.00
1010-1390-1010	Juvenile Clerk	1,035.00	1,035.00
1010-1610-1010	Admin. Secretary	599.00	599.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0201	Process Server	1,000.00	1,000.00
1050-1130-0214	Process Server	200.00	200.00
1050-1130-0224	Process Server	300.00	300.00
1050-1130-0225	Process Server	300.00	300.00
To: 1050-1540	Process Server Vacation Coverage	1,800.00	1,800.00

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1080-1230-1080	Investigator	2,370.00	2,370.00
To: 1080-1240-1080	Chief Criminal Investigator	2,370.00	2,370.00

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1081-1130-1081	Enforcement Agent/Investigator	4,800.00	4,800.00
1081-1160-1081	Deputy Prosecutor	1,110.00	1,110.00
1081-1110-1081	Enforcement Officer	2,760.00	2,760.00
To: 1081-1180-1081	Receptionist	5,910.00	5,910.00
1081-1260-1081	Enforcement Officer	2,760.00	2,760.00

GERMAN ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1120-3410	Printing	262.00	262.00
1120-1130-1120	Real Estate Deputy	263.00	263.00
To: 1120-3130	Travel/Mileage	262.00	262.00
1120-1110-1120	German Assessor	263.00	263.00

KNIGHT ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1130-1150-1130	Deputy Assessor- Mobile Home	1,817.00	1,817.00
To: 1130-1130-1130	Real Estate Deputy	1,817.00	1,817.00

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1240-2700	Other Supplies	100.00	100.00
To: 1240-2210	Gas & Oil	100.00	100.00

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1450-1850	Union Overtime	69.00	69.00
To: 1450-1240-1450	Secretary/Receptionist	69.00	69.00

LEGAL AID		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1460-3000	Bond & Insurance	100.00	100.00
1460-3010	Other Insurance	456.00	456.00
1460-3680	Malpractice Insurance	621.00	621.00
To: 1460-2600	Office Supplies	556.00	556.00
1460-3410	Printing	621.00	621.00

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-1920	Insurance	6,064.00	6,064.00
To: 1480-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
1480-1971	Accrued Payments	3,408.00	3,408.00
1480-1900	FICA	261.00	261.00
1480-1910	PERF	205.00	205.00
1480-3550	Repair Bldgs & Grounds	190.00	190.00

FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2042-32510	Out of Home Placements Therapeutic Foster Home	200,000.00	200,000.00
2042-32600	Adoption Assistance	315,000.00	315,000.00
2042-32550	Misc. Cost of Wards	55,000.00	55,000.00
To: 2042-32520	Out of Home Place- ments Institutions	515,000.00	515,000.00
2042-30090	Child Welfare Services	55,000.00	55,000.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2130-3000	Bond & Insurance	25,750.00	25,750.00
To: 2130-2210	Gas & Oil	6,500.00	6,500.00
2130-3230	Judgement & Refunds	250.00	250.00
2130-3580	Vehicle Repair	1,500.00	1,500.00
2130-2721	Laboratory	5,000.00	5,000.00
2130-3140	Telephone	2,500.00	2,500.00
2130-2241	Institutional & Medical	10,000.00	10,000.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1302-2300	Uniforms	300.00	300.00
1302-2700	Other Supplies	100.00	100.00
1302-3130	Travel	100.00	100.00
1302-3120	Postage	50.00	50.00
1302-3700	Dues	70.00	70.00
1302-3580	Vehicle Repair	100.00	100.00

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1302-4250	Misc. Equipment	200.00	200.00
To: 1302-2210	Gas & Oil	800.00	800.00
1302-3410	Printing	120.00	120.00

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1450-1910	PERF	3,858.00	3,858.00
1450-2220	Tires & Tubes	2,799.00	2,799.00
1450-2230	Garage & Motor	645.00	645.00
1450-2500	Electrical Supplies	602.00	602.00
1450-2730	Sanitary Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
1450-3590	Pool Operations	2,517.00	2,517.00
1450-3990	Miscellaneous	500.00	500.00
1450-4120	Buildings	639.00	639.00
1450-4130	Park & Playground	118.00	118.00
To: 1450-1900	FICA	2,678.00	2,678.00
1450-3200	Utilities	10,000.00	10,000.00

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-4220	Office Machines	85.00	85.00
To: 1480-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	85.00	85.00

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1490-3110	Economic Development	30,000.00	30,000.00
To: 1490-3610	Legal Services	30,000.00	30,000.00

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2861-3313	Education & Public Outreach	1,450.00	1,450.00
2861-4431	Hazmat Response Equip.	500.00	500.00
2861-3140	Telephone	200.00	200.00
To: 2861-3210	Emergency Management	2,150.00	2,150.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Court we have a transfer from account 1370-3903 to 1370-1803, 1370-3520 and 1370-4210 for a total of \$5,720, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Councilmember Abell: I have a question. Judge Dietsch, would you please come forward? I read your, or whoever filled out your form, of the reasoning for this transfer, and it said to fill an incomplete line item, something to that effect, and it –

Terry Dietsch: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Abell: It said to fund an account. I want to know who got office furniture, and where its going, and where you bought it, and those type things, or have you bought it yet?

Terry Dietsch: No, we have not.

Councilmember Abell: Who is it for?

Terry Dietsch: We need two horizontal file cabinets and we need a desk and a couple of chairs, and this is the information I received from Mrs. Norbury after she did an inventory of what we thought were only necessary items that needed to be purchased. And the reason we made the request is because Office Furniture has been zeroed out practically every year. And we have some furniture that is very old. For example, the furniture that I purchased in 1965 is still in use.

Councilmember Abell: I understand, there's a lot of offices that have furniture still in use they purchased in '65. I just have a problem with transferring money out of an account like Petit Jurors, which is something that we absolutely have to fund. You could come back here next week and ask us to fund that, and yet, Office Furniture is something we don't have to fund. I wouldn't mind if you were transferring it out of something that we don't have to fund, but I have a problem with transferring it out of something that we have to fund.

Terry Dietsch: The only reason we did that was because we thought after looking at what we've spent, okay, with October and November to go, that we would be safe in transferring this much from that fund into Office Furniture. And we did that because that way we didn't have to ask for an additional appropriation.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I guess I would prefer you ask for an appropriation and give us the opportunity to turn it down.

Terry Dietsch: Next time I will.

Councilmember Abell: Okay, thank you.

Terry Dietsch: Any other...

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion before we vote? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-3903	Petit Jurors	5,720.00	0.00
To: 1370-1803	Legal Trans/Pauper	720.00	0.00
1370-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00	0.00
1370-4210	Office Furniture	4,000.00	0.00

(Motion fails 3-2/Councilmembers Sutton & Abell opposed)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last, Mr. President, we have amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Its quite lengthy today with all the PERF adjustments. Everyone has been given a copy, I'm going to simply move that this be made part of the minutes and we need to strike Superintendent of County Buildings, omit Superintendent of County Buildings, and all others as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Have all these gone before Job Study?

Councilmember Raben: Most all of these are the PERF adjustments.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, Sandie indicated that these primarily are people who transferred into positions where there wasn't an adequate amount in the salary line for the greater level that the person was, position they were obtaining. So, there aren't any necessarily adjustments based upon someone in the current position.

President Winnecke: Did someone make a second to that?

Councilmember Sutton: Did you get a second on that?

President Winnecke: We're still looking for a second on the amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

<p>RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3245 KANSAS ROAD/REXAM CLOSURES AND CONTAINERS, INC.</p>

President Winnecke: Okay, the least piece of old business is the declaratory resolution of the Council confirming the declaration of an economic revitalization area for the property located at 3245 Kansas Road, that's Rexam Closures and Containers. We passed a preliminary resolution of this tax phase-in last month for a total of seven years and this vote today confirms that vote and makes the tax phase-in complete. And at this time, I would entertain a confirming resolution to that extent.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: You're making the motion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I'm sorry. Motion.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

President Winnecke: And a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: I did have one question. And I can't track down the request, the paperwork related to the Rexam Closure's...

President Winnecke: Tom Kimpel, their legal counsel, is here and could probably help us out.

Councilmember Sutton: But one thing I did notice that, as you were talking about, as you guys discussed in your paperwork, but the number of new employees you're going to be taking on, because looking back over the past two to three years, and there had been a decline in the number of employees, and what you're going to take on now, about 32 something like that, are going to get you back up to the levels that you were, say, about three years ago?

Tom Kimpel: First of all, we're not adding new, this is retaining 32 jobs on this application. And I think in the look back, my recollection was that it was not that big of a swing. I think we've been – its been, 2002, you're right, was 342 employees, so we have declined.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, what's, any particular things that may have, you could attribute that to, just the number of jobs lost there? Where you're going to be with this new expansion is going to get you back up to what you were before. What was taking place there to get that dip in the –

Tom Kimpel: Its mostly in addition to this real estate improvement that they want to make. Every year they average bringing in approximately over 3 to 5,000,000 of new equipment. They're constantly changing their method and their equipment, and as the equipment becomes more technical and efficient, it results in some phase-out of jobs.

Councilmember Sutton: So I guess it was somewhere in the neighborhood – I guess those guesstimates somewhere around, right around 10 percent loss, I guess, back a few years ago, so that's what you kind of attribute that to. Its just the –

Tom Kimpel: There was a large equipment purchase back then, yes sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. That was the question I had.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or further discussion on the confirming resolution? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Tom Kimpel: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Tom.

FILING DEADLINE

President Winnecke: The last bit of business that I have is to remind everyone that the filing date for the January 4th, 2006 meeting – hard to believe we’re saying that already, the filing deadline is December 2nd. If there’s no other – Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just a little housekeeping here. I think everyone was given a manilla envelop from Superior Court Judge Douglas Knight and in it should be an ordinance or a newly drafted ordinance for the structure of the Data Processing Committee. I’d like for everyone to take an opportunity between now and next month to read this because its my understanding they might want us to either adopt this or maybe take action on it in the next 30 days. Second, and Royce, I apologize for this, I looked for it at the time and couldn’t locate it but I did stumble on to it, you had made the point about General fund monies and what’s been expended for our outside housing. Its about 1.8 million dollars. Just a little over 1.8 million dollars to date. And Patient/Inmate, in addition to the million and five I think we budget every year, is another 605,000, so the cost of outside housing has really put a dent in things this year. Its close to two and a half million dollars.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, with that said, Councilman Raben, I mean, I don’t know what we’re anticipating next month in relation to appropriation requests. Obviously, the General fund is just about depleted now with the actions that we’ve taken here today. I would expect that if we could just following up on the previous conversation, could have a transfer from that Jail fund into the General fund, and like I said, I don’t know quite sure what the amount might need to be but at least to cover our appropriations for next month, to at least balance us out to a certain extend?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, and with that, I don’t mean to speak for the Sheriff’s office, but I guess its safe to assume we’ll have an appropriation request for a similar amount in December for November bills, for outside housing?

Councilmember Sutton: About 110,000?

Councilmember Raben: We’ll make sure that request comes out of the other account as well, next time.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Real quick, Mr. Fluty, is there any state implications as far as transferring that money and having a pretty healthy balance in our General fund if we transfer the 2.4 million dollars over?

Bill Fluty: No.

Councilmember Tornatta: They don’t look at that at the end of the year?

Bill Fluty: No.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I know sometimes their rules are funny on how they go about appraising how you’ve done at the end of the year. So I was just making sure that we weren’t going to get put in a pinch on the next year’s budget by doing

that.

Bill Fluty: No.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: By chance, who is the liaison for the Commissioners? Councilman Wortman? Okay, I guess we had gotten indications, I guess a few months ago, that we're anticipating that the Jail project will be done the end of this month or early – Chief Deputy Williams, do you have any – could you give us an update on the completion of that Jail project, especially in light of all this expense we're doing on inmate lodging. So just to give us an idea of how much further we might be incurring expenses on that side.

Eric Williams: Eric Williams, Sheriff's office. Right now we continue to meet almost every other day with the various contractors and the construction manager. Commissioner Nix has been very, very aggressive out there working with us and trying to keep the project moving forward. Right now there's no guarantees, but the construction time line shows that substantive completion of the major construction would be the end of this month, sometime during around Thanksgiving. And then there's still some security issues and minor issues that I don't see anything that would keep the project from being completed some time in December, and us being able to move sometime within the end of December, first of January at the latest.

Councilmember Sutton: So I guess the big question is, we probably should anticipate, now I know there's some things you can't talk about related to inmates, so we should probably anticipate our last appropriation for inmate lodging January, February or December? What are we looking at?

Eric Williams: Based on the worst case, probably would be that we would still have inmates in outside counties for part of January. You know, we're going to work on a transition to get those back. Right now, I think today we have in the neighborhood of 120 in outside counties and that's a fairly substantial amount to bring them back and get in a very, very quick time line. What we're going to start doing probably is taking a look at their court dates and not moving them. When we get towards the end to try and reduce that number as much as we can so we don't have a huge amount hanging out there when the transition occurs, thus making the move back fairly, you know, as timely as we can.

Councilmember Sutton: I had the great opportunity just a couple of weeks ago to go out and tour the new jail. It's a large facility, a lot of things in there. But just tremendous work that they're doing in getting everything together and the transition team putting their procedures together and just thinking through the whole process, a whole lot has gone into this whole process altogether. So I'd just like to commend you guys up to this point, what you've done so far. I know there's a whole lot more work to be done.

Eric Williams: Yeah, we're just now getting started. So its been an exciting project, but its moved along. We've not had any huge major roadblocks, and we've found almost without a doubt, everybody that we've had to work with and deal with on the project to be very cooperative and understanding and trying to make it as easy a process and as successful a project as possible. Like I said, I'll say it here, Commissioner Nix has been wonderful out there. He brings a different skill set that a lot of us didn't possess, with his private business or his private employment, and he's been able to ask a lot of questions and have us focus our attention in some

places we may not have, otherwise. So I think he deserves a little credit.

President Winnecke: Alright, thank you. Any other questions or any other business to come before the Council? If not, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

President Winnecke: And we are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Marsha Abell

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 2005**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of December in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon and welcome to the December 7th meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll begin with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: And in deference to our recording secretary, we'll be making our votes today in the form of a showing of hands, with maybe just one or two exceptions where I anticipate there might be someone who might want to say something with their vote, and give Ms. Lukeman a chance to save her voice. Would you please stand and join me in the Pledge?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OCTOBER 26, 2005 SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2005 REGULAR MEETING
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President Winnecke: Okay, we'll begin with approval of minutes from our special meeting of October 26th.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand please.

President Winnecke: Seven to nothing. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of our regular meeting of November 2nd.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. All in favor, raise your right hand please. Seven to nothing.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Winnecke: At this time we'll move on to our appropriation requests and I'll remind folks that are viewing at home and sitting in the audience who may not join us on a regular basis that we've heard the documentation of the requests for the information relating to these requests last week in our meeting. So if there are no questions its because we feel like we've heard the answers that we need. So with that, I'll turn it over to our finance chair, Mr. Raben.

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda today is County Treasurer, 1030-2841, this has been withdrawn so I'll move that that be set in at zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand. Seven to nothing.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-2841	Copy Fees	200.00	0.00
Total		200.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Superintendent of County Buildings, move that that, too, be set in at zero. There is a transfer later on in the agenda. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand please. Seven to nothing.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-1110-1310	Supt. Of Co. Bldgs.	2,915.00	0.00
1310-1900	FICA	300.00	0.00
1310-1150-1310	Groundskeeper	1,000.00	0.00
1310-1910	PERF	343.00	0.00
Total		4,558.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Superior Court, again, pretty much the same story. I move that be set in at zero and we'll deal with the transfer.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Abell: I'm sorry, I didn't hear the motion.

Councilmember Raben: Set this in at zero and pick it back up later in the transfers.

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

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1803	Legal Trans/Pauper	720.00	0.00
1370-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00	0.00
1370-4210	Office Furniture	4,000.00	0.00
Total		5,720.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

Councilmember Raben: Local Drug Free Community, Mr. President, I'll move that these requests be approved as listed for a total of \$10,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand please.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3280-2990	Discretionary-Ofc. Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00
3280-3951	Treatment	2,500.00	2,500.00
3280-3952	Prevention	2,500.00	2,500.00
3280-3953	Law Enforcement	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL PROJECT

Councilmember Raben: Next, Jail Project, Lodging of Inmates for \$273,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Councilmember Wortman: I still think it should come out of the Commissary account. That’s all my comment is. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Okay. All in favor, raise your right hand please. Six votes yea. All opposed? Six to one. Motion passes.

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3660-3051	Lodging of Inmates	273,000.00	273,000.00
Total		273,000.00	273,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CLERK SURVEYOR ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR	AUDITOR COUNTY ASSESSOR CIRCUIT COURT
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, that does it for the appropriations. We’ll move into transfers. Mr. President, on page two we have the County Clerk, County Auditor, Surveyor, County Assessor; page three, Armstrong Assessor, and Circuit Court. I will stop there and I make that in the form of a motion that they be approved as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: I’m sorry. Jim, how far did you take that down through?

Councilmember Tornatta: Armstrong –

Councilmember Raben: Through Circuit Court.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Is there a second?

Councilmember Abell: Second.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand please. Five yeas. All opposed? Two nays. The motion passes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-2600	Office Supplies	1,600.00	1,600.00
To: 1010-4210	Office Furniture	1,600.00	1,600.00

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-3520	Equipment Repair	1,500.00	1,500.00
To: 1020-3371	Computer Hardware	1,500.00	1,500.00

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1060-2330	Surveyor Stakes	68.00	68.00
1060-3310	Training	600.00	600.00
To: 1060-3520	Equipment Repair	68.00	68.00
1060-2210	Gas & Oil	250.00	250.00
1060-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	350.00	350.00

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1090-3130	Travel/Mileage	40.00	40.00
To: 1090-1972	Level II Certification	40.00	40.00

ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1100-3130	Travel/Mileage	120.00	120.00
1100-2600	Office Supplies	171.00	171.00
To: 1100-1110-1100	Armstrong Assessor	270.00	270.00
1100-1900	FICA	21.00	21.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-3944	Special Reporter	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 1360-2600	Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00

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

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Next, Superior Court. Mr. President, there’s a transfer in the amount of \$5,720, I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, and I believe we can have the Judge come up. To the best of my knowledge, the Office Furniture has been resolved and so there does not need to be a transfer. That is taken care of in the Civic Center’s issues with remodeling.

President Winnecke: That is not my understanding, but I –

Councilmember Tornatta: That is per Judge Trockman.

President Winnecke: Judge Diestch is here.

Terry Dietsch: Would that it were so. I talked to Judge Trockman, who had talked to the Building Authority. The horizontal file cabinets were not the horizontal file cabinets that were needed. We have a chair for the witness box. My understanding is that at some time, that's going to be remodeled. I don't know when. But we'll make do with some kind of chair. And we've already gone to surplus to get a desk – not the right desk. And we have to order the desk that goes with the other desks in Judge Trockman's office. I spoke with him yesterday and he agreed to that. I don't anticipate that we're going to spend the \$4,000 that we've asked to be transferred. I simply asked for that amount to be certain that we had enough money and its not new money, its moving money from one account to the other.

Councilmember Tornatta: And I understand. It will be new money next year if it stays in the fund. Okay? It will be new money for next year.

Terry Dietsch: No, no, no.

Councilmember Tornatta: But I did talk – yes, that is correct. And I did talk to the Superior senior judge, that told me that he had it handled, and all of those numbers would be taken care of, and I did not get a call back from him to tell me that there was any difference in his communication to me.

Terry Dietsch: You talked to Judge Trockman?

Councilmember Tornatta: Exactly. And he said it was handled, it was taken care of. You can take that appropriation and/or transfer out of the mix because he did have it handled.

Terry Dietsch: Well, he may have said that but yesterday I talked to him, that is no longer the case. You know, Mr. Tornatta, we're not asking for any money, we're simply asking to transfer so we can do these small things that we want to do and then we're going to return the money to the county.

Councilmember Tornatta: I understand, as well as every office can do that. What I am saying is that at this point, I'm not a proponent that we're worrying about office furniture at this time, especially when the senior judge says that it has been taken care of and has not called me with any contrary remarks. So, and that statement, its not against your office or your duty, that you're doing a fantastic job, but its just the senior judge says, I've got it taken care of, we do not need that money. And that's the last call I got.

Terry Dietsch: Well, I'm very sorry that you didn't get a call, but I don't have anything to do with that. That's all I have to say.

President Winnecke: Any other questions? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No, just simply, Judge Dietsch, I'm sure if you don't spend it all or if you don't find a need to spend it all, you won't.

Terry Dietsch: No, and I anticipate we will not. I anticipate we're going to get by for less than that.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: If the money is found in the other account, then you'll return all the money back? Is that correct?

Terry Dietsch: The money in the account from which we're transferring the money, we have more than ample in that. We anticipate that in the furniture account where we're transferring \$4,000, we will not spend that much. If we do not spend that much, obviously, that will come back to the county General Fund.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Judge Dietsch, yeah, I know Mr. Dietsch, have for years, and he's almost as conservative as I am. So he won't spend too much if that would be approved. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or comments? We'll do a roll call vote on this please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I voted no on this last time, but I talked to the judge and I think he and I came to an understanding as to why I voted no, and I still feel that we should not ever transfer money out of a required fund into an unnecessary fund, but they do need this and I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: On the assurance that the money will be returned, not spent, I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes. Passes five to two. Thank you, Judge.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-3903	Petit Jurors	5,720.00	5,720.00
To: 1370-1803	Legal Trans/Pauper	720.00	720.00
1370-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00	1,000.00
1370-4210	Office Furniture	4,000.00	4,000.00

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

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
LOCAL ROADS & STREETS
CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Mr. President, I'll move that we accept the transfers for Cum Bridge, Local Roads & Streets, Supplemental Adult Probation, and I'll stop there.

President Winnecke: There is a motion. Is there a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand please. Motion passes seven to nothing. Thank you,

CUM BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-2000	Materials	20,000.00	20,000.00
2030-3930	Other Contractual	35,000.00	35,000.00
2030-3520	Equipment Repair	7,000.00	7,000.00
To: 2030-2230	Garage & Motor	62,000.00	62,000.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2160-2530	Bituminous Materials	30,000.00	30,000.00
2160-3630	Equip. Lease & Rental	7,000.00	7,000.00
To: 2160-2230	Garage & Motor	30,000.00	30,000.00
2160-3160	Radio/Pagers	7,000.00	7,000.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2600-2720	Lab Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00

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2600-3620	Copy Machine Lease	700.00	700.00
To: 2600-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,700.00	1,700.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

SHERIFF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CIRCUIT COURT
RIVERBOAT
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

VOTER REGISTRATION
SUPT. OF CO. BUILDINGS
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
COUNTY HIGHWAY (TWO)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, then we have some late transfers, Mr. President. The Sheriff, Voter Registration, County Commissioners, Circuit Court, Community Corrections, Riverboat, County Highway, County Highway again, Cum Bridge, and that's it. I'll move that all those transfers be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I need to, if you'll go down to the Commissioners and stop at Superintendent of County Buildings.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I would like to exclude Superintendent of County Buildings from my motion.

President Winnecke: Who was the second on that? Curt, would you amend your second?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

President Winnecke: Okay, we'll present them as they are then. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah. Superintendent of County Buildings, that goes back to the salary that was just brought to us. This issue should have been addressed in February and I was okay with transferring funds, but not out of Contractual Services. In this case, Contractual Services funds has already been paid and has already been discussed to not be paid to an individual who is to be paid out of those lines, this is for Contractual Services to work related issues on the courthouse. Now we set precedent with this to handle this out of this account to handle the money out of the account earlier in the year. I think that was a bad setting, it went around the Job Study and here we go back again to handle this issue out of Contractual Services. And I don't think its good that the county sets it up no matter what time or date it is. I think that we need to stick firm on how we do business in the county. In this instance, we're saying that you can go to Job Study or not go to Job Study and you can use certain lines in other capacities. This is a 3000 account, it should not be used for paying our employees.

President Winnecke: Other questions or comments? All in favor, raise your right hand please. All opposed? Motion passes 6 to 1.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0089	Deputy Sheriff	6,000.00	6,000.00
1050-1130-0099	Deputy Sheriff	8,000.00	8,000.00
1050-1130-0036	Deputy Sheriff	852.00	852.00
To: 1050-1971	Accrued Payments	14,000.00	14,000.00
1050-1130-0026	Sergeant	852.00	852.00

VOTER REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1220-3550	Repair to Bldgs. & Grounds	90.00	90.00
1220-3371	Computer Hardware	51.00	51.00
To: 1220-3620	Copy Machine Lease	44.00	44.00
1220-2600	Office Supplies	97.00	97.00

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	211.00	211.00
To: 1300-3490	YMCA	211.00	211.00

SUPT. OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1310-3530	Contractual Services	4,558.00	4,558.00
To: 1310-1110-1310	Supt. Of Co. Bldgs.	2,915.00	2,915.00
1310-1900	FICA	300.00	300.00
1310-1910	PERF	343.00	343.00
1310-1150-1310	Bldg. & Groundskeeper	1,000.00	1,000.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-1250-1360	Receptionist/Probation Secretary	116.00	116.00
To: 1360-1270-1360	Administrative Asst. Probate	116.00	116.00

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(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

Councilmember Raben: that pretty much concludes the amendments along with the transfers. The last order of business would be Amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Everyone, I think, has a copy of these. Its not as long as it has been the last few months so I'll simply read these out. County Assessor, amend salary ordinance line 1090-1972 Level II Certification to include employee, Katherine Goy, certification funds to be prorated as transfer previously approved. Certification is on file in the County Council's office. Armstrong Assessor, amend salary line 1100-1110 Armstrong Assessor as previously approved. Annual salary is \$3,571 as approved in our 2005 salary ordinance. Superintendent of County Buildings, amend

salary line 1310-1110 Superintendent of County Buildings as previously adopted. Current employee is a PAT V, Step IV with an annual salary of \$40,104. I also move to amend salary line 1310-1150 Groundskeeper as previously approved in the transfer. Circuit Court, amend salary line 1360-1270 Administrative Assistant Probation as the transfer previously approved. This current employee is a PAT IV, Step 7 with an annual salary of \$45,543. Community Corrections, amend salary line 1361-1240 Correction Officer Supervisor as previously approved. The current employee is an unclassified union employee with an annual salary of \$35,925. This transfer was approved for back wages at our November 2, 2005 Council meeting. Sheriff's Department, amend salary line 1050-0026 Sergeant as transfer previously approved. The current employee is a Sergeant with an annual salary of \$47,024. This is due to the Sheriff's Department had a miscalculation. The deputy was promoted prematurely there, but this is to correct that. And then amend 1050-1520 Accrued Payments as previously approved. Funds requested to pay a retiring Deputy Sheriff. Under County Highway, salary line 2010-1850 Union Overtime as previously approved. Cum Bridge, salary line 2030-1850 Union Overtime as previously approved. That concludes the amendments and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand. Motion passes seven to nothing. Thank you, Mr. Raben.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR DATA PROCESSING/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY JUDGE DOUGLAS KNIGHT</p>

President Winnecke: Move on to new business, Judge Knight.

Douglas Knight: Thank you, Councilman. I'm Douglas Knight, one of the judges in the Vanderburgh Superior Court. I'm here today on behalf of all the judges in the Circuit and Superior Court and as a representative or spokesperson today for the Vanderburgh County Clerk, Auditor, Treasurer, and Recorder. For the last several months, quite a few months, a group has been meeting and in an effort to formulate an IT, information technology governance ordinance, that would as its centerpiece, I suspect, create an IT council that would meet openly and publicly and at least, hopefully, monthly with the chief information officer in order to discuss the business of information technology as it affects the users and, more importantly, to manage the change as it occurs in the information technology environment. The old data board was around for quite a few years – it had some flaws, one of which was that it probably didn't represent all the elected officials. And as this group has taken it upon ourselves to come forward with a solution that people feel comfortable with and that would adequately represent all the elected officeholders and answer or meet their needs in knowing what's going on in information technology. Its probably one of the more important tools that elected officials have at their disposal currently and is essential for them to perform the tasks that they are required to. I don't want to go point by point through this entire ordinance, that's probably a waste of everybody's time but I am here to ask that you seriously consider the ordinance and it's the kind of ordinance that obviously is going to have to be approved, I would suspect, by the city government as well as the county government, so it could function under an inter-local agreement for the sharing of expenses, etcetera. So

I don't speak for anybody other than the people I've identified, and sometimes I wonder whether I even speak for them, but, and they wonder why they asked me to speak for them probably, at times, but what our main goal is, is to have this Council and have open public meetings about what's going on with information technology so that we're all aware of it and that we have some ability to prioritize our projects. We used to do that under the old data board. We thought it was going to be an impossible task and Ms. Abell was a part of that and knows full well we sat down at a table and to everybody's total surprise, there was a complete give and take where people abandoned their priorities and others were supported. It can be done and we'd like to do it again, and its essential. So if there are any questions, I'll try to answer them and if there's any members of the group that can answer them, they're here to do so as well.

President Winnecke: Judge, do you have a copy of the proposal?

Douglas Knight: May I approach?

President Winnecke: Oh yes. Oh, we have one. I apologize.

Councilmember Abell: Judge, is that the same one we had or have there been revisions made to it?

Douglas Knight: It's the same one. (Other remarks made but they were inaudible because the speaker moved away from the podium microphone).

Councilmember Sutton: Judge, just for those who are not as familiar with the proposal, I mean, we didn't talk about this last week, what gaps in the system, our present IT structure, are you attempting to close with this particular proposal here? I understood your explanation, but help me to see where there may be some gaps in service.

Douglas Knight: I think project development, prioritization, management, all that requires communication between the IT chief officer and the people that work in that department with the officeholder. If we're going to take a firewall away because its not functioning, then that affected department or officeholder needs to be informed of that in two respects: first of all, that its not functioning, and secondly, that its going to be removed and I would like to know, as the affected officeholder, why it wasn't working and what's going to be put in its place and how will it work. There are a number – I think it was the Treasurer had a little interruption or near miss with getting thrown off the website right as the tax bills were going out and that could have been a little disruptive, and all of these are probably just innocent things. People don't usually try to harm anybody maliciously but they make these changes without understanding fully how it impacts on one or more elected officeholders and how they do their work. So far this year, there has been no public meeting, group meeting, of the information technology officers, board, whatever. So that's a big problem. There ought to be one every month, in my opinion. The ordinance addresses the CIO position and sets out some obligations of that officer and department that, its on page six of ten, and gives that individual certain responsibilities, which I think are something that we all would like to see come about. And to establish policies or procedures that are known to all departments so that they can follow it and come to a public meeting and be heard about what they need or what they're not getting, and allow the users to communicate with one another and become a user community. It seems, and it feels, that currently this operation is behind closed doors or in a closet, its under the radar. And I don't see it, I don't feel like I get a participation in it. I can meet with the CIO and have my needs met

but there is no ring of communication, no community of users in that respect. The mere fact that you've got major officeholders here asking you for this would strongly suggest that there is a problem and, hopefully, this will solve it. Nothing in this proposed ordinance is written in stone and there is no pride of authorship. You're the governing body and we're bringing an outline, if you will.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, we didn't really have a chance to talk about this last week because I had mentioned earlier, there's quite a bit in that proposal. What action are we, is being sought today on this because I guess as I see it, I mean, this would almost make for quite a bit more discussion from, I know at least this body and giving us an opportunity to really look through this thoroughly so that whatever direction, whatever course of action we do take, that we could feel comfortable with it, and I know I don't necessarily feel like I'd be ready to take an action on this today. So I don't know what the hope was today in presenting this particular proposal.

Douglas Knight: No, I think everything you said is perfectly reasonable. The idea was just to formally surface this proposed ordinance today, that's all, to put it in your hands and ask that you put it on your plate for consideration, not that you vote on it yet today. And read it, identify questions, suggestions, and come to this committee or me or anybody on the committee, or anyone else you want to consult with and individually, I think you'll develop a sense of understanding that will spill over into a joint meeting. The other problem that makes it very difficult is that there has to be a mirror ordinance on the city's side for it to be an inter-local agreement and you don't have any assurances – we don't know anything about the city. I placed this document in the hands of the City Council people and the Mayor, but I haven't had an opportunity to formally sit down and go over all that, there's a lot of people to get contacted and it's a big committee, that's the other problem that I think I've heard is there's too many people on this IT council. The philosophy there was to somewhat balance county elected officeholders, make sure they all got represented and then try to come close with the city's side number. That's the way it was approached. But again, there's other approaches that have worked just as well.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, at this point, I guess, you've had a chance to share this document with what bodies up to this point?

Douglas Knight: The County Commissioners, this body, the County Council, the Mayor, and then the officeholders that have been identified as being in support of this and the judges, and that's it.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I talked to Judge Knight about just throwing out a couple of things and one of these ideas was in Section 16.4.040 Structure, under heading C, Information Technology Officer/Deputy, it says in this section that this will be confirmed by 70% of the ITAC, which is the committee that you'll see, the Information Technology Advisory Committee, on the last page, 10 of 10. What I thought is that possibly that would be confirmed by joint City/County Council, and the reason for that is that as much in the senate, they would actually vote on somebody for that type of position that's serving and we are funding that position, we are looking to have somebody that the Council can go to, to talk about funding. We don't do the hiring or firing, the Mayor and the County Commission would be in charge of that legislative duty, but we would be doing the funding of the committee. So anybody that would have any issues with how things were funded would come to us, we would be able to pass that on to this deputy/director. And I think with our vote, that would look out for the best interests of the financial obligations to the

county. Just a proposal to throw out there, but I think that that would give us a little say in who this director would be in both the city and the county.

President Winnecke: Any other comments or questions?

Councilmember Raben: Just one brief comment. Judge, I know you put a lot of work in this, you and several other parties. Great job, my hat is off to you. I think something like this is important because all of our IT users or elected officials are really stakeholders in how this operates. So I think this gives everybody a voice and again, I think it's a move for the better.

Douglas Knight: Thank you, sir.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I have also talked to Judge Knight at some length about this IT and I sat on the old Data Board for – since 1992 up through the last year. And one of the things that I think this Council should be certainly concerned with is that we always had a member on that board, there was always a member of the County Council that sat on that Data Board and at one time, I remember it was Sandie, and when we would start talking about things that some officeholder or some department head brought forth that they wanted to do, and they started talking about the money, especially if it was someone in the county, Sandie was always the first one to let us know whether or not that funding was going to be available. And I think it's crucial that before someone starts the process of buying a new software package or moving to some different type of system, that this Council be advised what that's going to cost up front before they're too far into it that they can't back out. And having a board where that's discussed and having a member of the Council sitting on that ensures that this Council has that voice. And I think that's very important and I think we should keep that in mind as we go forward with, hopefully, re-instigating a committee of elected officeholders and department heads who do have a stake in the system and do use it, and make sure that we have our voice in there too so that things do not get out of control as they easily can do when you start talking about purchasing of hardware and software in the computer industry.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or comments?

Councilmember Raben: I guess just one quick question, Mr. President, I guess maybe you can make the determination on what changes – you'll accept changes and coordinate this back and forth with –

President Winnecke: I think we all need to read it and probably collaborate amongst ourselves and then at some point we need to coordinate a meeting with the County Commissioners and the city administration to see what direction to take. But I'll be happy to kind of spearhead the effort to get all the parties together.

Douglas Knight: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other questions of the judge? Thank you for your time.

Douglas Knight: Thanks.

President Winnecke: Appreciate it.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ENHANCED EMERGENCY
TELEPHONE SYSTEM ORDINANCE AND FEE**

President Winnecke: Okay, next we have the proposed ordinance amendment to the E911 fee, we discussed this at length last week. One of the issues that remains outstanding from that was the issue of how much we could actually raise the fee. The proposed ordinance is to take it to \$.95, its currently at \$.35. Mr. Fluty has sent a letter to each of the phone providers that are carriers in our county to ask them what the average line charge is. And the statute, and Mr. Ahlers can correct me if I am wrong, but the statute says that the E911 fee should not exceed three percent of the average line charge in the county. So I anticipate that those figures will be into the Auditor's Office by around the 20th of December. But that is an issue that, just in all candor, is still looming out there. I have spoken with the mayor. If \$.95 passes, I think the city is quite willing to sit down and talk about the formula in which the funds are divided. But the issue before us today is the ordinance to increase the fee from \$.35 to \$.95.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I move that we approve the resolution or the ordinance as presented as we discussed last week.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. And just for clarification, this is an amendment to an ordinance so it will require two votes. The second vote would occur in January and if it were to be affirmed at that point, the increase would take effect in March. I believe that that is correct. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick question, Mr. President. If everyone recalls, last week it was mentioned that the city had served notice that at that point in time or leading up to this point in time, they were not particularly interested in carrying out their obligation or their two-thirds of their funding towards this budget and operations after 2008. I had asked the city for that information and what their interest would be in the coming years. Do we have any information on that?

Keith Jarboe: Good afternoon, Keith Jarboe, president of Central Dispatch Board and also City Council. I did talk to the Mayor as soon as the meeting was over. What he has indicated, there was not notice served, it has not been served, it was only a letter pointing out what the agreement had said, so we have not served notice that we intend to pull out of the one-third, two-third agreement at this time. What he has indicated, as with everything, everything is up for discussion and we'll continue to look at it. Hopefully between this month and next month, everything can be resolved and it will no longer be an issue.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I think I have an understanding of what the outcome may be today. I want it to be known that I will not be able to vote for this ordinance today. I mean, I think its important that we need something more definite as to what the city's plans are beyond 2008, before we act on this. And I would encourage everyone else to delay this matter until we have that information.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I've had quite a few phone calls as well today, have talked to Mr. Jarboe, with the Mayor, with Mr. Winnecke, and several others. This is something that will go into effect as of March 2006, the way it looks at this time. A vote today would bring the process along so it meets that March date. If this date

is missed, there might be a possibility that it not be brought up in March. Now that's going to affect how that 911 could possibly be run. What I don't want to do is, I don't want to put us in a situation where we put 911 in jeopardy. Everyone knows November 6th was a powerful day for realizing what 911 does for our community. It not only handled the calls professionally, but it was able to get emergency services out to many places in a timely manner so people's lives could be saved. That's kids, that's adults, that's elderly, that we were able to save because we were funding this mechanism and on top of things. We have not raised this charge on this service since 1990 and we've been able to hold a line on a lot of different things, but at some point we have to look at a mechanism to take away from property taxes and put onto user fees. This comes down from the state from Governor Daniels, that says that he'd like to see individuals get away from property taxes and move more toward either user fees or other opportunities to not keep on burdening the taxpayer. Seventy percent of my constituents are inside the city and seventy percent of those people are a little disgruntled by the way that the system is set up right now and this was conveyed to the Mayor and to the President of the County Council so that we could try and get more equal terms on this particular way and formula that we have funding at this time. Ninety-five cents is a stretch from where we've been but my proposal to the Mayor and to the controller of the city would, I believe, allow things to, in the county, to stay at a level that would be at or below what we'd pay if we were to go ahead and work on capital improvements. And more of that will be seen in January when we finish our negotiations. But I think this is something that needs to happen and it's in the best interests of the county as a whole.

President Winnecke: If you could hold that thought, we're going to change the tape and we'll continue.

(Tape changed)

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to add, the question that I think that has been asked of me is really the impact that it will have on people by approving this ordinance that's before us. We are essentially raising the land line charge that people see on their monthly telephone bill to the \$.95. On the course of a whole year, what the increase that we are proposing here, the impact would be \$7.20 per year. Not necessarily, you know, for some, that may have an impact, but in light of what we're seeing with fuel costs and other things, this would seem rather minuscule in light of other increases and I don't think there's any, not a Councilmember up here that likes to propose increases. But what we are attempting to do with our 911 service is ensuring that we have a good, quality service that from a technical standpoint, that we have the equipment that meets the needs and is in line with counties of our size, what kind of service they should be expected to provide. Can we do everything that has been requested of us from last week on that list of equipment and different items? No, we can't do everything and I would, I think that that was communicated last week that we, and when I asked the question, you know, how much of this do we really want to undertake, they fully expected that they would not be able to do it all, and there's no way that we can. Can we ultimately move to a process where it's a user based system? I think over time, we probably can begin to get to that, but along with that, the whole thing, I think there's going to need to be some discussions about how we maybe bring some more of those dollars back down this way regarding cell phone use. The land lines are not going to be – we're not going to be able to rely on that fee alone in the long term, but as new things come along the lines, there's just a lot of different things that we won't be able to determine in 2008, 2010, but in light of what we have right now, I think that it's a

very doable, very practical, increase that we're expecting here and assures that we're going to have the quality of service that we're expecting. Now one thing, too, there was some question about the land line charges and I believe there are several different carriers, at least 20 carriers here locally, so when you try to look at that three percent based on the carriers, I mean, its just all over the board. Its really difficult to really narrow that down to which one you might use. Do you take the average of all of them? It really is difficult to do that and I think the statute is written in such a way where it gives a rather broad latitude to local governments to address this particular issue if they intend to have any increases in their 911 fee. So I'm supportive of it because I think the quality of service deserves it.

President Winnecke: Ms. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I just have a question. If we vote on this today and it passes, are we going to have the second vote in one week at our December meeting or in January?

President Winnecke: No, in January.

Councilmember Abell: And can we have everything –

President Winnecke: That's the intent.

Councilmember Abell: Everything will be secured? We'll know whether they're going to get out in 2008, and whether its going to –

President Winnecke: Oh, no, I don't know that we'll know that. No, I don't think – I think the answer Mr. Jarboe provided is, the city has not made an official overture to get out of the inter-local agreement. Its just a letter of notification of what its possibilities are.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President, and I also did get a pretty strong mind that the city is going to work to try and make sure that January deadline is going to have a lot of these answers. So I'm not – that's not one hundred percent, but its pretty darn close, if its not. They said they want to work to make sure that those answers are resolved by January.

Councilmember Sutton: Did they also, I think they also indicated, one of the questions we had and that was revenue sources. They're going to look at revenue sources out there to ensure that this is funded outside of maybe how its presently funded. So that's something I know we would all be interested in seeing in this report that's put together.

President Winnecke: Any other questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Its pretty obvious this service is needed, its demanded by our public and anyone I've spoken to that's had to use the 911 service has been – well, all have been unanimous in their support and their satisfaction with the service as offered now. And I think its pretty obvious we must keep it. I think that if we act in good faith today and raise this fee that perhaps the city should also act in very good faith by the January vote and have the answers for us as far as their future involvement. And I do think, also, with the bubble coming from land lines to cell phones, as these kind of taxes go up, more and more people are going to be opting just to go to cell. I think we need to lobby somehow our state legislators to bring back more of that funding locally because Vanderburgh County residents paying the

cell phone charge and we're getting back about fifty percent of that money for the 911 service, and I don't think its quite fair. The governor has asked us to become innovative in our ways of raising money and I think this type of action is going to be an innovative way for the state of Indiana to raise money at our expense. So I do think that we have to address the cell phone issue. I know this body can't do it, but we must at least make our feelings known. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: One last comment, Mr. President. Again, I know, I think I have a good sense of where this is going today, but I hope that this body, in our January meeting, if we don't have the key, important answers for our questions, I certainly hope this body would not vote in support of this tax. I mean, I'm looking here at the summaries, the annual summaries from Central Dispatch. Just to quote a few numbers here, I've got them from 2000 through 2004. 2004's calculations are accumulated a little different so they would be hard to use for this example, but in 2003, city police calls received were 143,000; the Sheriff's department 27,000. 2002, 147,000 for the city; 26,000 for the Sheriff. 2001, 140,000 calls to 25,000 calls. In 2000, 136,000 to 24,000. You know, the county's, the calls that come in through that center represent about, you know, that would probably be 10 or 15 percent of the calls represent the county. So I would hope that the city, if 80 or 85 percent of the calls coming in there, probably half the city citizens, I would just hope that they're as concerned for their citizens as we are for our ten or fifteen percent. So, again, let's hope we get the correct answers.

President Winnecke: I want to make one comment and then I'll call for the vote. I think an increase is warranted. I do not think that \$.95 is the number. To me, the most important thing that this body should keep in mind when funding Central Dispatch is creating a funding mechanism to help pay for capital improvements down the road. As the list that the staff provided last week, its extensive and its expensive. I think the figure, probably in the neighborhood of \$.70 is more realistic. That would create a little over \$400,000 on an annualized basis and, to me, that's a lot of money to put in a nest egg for capital improvements. But I think I'm more comfortable with a lower number. But the motion before us is to amend the ordinance that exists to fund the E911 fee at \$.95. There is a motion on the floor and a second. We'll call for a roll call vote on this one, thanks.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I am not voting for this tax, I am voting to continue this until January, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No, for the reasons I've cited.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: No.

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

President Winnecke: So the motion passes five to two and it will be considered on second reading at our January reading.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, real quick, a different discussion, but similar subject. It's also my understanding that a verbal notice was given to our director for Weights & Measures, Loretta Townsend, that the city is also looking at dropping their obligation for Weights & Measures. Have you received anything on that?

President Winnecke: I have not received an official notification. The Mayor indicated to me that they thought the city was going to proceed in that direction, but I am not aware of any formal notice.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, does this Council not see a trend here in what's going on?

Councilmember Tornatta: There is the finance chair out in the audience if you want to address him.

Councilmember Raben: Would you like to address that or –

President Winnecke: He may not be aware of – I think its probably an administration decision.

Councilmember Raben: You know, again, that's a very important department within both city and county. I mean, that department ensures that when you buy a gallon of gas, you get a gallon of gas. When you buy a pound of meat, you get a pound of meat. Or you pay for something that's on the clock, that when you pay by the minute or by the hour, you know, they ensure that both city and county residents get what they pay for and, again, I'm concerned with why they would want to remove themselves from that obligation.

Councilmember Sutton: Have we received anything formally in that regard?

President Winnecke: No, I've had discussions with the Mayor on this. He says he believes that it is the city's intent, but he also said we have not sent a formal notice of such action.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I, there are a number of things that fly around this building all the time, discussions, rumors, proposals, ideas. But until something comes before this body in the form of a request, proposal, an ordinance, for us to then take action on, I mean, we can talk about a lot of different things that may be going on out there that if we believe something might be happening, I think its maybe appropriate to trace down to see if it is in fact what it is. But until something comes before this body that we can either vote up or down, I can't really see why we would act on or have a lengthy discussion on rumor/innuendo.

President Winnecke: Anybody else before we move on?

RESOLUTION TO APPEAL FOR A PROPERTY TAX SHORTFALL
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President Winnecke: Next, in accordance with House Bill 1001, we need to take action at today's meeting on a resolution of the County Council to appeal for a property tax shortfall. You may recall, we took very similar action this time of year last year. To protect our budget, this amount is estimated over the actual number which will be determined after final collection figures are received from the Treasurer and our settlement is completed. This information is sent on to the Department of Local Government and Finance before the end of the year. And you have the resolution before you. At this time, I would entertain a motion to approve such resolution.

Councilmember Wortman: I make a motion for approval.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm just curious, what was that number last year?

Bill Fluty: We actually have set it in at the same number as we did last year. And, of course, this will, you can't go up, but we can come down. So we're just, for safety's sake here, is why its overstated.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

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

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: The motion passes seven to nothing. And don't forget, we need everyone's signature on this please, before you leave.

APPOINTMENT TO HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD

Councilmember Sutton: Item nine on our agenda, we didn't have any action on that. I guess I was wondering, since we have the benefit of being televised, I didn't know if you maybe had a name for someone who might have an interest in serving on the Human Relations Board. I had talked with Diane Clements about this, this week and told her we would try to act on this as soon as we can. I guess they're really trying to get their board appointments filled. They meet once a month on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30, so I don't know if there's some individuals out there in TV land who might have an interest in serving on this or if you've got some particular names. They were hopeful of finding someone who maybe had a little bit of legal background to serve on the board in light of the types of things that they have to address with this body.

President Winnecke: That's a good appeal to those watching at home. I do not have a name in mind and we will put that on our – move it higher to the top of our to-do list.

Councilmember Sutton: Would you want, if there is some interest, to have them call

Sandie Deig? The number is 435-5790 if you have an interest in serving on the Human Relations Board.

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President Winnecke: Two other quick things, you'll realize that you each have a very thin packet of information. This is for the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting, which will be held next Wednesday at 3:30 for the January meeting. And then in January, the intent of the Council is to move meetings to 8:30 in the morning, but remain on the first and last Wednesdays of the month. But next Wednesday, 3:30 Personnel & Finance Committee for the January meeting. At this point if there's no other business, I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

President Winnecke: We are adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.)

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