

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of January in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Auditor, Bill Fluty.

Bill Fluty: Welcome to the County Council 2006 meeting. Madam Secretary, may I have a roll call?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben		X
Councilmember Wortman	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 Abell: Mr. Chairman, I nominate Lloyd Winnecke for President for the year 2006 for the Vanderburgh County Council.

Councilmember Wortman: I'd like to second that motion.

Bill Fluty: Madam Secretary, may I have a 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Bill Fluty: Congratulations. I'll now turn this over to Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Thanks everyone and happy new year. I appreciate the Councilmembers' confidence in my leadership and I pledge to continue the same kind of leadership that we've had in the past 12 months, which I think has put the Council in a good position and helped the voters and constituents of our county.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

President Winnecke: Having said that, I would entertain a motion for Vice President of the Council.

Councilmember Wortman: I'd like to make a motion nominating Marsha Abell to Vice President of the County Council.

President Winnecke: There is a motion.

Councilmember Goebel: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain a motion to reappoint Jeff Ahlers as our County Attorney. Although Mr. Ahlers could not be with us today for legal reasons, we do have Maria Worthington from his firm in his place. But I would entertain that motion.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll entertain a motion we nominate Jeff Ahlers for County Attorney for the Vanderburgh County Council.

Councilmember Abell: I'll second that.

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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
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President Winnecke: And at this time I would make the President's appointments to the Personnel Chair and the Finance Chair. I would appoint Councilman Wortman to chair our Personnel Committee and Councilman Raben to continue as Finance Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DECEMBER 7, 2005

President Winnecke: And at this time I would entertain a motion to approve minutes

from our December 7th meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

PROSECUTOR

President Winnecke: In Mr. Raben's absence, Councilwoman Abell has agreed to get through the appropriation requests for the month, so I'll turn the floor over to Councilwoman Abell.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll try to stumble through this as best I can. I won't do credit to Jim, I'm sure. We're going to take each one of them separately. The Prosecutor, 1240-1080, set that in at \$1,873. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1240-1080	Chief Criminal Investigator	1,873.00	1,873.00
Total		1,873.00	1,873.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Abell: County Assessor, 1090, we are going to zero that out and take that issue up next month. 1972, set that in at \$500. The other items set in at zero, for a total of \$500, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? I would just add, I think the feeling is that we will visit this issue and the Surveyor’s issue in March. That would be the six month period from when we last addressed that issue. 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1120-1090	Chief Deputy	1,428.00	0.00
1090-1972	Level II Certification	500.00	500.00
1090-1900	FICA	148.00	0.00
1090-1910	PERF	116.00	0.00
Total		2,192.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Abell: Pigeon Township Assessor, Level II Certification, 1972, set it in at \$500, FICA at \$39, for a total of \$539, 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-1972	Level II Certification	500.00	500.00
1150-1900	FICA	39.00	39.00
Total		539.00	539.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION

Councilmember Abell: The Surveyor’s Chief Deputy 1220-2650 is the same as the Assessor, we’re going to defer that until March. I’ll set all those in at zero and 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2650-1220-2650	Chief Deputy	1,428.00	0.00
2650-1900	FICA	110.00	0.00
2650-1910	PERF	86.00	0.00
Total		1,624.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**PROSECUTOR
CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION
SHERIFF (LATE)**

Councilmember Abell: And, Mr. President, on the transfers, we'll take all three of those together. Prosecutor set in at \$14,903. Circuit Court set in at \$2,000. And a late transfer from the Sheriff set in at \$26,000, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1080-1230-1080	Investigator	14,903.00	14,903.00
To: 1080-1240-1080	Chief Criminal Investigator	14,903.00	14,903.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2600-1980	Other Pay	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 2600-1930	Unemployment	2,000.00	2,000.00

LATE TRANSFER

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0233	Bonding Supervisor Detention	26,000.00	26,000.00
To: 1050-1990	Extra Help	26,000.00	26,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Abell: I think that takes care of my part of the program.

President Winnecke: Actually, you get to do the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance, and they have just been presented.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Abell: Okay, you've been passed out the amendments to the Salary Ordinance for the Prosecutor, County Assessor, Pigeon Township Assessor and the Sheriff. We left out the – the County Assessor is the \$500 for the certification, Level II, but both issues dealing with the Chief Deputy in the County Surveyor and the Chief Deputy County Assessor are both put off until March. I will make this part of the record.

Councilmember Wortman: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: Thank you, Madam Vice President. You did a fine job.

<p style="text-align: center;">ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 911 ENHANCED EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM</p>
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President Winnecke: Okay, next we'll move on to old business, the second reading on the proposed ordinance to amend the Enhanced Emergency Telephone System. If you'll recall at our meeting last month, on the first reading, we passed an ordinance increasing the monthly fee from 35 cents to 95 cents. It does require two readings and I would pass on a little bit more information to you. As you recall, we asked the County Auditor to request information from the 24 phone providers in Vanderburgh County, companies that provide that service in the county. Actually, five of the 24 have provided information which is disappointing, to say the least. Bill, did you hand this out?

Bill Fluty: Yes, I did.

President Winnecke: Okay, you all have that sheet in front of you which shows the residential and commercial land line rates those companies have provided. Just doing some simple math, if you add the residential column, you get a total of \$79.70, and the average there is \$15.94. The total of the commercial lines is \$137.42. The average of those is \$27.48. So if you add the \$15.94 and the \$27.48 and divide by two, the rate would be 65 cents. And as we've discussed, the statute says that in a county with a second class city, which Vanderburgh County is, the increase should be no more than three percent and that's where we are. Clearly, if we confirm the 95 cents, it would be above the information that we have today provided to us. Its disappointing that the providers were not able to give us access to that information in a timely manner. The request came at the end of November. They've had several weeks to reply and they have not done so. So I don't know what the Council's pleasure is. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I would move that we would adjust the fee on the 911 charge to 95 cents as we had discussed last month. You know, well, let me just go and get that on the floor and then I'll have some follow up comments behind that.

President Winnecke: Okay, there is a motion to amend the fee to 95 cents, which is the same as what we did in December. Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, I'll second that motion.

President Winnecke: A second from Mr. Wortman. Now, discussion, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I think last month when we had a chance to have some discussion and the city came forward and brought some good information to us. One of the areas that we were really concerned about is the long term implications of an agreement like this, working with the city, and how the county would potentially be impacted by just the long list of capital expenditures that were going to be needed for this department, what the technological updates that are going to be required to keep our 911 system up to date and allowing all the bodies that are involved with public safety to be able to communicate is vitally important to this community. I think when we look at what we're talking about here with this proposed adjustment to the fee, I think we're all very sensitive to the urgency and the importance of having a communications system that does work well, that is up to date, but most importantly,

meets the needs of our community. You know, we probably don't even notice a system like that at all in our daily comings and goings until there is an urgent or emergency situation that occurs either in our neighborhood or in our lives personally, and we want that system to work well when we're faced with a situation like that. So keeping that equipment up to date, we've had some discussions about how we're going to be able to do that and one of the things in some of the discussions with the Mayor and some of the Councilmembers and City Councilmembers that we're concerned about is whether the county can undertake those expenses. And we know that we can't pay for all those expenses. And what I would recommend as a part of what we are going to move here to ensure that our equipment is up to date, is that the city would take up from their Riverboat funds, they would pay for at least two-thirds of the cost of any capital expenditures that we may have going down the road. I mean, I don't know if we look at just this type of equipment, if we don't have some updates along the way, whether we're going to be able to maintain at a level. The other thing, too, is the length of this agreement, we are scheduled to -- this is scheduled to terminate at the end of 2007, --

President Winnecke: Actually, the end of 2008, I believe.

Councilmember Sutton: 2008? You know, so I would, I think we need to take a look at that relative to -- especially if we're making some adjustments here on this fee, I think we need to look at the length of that agreement to maybe stretch that out a little bit further beyond what we have right now.

President Winnecke: Anyone else? Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Mr. President, I voted in favor of this last time to get some comments, hopefully, get some comments from the Mayor's office which I have not heard. It is nice to think that we would ask that two-thirds of this be paid out of Riverboat funds but I've heard no commitment along those lines that this will be paid, any of it, out of Riverboat funds. I did have an opportunity to read the newspaper, which I do on a regular basis, and read that a City Councilman indicated that Riverboat funds could only be used for capital improvements, however, this is a capital improvement. There's no reason that Riverboat funds could not be used for this. This is not a user fee. I've heard many people say it is a user fee. It is not a user fee. A user fee is a fee someone uses. This is a fee we're going to stick on every phone bill in town. These phone bills are not cell phones which those of us who are fortunate enough to make enough money to be able to have a cell phone have, these are phones that are hooked to the wall, that are the cheapest form of phone that a person can have. So these are used not only by people who can afford other phones, but also by people who can hardly afford to have the phone they have. To refer to this as the cost of a happy meal is a nice little blip for the newspaper, but the fact is, if this is a happy meal for someone, then the jail is going to be two or three happy meals and the library will be another happy meal, and before long, the citizens of Vanderburgh County are going to be standing at the food bank looking for food, not at McDonald's to buy a happy meal. We cannot continue to increase the taxes on these people in Vanderburgh County so blatantly as to increase something over double, and I would not be in favor of and do not intend to vote in favor of 95 cents on the phone bill for this unless we would put this off and have the Mayor come before us and make a commitment that they're going to use Riverboat funds and make a commitment that there will be some property tax relief for this, both of which have been rumored, but I have heard no commitment in no public forum along that line, and I will be voting against this issue. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Anyone else? Mr. Wortman? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Can Mr. Sutton's proposal be amended that we would vote for the 95 cent fee if the city agrees to use Riverboat funding for capital improvements?

President Winnecke: I don't think that can be part of his motion. I don't think we can make – we can't make an appropriation contingent upon – with a caveat like that, but I don't know about – I think that would be part of the negotiations with the city, going forward. I don't know the answer to that, I guess, off the top of my head is what I'm saying. If you want to amend the motion and include that, I think we would have to defer it and get a firm opinion as to whether we could do that.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I think the increase would be contingent upon the city agreeing to what our conditions are, wouldn't it? So we could pass the resolution or not here?

President Winnecke: I don't think you can pass the 95 cents with a contingent because at some point we'd have to double back and...Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: The question is, to include that in the motion? Is that correct?

President Winnecke: But I guess my point is, I'm not sure we can pass – we can make the change contingent upon an action by another governmental entity. I know we can't do that with an appropriation.

Councilmember Sutton: How about two motions? One on the amount of the fee increase and then the second motion which may not necessarily be a binding motion, but would be more of a negotiating option for us –

President Winnecke: It could be a resolution certainly, but I think there's another issue that I think we need to really look at and that is, based on information the Auditor has provided us, the legality of the vote. Whether 95 cents is a figure that passes muster according to the state statute.

Councilmember Sutton: I think, clearly, the Auditor has made great strides in trying to get the information needed to determine what that amount should and could be based upon what response he received. You, know five out of twenty-two of them, I wouldn't consider that, I mean, though the effort was good, I mean, I wouldn't consider the response very representative of what would be a total look of what the charges might be out there. So, I mean, to really just kind of say that if we base it just on five out of twenty-two, I don't know if we've got a clear picture of what the actual line charges may be for those that are here in our community, especially if you have this many companies that did not respond at all.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: We also got something here talking about the fourteen counties that have a surcharge and it was surcharge, I'm still not clear on the tax issue. I think it's a service fee, those who have a phone have the opportunity just like if you have cable, you have the opportunity to watch TV. If you have a phone, you have an opportunity to call 911 in a state of emergency. Those people that were in the tornado probably hadn't planned on using their 911. However, there were a lot of 911 calls when we had those presented before us and it was very compelling to make sure that this staff at the 911 office is allowed to have all of the advanced technology that they need. Tippecanoe, if we look at Tippecanoe, they have

130,000 people, their line charge is \$1.52. Those counties can work around to make sure that they take the burden off of the property tax and try and put it in another area. I think this is a stride forward to do that. The Republican Governor wants things to move in that direction. Our Mayor has made strides to make sure that there are opportunities to take property tax burdens off the constituents in not only the city, but to try and help us to take them off the people in Vanderburgh County, of which I have people that are my constituents, the at-large people, and in fact, all of the Council people have people that live in the city that are their constituents. And so, I don't want to see any taxes that are unfair. I look at this as a fee, however, and I think that this is a fee for those people who are using the phone system and who have the opportunity to get in touch immediately to emergency personnel. And I think that that is what we're looking at here. So I would be in favor of the 95 cents. I would hope that the city would, and have a commitment that they like a proposal that puts all 95 cents toward the operations of 911, which one-third/two-third splits on anything above that. But the city would then pick up out of their Riverboat fund, which is non-tax based, they would pick up that fee to do all capital improvements and hold the county harmless in that event. The first thing that comes to mind is there is a 2.2 million dollar addition that needs to be to get this 911 up to digital status and that's definitely coming down the road. So with those things said, I think that this is a move forward. We have to make sure that everyone is covered and we do have a maintained 911 system, and in doing that, that's the way I'll vote.

President Winnecke: I think to your point, you made a couple of good points, but I think the request that the Governor has made to find alternative funding sources, in my mind, I think he's trying to stay within the statute. And I think before we vote to increase the fee to 95 cents, and I am not opposed to increasing the fee, I think it should be increased so we do create a funding mechanism so that we can place the latest state-of-the art equipment at the site. I'm not opposed to that, but I think we do need to stay within the statute. And I, frankly, don't know that we have the information before us to validate an increase to 95 cents. The statute, I think, is very clear in a county that has a consolidated city or a county that has at least one second class city, that is this county. Three percent of the average monthly telephone access charge, that's the rate, three percent. So, I guess, Mr. Ahlers is not here, but, Maria, if you could offer – not to put you in the hot seat...

Maria Worthington: It does appear that you may be able to gather more data, maybe wait another month, see if Mr. Fluty is able to get –

President Winnecke: Can you turn your microphone on?

Maria Worthington: You may want to defer this a month. Wait and see if Mr. Fluty is able to get anymore data as companies who were unresponsive, maybe a second request would generate the information you need, recompute it and then see if you can make that 95 cents that you want to pass, work. The other alternative would be, you can amend the current ordinance at second reading to the 65 cents that we can justify. Those, today, would be the only two really viable options.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Fluty, when did you send out this request to the telephone companies for this land line charge information?

Bill Fluty: I believe it was the first of December and we asked them to respond the 20th. After the 20th, we started making calls and actually did do a little better than the first three that responded. And we are in communication with quite a few. Remember when we're making these calls, these are to Rochester, they're not local, so it is a little more difficult to get to the person that will give us those charges. But

we've been working on that every day to get those. And we just got one this morning.

Councilmember Sutton: And the response is that you were receiving from the majority of these companies was – was what type of response were you receiving?

Bill Fluty: A letter, a written letter is what we requested.

Councilmember Sutton: The ones that did not choose to respond, was there any particular reason why they chose -

Bill Fluty: Those are the ones we've called and tried to tell them the importance of this and ask them to respond.

Councilmember Sutton: And I guess the other thing is, when we talk about the basic charge, what are we including in that because, I mean, there's so many – every company is so different. What were you specifically asking for?

Bill Fluty: We were just asking for the basic charge for their commercial and their residential, and that's what they're giving us. Hopefully, they're all giving us the same thing.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, there is another aspect that you'll look at and, of course, that's there's add-ons. There are things that are in there, on an average, though, people have call waiting, people have those three-way calling, those different services. Those should be in this document as well because, obviously, its an average of what that bill is and what that fee is off of that bill. And to my knowledge, that is a point that is not necessarily in that statute.

Maria Worthington: The statute, I can read it just so its in the record, its I.C. 36-8-16-6, and it calls for three percent of the average, just the monthly telephone, the access line charge. It does not allow to include the extra items.

Councilmember Sutton: Say that again.

Maria Worthington: It calls for three percent – this is the maximum, of the average monthly telephone access line charge, just the line charge.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that interpretation or –

Maria Worthington: Its not defined by statute so it would have its plain and ordinary meaning, so that's really, the Council and the Auditor can decide what that plain and ordinary meaning is. Mr. Fluty may be able to weigh in more on that. If you look at a phone bill, (Inaudible). But that's really a determination for the Council –

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, and I think that's where different counties have an interpretation difference to call it either what the line charge is – the fees that are on there with the line charge, they can use that and have used in the past to move and make sure that they're able to fund their 911 system.

Maria Worthington: It may be another opportunity to table that another month and see if you can not only get more information, but satisfy yourselves on that definition.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and then my other thought was, if we can't go 95 cents because of statute, maybe the amendment ought to be to the motion is that we go to the maximum amount with a cap at 95 cents, and that would put us in compliance.

President Winnecke: To amend the ordinance to say –

Councilmember Tornatta: No, not ordinance –

President Winnecke: Well, that's what we're doing. We're amending an existing ordinance, so what you're suggesting is that we amend the motion amending the ordinance to say the fee shall go to the maximum fee allowed under the state statute but not to exceed 95 cents?

Councilmember Tornatta: Correct.

President Winnecke: What about that?

Maria Worthington: It sounds a little bit better but you still haven't made a decision about what – I mean, you still have to take the next step and decide what that number is.

President Winnecke: That's right, we do have to vote on a specific number, I do remember that from previous – because it has to have a second reading, so it has to be a specific number. So at some point, we'd have to set in that amount.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, if the only thing we can do is table it, then we have to table it. I mean, there's no use in voting on something that's not a legal and binding vote. So if that's not a legal vote with our Council, then we're kind of doing this for naught.

Councilmember Sutton: But I think that's up to interpretation. I mean, I think there's still questions about what you include in as a fee or a land charge on this. I mean, when you look at the other counties, and clearly, we see numbers all over the board, and I know that companies don't charge the same thing in every region, every county all across the state, but this would seem to be an awful wide disparity in the amount charged when we see everywhere from .35 cents here in Vanderburgh County, which is the lowest, all the way up to \$1.52 in Tippecanoe County. And all of these are charges that have been approved by the state. So that's why I think there's still some issue about what we consider as a part of, and what is approved by. Now, I mean, so there's different ways that maybe that person can read the statute. Obviously, the state is divided on how they interpret this particular statute. I call for the question, Mr. President.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Wortman: I call for the vote.

President Winnecke: Okay, we have a motion on the floor and a second to amend the E911 fee to increase that fee from 35 cents to 95 cents. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: When the Riverboat came to this town, we were promised that those fees would be used for capital improvements. I think we should use the capital improvement money from the Riverboat funds for this and I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: No.

(Motion carried 4-2/Councilmembers Abell & Winnecke opposed)

President Winnecke: The motion passes on a vote of 4-2. I think the next step would be for this body to sit down with members of the Central Dispatch Board and the city administration to figure out where to go next in terms of long-term impact of the inter-local agreement and to speak to some of the other issues that were brought up during this discussion, including the point that Mr. Raben or, I'm sorry, Mr. Goebel made relating to two-thirds of the capital costs being picked up by the city. I think that would be something we would want them to consider.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, regarding that, though it would be non-binding, I think we ought to have at least some consensus from this body about what we want to do on those capital expenditures, so a motion or something to that effect to discuss that would be –

Councilmember Tornatta: I would have a motion to send to the city, send them something from us essentially saying that I would like to see the amount that we have put away, we decide its 95 cents, then 95 cents goes to operations out at the 911 center, have a three year contract to start out with the county picking up one-third and the city picking up two-thirds of anything over the operational cost. And then the city would pick up the entire amount on capital development out of their Riverboat fund, thus not impacting the tax base. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Discussion? I would just tell you, I think that is a bad deal for county government. Clearly, that would put this body, will task this body with finding hundreds of thousands of dollars of tax money to help fund its one-third portion of Central Dispatch. I do not think that puts the county in a very good position, frankly. There is no way I would support that. Other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President, with all due respect, you don't know what capital expenditures will be in the upcoming years and so that makes it a more

palatable situation for the county. Of the county, we do have city individuals who are paying a higher tax rate because of the decisions that the county has imposed to take all of those collective monies and fork that out on the city to pay those numbers. And so, in lieu of making it a fair and compromising position between two bodies, that is why I came up with that motion. And I think it does have support in the city side. It does have support with constituents in my group, which is entire Vanderburgh County, so I think that all those issues apply.

President Winnecke: I don't have the numbers in front of me, but I would almost guarantee you that once 95 cents goes to all the operating expenses, and the balance of the roughly three million dollar budget is split up, our source is going to have to be property tax dollars. Now we're funding a lot of that with the E911 funds. So what this body is going to do with that resolution is have to find hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to help support its one-third commitment to that center. This is not about the 911 – I mean, it would be great if the city decided it would pay for all the capital expenses, but I'm talking about the year in, year out operating expenses, of which we are currently committed to one-third.

Councilmember Tornatta: But who picks up that amount?

President Winnecke: Right now we're talking about –

Councilmember Tornatta: The same people that you represent in one direction, you're putting the burden on in another direction.

President Winnecke: And where would you propose we find hundreds of thousands of dollars every year in property tax dollars from the county budget to help fund our portion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Where do you suggest the city would find that money? Where do you suggest –

President Winnecke: All due respect, I was not elected to figure out the city's finances.

Councilmember Tornatta: Understand, but you do have city constituents that you represent, who you're sticking the burden on. And I will also say that, you know, there are capital expenditures that are mounting up to a point to where you might – this might be a wash. Why would we even be arguing about which direction. We either pay the capital expenditures, which could eat that amount up, or we pay that initial fee which we don't really know what it is as well, okay, and we pay that initial one-third of what we're paying. And we use the .95 cents increasing that amount so it would take a majority of those operational costs out of the picture.

President Winnecke: I would just say –

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, is it your feeling that the capital expenditures should be paid 100% by the city? Is that what you are suggesting?

President Winnecke: No, I don't necessarily feel that way. Someone had earlier indicated the city picking up two-thirds of the cost of capital expenses, and the county one-third. I don't know that we're going to resolve this today, I think we're going to have to sit down with the city administration and members of the City Council to figure out what this is going to be. There is a motion on the floor and I will call for a vote. I would think its non-binding, but it certainly carries the weight of a

resolution. Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Could we – we could pass this resolution a month from now, could we not? After we sat down and maybe talked with members of the City Council and get a better idea, a better feel for their direction. Is that palatable?

Councilmember Tornatta: Its in the minutes, so that's fine.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I think what I was initially just trying to propose that we would have at least some idea of what we would do – what our discussion would be regarding the splits on the – obviously, we are clearly in agreement on what those should be and perhaps maybe we don't – my suggestion is maybe we just withdraw the motion and sit down with the city and discuss it over, hash out the numbers rather than corner ourselves into any particular proposal at this particular time.

President Winnecke: I think that's a fair way to go. I did speak to the Mayor for a brief period yesterday not knowing how this vote would go today. I think the city – I would characterize his position – I mean, I think they're very open to several directions including the one Mr. Tornatta suggested. I don't know that they're necessarily married to any particular formula at this point, but I think that's probably, I would be more comfortable if the motion were withdrawn and we proceed in negotiations with the city to figure out what the funding formula would be.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'll withdraw the motion.

President Winnecke: Royce, did you second that?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. Well, actually, I didn't make the motion –

Councilmember Tornatta: It was Mr. Goebel's second.

Councilmember Goebel: We both did, simultaneously. But I'll second.

President Winnecke: Okay, at this point we're going to change the tape.

(Tape Changed)

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to add, since there is a variety of different opinions, I don't know who has been negotiating this up to this point on behalf of this body, but obviously, I would think President Winnecke, our Finance Chair Jim Raben, and then also Councilman Tornatta being involved with those negotiations with the city, representing this body would be extremely helpful, and bringing us something back next month to consider if we can get it done that swiftly.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, I only heard part of that.

Councilmember Sutton: Long story short, a committee of yourself, Councilman Winnecke, Councilman Raben and Councilman Tornatta meeting with the city to negotiate the terms of conditions and coming back next month, if you get done in that amount of time.

President Winnecke: We can do that.

Councilmember Sutton: If you're agreeable to that. I just kind of threw your name out.

Councilmember Tornatta: That will be fine.

President Winnecke: Okay, we're going to move on.

APPROVAL OF 2006 AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE
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President Winnecke: Next, in new business, approval of the 2006 amended Salary Ordinance you have before us.

Councilmember Abell: There is an amendment to it – let me find my amendment. Mr. President, there is an amendment, the part-time Bailiff's pay is \$14.20 per hour not to exceed \$14,768 annually for the two Bailiffs. Its line item 1370-1950, total appropriated \$29,536. 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

President Winnecke: At this point I would ask you to look at the liaison appointments for the new year. There have been a couple changes, not really that significant. We tried to move to where we thought we had some particular strengths and interests. In particular, Ms. Abell is taking over the Clerk and the courts based on her experience as the former Clerk. Mr. Raben got a couple of hers in tradeoff, and I believe those were the most significant changes. So I make those liaison appointments and I also, with the caveat I would say that, you know, everyone is free

to contact everyone, but these are the main liaisons, so don't feel that anyone is bound by that.

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

President Winnecke: Also I have presented to you the appointments for the Personnel Administration Committee for the new year consisting of the chairperson, Mr. Wortman, myself, Mr. Raben, Mr. Sutton, Judge Trockman, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Fluty, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Brown, Mr. Woodall, Mr. Corbitt, and Mrs. Carlisle.

APPOINTMENT TO ABC BOARD

President Winnecke: On the appointments by the County Council, there is one that we need to vote on, and that is our appointment to the Alcoholic Beverage Committee Commission. At this point, I would entertain a motion to reappoint Bettye Lou Jerrel to that body.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: That would be a motion, I need a second please.

Councilmember Abell: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

OTHER COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

President Winnecke: And at this time I would entertain a motion to approve the balance of the Council appointments to the boards and commissions and whatnot that have been presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROVAL OF 2006 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING DATES
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President Winnecke: And at this time I guess we'll approve the balance of our meetings for 8:30 in the morning. Does that work out alright for everyone, with the exception of Mr. Raben? Sandie, do we need to approve those?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible - microphone not turned on)

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Move that they're set at 8:30 from here on out except for the budget hearings, which are scheduled at 9:00.

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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: If there is no other business to come before us, I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: We are adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 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
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council held a special meeting on January 25, 2006 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to this 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?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTIONS DECLARING AN ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION AREA FOR THE TAX PHASE-IN FOR:**

**ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT 15001 HIGHWAY 57 NORTH
SHOE CARNIVAL, INC.**

**REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15001 HIGHWAY 57 N.
BIG SHOE PROPERTIES, LLC.**

**REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST
CORNER OF CROSS POINTE BOULEVARD AND COLUMBIA STREETS
BIG SHOE PROPERTIES, LLC.**

President Winnecke: The purpose of this special meeting is to consider a preliminary resolution on a tax phase-in request from the Shoe Carnival, and we'll begin with several folks representing the company. We'll begin by introducing Evan Beck, who is the developer on the project.

Evan Beck: Thank you, Councilman Winnecke. It is a special day. And I want to begin with introductions of who we have here today. First we have Mr. Kerry Jackson, Executive Vice President/CFO of Shoe Carnival; Marco DeLucio, counsel for both Big Shoe Properties and Shoe Carnival, Incorporated; CEO Mark Lemond; and then Nazan Wolfe, Assistant Vice President of Woodward Development and Construction. Again, I am Evan Beck, President of Woodward Development and Construction and also the managing member of the applicant, Big Shoe Properties, LLC., which is a real estate holding company, to work on this project. Today is a wonderful opportunity we have in front of us. You know, it makes me harken back to last summer when I was here in front of you working very hard with you on revising the tax phase-in guidelines. Thankfully, everyone in the room did an

excellent job on revising the guidelines because today is why we're here on the opportunity of retaining and expanding a company that's both headquartered in Vanderburgh County and currently doing its national distribution from this county as well. We have filed applications for two specific projects. Number one is the opportunity to build a new distribution center for Shoe Carnival. Again, that would handle the national distribution of its inventory to its multiple store locations across the country. What we have here is a simplistic proposed site plan on the site that we have filed. This is just along the Interstate 164 corridor here on the bottom of the site plan, this is Highway 57. I think most of you will recognize this location, right across the street is the Vanderburgh Industrial Park, location of Graham Packaging and Tenneco, and other businesses in that park. Its hard to depict the magnitude of this project on the site plan, but just to give you the feel, this is about ten acres under roof. It's a 410,000 square foot distribution center. This represents a doubling in size of Shoe Carnival's current distribution space in Vanderburgh County. The second part of the application that we have filed today is the opportunity to locate the national headquarters in Vanderburgh County as well, also along the Interstate 164 corridor on Evansville's east side. This would be a project that would be somewhere in the range of 50 to 60,000 square feet that would offer the movement of the current administrative staff of Shoe Carnival and also the growth of that staff as both the distribution center and the headquarters will be built and designed to handle today's business cycle but also the growth for the next ten to fifteen years, which is very significant. Now I will let Mr. Lemond get into more detail about the company's history and its future. Mark?

Mark Lemond: Thanks, Evan, now that you've stolen my thunder. Many of you well know that Shoe Carnival is a local retailer of footwear, founded here in Evansville in 1978. In 1993, the company went public and is now traded on the NASDAQ stock market. Under the current executive management watch, we've grown since 1996 from about 93 stores located in a very tight circle in the Midwest to over 260 stores today throughout the Midwest, south, southeast, and starting into the west right now. We've grown in terms of sales from 234,000,000 in 1996 to over 655,000,000 this past fiscal year. And the number of employees at our corporate office and distribution center, which is one building right now, has grown from around 200 at that time to over 330 today. The total company has grown in terms of employment from around 1,880 employees to over 4,000 today. In our Evansville area, just the Evansville area alone, payroll has grown over that same time frame, and this is payroll and benefits and bonuses, has grown from about 6.9 million to 15.5 million last year, so significant growth. We're at the point where we can't grow any more with our existing facilities which are located on the north side of Evansville. And to give you a description of that, we have a 200,000 square foot warehouse with an appurtenant office building of about 40 to 45,000 square feet. In order to continue our growth which we anticipate accelerating in 2007 and beyond, we need larger square footage in terms of both administrative capability and distribution center capability. So the project that we are currently anticipating is actually going to take our current building and bifurcate it into two separate projects, even though we look at it as one total project of expansion. Its going to entail, as Evan said, about 400 to 410,000 square feet of distribution capacity and 50 to 60,000 capacity in terms of a corporate headquarters. And we are going to retain, hopefully, Vanderburgh County has the opportunity right now to retain the corporate headquarters of Shoe Carnival where its at today within the Vanderburgh County confines. What that entails then in the future over the next five years is an increase in employment, an anticipated increase in employment at our distribution center of approximately 60 to 65 people with an annual employment, base employment of about 1.2 million dollars. That doesn't include benefits and bonuses, which we anticipate to be somewhere in excess of 25 percent of that base number. It also entails, with the administrative

headquarters located here, an employment increase of about 59 persons over that five year period, and that payroll would entail about 3.2 million dollars in annualized payroll. Again, that's base payroll with the benefit package that we anticipate will continue to improve, that would increase in excess of 25% of that base number in terms of bonuses and benefits as well. So it's a very big project. We're looking at the Vanderburgh County sites for the opportunity to put that there. We're primarily people from Evansville. We want to retain that Evansville base. We're looking to local developers like Woodward Development to maintain that Evansville connection, if you will, the Vanderburgh County connection, and we would like your support as well. Can I answer any questions?

President Winnecke: Who would like to start?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll start by making a motion. I'll move that we approve the preliminary resolution by this Council declaring economic revitalization area for a tax phase-in for acquisition of equipment located at 15001 Highway 57 North known as Shoe Carnival, Inc. and Big Shoe Properties, LLC., and along with that I'll also include with this motion, the northwest corner of Cross Pointe Boulevard and Columbia Street known as Big Shoe Properties, LLC. for corporate headquarters.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. And just to clarify, you move that we approve a phase-in on the equipment and both pieces of property and in your second? Any other discussion? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: This is not really part of the motion but, Mark, the existing property you have, I think for the people watching, is that going to lie vacant now or do you have plans or does somebody have plans for your distribution warehouse?

Mark Lemond: We're negotiating for the sale of that distribution center and office building as we speak. But the contracts have not been completed yet, so it would be a little bit premature to say that we have that building sold, but we anticipate selling it very quickly.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: One of the things that we have, Mark, one of the things that we often ask is, we talk about, ask questions about the benefits package that will be provided to employees and the base wage rate you've covered. Some of that information, as Councilmen, we do have some of that information before us, but just if you could, provide a little bit of information regarding that because one of the things that we always want to be sure of and that is, as we're looking at tax phase-in opportunities, that truly is a partnership that benefits the community on the whole. And then while you're there, you guys are obviously good corporate citizens, you've been here for a while, you could talk about some of your involvements as well, your contributions to the Evansville-Vanderburgh County community.

Mark Lemond: Let me start with the benefit package for our employees, and we're proud of those benefits, I might add. By way of example, just a few of the benefits that we provide, medical benefits is a very competitive medical package, when we look at national averages and national averages within the retail industry, we are at the low side in terms of cost not to us, but the cost for employees in participating in that benefit package. And we're at the high side in terms of percentage that the

company pays relative to what the employee pays and we're proud of that. That includes prescription benefits, dental benefits, an eye wear benefit, we also provide for benefits for part-time employees. That doesn't affect the distribution and administrative headquarters as much as it does all the people in our stores throughout the mid-west, south and southeast. We have a basic life insurance plan, we have accidental death and dismemberment provisions in most policies, we provide a 401(k) plan for employees and do provide a match from company funds on part of that 401(k) plan. We provide health club membership opportunities for our employees for a number of different health clubs within the tri-state and probably one of the most important to our employees and one of the largest used, or the most frequently used benefit is an employee discount program for merchandise in our stores. Employees very much appreciate that program. With regard to our involvement in the Evansville community, first of all, let me say that not only do we look at the Evansville community as being benefitted by either our charitable giving or our employee involvement in various communities. We look at the total company footprint, if you will, around the country. So again, by way of example, one thing that we've tried to do, particularly this past year with all the natural disasters that we've had is spend our charitable, our philanthropic funds for those natural disasters whether it be Hurricane Katrina, I believe we donated about 10,000 pairs of shoes at a cost to us of about 150 to \$175,000 towards that end in addition to local efforts that we made in various communities along that Gulf coast. The tornado in Evansville, for example, we very quickly donated 10,000 to the Red Cross in addition to the other involvements that we've had with the Red Cross in various projects, both on a local level and on a national level. One really – I'm proud of one benefit that we gave our employees – we set aside a fund of about \$25,000 for our employees to utilize or to utilize this \$25,000 fund in increments of 200 to \$500 to help fund team or children's activities. For example, chess clubs, baseball teams, basketball teams, cheerleading squads, whatever our employee's children are involved in, we set aside a fund of \$25,000 to help support those kinds of involvement. And we're really proud about that activity. So we get involved in the community in a number of ways in addition to just our employees' involvement in the community through funding our employees' involvement in the community.

Councilmember Sutton: You know, one of the things that when we had a chance to speak earlier, I had expressed – I wouldn't say concern, but just interest in the fact that you guys are going to be adding several new positions. And the challenge that many employers have here locally here with entry level or just below the entry level type of positions and trying to fill those and what challenges you guys might face and how you might intend to address that. Could you speak to that?

Mark Lemond: Well, as the Evansville community has an opportunity to grow, and I'm not just talking about Vanderburgh County, but all the appurtenant counties as well, that's going to become more and more of a challenge for the businesses that locate here. With what's going on today in the legislature with the Major Moves legislation and the I-69 piece of that, I think that and the kind of projects that we're talking about is going to, again, lead to a huge opportunity for this region to develop economically, much more so than we've ever seen in the past. I think it's a tremendous opportunity. Along with that comes the burden, if you will, of supplying labor to meet the challenges of those businesses. As we talked, nearly 100% of our employees are Evansville-based employees – I should say Evansville area based employees, whether they live in Warrick County or Vanderburgh County or elsewhere in the Evansville area, we would very much like to see the labor pool in Evansville and the surrounding communities evolve with that opportunity so that we can take advantage of that. That's our anticipation. One of the reasons that we elected to stay if we can possibly stay in this area is what we think is going to be that

created opportunity for the employment base here. We want to be one of the people that are taking advantage of that expanded opportunity. Just as an aside, and I don't want to take a lot of time, but when we decided to increase the size of our distribution capabilities, we engineered a study by a nationally known organization – actually, an internationally known organization, and we asked them the question, if we expand and we expand significantly throughout the United States, do we need more than one distribution center and, if so, where should they be or do we need one distribution center and if so, where should it be? And after a myriad pieces of input, they came back and said you need to build one distribution center and it needs to be within 30 miles either side of I64 of where you're at today. So what that told me and a lot of people in the Evansville area I think don't look at it this way, but Evansville has a tremendous opportunity in the way of transportation, the transportation industry, to take advantage of some of the things that are going on today. And we are trying to take advantage of that in a very preliminary way. So I see that as a huge opportunity for the Evansville area to, again, supplement that labor need.

Councilmember Sutton: And you guys have been before us years ago and I asked the question then, if you guys were an affirmative action employer, and you guys replied affirmatively on that, and I would expect that things haven't changed in that regard. Is anyone from DMD here?

President Winnecke: Rob is here.

Councilmember Sutton: Rob, have you scored their applications on this?

President Winnecke: Its in the packet.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, could you share that with us. We've got the information here but, I mean, can you...

Rob Schaefer: All three projects, and I call them three because the distribution center includes the real estate and the personal property, and the headquarters is real estate, all three scored ten years.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, we set up the phase-in process and we set it up for companies like yours. We wanted to see new job creation – we have that. We want to see employee retention – we have that in a big way. We want to see community involvement – we've seen that in years past and up until today we see a lot of community involvement. And that kind of goes with being a good corporate citizen. And those are things that I think we looked at when setting up that phase-in document to make sure that these companies were coming forward. Benefits package, when I asked you for the benefits package, stealing the line from Phil Hoy when he was here, he was always concerned about the benefits, it was there and in great shape. The opportunity to take a potential business that could move on and bring those headquarters to Vanderburgh County and keep them in Vanderburgh County, which we talked, it could have been in Florida. There could have been a lot of opportunities for you guys to move to other locations because you're not associated necessarily with the warehousing unit. We were able to retain that. I think that we appreciate Shoe Carnival coming out and taking a chance on Vanderburgh County. I think a lot of the Council people in return want to make sure

that it is a good partnership with the county and with your business. And I think we think that this is going to be an awesome opportunity to build up growth in this economic area and I have seen it much like they were saying, that this is going to be a tremendous place to do business. We're going to have a lot of big fish like yourself, but we're glad that we have you and we're glad we're able to retain your services, and I hope by the time this is over in the next couple of sessions, we're able to get through this, that we can still put your name on the rolls and allow the phase-in characteristics to take advantage and make sure we have a great company on board.

Mark Lemond: Thank you very much, you're very kind.

President Winnecke: Anyone else? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, a final comment from me. As I mentioned, we met last week. It's a certain amount of hometown pride when any of us travel around the country and we see the Shoe Carnival logo and recognize that the headquarters are here and its part of Evansville history, and its being spread out and you have taken steps to remain here. I think it's, the old cliché is, win/win. Its definitely going to be a winning proposition for Vanderburgh County and Evansville, and I'm sure its going to be a winning situation for Shoe Carnival also, so I think its exactly as Mr. Tornatta said, this is the purpose of tax phase-in to grow an environmentally friendly company, that's going to be a great corporate partner for years to come. And I think it was mentioned, ten to fifteen years are your plans. You're obviously building to stay, so that's great news for us. Thank you.

Mark Lemond: Thank you, sir.

President Winnecke: Any other comments? I would just wrap up, again, to mirror some of the other thoughts. One, to thank you for your commitment to our community. I know that these discussions have been going on for a long time and you know, Kerry and I first met probably 18 months to 24 months ago, just to talk about the preliminary phase of this. So I do appreciate your tenacity and your support of our community. I think one of the things I've learned during these discussions is what a hidden treasure that Shoe Carnival is for our community. We all think of the store on the east side, but we don't necessarily think about the 2 or 300 other folks who are at the distribution center and the headquarters. And I think that speaks a lot to your commitment to our community. And I, again, like the other Councilmembers, applaud you.

Mark Lemond: Thank you, sir.

President Winnecke: Currently, we have a resolution or a motion before us to grant a tax phase-in on each of the two properties listed before you, as well as the equipment at the property at 15001 Highway 41 North for a period of ten years, and I would remind you this is the preliminary resolution. Assuming it passes, the confirming resolution would occur next Wednesday. At this time, I would call for a roll call vote.

Jeff Ahlers : (Inaudible)

President Winnecke: Right, this is a – good point. This is a vote on all three of the resolutions before us. 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: Thank you very much, we'll have the confirming resolution next Wednesday, 8:30.

Mark Lemond: Thank you very much.

President Winnecke: Thank you for your time. Having no other business before us, we stand adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 8:58 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
FEBRUARY 1, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 1st day of February in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the February 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 in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 4, 2006</p>

President Winnecke: Good morning. Its nice to see such a healthy crowd at this hour of the day. Just a reminder for the folks who are sitting in the audience who might not normally be here and the folks who are viewing at home, this is our voting meeting. We heard discussion on many of these issues at last Wednesday's meeting, so if you don't hear questions today, its likely that we heard the answers to the questions we had at last week's meeting. So with that caveat, I'll entertain a motion for the approval of minutes from our January 4th meeting.

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)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Winnecke: Okay at this time we'll begin with our appropriation requests and I'll turn the floor over to our Finance Chair, Mr. Raben.

CLERK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda is a long list of upgrades for the Clerk's Office, for a total request of \$57,843. 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: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-1430-1010	Domestic & Civil Clerk	2,443.00	2,443.00
1010-1570-1010	Counter Clerk	2,220.00	2,220.00
1010-1540-1010	Abstract Clerk	2,326.00	2,326.00
1010-1580-1010	Misd/Traffic Clerk	2,696.00	2,696.00
1010-1590-1010	Ticket Clerk Misd/Traf.	2,326.00	2,326.00
1010-1310-1010	Counter Clerk/Misd.	2,567.00	2,567.00
1010-1380-1010	Dep. Clerk/Misd.	2,443.00	2,443.00
1010-1420-1010	Minute Calendar Clerk	2,567.00	2,567.00
1010-1520-1010	Order Book Clerk	2,220.00	2,220.00
1010-1130-1010	Sm. Claims Court Clerk	1,120.00	1,120.00
1010-1340-1010	Dep. Clerk/Sup. Court	2,443.00	2,443.00
1010-1460-1010	Certified Mail Clerk	2,443.00	2,443.00
1010-1680-1010	Deputy Clerk/Misd.	2,220.00	2,220.00
1010-1270-1010	Deputy Clerk	2,326.00	2,326.00
1010-1320-1010	Dep. Clerk/Sm. Claims	1,120.00	1,120.00
1010-1350-1010	Cntr. Clerk/Sm. Claims	2,326.00	2,326.00
1010-1550-1010	Cntr. Clerk/Circ. & Sup.	4,694.00	4,694.00
1010-1560-1010	Tax Warrant Clerk	2,220.00	2,220.00
1010-1190-1010	Subpoena/Summ. Clerk	2,326.00	2,326.00
1010-1360-1010	Posting Clerk	2,567.00	2,567.00
1010-1660-1010	Deputy Clerk	2,443.00	2,443.00
1010-1900	FICA	4,364.00	4,364.00
1010-1910	PERF	3,423.00	3,423.00
Total		57,843.00	57,843.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Sheriff's Department, total request of

\$11,162, 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
1050-1130-0007	Lieutenant	6,300.00	6,300.00
1050-1130-0026	Sergeant	2,787.00	2,787.00
1050-1130-0069	Deputy Sheriff	876.00	876.00
1050-1130-0089	Deputy Sheriff	1,199.00	1,199.00
Total		11,162.00	11,162.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Jail, starting with 1051-1850 Overtime to be set in at \$25,000; 1051-1130-0368 reads Jail Clerk, the first Jail Clerk there, to be set in at zero; all other requests as listed, with the total appropriation of \$37,998. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

Councilmember Abell: Jim, would you read the total again, please?

President Winnecke: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Raben: 37,998.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you.

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.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1301	Civilian Overtime	4,000.00	4,000.00
1051-1850	Union Overtime	100,000.00	25,000.00
1051-1130-0350	Detention Officer	375.00	375.00
1051-1130-0363	Detention Officer Supv	1,500.00	1,500.00
1051-1130-0364	Detention Officer Supv	1,000.00	1,000.00
1051-1130-0365	Detention Officer Supv	1,000.00	1,000.00
1051-1130-0366	Detention Officer Supv	2,500.00	2,500.00
1051-1130-0368	Jail Clerk	1,279.00	0.00
1051-1130-0369	Jail Clerk	2,623.00	2,623.00
Total		114,277.00	37,998.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Superior Court, I'll move that that be set in at zero.

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.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1401-1370	Probation Officer	1,906.00	0.00
1370-1900	FICA	146.00	0.00
1370-1910	PERF	115.00	0.00
Total		2,167.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Drug & Alcohol Deferral, Office Machines in the amount of \$1,420, 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.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1371-4220	Office Machines	1,420.00	1,420.00
Total		1,420.00	1,420.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CCD/COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that’s it for General Fund, moving to CCD/County Commissioners, Voting Machines, Mr. President, I’m going to move that we set in six new machines at \$3,000 each, which will be a total of \$18,000.

President Winnecke: There’s a motion on the floor for line item 2031-1300-4260 in the amount of \$18,000, is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Susan Kirk: Good morning. My little Chief Deputy, who is like the little Charlie Chan

sleuth, I had received an email and I'd actually forgotten about it from Gary Olsen, and he was one of the IT people that showed up election day, you know, helped with different things throughout the election. And it looks like that we may be able to reach our goal and not have to spend any money because we have like 550 machines or 551, there's one that we're not sure if it's – it's a broken one, I think, down there. One that wasn't working. We used 504. That was what was deployed election day, which leaves, what, 46? Nineteen of those were used for instructional meetings and I've got an email from Gary that there were like 15, at least, that were not even deployed. So it looks like that the Council or the Commissioners wanted 25 extra machines. Well, it looks like we've got 46, actually, that were not used election day. They were either used for instructional meetings and weren't reprogrammed, and the other ones were just, -- "The following is a list of iVotronics that were not deployed in the November election. They may have been cleared in preparation for use as backup and may have needed to have a demo ballot reloaded." So before Council spends any money on voting machines, let me again get with Gary to go over this. I know that the Election Office experienced a little difficulty with ES & S on several things that we're trying to work through now. But we may have more than what you even wanted, that will be available election day. And before the county spends this money on more voting machines that I've said before, we have no room for, let me get back with him again one more time, just to go over this and be sure. But yes, I think we have more than what you even thought.

President Winnecke: And Gary Olsen is from ES & S?

Susan Kirk: Yes, he is. He is. I don't know his title. He was there throughout – he's what?

Councilmember Abell: He was the project manager.

Susan Kirk: Project Manager. So, I mean, he was, you know, involved.

President Winnecke: Was he on the ground here election day?

Susan Kirk: Yes, when they could find him.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Susie, do you have any idea how much it would cost for you to get some extra P.E.B.'s?

Susan Kirk: No, I don't. I can check into that and see.

Councilmember Abell: I think if you had several of those laying around that were pre-programmed for different precincts like, for instance, Plaza School, when one precinct isn't busy, they could use the hardware, just run a P.E.B. over to the other – and share.

Susan Kirk: I know that in the 2004 General Election, my precinct, we got four voting machines and Knight 1 that was in with us, got three. And we could probably have gotten by with one, that 1-14 just, unfortunately, doesn't have many voters. And I had called the Election Office and I believe I ended up – I talked to you first, and then I think I spoke with this Gary, because I told my group, don't even open one of those machines. Don't touch it, just leave it alone, don't even break the seal

on it, because maybe Knight 1 can use it. And needless to say, I don't think ES & S was real cooperative in trying to address some of the things that happened. And it heard it from Alberta, I've heard it from both sides: Democrats and Republicans, about a little difficulty getting going, so I know 2004 was an unusual election, but I think, I know for a fact that the Commissioners wanted 25 more machines. We will have more than that available to go out to the polling places.

President Winnecke: I just have two questions. First, what's a P.E.B.?

Susan Kirk: That's the little, it looks like a little old eight-track tape thing, kind of. Its just a little cartridge, and that's what activates the machines. The machines don't do anything until you put those in. So I know that there's been discussion about, well, how many Democrat machines are we going to get or how many Republican machines? That's a thing of the past. Its those little P.E.B. or PEB's that they call them, that's what activates the machines. If you'll go back and remember some people said, well, I voted – I wanted to vote Republican, but all the Democrats came up or vice versa. And what happened was, and we're going to address that, too, ES & S, when you looked at the screen, everything was kind of up in the left-hand corner of the monitor. And, of course, we all know what it is looking at computers, depending on the light, and if things were kind of close together, and it is easy for someone to reach around that wall that comes out there on the machine, try to press what that person is asking for and maybe have the wrong thing come up. So I've already discussed this with ES & S. Everything, all verbiage as far as instructional, what you're going to chose, will be moved to the middle of the screen, larger font, with spaces in between, so that things like that don't happen. But its that P.E.B. that makes the machine go, its not the machine.

President Winnecke: And do we have an equal number of P.E.B.'s as voting machines?

Susan Kirk: I would think we would have more of those. Well, I take that back. I don't know whether they, they sent out one for each judge, but the thing of it is, to have a judge walking around with three or four of those in their pockets, they don't need it because the P.E.B. can only get there if the person takes it. So they don't need two unless they're giving it this, and I don't really think we want that, trying to do two at a time. So we've got two judges, to have a lot of extra P.E.B.'s, I don't know how they're going to get over there, too much, but anyway.

President Winnecke: I guess my last question really has to do with the county's relationship with ES & S. I mean, if it was as kind of disjointed or as it appears it was in that election, I mean, what's being done to rectify the relationship because although this is not a presidential year, I mean, there certainly is the potential for a lot of – probably more local interest than normal based on the possibility of the unification referendum. And there could be a lot of people going to the polls again.

Susan Kirk: There could be but I think if we go back and really think about it, after Florida's fiasco, of course, the federal government made everybody go buy new equipment because they had a problem. So you take the voting machine vendors, they weren't prepared for the onslaught of orders that they were going to be receiving, ergo, that's why we had machines that weren't even certified in the primary because they were just beating it to try to, you know, get their orders placed. I don't think they had enough staff. We got through the primary reasonably well, but then there weren't too many people. You know the November election, it was just different, and I just don't think that anybody, and its not just Vanderburgh

County, I don't think anybody was prepared for the voter turnout. Now whether or not people think boy, that was really cool standing in line two hours and I want to go vote again, they think that's good, more power to them. We want them to all vote or are we going to kind of get back in our complacent attitude and its like eh, you know, we don't know yet. All I'm saying is that at this moment, we have more machines available than what the Commissioners even requested. So I really can't see us buying even six more machines when we've got 47, 46.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel and then we'll come back around this way.

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, is the number of voting machines we have now comparable to the number of the old voting machines that we used to have before we updated?

Susan Kirk: Yeah, its pretty close.

Councilmember Goebel: And in your opinion, its basically getting the machines set up correctly and maybe even voters becoming more familiar with the process and it should work out a lot better?

Susan Kirk: Its not only the voters, I mean, I think the voters, we had a good response from the voters, its just like anything else, when you have something new, it takes everybody: poll workers, even Election Office workers, it takes a little while to kind of get used to it. Well, they've been through two, one of which was, you know, the biggest of all, and we've got this primary election of which I, just from past experience think that its going to be a little bit lighter turnout. I agree with Mr. Winnecke that in the fall, yes, that referendum is going to bring out a lot of people, but I think that we're going to be ready for it this time. We will keep probably at least five machines up in the Election Office and you always need to keep some spares just in case something happens, but that still means at least 40 more will be going to the polling places. So like I said, I think we've gone beyond our expectation of 25, we've got more than that. So, like I said, rather than do that, maybe you could get us some computers down there in the Election Office. Because for those of you that are running this year, if we don't get those, you might as well save your money and we'll just toss a coin.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, its obvious, we don't want a recurrence of the last election because of the numbers of people that had to wait and all of us that waited in line probably saw a number of people that just simply got frustrated and left. And we do not want to deny anyone the right to vote, but in your expert opinion, we've got everything mechanically we need, we just need to become a little more in tune with the process, is that correct?

Susan Kirk: That is true. And what I am saying is, that the Commissioners asked for 25 new machines. We will be able to deploy more than that.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick question, could you report back to us possibly in March or April with your plan for deployment of those machines?

Susan Kirk: I will report back even quicker than that. I'm almost there.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell, did you have anything? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Last Friday I attended the polling place advisory committee meeting, very good meeting that – and this was one of the subjects of discussion there and just wanted to maybe give you an update related to their discussion and their research and a lot of good data that they shared with the committee. They had broken down this request, part of this request for 25 machines came through this committee and they broke the request down in four different ways: four of those machines were intended to stay in the Election Office, two were for voter outreach, 18 for training and backup, and then they were going to have one as an extra machine. And based upon kind of what we've heard here and I know we've been discussing since last week, it appears that maybe that's what they're requesting here, that we may already have that covered with how they plan to spread these machines out. As they have it structured, the intent was not to add more to the different polling places out there, but more so, like I say, training, backup, that type of thing is what these additional machines are going to be used for. They also shared some really good data based upon the elections and how the turnout has been over the past several years. And as a percent-wise, we had 56 percent voter turnout in the 2004 election, which if you compare the 2000 election, excuse me, the 2004 election to the 2000 election, we had an increase of 13,000 voters in between those two presidential years. So we definitely had an upsurge. But if you look at the numbers that follow the presidential election years, you take the '98 and then the 2000, after the '98 election, the next election, voter turnout dropped by 20,000 voters. And just coincidentally, after the 2000 election, the next election that we had, voter turnout basically dropped another 20,000. So I don't know if that will be the same type of scenario that we see this year in the election, I hope not. I hope we'll have a strong turnout. But mid-term elections tend to be, as we've talked about on a number of different occasions, that it's likely that we won't see that type of turnout. Do we still need to be prepared? Absolutely. And I think the process issues that we've talked about here, if we can as well, get an understanding from this polling place advisory committee, the Commissioners, the Election Office, of maybe some different approaches that might be taken to improve our level of efficiency, I think will be extremely valuable to us to see that type of information other than just the request for more machines. This polling place advisory committee also had a couple of other recommendations that they, at some point in time, will bring before us. They were really interested in the pay for the workers at the polling places, and we discussed that slightly. And I asked them, well, would it be a better investment in the machines or the people that are working there? And I think it would tend to be a stronger interest in seeing if we could increase that pay a little bit. And right now we're paying \$50 to each site and there's beginning to be some issues with some of the polling places that we've got out there. And so that's another request we're likely going to get to see if we can increase that level for the polling places that we've got around there. So I've got some really good data that kind of shows you some of the voting trends, so if anyone might be interested in that, I'd be more than happy to share that with you. But that's kind of a synopsis from their meeting that I think will be very valuable for us as we consider this request, in light of what we already have as far as voting machines, we may not, we may be moving a little hastily with granting this request.

Susan Kirk: Well, I just want to assure everyone, just like Mr. Sutton had pointed out, everything will be done according to the numbers. I want to assure everybody that. Voter turnout, I've gone back a few years. I've got some statistics, too. When

I get through, I'm going to compare it to what the polling place advisory committee, as far as the allocation of machines. Everything will be done by the numbers, voter turnout. But like I said, keep in mind, there are no Democrat and Republican machines like there used to be where you went to the one that had the white pages or you went to the one with the green pages. Anybody can go to any machine and vote on it. So I think that's – a lot of it's a learning process, but I'm just glad that I wasn't in Marsha's place to have to go through that in 2004 with new equipment and the turnout that they had. We're dealing with the Quest System, the state voter registration system this year, which is turning out to be a nightmare, so everybody have a little patience if we have a few little glitches, too, because we're dealing with a system that really isn't working properly from the state.

Councilmember Sutton: For those that are really interested in this issue, the next meeting of this polling place advisory committee is going to be February 17th at 9 a.m. in the room just on the other side of here. So February 17th at 9 a.m.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: If you would stay here, at 9:30 I'm meeting with Computer Services about your computers.

Susan Kirk: Very good. Thank you.

President Winnecke: I would just ask one question to wrap it up and then we'll bring this issue to a close. If in the weeks ahead through your discussions with ES & S you deem that we do need additional equipment, what is the lead time from this time this body would approve such a request before the county would take receipt of the machines?

Susan Kirk: I would think – because I think all the vendors, they've had time to kind of play catch up, I would think the turnaround time would be reasonably short. We'll be working with them very closely, very shortly, and I've already got a call in just to go over this one more time. I will ask them then, but it will just be a matter of, you know, well, the Commissioners actually have to do it, would make the appropriation and I would think a turnaround of a month. And we'll get on it early enough that, you know, we'll have plenty of time to spare.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

Susan Kirk: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Okay, we do have a motion on the floor and that is for an appropriation of \$18,000. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'd like to amend my motion. 2031-1300-4260 Voting Machines be set in at zero.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Winnecke: Will you amend your second?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Winnecke: Okay. And Mr. Goebel, you have the second on the new

motion at zero. Other questions or discussion? Very well, 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.

CCD/COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1300-4260	Voting Machines	75,000.00	0.00
Total		75,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Health Department, we have a request for 24,663, which is account 2130-1640-2130 and 2130-1900 FICA. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? This is not the one you're here for. 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.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2130-1640-2130	Medical Lab. Tech.	22,910.00	22,910.00
2130-1900	FICA	1,753.00	1,753.00
Total		24,663.00	24,663.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Local Roads & Streets, 2160-4326 Burkhardt Road - Phase IV for \$1,547, 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.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4326	Burkhardt Rd-Phase IV	1,547.00	1,547.00
Total		1,547.00	1,547.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUEST

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Cum Bridge 2030-2230 Garage & Motor – oh, this is a transfer. Are we ready to take transfers now?

President Winnecke: Yes, we are, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move into transfers.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Raben, I didn't mean to interrupt you, but can we take those separate, that first one, and then do the last two? Is that possible in your motion?

Councilmember Raben: Take the first one and do the last two separate? Certainly. Okay, first is Cum Bridge in the amount of \$47,370. 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
From: 2030-2230	Garage & Motor	47,370.00	47,370.00
To: 2030-4230	Motor Vehicles	47,370.00	47,370.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, County Highway, account 2010-1850 to account 2010-1301-2010 in the amount of \$12,648, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, first of all, this kind of came up on us real quick on our docket. In fact, it wasn't even talked about last week when it should have been. First off, I'd recommend that we table this for a month to have some discussion and dialogue between the Councilmembers since there was not time available to do that and not get any further into that if that's acceptable with the Chair.

President Winnecke: I would like to vote on it today.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, then we'll get into it. We are, with this proposal, we are looking to fund exempt employees. Now, they're exempt for a reason and that is because they are salaried and they're not declared overtime available employees. This was just done for the Cumulative Bridge fund and the County Highway fund. We had Sheriff's departments out there, we had some people from the Police department, we had people from the Fire department, we had other people who were exempt employees who were out there that did not get any extra funds. I did not ask for any extra funds for being out there, that's part of my duty even at a time of crisis. We are leaders, we accept positions without the thought that there is any type of compensation or overtime for any works that we've done. In the past this has not been a part of our working order. I don't know why it would all of the sudden be a part. Auditor Fluty, have you ever paid an exempt employee overtime?

Bill Fluty: Not to my knowledge.

Councilmember Tornatta: We are setting a precedent here that is not in the best interest of this county. Its not in the best interest of a working relationship between employees and how they do their jobs. We do not want an employee – they're in an exempt position because no one can tell them to stay or to go home. We are not in a position where that employee should need to make a decision on whether this is a state of emergency situation on how many hours they should work, what responsibilities they should handle, its putting us in position where the county can be potentially liable for extra monies if we don't get FEMA or state funds back. We have not addressed how that's covered in this plan. And I think that with all these things that are out there in the air with this potential request, we need time to decipher if this is a good plan for Vanderburgh County and not a situation where its going to be a deal where, if we don't get any monies back from FEMA, if we are allocated those funds, then the county is out extra money to certain employees with exempt status that had never been paid before.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I've got a question...because this came up rather late, I know we'd had some discussion the latter part of the year related to the county's involvement with the disaster, the tornado relief effort, and we have a resolution in our packet today that addresses overtime and if somebody could kind of, and I know we're not going to address this resolution until later on, but it appears that these are related, this transfer, am I correct? Is this transfer and this resolution, is that related or is that totally separate?

President Winnecke: Separate.

Councilmember Sutton: Separate thing? Well, if someone could speak to this transfer. Mike, I think I saw you in the audience somewhere. If you could just speak to this because we didn't get any background necessarily on this particular request. I thought it was related to something else, but apparently – if you could shed some light it would be very helpful.

Mike Duckworth: I'd be glad to, Councilman, thank you. Mike Duckworth, Superintendent of County Highway Department. What brought this about basically, was the fact that since my term as the Superintendent of County Highways, this was the third event that is being considered under a state of emergency declared by the Commissioners and the state. And during that time period, we've had three different FEMA teams in here that have brought three different ideas of how the process should operate. In this last event with the tornado, it was determined that because the county in their handbook recognizes employees to be paid exempt time, or be reimbursed exempt time by time for time that they work, that that would qualify FEMA to reimburse the county in the amount of time and the amount of hours that was worked by these exempt employees. Because of that and because of the fact that in the formula that they worked out, that those monies are going to be coming back into the county and because of the information that I've signed and sent forward to FEMA with the understanding that that is going to be reimbursed, the county is going to receive basically more money than we've actually paid out during this disaster. And because of that fact and the fact that we're receiving funds from FEMA for this work, we felt that it was justified in applying for the supervisors to be paid for the number of hours that they were there.

Councilmember Sutton: I think I referred to this earlier, and I may have caused a little bit of confusion, I referred to it as a resolution and this is an ordinance that we have before us. So these are related, this ordinance –

Mike Duckworth: Yes, the ordinance was passed by the Commissioners recently that basically enabled this to happen. Now, we ran into a little bit of confusion and I've been working with Mr. Fluty quite a bit on this issue. We recently received a partial payment from the insurance revenues that were agreed upon from the property owner to pay. We received \$72,000 of the \$100,000 that was to be reimbursed for their obligation in the cleanup efforts. Where we've had a couple of problems is how we reinsert that money back into the accounts. The money was taken to Mr. Fluty's office, I believe, and I'm not speaking for him, but from what I understand, he's checked with the State Board of Accounts and that money, and, Bill, you can comment on this, as I understand it, it goes into what he considers a cash account and then to be distributed by this body or however deemed necessary. So, Bill, I don't know if you want to allude on that or not, but once we got the \$72,000 in, we felt like that was enough to pay these men that were out there during the same time period that the hourly union employees were out there. And overseeing that work environment out there and overseeing the debris pickup and overseeing the emergency response. I've got six people that have given 60 to over 100 hours over their regular 40 hour work week that were out there side by side with all of these different agencies and these different union employees that basically were not compensated. And when FEMA qualified us to be reimbursed for that, that's how the process started.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, in terms of matter and form, I mean, wouldn't it be appropriate for us to discuss this and act on this one way or the other?

President Winnecke: The Commissioners have already acted. This is an ordinance that was passed by the County Commissioners.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, but they don't have any money.

President Winnecke: Well, that's why, that's the request for the transfer. To this date we've received about \$72,000 in insurance reimbursements.

Councilmember Sutton: But on our agenda, I mean, we've got it to act on this down at number ten on our business. I mean, if we're talking about giving the dollars and we haven't supported the resolution, the resolution matter would be first. Then the dollars would go in thereafter.

Councilmember Raben: The ordinance has been passed, I think.

Councilmember Sutton: I keep saying resolution, but ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, the Commissioners have, in fact, adopted the ordinance.

President Winnecke: Yes, they have.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, why do we have it on our agenda?

President Winnecke: Number ten is unrelated.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Well, is this just going to be – let me understand this ordinance here. If someone from one of the other departments outside of say the County Highway, if they'd have been working, I mean, is this ordinance covering their services as well, if they would have been working out there and were the staff required? If someone said, I don't want to participate; I don't want to work. Did they have that option?

Mike Duckworth: I can't speak for other departments. I would just tell you that at 2:35 in the morning when I received the call, dispatch asked me to bring all the men and all the equipment I could bring, that there could be up to 200 victims, and that they couldn't move until we got there because of the debris that was blocking the roadways and access for the emergency responders. And that's when we went to work, and frankly, no, my supervisors didn't have any questions about being there. They were directed there as were all – every union employee I could get there. Now that was the emergency response and then you'll recall that the Commissioners went through the process of gaining authority to go on to the private property by the fact that it was considered by the Health department, a health hazard. And then we went together, we went to work on removing the debris. We removed 3,400 ton of debris from that property to satisfy the health concern. And as far as other exempt employees from other departments, I don't know if Sheriff's Deputies, I think they have an overtime account, I don't know if they paid out of that or not, but my concern is about these people that were working side by side that, basically, if you look at their job descriptions, there's nothing in there about debris removal as far as going on to an emergency situation or anything else. And as far as I'm concerned, they went above and beyond what their job title is. In addition to that, we were under a state of emergency and that's the only time this could be paid according to that ordinance is when we're under a declared state of emergency.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I know you were just – you were functioning under what your department is to do, but I'm wondering if we've got Health department officials, Emergency Management as well that may have put in additional hours related to this, that if we're going to get requests from them on this. And if this ordinance – it appears that its not going to cover them – if we're going to have to have, if the Commissioners are going to address another ordinance that relates to any additional work that they may have put in. And how many from your department would be affected by this request that we have?

Mike Duckworth: Six people.

Councilmember Sutton: Six people.

Mike Duckworth: Yes. And to answer your other statement or question, each of those departments submitted their paperwork to FEMA regarding the hours worked, the equipment used, and much of that was entered into a formula and that's how the final number is based to come up as to what you would be reimbursed, 75% of that. And so, we went through that process as did I'm sure the Sheriff, as I'm sure Sherman Greer and other departments, the Health department and so on and so forth. I can't comment or I have no knowledge of how they did their process.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, of the six, I mean, are you included in the six that are a part of this appropriation here?

Mike Duckworth: Yes, I am.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Has all the FEMA money and insurance monies been collected and deposited at this time?

Bill Fluty: No, the only thing we've received and I think it was \$72,000 from the insurance companies, that's no FEMA money at this time.

Mike Duckworth: That's right. I have signed the form that engages FEMA to cut the check, but we have not received that as of yet.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, are there other outstanding bills that we still have not yet received from the disaster?

Mike Duckworth: Yes, there are outstanding bills. We paid some partial payments out of last year's budget because we didn't want the contractors that dealt with that emergency to sit and wait for all of their money and we had monies available out of the particular line items to pay them. So we paid them partial payments with the understanding that when we got the FEMA proceeds in that we would pay the remainder of the bills.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, Mike, I think, first of all, your department and yourself did a great job as far as getting FEMA here and the procedure of applying and getting the funds committed. But since we have so many questions and such a rush, I don't think any of the six probably are going to suffer any hardship because their regular pay is not going to be disrupted if we maybe take, as Mr. Tornatta asked, another month to sift through all of this because it has come pretty quickly. And you've done a great job and I think if FEMA has got money appropriated to cover this expense, it's pretty reasonable that we'd definitely consider that.

Mike Duckworth: I'm only here because the Commissioners passed the ordinance that basically got the wheel rolling to pay for this process. And once they did that, they've instructed me to file for the funds. And that's why I'm here.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay. And I appreciate that, but I think you did a great job. I think the whole community responded the way any community should respond under those circumstances and you're to be commended, but I think my feeling is that we should wait another month.

President Winnecke: We'll hold for one second while we change the tape.

(Tape changed)

President Winnecke: Anyone else on this side? Mrs. Abell and then we'll work around.

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Duckworth, as I understand this, the county employees did the debris removal at the trailer park, which is a privately owned facility. Is that correct?

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

Councilmember Abell: And the insurance money is what was received from the owners of the mobile homes that sat on that privately owned trailer park. Is that

correct?

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

Councilmember Abell: So actually, the owner of that trailer park and the owners of those mobile homes could have contracted with a private company to remove all that debris and then the \$72,000 would have gone to that private company. Is that correct?

Mike Duckworth: That's right.

Councilmember Abell: So actually, what the insurance company is doing is paying you in lieu of paying a private company.

Mike Duckworth: Actually, that's right. In fact, the \$100,000 comes off what our total figure to FEMA would be. That figure to FEMA will be \$100,000 less because the insurance company or I'm sorry, because the property owner and the trailer owners' insurance, it was agreed upon between the county attorney and the property owners' attorney that they collect \$100,000 and put that toward the debris removal. And we've received 72,000 to date on that.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I have to feel that the mobile home owners and the owner of that private lot, who I happen to know, would be appalled to think that their insurance company paid something and we didn't pay the people that did the work. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta and then we'll start to wrap it up here.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I mean, we haven't paid the West Side Nut Club and they did a lot of work, that's just getting to that. I don't even know why we'd be talking about that. I mean, no one is talking about why we pay people for a natural disaster. The question is, do you think all of the monies that were spent out, all the people that came in to help, do you think those will all be covered by the monies we get back?

Mike Duckworth: I do.

Councilmember Tornatta: Every piece of equipment that is out there?

Mike Duckworth: As far as my department is concerned, and that's what, you know, the contractors that we engaged out there, the specific services from local vendors that we used will all be paid. There were volunteer activities. You alluded to the West Side Nut Club. I would say to you that, first of all, the majority of the work that the West Side Nut Club did was on state property and they have sent a late claim in for \$3,140, I believe, to help in that regard. And I know that the Commissioners are looking at the final figures of what we get in. And if we can get the process worked out as to who the money goes to and who rightfully, you know, it goes to as far as the vendors that they used, then that money will be reimbursed. There is plenty of reimbursement that's going to be here to cover these bills. And I think the total that I was notified of what the Nut Club had put into this was about \$11,000, so the \$3,100 that the state has submitted leaves a balance of roughly \$8,000 that, I've met with Mr. Will and his committee in regards to that, and Mr. Will basically told me, if we reimbursed them, fine, try to work through the process and get them reimbursed. But, if not, that he wasn't worried about it because they weren't out

there basically because of trying to get their services paid for, they were out there to understand and to help the folks that were out there and to be a volunteer agency.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, Mike, –

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and I ask you the same question, were you out there to get your services paid for?

Mike Duckworth: I was out there as an employee of the county. I was directed by the Commissioners to run that –

Councilmember Tornatta: Did they tell you at that time they were going to compensate you for that money?

Mike Duckworth: No.

Councilmember Tornatta: Why are we here?

Mike Duckworth: Why are we here? Because FEMA is reimbursing the county for the hours that myself and five other supervisors spent there. They are giving us money. Should the county make money on what we did out there?

Councilmember Tornatta: No, but is the county served as an exception because we had three events that happened within the year: a snow, a flood, and this event, was that taken into consideration when this money started coming back? Yes, it was. We did not get – and you did not come before us when we had a snow. We did not come before to pay extra people on different events that have happened that were state of emergencies. But now we're coming back to do that. I really don't understand why we're having to address this and especially not without the other people that have donated their services and not asked for extra comp time for an exempt employee.

Mike Duckworth: As –

President Winnecke: Mr. Duckworth, I'm going to cut the discussion off. I think everyone has made their point. Point is well taken. The motion on the floor is to transfer from line item 2010-1850 in the amount of \$12,648 to State of Emergency Overtime line 2010-1301-2010, again, in the amount of \$12,648. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: You know, I probably don't have as big of an issue with this. I just don't want us to piecemeal this. I think you're doing all the right things, Mr. Duckworth, in trying to pull all this together. And I think I'd like to see the whole picture. I'm going to vote against this, but just because I want to see all these different reimbursements that are coming in. This was rather short notice for us. And I'd feel much more comfortable having all the information available to me so I could know that what money is going where and who is going to get what. I could have a degree of comfort there. So, no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I do have a question before I vote. This resolution can be brought or this request can be brought back to us next month, is that correct? Then with that in mind, I have to vote no also.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes. The motion passes 4-3.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-1850	Union Overtime	12,648.00	12,648.00
To: 2010-1301-2010	State of Emergency Overtime	12,648.00	12,648.00

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

Mike Duckworth: Thank you.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Mr. President, under Cum Bridge, basically the same request in the amount of \$2,487. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. The same theory here unless someone has a unique perspective on this. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes. **(See page 27 for correction on this vote)**

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.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-1850	Union Overtime	2,487.00	2,487.00
To: 2030-1301-2030	State of Emergency Overtime	2,487.00	2,487.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

DENTAL CLINIC SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

President Winnecke: Okay next we'll move on – before we get to the amendments to the Salary Ordinance, we have a larger crowd than usual here today.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President –

President Winnecke: Sorry, I'm into new business here.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and I'm asking you a question. I'll come back.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you. Before we get to the amendments to the Salary Ordinance, again, to recognize the larger than usual crowd here, we have representatives from CAJE, Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment. As most of you know, they've been advocates of a dental clinic for the under insured and poor of this county for some time. And, if you'll recall, during budget times last year, we set aside \$80,000 of county money toward this and we do have additional funding sources that have been given. We have indications that we'll get that money. We have the documentation. That process is in the process of being finalized at this time from those grantors. Those grantors would ensure that this clinic would be able to be open. The issue before us today is the approval and creation of four positions for the dental clinic and, Mr. Raben, at this time –

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, okay, again, we're going to take this separate and then we'll address all other salary related issues. But I'm going to move that we amend the 2006 Salary Ordinance adding the following positions with the 2006 salaries: Dentist at \$84,000, Dental Hygienist at \$38,182, Chairside Dental Assistant at \$24,000, Dental Office Receptionist/Bookkeeper, which is a COMOT II, Step I at \$22,252. All salary lines will be issued during the March 1, 2006 County Council meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: We usually don't have discussion during this portion of the meeting, but if there is anyone who would like to say anything.

Councilmember Sutton: I just want to add that, you know, with the efforts that have been put together collectively by members of the dental society, the hospitals, groups like CAJE, Councilman Winnecke and myself in coordinating this effort, the Health Department, don't want to forget them, that this is a beginning of what we believe will be really an outstanding program and benefit for the county. We still have a lot more work to do. We anticipate that we should have a lot more information here very soon about the opening and some funding sources. But I just want to commend everyone up to this point about their involvements. Its really been a pleasure on my part, being involved with this and I think Councilman Winnecke would concur about the fun and the labor, I guess, that's gone along with this. And we're looking forward to that first patient that walks in the door and today, by approving these positions is the first step toward getting us to the point where we'll actually see the dental clinic opening and actually addressing this real community health need.

President Winnecke: Before we vote, Father Jay, would you or anyone like to say anything?

Jay Davidson: Sure.

President Winnecke: Silly question, I'm sorry.

Jay Davidson: This has been more exciting than I expected this morning.

President Winnecke: You never know.

Jay Davidson: Actually, I wrote this out so I would be rather concise because I might go off in some direction. I represent CAJE, Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment. We officially launched this show me the dentist campaign last June. We did this after listening to our members, the members of our congregations and doing our research and determining that dental care for those who could not afford to pay was a major health crisis in our community. Today we come here to commend the progress that has been made by many people. We commend the Vanderburgh County Health Department board and staff for collaborating with the dental society in formulating a proposal for a clinic. We commend the County Council for hearing the need and responding by taking a leadership role in being the first to commit money, \$80,000 to the Vanderburgh County Health Department for a dental clinic. We commend the hospitals, can I say this yet?

President Winnecke: Its been said.

Jay Davidson: We commend Deaconess and St. Mary's Hospitals for investing significant sums of money to complete the startup costs and the beginning operation. We commend the local dentist society for being actively engaged in recruiting a dentist and for advising the Health Department. We commend especially, Mr. Lloyd Winnecke who, together with Mr. Royce Sutton, not only oversaw the writing of a business plan, but somehow managed to pull together all the players and worked a special kind of miracle to get us to the place we are today. The clinic will provide 3,800 hours of dental care per year for those who cannot afford it. It will meet a serious community health care need. It will help many people remain employed who might otherwise have been forced to lose a job and veer towards homelessness. So we are excited. We are thrilled. There are still many tasks to be completed. Most

critical is finding a dentist, the right dentist, who is truly committed to serve the clientele the clinic will serve. Our community has been this close before. We have had dental clinics set up and funded but they have not been able to secure a full-time dentist. That major challenge still lies before us. But today, we focus on what has been accomplished and today we commend you, the County Council, and Mr. Winnecke and Mr. Sutton especially, for a job very well done. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I would also like to commend the CAJE members who have been here in the meetings, who have been very vocal and very much an outreach to not only the community, but to try and bring the community and government together in a positive fashion. I'd like to thank President Winnecke for corralling through groups at times when it looked like things were astray and Councilman Sutton for, as well, being that buffer point when maybe things didn't look so hot, and when there were issues. And it was all brought together in a fashion that I think is going to be a wonderful addition to our community and its going to add to, not only our well-being of our citizens, but the opportunity for people to better themselves and get in a practice that is for good health. So I thank all of you for the jobs you've done. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Oh 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)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

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

Councilmember Raben: Okay yes, more. On your desks everyone has a roughly five page copy of other amendments to the Salary Ordinance that pertain today's meeting, so I'm going to simply ask that this be made part of the minutes and move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Are you sure you don't want to read this?

Councilmember Raben: I'm positive I don't want to read it.

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: Okay now, Mr. Tornatta, your –

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, I was given the Salary Ordinance when you were – I thought we were taking both the late transfers as one transfer, so that would be a no vote on the second transfer. When she passed this out, I thought you were passing out the Salary Ordinance, and that was put before us, so that's my only

addition to the record.

**CONFIRMING RESOLUTIONS DECLARING AN ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION AREA FOR THE TAX PHASE-IN FOR:**

**ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT 15001 HIGHWAY 57 NORTH
SHOE CARNIVAL, INC.**

**REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15001 HIGHWAY 57 N.
BIG SHOE PROPERTIES, LLC.**

**REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST
CORNER OF CROSS POINTE BOULEVARD AND COLUMBIA STREETS
BIG SHOE PROPERTIES, LLC.**

President Winnecke: Okay. The next piece of business is Old Business, actually. The confirming resolutions for the tax phase-in for the Shoe Carnival. If you'll recall, we passed the preliminary resolutions to this last week.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Yes, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'll bring it to the floor. I'm going to move, we actually have three resolutions before us because we talked about two separate parcels or two different projects along with the equipment. So I'm going to move that we approve a resolution confirming the declaration of economic revitalization area for property located at the northwest corner of Cross Pointe Boulevard and Columbia Street for Big Shoe Properties, LLC. And with this motion I also move that we approve the resolution for property located at 15001 Highway 57 North, known as Shoe Carnival, Inc, and property at 15001 Highway 57 North, known as Big Shoe Properties, LLC. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Are there other questions or discussion? Mr. Lemond, would you like to add anything or, Mr. Beck, before we take our vote? We see some nice renderings of the facility.

Evan Beck: We thought we'd bring the buildings and show you what they look like.

Councilmember Tornatta: If we could, Evan, could you bring those out here and maybe we'll just get a nice little spot of them on the T.V.?

Evan Beck: I'll be happy to. Yeah, these were the renderings.

Councilmember Raben: Is this paid-for advertising here?

Mark Lemond: You really want me to address that? Again, just to reiterate the size of the buildings, the distribution center is going to be approximately 400,000 square feet and the office building is going to be approximately 55 to 60,000 square feet. Total cost of this project is going to be in excess of 40 million dollars in an investment in Vanderburgh County.

President Winnecke: Okay, we have a motion and a second on three specific, three distinct tax phase-ins. One is for the property, one is for the equipment at 15001

Highway 57, and the other is for the property at Cross Pointe Boulevard and Columbia. 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. Congratulations.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Mark Lemond: Thank you very much.

President Winnecke: And thank you, again, for your commitment to our community. We appreciate it.

Mark Lemond: I'm happy to do it.

Evan Beck: Thank you each and every one of you all for your (inaudible – comments not made from the microphone).

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President, is this – that's a final resolution, is that correct?

President Winnecke: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Tornatta: And that's a ten year – for ten years on all – okay.

RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL TO REDUCE THE GENERAL FUND 2006 BUDGET CO.R-02-06-004

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I was going to address the last resolution.

President Winnecke: Go right ahead.

Councilmember Raben: We have a resolution before us to reduce the General Fund 2006 budget. Its resolution number CO.R-02-06-004. Its to reduce our budget in the amount of \$1,026,916, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. I see Mr. Bolton is in the audience if we have questions, and between Mr. Bolton and Mr. Fluty we can probably nail down the specific – I think its pretty self-explanatory, but, John, if you'd like to come up. Now that all the T.V. cameras have left...except for the live ones, I'm sorry.

John Bolton: Good morning. John Bolton, General Manager at the Centre. This is really, the new contract allows us to operate with revenues, our earned income, and so what you're basically doing is reducing the expense line item for that revenue that we will pay expenses from, in a nutshell. Its kind of a wash, basically.

President Winnecke: Questions? 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: I'm not crazy about reducing it, but I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Thank you, John.

John Bolton: Thank you.

COUNTY RECORDER'S REPORT

President Winnecke: Okay, before we adjourn I see Rick.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, after he gets done, I've got one brief thing, too.

Rick Davis: Good morning, I sure know how to clear a room. My name is Rick Davis, I'm the Chief Deputy at the Vanderburgh County Recorder's Office. I'm speaking today on behalf of Betty Knight-Smith, the County Recorder. We are pleased to announce that the Vanderburgh County Recorder's Office collected a grand total of \$934,267 in user fees during the 2005 fiscal year. We did so while recording a total of 41,005 documents. For the year, we averaged \$3,797.84 per day (out of a total of 246 work days) and 167 documents per day. Those totals are slightly down from the previous year. In 2004, we recorded 45,125 documents and collected \$973,296 in user fees. As you know, the grand total was distributed into four different funds. The bulk of the money went to the General Fund followed by the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund, the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund, and the State Mortgage Fund. During 2005, our office wrote checks totaling the amount of \$573,509 to the General Fund. To keep things in perspective, the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County paid \$394,765 to pay for the salaries of our office employees out of the General Fund. We returned that entire amount plus \$178,744, so, in effect, it didn't cost the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County a dime to run our office. We are completely self-sufficient. For every dollar used to pay for our office salaries, we returned about \$1.45 to the General Fund. The Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund received \$41,800 during 2005, the State Mortgage Fund received \$29,310 and the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund received \$289,648. The Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund was established as a result of an act of Congress. It states that for every deed recorded in our office, \$5 is to go towards the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund. This was the first year the State Mortgage Fund was collected by our office. A new state law went into effect in 2005 requiring our office to charge an additional \$3 fee for each mortgage recorded in our office toward this fund. Fifty cents of the \$3 returns toward the Recorder's Perpetuation account and the remaining \$2.50 goes to the State Auditor, who distributes \$1.25 to the state general fund and \$1.25 to the homeowner protection unit account. This is all brand new. The homeowner protection unit, according to state law, was set up last July to investigate deceptive acts in connection with mortgage lending. The homeowner protection unit will also cooperate with the Indiana Housing Authority in the development and implementation of the home ownership education programs established by law. The Recorder's Perpetuation Fund receives \$3 of every document recorded in our office. The \$3 fee amounted to \$131,118 in 2005. Additionally, all copies made in our office cost \$1 per page, an amount set by state law. That \$1 fee goes toward the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund, which is used to purchase computer equipment, software and all supplies in the Recorder's Office in order to run our office self-sufficiently. During 2005, \$158,530 in copies was made in our office. A new law regarding Social Security numbers took effect January 1 of this year, and it greatly affects our office. The State Legislature passed Indiana Code 36-2-7.5-4. The new law forbids the recording of social security numbers on documents unless the social security number is required by law to be on the document. Examples of documents that require the Social Security number include federal tax liens, soldier discharges, death certificates, among a few other documents. Therefore, each document recorded this year must have a "Declaration" page attached and it's the last page of every document. The declaration states that the person who prepared the document or presented it for recordation has inspected the document and that no Social Security numbers are present unless that number is required to be there by law.

The cost to record the declaration page is \$2. A security I.D. protection fund has been established with the Auditor's Office to place each \$2 fee into that fund. The security I.D. protection fund will be used by the Recorder's Office to purchase, upgrade, implement and maintain software that will redact or obscure Social Security numbers that have been scanned into our records. We will collect this fee until June 30th, 2011. Starting July 1st, 2011, the \$2 fee will be deposited into the General Fund. As the law reads now, whatever money is still in the fund as of July 1st, 2011 will remain there for our office to be used for redaction software, and does not revert to the General Fund. Beginning January 1, 2008, to the extent possible, no recorded document can be disclosed for public inspection until it has been searched by using the redacting technology. Every year that I've come here, I've given you a simple example of how fees for documents are recorded and distributed. For example, a two-page deed costing \$16 is broken down as follows: \$5 goes to the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund, \$2 to the County I.D. Protection Fund, \$3 to the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund, and the remaining \$6 to the General Fund. And you will see, the General Fund gets the bulk of the money. A two-page mortgage, and most mortgages are at least ten to twelve, sixteen pages, sometimes even more than a hundred pages, but a two-page mortgage would cost \$14 to record and its breakdown is as follows: \$2.50 to the State Mortgage Fund, \$3.50 the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund, \$2 to the County I.D. Protection Fund, and \$6 to the General Fund. And on those hundred page documents, that's \$2 per page additional that would go toward the General Fund. During 2005, our office recorded 8,693 deeds, 12,166 mortgages and other liens, 15,025 releases and assignments, and 5,120 other documents. Additionally, our office recorded 492 U.C.C.'s, Uniform Commercial Codes. U.C.C.'s do not count toward our recorded document total. Thank you for your time this morning. And I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have.

President Winnecke: Any questions? I would just say thanks for the effort. Obviously, this is one of the most, all of the offices here are important, but when you're generating nearly a million dollars a year in user fees, that helps out a lot. We appreciate your effort. Betty, thank you. Okay, thank you, Rick. Royce?

Councilmember Sutton: I did want to add one more thing, Mr. President, just to enter into the record. I get a report, and its available to all the Councilmembers, on the Initiative Based Assistance Program, our Gatekeeper Program, our Riverboat dollars and how they are used. And this report breaks down how each aspect of the program utilizes those dollars and how many families benefit from that program. And just to give you just a brief snapshot of that, last year, we were able to assist 58 families over the course of all of the investments that we have made through this program, 1,505 families have been assisted or 2,479 children have been assisted through the childcare aspect, and we've invested just a shade over two and a half million dollars in that area. Safety net, we've made investment of just a little bit over one million dollars and 1,120 families have been assisted in that regard. Now there are some other numbers, I'm not going to get into all those, but I want to enter that into the record and make that available to the rest of the Councilmembers as you might find it very interesting how we are investing our Riverboat dollars and who is impacted by this great program.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Sutton. Any other business to come before us? We stand adjourned. Oh, meeting filing date, February 10th.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 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
MARCH 1, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 1st day of March in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the March 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)

President Winnecke: Okay, before we get to the official business at hand, I think it would be appropriate to recognize one of our colleagues who became the winningest wrestling coach in the state of Indiana history, congratulations to Mr. Goebel and the Mater Dei Wildcats! Great victory for the school and for our community. Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: In plain words, we don't want to tangle with him.

President Winnecke: I also have another bit of good news. I hold in my hands two checks: one from Deaconess Hospital and the one from the St. Mary's Medical Center, each in the amount of \$140,000, which will be given to the County Auditor for deposit at the end of this meeting. These checks represent grant funds for the dental clinic. So this dental clinic will go forward. If you'll recall, we appropriated \$80,000 from the county's standpoint, so we have \$360,000 to start this dental clinic. Mr. Heck tells me that they're in the process of taking applications for a dentist and some other positions. They have quotes on equipment, so things are moving merrily along. So I appreciate everyone's work on that and a special public thank you to Deaconess and St. Mary's for their participation in a great public/private partnership. Mr. Fluty, I will entrust those to you. One other piece of business, you have before you a purple form. Teri, you may correct me if I get off track here, but the county really needs a record of this from each county employee. This is really for the Councilmembers and Mrs. Deig and Mrs. Nunn. Please make sure you complete the appropriate paperwork and return it to Teri so they have this on record in the Auditor's office. Okay, now we'll get –

Councilmember Sutton: I don't have one.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton needs one? We'll get him one.

Teri Lukeman: We have one on file for you.

Councilmember Sutton: Good, okay.

President Winnecke: Efficiency is the name of the game.

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 25, 2006 SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2006 REGULAR MEETING</p>

President Winnecke: At this time I will consider, we need to approve the minutes from our February 1st meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Abell: 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: Also, we need to consider the minutes from our special meeting of January 25th. If you'll recall, that's the meeting where we had considered the tax phase-in for Shoe Carnival.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember 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, now we'll begin with the appropriation ordinance and I'll turn the floor over to Mr. Raben, the finance chair. And just a reminder for those watching at home, we did hear the requests last week at our meeting. If we don't ask questions, I assume that the Councilmembers each have the information that they need to make the vote that they cast here today. So, Mr. Raben, with that caveat, you may begin.

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda is Jail 1051-1850 Union Overtime, move that be set in at \$30,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Councilmember Wortman: Would the representative from the Sheriff's department come forward, please?

Eric Williams: Eric Williams, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's office.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you. The Union Overtime, last month you requested \$100,000, you got 25,000, and now its 75,000 and they made a motion for 30,000, is this going to continue or why, can you tell me why this overtime is so much? You know, it started out, in the Jail you didn't need any help, and then we got 34 people. And it just seems like there's no end to this thing. Can you explain why all this overtime, without excuses?

Eric Williams: Well, I won't make excuses for it. I'm actually very proud of the way our department handles our overtime. We treat it as a valuable resource that allows us to perform the jobs that we perform. There are some factors and variables that go into the overtime that forces it to fluctuate sometimes. And one of the key factors with the Union Overtime in the Jail has been the transition. There have been a lot of hours spent getting the transition ready and doing those kind of things and preparing for that. Now we mentioned, you mentioned the 34 new employees and that is true, we were granted those last year and bringing on to the budget, but as you'll remember, that money was kind of phased in last year and towards the end of the year, because of the budget unknowns, we were asked by Council not to hire any of those people until after the state approved the budget. So that put us way back in a holding pattern back into almost October and November before we could even start the hiring process. So that left us shorter of people that we needed to actually bring this place on line. One of the other variables or factors that goes into it is that those people are all governed by a union contract. And the contract allows them to choose whether or not they receive compensatory time or overtime. And just to give you kind of an example of how that impacts us, in 2004, we had 14 employees that were choosing overtime as opposed to compensatory time. In 2005, there were 23, almost a hundred percent increase or doubled, which that's a choice they make by the contract. And then in 2006, we're up to 36 people that are now choosing the overtime pay as opposed to compensatory time. You know, those numbers, when you start to look at that, when you just factor in the holiday time that you pay, that's a pretty big sum of money. So I think those are some of the key variables that go into this. Now, part of your question was, is this an ongoing thing, is it ever going to get better? We'd like to think it is and as things begin to settle out and we get a better control of it, we get all of our people on board, everything flat lines itself out, there will always be a need for overtime. As long as the contract is worded the way it is, for holidays, you'll have some overtime. There is some overtime that's necessary for handling emergencies, training, and those kinds of things. Yes, we do believe it will level out and we met with Councilman Raben and Councilman Winnecke, and went through in great depth and detail as to how these are all formulated and, as you can see, Councilman Raben set our request in at substantially smaller than what we thought we could get by with. And we're going to continue to do our best to make that last.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, they tell me the commodes are being stopped up. Is that true?

Eric Williams: That is correct. We've had some issues with the plumbing. The contractor has been out there on several occasions trying to correct a design in the plumbing. I don't know that much about plumbing so I can't answer specifically what it is. But they've been out there on a regular basis and most of those problems are starting to correct themselves. I'm fairly comfortable with all the equipment, FF & E

type items that are in that building, but they're all starting to level out and get working. Its just, I don't think it would be realistic to expect that everything work perfectly that day that place opened.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, I'm aware of that. What's the, you had mentioned overtime, so are we talking about everything settling down? Is the jail full now or half full or –

Eric Williams: Actually, today, we were rated at 512 housing beds, if you count our booking, medical and the other beds, its 544. Today's census, if I remember correctly, was about 460. So, you know, we've got 40, 60, 70 some-odd beds unoccupied right now, so we're not full. I had notified the Council some time ago that within two weeks of opening, we had retracted every inmate that was outside in an outside county and gotten them back into our facility. Community Corrections is running at capacity. There are 200 beds there and there's routinely 199-200 people in those beds.

Councilmember Wortman: How are we doing on the courts back and forth? Are they doing video, are the attorneys requesting they come to court or how is that, when you're transferring, do you –

Eric Williams: So far we haven't, nobody's – we haven't lost anybody and everybody's gotten to court and where they were supposed to be. We're moving everybody physically right now and not using video arraignment. We're still awaiting some final modifications to one of the court rooms they're remodeling down there and once that's on line, I think everybody is ready to give that a try. And we suspect by our statistics that that will reduce the number of people we transport initially by 30 to 40 percent, which may not sound like a huge number, but when you're transporting 70 to 80 a day, 30 to 40 percent is a sizable number and not to mention, just a savings in security risk of moving inmates.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

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: 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.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1850	Union Overtime	75,000.00	30,000.00
Total		75,000.00	30,000.00

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

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Assessor, –

President Winnecke: Do we want to go ahead and do the –

Councilmember Raben: Community Corrections? Okay, move down to Community Corrections, 1361-1850 Overtime in the amount of \$25,000, 1361-1330-1361 and 1361-1440-1361 as listed, for a total of \$30,525. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion on these items? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Let me make sure I'm clear, Chief Deputy Williams, regarding the overtime here. Is this what we anticipate it to be or is it what we already owe on this overtime, was it already accumulated?

Eric Williams: This is anticipated.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. And as you have kind of calculated these numbers, what did you use to kind of factor in? How did you get to that number?

Eric Williams: Well, a lot of it is just educated guess, working with what we've been doing, looking at how the system is beginning to settle in, looking at the time line on getting all of our vacant positions filled, looking at our training calendars and all the other things that go on that require the use of overtime. Now obviously, there's no way to predict unusual circumstances or things that come up, but you know, right now we're hopeful and we're going to be as hopeful as anybody that this is going to get us by. And I'd be the first to tell you, though, that we may come back. We may have to come back and ask for more. There is no way to actually predict all that. A huge chunk of our overtime goes towards just funding the overtime pay for holidays. So that's pretty easy to calculate.

Councilmember Sutton: And, I guess, over the next – we've got, what –

Eric Williams: Several.

Councilmember Sutton: Over the next two or three months we've got...I can think of a couple of holidays.

Eric Williams: Well, over the course of the year. This was to get us through the year.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, you think – oh,

Eric Williams: One of the other dynamics is that, you know, generally, the overtime money runs out towards the very end of the year so our first payroll in January is paying off all the holidays usually from Thanksgiving forward and all the overtime accrued during the holiday season, which usually takes a pretty big lump out of the budgeted money for the first of the year to pay off the end of the year debt.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I got you. I didn't realize you were looking for the full year. I mean, if we're looking at the full year – I mean, clearly, as we begin to see some trends as things develop, I mean, we'll get a better idea of what that balance, what that mix might be. So, I guess, just trying to get that in relation to even the previous request, too, as just kind of what you are seeing. So that will give us a better idea as we move along. Just keep us posted and, of course, I know you will.

Eric Williams: We're actually, you know, the Kronos system that the county put in has some weaknesses in its ability to report and we've been working with Kronos in the last week trying to get some additional information that would allow you to be able to trend some of this a little better and look at where the money is going in specific categories as opposed to just generalities. And that's something, once available to us, we'd be glad to share, just so you can see it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I know Councilman Wortman obviously had several questions, we're just trying to, I guess in just thinking about just the ways that we can be as efficient as possible and just be ahead of the curve of anticipated costs. And so, yeah, if you can share the information with us, that will be extremely helpful for us.

Eric Williams: No problem at all.

President Winnecke: Other questions or comments?

Councilmember Abell: I'll just, Mr. Raben, would you read those numbers again please?

Councilmember Raben: I certainly can, 25,000 on the Overtime, the other two amounts as they are listed, for a total of \$30,525.

President Winnecke: Other questions, comments or discussion?

Councilmember Goebel: This is estimated for the year, is that correct?

Eric Williams: Best estimate.

Councilmember Goebel: 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: 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.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1850	Union Overtime	40,000.00	25,000.00
1361-1330-1361	Correction Officer	2,560.00	2,560.00
1361-1440-1361	Correction Officer	2,965.00	2,965.00
Total		45,525.00	30,525.00

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

Eric Williams: The only other thing while I happen to be up here, I would like to mention, and I don't want to catch anybody off guard, next month we'll be up asking for overtime money in our deputy account next month. One of the issues that we have there is that we had some major expenditures out of that account, primarily the tornado, that cost about \$46,000 in overtime from last year's account that caused it to run short and then carry over in the same thing, the first of the year paid off substantial overtime left over from last year. So I just wanted to let you know that we'll be here this next month for the same thing.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Is the Commissary money, can it enter into this?

Eric Williams: Yeah, that's a question only the Sheriff can answer himself, but I will tell you that the Commissary is being spent very heavily right now in the new facility. If you'll remember, we had pledged a half a million dollars out of the accrued account there and that's all been spent towards the new facility and we've spent another hundred thousand dollars on buying supplies and equipment and things necessary for that new jail to avoid having to come back here and ask for those now.

Councilmember Wortman: Can you give me a balance, or the Council here, I guess, not me, for next month?

Eric Williams: I can tell you right now the current balance in the Commissary account

is about \$64,000. But yeah, we'll – I can give you the monthly report if you'd like it.

Councilmember Wortman: I'd appreciate it.

Eric Williams: Absolutely.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I don't know, does FEMA money factor in on any of this, your overtime?

Eric Williams: We hope that we will get a reimbursement. We've applied for those reimbursements and that money then, if we get it, and there's no reason to believe we won't, would then come back to the County's general fund. But that doesn't come back to us, specifically, to our knowledge.

Councilmember Goebel: Will we be able to find that out before the next meeting? I know this is the topic today, but...

Eric Williams: We can try to find out but that's sometimes a little more difficult to find out when they're going to fund or when they're going to make those decisions. Now I do know that one of the volunteer fire departments has received some of their reimbursements as recently as this week.

President Winnecke: I'll be happy to check with the Commissioners to see when they anticipate county reimbursement. I've not heard of a date, but I'll check on that.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: How much, Auditor Fluty, do we have in the Jail account, do you know by chance?

Bill Fluty: Are you talking about the –

Councilmember Sutton: Those set aside dollars that we had from the Jail fund.

Bill Fluty: I think it was about 2.4.

Councilmember Raben: Its 2.4.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, we spent some last year, you remember.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, we did spend some, but surely there should still be a healthy balance so, I mean, we obviously aren't seeing any large things that come through related to the new jail. But something that we want to keep in mind. If we need to, that's always a source that we can dip into. And I think the agreement that we did have, as Chief Deputy indicated about that Commissary fund that the commitment amount that they would provide to us that we would not try to go back and hit that again since they were pledging a pretty hefty amount from that Commissary amount. So that jail fund might be a possibility for us.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Williams.

Eric Williams: One last thing. Having been in operation now for a period of time, I do invite the entire Council to come out and see the facility in operation, take a tour

of it and see what it looks like now that its filled and housed and we're working and it may give you a better understanding of what goes on day to day in that facility. You're welcome to come out either as a group or individually, please don't hesitate. We'd like to show it off.

Councilmember Sutton: As a guest but not a client.

Eric Williams: We would prefer it that way. You would be much more comfortable.

President Winnecke: Okay, thanks, Eric.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Mr. President, is County Assessor 1090-1120-1090 Chief Deputy. I'm going to move that that be set in at \$928, FICA 1090-1900 at 71, 1090-1910 PERF \$56, for a total of \$1,055. And what this reflects is taking into consideration the Chief Deputy's Level II Certification where they earn a \$500 stipend. This will make them consistent with the other Chief Deputies. And along, since we're on this item, we need to probably address in April the same situation, if you remember, with the Surveyor's office. They were in late last year requesting this. So –

Councilmember Tornatta: Would that be the only other office that we'd need to address?

Councilmember Raben: To my knowledge, yeah.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, that was my question. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion? Oh, I need a second please.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: We have a motion and a second. Now, 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
1090-1120-1090	Chief Deputy	1,428.00	928.00
1090-1900	FICA	110.00	71.00
1090-1910	PERF	86.00	56.00
Total		1,624.00	1,055.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ELECTION OFFICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Election Office, 1210-3530 Contractual in the amount of \$10,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Goebel: Last meeting I believe it was brought up, is this part of the Commissioner's budget or has that been clarified?

Councilmember Abell: It is not.

Councilmember Raben: Its not budgeted for.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Now this was transportation of the – this was actually physically moving the equipment from the storage site to polling places or to the Civic Center, rather.

Councilmember Sutton: The Commissioners paid for that last time.

Councilmember Abell: They did.

Councilmember Raben: It was not put in their budget, though, for this year.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean what's to keep us from having a request from the Commissioners?

President Winnecke: I'm not sure I understand your question.

Councilmember Raben: It wasn't budgeted for, so...

Councilmember Sutton: Well, but this request is coming from the Election Office. I

mean, what's to keep the Commissioner's Office from – well, from one of their line items, surely, they could find a way to pay for this. Silence fell over the room.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I don't have an answer for that. I don't know what funds they have to pull from.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, and I guess my point is, you know, here we are early in the year, January and February, and I know what it's like for us when it comes September, October and November how tight it is. So we protect our dollars and our dimes now and lessen some of the impact that we have later on in the year. I mean, if the Commissioners have the ability to pull this out of their budget, I mean, and since they've traditionally -- and what ultimately happens is we pay for this now, this election office budget, that's what its going to continuously be pulled out of there rather than where it needs to be.

President Winnecke: But just for the sake of discussion, does it matter if it comes – if the Election Office overseas the delivery or the Commissioners?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm not talking about overseeing the delivery. I mean, I guess I'm talking about the actual, the payment.

President Winnecke: Right. But, I mean, at the end of the day it really doesn't matter as long as one of those two entities pays for it, correct?

Councilmember Sutton: But if they've got money in their budget now, that's different than money that we're pulling from the unappropriated balance, which is what their request is here.

President Winnecke: Right. Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Fluty, are there any monies left in the HAVA funds because I know this could be used for this.

Bill Fluty: No, there are not.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I know that it was put into the Commissioner's budget because the Commissioners approached me when I was in charge of the Election Office and said you can't enter into a contract, this is a contractual thing, and we're going to put it in our budget. And that's why they moved it. I don't know where it necessarily belongs, financially, but it is a function of the Election Office to get the things delivered.

Councilmember Raben: When did that take effect? Because its my understanding that it was not budgeted for 2006. I mean, are you talking two - three years, four years?

Councilmember Abell: I'm going back to when I was the Clerk and the Commissioners were a different group of Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: But it was not budgeted in the Commissioners budget for '06?

Councilmember Abell: No.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: If the Commissioners do have funding for this then we could maybe not take it out of the General fund, how long of a time period do we need prior to the actual setting of the machines, how much advance do they need as far as the funding of it? Can we wait a month, is my question.

President Winnecke: Probably Mrs. Abell or the Auditor would be best able to answer that.

Councilmember Abell: You're tight right now. Does anybody know, has the Clerk said anything about sending out requests for bids on this or anything?

Bill Fluty: As soon as they get the money in place they were going to go out for bids. So its kind of hinging on today's decision.

President Winnecke: It is two months from tomorrow.

Councilmember Abell: Yeah, its tough, tight on time because they've got to get the bids back and then award the contract. And there's a possibility no one will want this and then you're going to have a real problem trying to find somebody to deliver those things.

President Winnecke: Perhaps the issue is, maybe a resolution is we approve this today, we can check to see if there's \$10,000 in their budget. I don't recall that it was. If it is, we'll encourage the Commissioners to transfer that back to the General fund. We could do that.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, I don't think we want to impede the process at all, so that sounds very reasonable.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: If the Commissioners could approve it out of their budget that would be immediate monies, correct?

Bill Fluty: Yes, that money is in place if they have the money.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, I mean, he or she could go out, the Clerk could go out for bids next Tuesday afternoon or next Wednesday as far as that's concerned if we want to use it out of one of their budget line items.

President Winnecke: I'm fine with approving the request as it is and encouraging, checking to see if it is and then encouraging the Commissioners to transfer that amount back to the General fund if they have it in their budget.

Councilmember Tornatta: Because that happens a lot. I mean, once the – you know, as Mr. Ahlers says, the toothpaste is out of the tube, it's hard to get it back in. And in this case, I mean, I think that if we want the Commissioners to pull it out of their budget, then if we appropriate this, the chances are less likely that its going to come back to us.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President? Maybe we could do this, maybe we could come back to this if, possibly, Sandie, if you wouldn't mind stepping next door and telling them what we're up against, ask them if there's an account that they can pull this from. We'll address it before we adjourn. How's that?

Councilmember Sutton: That's fine. I mean, if we can get an answer.

Councilmember Tornatta: Sounds great.

President Winnecke: Okay, we'll move on.

Councilmember Raben: Do I need to suspend my motion or what do I need to do here?

President Winnecke: I think its just tabled for now. Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, normally, the procedure has always been in the past you get the money before the bids are let out to make sure the money is there.

President Winnecke: Right.

Councilmember Wortman: That's the procedure.

President Winnecke: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to move on and we'll come back to that.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: Next under County Council 1480-3860 Contractual Computers, I think there was a presentation given last week on this \$450,000 request. Mr. President, I'm going to move at this time that this be set in at zero pending the finalization of the budget and our unappropriated balance.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second. I'm sure there will be some discussion on this. I know that Mrs. Abell has actually some pretty good points relating to possibly approving or considering a piece of this that might help expedite a couple of issues. Would you like to address that?

Councilmember Abell: Possibly, Mr. VanCleave, you can come to the microphone and we can do this in a joint venture, maybe. One of the items involved in replacement of the computers in the Courts package, which is what this is for, was eleven of those computers were going to be taken out of service and taken into the Election Office. If we don't approve new computers for the courts right now, then we're going to have to put eleven new ones in the Election Office, is my assumption. Is that correct?

Tim VanCleave: Yes, because we will start running into repair issues.

Councilmember Abell: Well, you won't have eleven to move over to the Election Office if you don't have – you can't replace eleven in the courts if you don't have eleven to move to the Election Office, is that correct?

Tim VanCleave: Right.

Councilmember Abell: See, that's going to be a concern. I don't particularly want to

put eleven brand new computers in an office that runs twelve weeks out of the year.

Councilmember Raben: What we can do, there is a Contractual account within our budget now. We could spend from it. You know, that will make it short for the balance of the year and we can reappropriate monies to replace for those eleven next month, if we'd like. But there are funds if we need to do that, they can use today.

Councilmember Abell: Okay, Tim, let me ask you, can we divide up the computers and the printers, because I think the printers seems to be a bigger issue with this Council than computers?

Tim VanCleave: Where there is a desire, we can always create a plan to accommodate.

Councilmember Abell: What a good political answer.

Councilmember Sutton: Let me make sure I'm clear here regarding the computers that you're talking about, Councilman Abell. When are they needing these units?

Councilmember Abell: In the Election Office?

Councilmember Sutton: In the Election Office, yeah. And they're using those for election purposes?

Councilmember Abell: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess if that is the case from a timing standpoint, if we're looking at this request that we have before us and even though we have zeroed this out, by the time that they would prepare all of what they need to do regarding an RFP and getting the bids in, if we were to approve this today, but we're not, they wouldn't make the timetable that you're looking for on the Election Office if I'm kind of understanding just timing-wise all of what you guys need to do and what they need in the Election Office. I mean, to transfer those eleven units over, you couldn't just snatch those units out of wherever they're going to be and put them in the Election Office and think that in the amount of time that you could then go ahead and get all the process that needs to be cleared away to get those eleven units back on line in the other location, am I correct?

Tim VanCleave: Not having thought through that concept, it's a little difficult to answer straightforward on that. There would be the opportunity that there are some areas that if we knew that the replacement computers were funded and we were moving forward, that we might be able to shift the necessary equipment up into the Election Office for the upcoming couple of months knowing that they would be replaced shortly after that. The other side of this becomes back into the repair issue which all this equipment is now out of warranty, so any units that are not fully utilized now are going to have to be utilized to keep the court ready to function, whereas some of those units could be allocated up into the Election Office now to handle the upcoming employees that will be increasing over the next few weeks in preparation for the primary election. Does that answer your question? Its kind of –

Councilmember Sutton: Kind of, but not all the way.

Tim VanCleave: Using a collection phrase, we're robbing Peter to pay Paul, and then we'll get from Paul to give back to Peter here, as quickly as we can.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, one of the things I know I had specifically requested last week and we were looking at some type of format and got the proposal yesterday afternoon from your office regarding this particular request we're looking at, this is a little difficult for us to follow. Let me speak for myself, difficult for me to follow. I don't know about the rest of the Councilmembers, perhaps maybe you understand this very clearly, but there is a lot of information in here. I guess what I'm really trying to get my arms around understanding is, if we are, one of the things I mentioned is this phasing process of trying to bring the units on and we kind of mentioned some of the pros and cons of that, but just trying to get an idea if we were to replace say a third of them this year, a third next year and I don't really see that here in the proposal, now I guess what this proposal here shares with us is just the total amount of purchase down to the equipment, software, hardware, and where they would be located and the types of things that we are looking at, but help me through this proposal here to read this the way you understand it so that we can understand in kind of layman's terms relative to the higher needs on the units that you're hoping to replace down to the lower priorities, and what those numbers are. And I know we are at some point in time, going to readdress this issue, we've zeroed it out today, we're going to readdress this, but help me, give me a high level executive summary of what you've tried to put together here for us.

Tim VanCleave: The high level summary is that the idea is to stretch the costs. If my estimations are correct, the county is going to spend somewhere between the one million to 1.3 million dollars over a three year period because this hardware is going to need to be replaced. Whether you replace that a third this year, a third in the following year and then a third in that sequential year, you're going to spend that amount of money over time. The challenge has always been when you come out and want to try to accomplish something like that you have equipment that is growing older, which means failures. So you are increasing your maintenance costs for the equipment. So the general idea is that if we were doing that today, we would have computers in service that would be approaching six years old by the time we ended that cycle, in which case we will have a significant portion of those computers or workstations and printers that will be increasing the maintenance cost to the county. What we are able to do by coming in all at one time is to present a bulk purchase that a lot of the vendors that already have state quantity purchase agreements, or better known as the QPA's, they may be willing to offer a zero percent financing agreement, which gives us the benefit of spreading the cost over a three year period just as the phase process would accomplish, but we get all of the equipment up front, which then helps eliminate that additional maintenance cost that would occur on the five and six year old equipment over the next three years, because those computers would be under a warranty and we would not have to pay for the normal failures, such as if a hard drive failed, a video card failed, the warranty covers those. I've checked on some of the HP printers and they can also be placed under a three year, next day replacement, so that if the printer fails, they would just bring in a new printer within a day to two days and bring that office back up and functioning. So these are some of the advantages. We get the goal of the phase-in process, which is spreading the cost over three years at zero percent financing, but we also eliminate the issue of non-warranty expenses by getting all new hardware here at the present.

Councilmember Sutton: The other question, that helps, the other question was in relation to how you and Matt, I see Matt back there, are working together or discussions that you had in relation to just the total package of technology needs that we have for the county, where have those discussions gone?

Tim VanCleave: I was leaving those discussions primarily with the elected officials.

We did have a meeting with Matt last summer in preparation for this. We had a brief meeting with Matt and the Judge and myself, sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas, I don't remember the actual details. We were trying to get the funding in place first and then bring in the resources after that to begin the contractual work. Once again, we assumed that that was the appropriate procedure. I did not involve Matt heavily in this process knowing that he was busy and I know that there are other issues going on. So I was trying to keep the work on this as apolitical as possible because I didn't want to shadow any of the other efforts going on that do not relate specifically with the court's operations. I don't know if that answers the question or – that was the basic feelings and working forward. But if you want this to be shared with that individual prior to, you know, that would be up to the Judge and the Clerk and the Prosecutor's office. And the Judge is here today to address that. Basically under my contractual terms I am here to serve the court and I take my direction from the Judges as well as trying to make sure that I work within the enterprise direction. And while I haven't been on a day to day conversation with Matt, I do through my superior, Joe Anslinger, a weekly status as I told the board last week. I have kept it very simple knowing that there is a lot going on.

President Winnecke: We're going to change the tape. It seems like an appropriate time.

(Tape Changed)

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton, are you finished?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Van Cleave, just kind of curious on a couple of things. One of them is the eleven computers that we need in the Election Office, where were the computers before? Did they go to another office? Just kind of concerned. Ms. Abell, you might have a better idea –

Councilmember Abell: Oh, the ones that were in the Election Office before?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I mean, where there eleven and then, I don't know, maybe why or if they were in a budget for 2006 or were they thrown out or – just trying to get an idea.

Councilmember Abell: I'm not sure that the Clerk knew she was going to need new ones. They put in a new voter registration system and for the Election Office to be able to pull up the records that they have to have for sending out absentee ballots and doing everything, the computers that they have won't work. They've got to have – I mean, the company came in here that put in the new voter registration system and said it won't cost the county anything. Well, it didn't in the Voter Registration Office, but its going to in the Election office and I don't think that the current Clerk knew she was going to have to do that. The old ones will not interface with the new program.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can the Voter Registration computers, can they work with the Election Office to get that project done?

Councilmember Abell: We'd have to ask the Voter Registration Office. I think probably physically they could, but I'm not sure that workload, they can.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I know that at times, and not to discredit anybody's workload, but I know that at times we've talked about sometimes there is, and I know it's a busy time for them, but if there is a way that we can utilize the Voter's Registration so we don't have to double buy computers to do the same job, that would be something we'd be interested in. That's eleven computers and, truthfully, its eleven computers I didn't know about until 8:15 this morning, okay, so obviously, we didn't have this list, so its going to be awful hard for me to vote on anything when I don't get it and I don't know who's issue that was, but, you know, its something I want to look it. The DADS –

President Winnecke: Can I interrupt? Are you, because I want to make sure I understand your suggestion, you're suggesting, asking if the eleven existing or the existing computers in the Election Office, whether they can be upgraded?

Councilmember Tornatta: No, I guess what I'm asking is if the computers that are in Voter Registration can help to facilitate a job that should be possibly done by the Election Office?

President Winnecke: Okay, I apologize for cutting you off, I just wanted to make sure we all understand that before you went on.

Councilmember Abell: Tim could answer that, from a technical standpoint, yes, but I can tell you that from a statutory standpoint, no, because Vanderburgh County is one of three counties in the State of Indiana that does not allow the Election Office and the Voter Registration Office to function together. They have to function separately by state statute.

Councilmember Tornatta: Why are we the only three?

Councilmember Abell: I wanted to get it changed. I have no idea why we're one of only three. In most counties the Voter Registration Office functions under the office of the Clerk and they do joint duties, but there are three counties that have it set separately, it was done years ago and I don't know why.

Councilmember Tornatta: It just seems kind of inefficient and maybe that's something that we ought to bring up and I appreciate you bringing that to light, Ms. Abell. The other thing that I'd like to talk about, the DADS program, six computers, now I thought we voted a year, year and a half ago, put about a \$30,000 package that I was a part of to bring computers to their office and this says DT, I guess that's desktop?

Tim VanCleave: Correct.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, make sure when you make these things for computer illiterates like myself that you put some type of reference to what your codes are here, but in computer talk the DT says they need six and I guess I was wanting to know, I'm their liaison, and I stay in touch with them, but I didn't hear anything about six new computers.

Tim VanCleave: That comes from the request of this Council two years ago to make sure that DADS was included in the next process of this nature.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, they've only had them for two years –

Tim VanCleave: I agree.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Well, we need to reconstruct this list. We asked for a critical list, not a wish list and I think that, right now, we don't necessarily have that and, like I said, no offense to you, but in order to get a list that we're going to feel comfortable with, we're going to need that true list and we'd appreciate, I think I speak for some of us, that we'd like to get with all bodies that are in control of the computer system whether that's Mr. Arvay or others that are associated with it, and try and come up with a list that's going to be efficient and best suited for this county.

Tim VanCleave: The DADS was added on there only because of the request that this Council made. I had made note and carried through on the promise I had made to this Council.

President Winnecke: Thank you. Anyone on this side? Were you done, Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

President Winnecke: I just have a few questions. I'm trying to make sure all the numbers are foot here, and getting to the previous point, I'm not sure that I understand everything that I'm reading here, so on page – I guess, page two, that begins with the header, Detail Breakdown of Unit Information, Server CAL 350, what is that? Three hundred and fifty servers?

Tim VanCleave: No. The Microsoft licensing program, Microsoft just changed their licensing program to where you have to buy a license for the server, which is the first line item there, which has a quantity of 13. Then each workstation that is going to attach to those servers has to have a, what they call a client access license, and what I am trying to include is any of the external public safety that may be attaching to Courtview to determine warrants and those type of elements, to be able to connect.

President Winnecke: So that explanation would – that would explain the difference between 350 and 316?

Tim VanCleave: Right.

President Winnecke: Okay. And then would the same explanation apply on the lower third of the same page relating to Microsoft Office, SmartTerm and Adobe?

Tim VanCleave: Yes.

President Winnecke: And what's, where does it all go? I mean, I would think that number would match the 350.

Tim VanCleave: The difference is that there are additional offices outside of public safety that attach via what we call a Citrix Solution, and those additional licenses that are residing on the Citrix Solution. The Citrix Solution is, for lack of a better definition, you remember the old mainframe days where everything was on a central box and then you just had a, what we call dumb terminal, that really had no computing power on the outside? The Citrix Solution is a hybrid of client server technology and the mainframe technology. While there are other offices that would normally have to tie up the Clerk's library public terminals to get information, we have provided a mechanism where, regardless of what speed their computer is, they can access at a read-only method and not degradate the performance of the courts trying to input data into the system. So that is why there's a larger increase there.

Councilmember Tornatta: Hold on a second. Tim, we're going to need BOTOX after this because our foreheads are so crunched.

Tim VanCleave: That's why I was focusing on a conceptual table with the one before, because when you start getting into the details, –

President Winnecke: Well, I'm just trying to make sure the numbers, why the numbers don't all foot.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can I make one quick suggestion today and then we'll—excuse me. Can we get a computer guy doing what he does best and an interpreter to kind of break it down to a simpler form and work with all those groups and then bring it back to the Council? I think to interpret all this stuff on the floor is a little monotonous to try to go through some of this stuff and we need to ask what some abbreviations are, we need to ask where some of these things go and you probably can't do it. I know some people got it yesterday afternoon and you still can't do it in a 12-hour period, and I mean, you spent 30 years of your life or how many on computers, so I know that you're a little bit more astute into that than we are. But maybe if we can get a clarification and package this so that it would be a more sellable item, then we can go from there.

President Winnecke: I think that's a great idea and if you can work on that, I would appreciate it but I still have a couple of other questions that I think we can all understand. Again, on the bottom of that same page, the line that begins Office Printers 62, below that Large Capacity Printers 3, and below that Multi-function Printers (Judges Offices) 10, so that's 75 printers, is that right?

Tim VanCleave: Right.

President Winnecke: But on the printer summary on another page, it says 89.

Tim VanCleave: That, the printer summary is the total printers that I have physically went through and counted.

President Winnecke: Okay, so this is just an inventory, this does not represent the list that will all be replaced.

Tim VanCleave: Correct. The –

President Winnecke: Gotcha.

Tim VanCleave: And one of the things that I have found in talking to the judges that helps make them be more productive during their meetings is the ability to have a multi-function device inside their office. There are a lot of times where they interrupt a meeting to make a photocopy of something that somebody has brought to them and they go to the photocopier, make the photocopy, bring it back and then start to resume their discussions. Where, if they had a, you know, low end device like I've proposed here, they have the ability to make that photocopy right there inside the chambers, never breaking the meeting and continuing forward and probably Judge Knight can better attest to that, but the idea of trying to provide that same functionality, we have been, some of the Judges have started doing that and we will at least want to put it into the budget. Some of the judges may not want to do that. But we at least wanted to be equal across all the judges to provide that opportunity for their efficiencies.

President Winnecke: The last question that I think I have represents the two totals, the two columns under totals, could you help us understand the difference between the two? For instance, servers, there is a figure of 72,000 and next to that, 76,500.

Tim VanCleave: I was providing a range of estimation, because until we have the funding in place and actually provide a closer bill of materials to Dell or HP under the state QPA's or if we go out for RFP, we won't actually have a fixed amount to come back to.

President Winnecke: So those just are estimates of each of those? Okay, that's good to know.

Tim VanCleave: What I tried to do is provide a low range and a high range and I –

President Winnecke: And we appreciate that.

Tim VanCleave: – those totals coming down.

President Winnecke: Anyone on this side?

Councilmember Sutton: One other thing just real quick, there are a couple of items in here like PDA's, where are those utilized?

Tim VanCleave: The Judges and Magistrates and the people that are calendaring their work and significantly mobile. This would allow them to carry their contacts and their calendar along with them and to keep it all synchronized when they come back to their office.

Councilmember Sutton: They can't buy those on their own?

Tim VanCleave: I always work from the viewpoint of county officials having county assets that are managed by county resources. If the Council wants to strike that and have the Judges purchase that, then we do come back to the issue of does the county still let us as an IT organization support those devices.

Councilmember Sutton: I would say yes but notebooks, notebook computers, I guess that's what that is, –

Tim VanCleave: That is correct.

Councilmember Sutton: Who is using – I mean, how many people out there are using laptops?

Tim VanCleave: There's about 25 presently. The juvenile probation department uses that as part of their outreach program into the schools, there are in the Prosecutor's Office, the child support office carries notebooks into court many times to help calculate the child support payments. There are additional needs for inside of the courtroom where presentations, because presentations don't usually come on overheard projectors anymore. So the court is in some need and that was also the reason for the projectors is so that a computer can be set up with a projector inside of the courtroom and presentations can be made during court as well as some additional, as the Judges travel, giving them the ability to check their email and those type of items when they're on the road.

Councilmember Sutton: You know, I think we can best help you, you know,

obviously, there's a lot of questions here, we can best help you in providing, you know, additional questions or maybe ways in which suggestions on how you could maybe format this so that it can be a little bit more understandable. I know kind of in your world, this is probably very elementary and very understandable for all the folks that do what you do, but for those of us who don't do this on a daily basis, this is high level calculus. But if, as we are looking at this, and the questions that we have is some of its due to our lack of experience with this. As we go back and consider this request, these are some of the things that maybe we can do to help you make it understandable for us and so that the presentation and the decision that we ultimately make, we can all feel comfortable with. Right now, I think, at least on my part and I can't speak for everyone, there is a high degree of uncomfortableness because of this, so much equipment and so much is being asked here, and we just want to get our arms around it so that we can know that whatever we decide to do, that we are making a good decision.

Tim VanCleave: Right, and that's where, if you go back one page in that, you'll see at the bottom there is a conceptual organization which tries to better group the basic request, which was made by Councilman Goebel to, you know, what are the numbers of items that we are purchasing. But even there if you take a look and see that there is, you know, two servers and one spot costs \$103,000 and in the next spot seven servers cost \$95,000, in that conceptual table, the first question comes up, well, what is the difference. And that's where the next table, just to try to show that those aren't random numbers that are put in there for a per cost. And that is the challenge. And even for people who do this day in and day out, because of Microsoft changing their licensing program, they used to have something a lot easier called server based or processor based licensing. You bought one license for the server and everybody could attach at no additional cost. Well, now Microsoft has changed their licensing program to where you can only buy a server and client access licenses. So it's a changing world for us as well.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just real quick, Mr. President, I might offer a suggestion. We've kind of hinted around it on and off for the last fifteen minutes, but possibly yourself, and maybe Marsha because of her knowledge with working with the courts and maybe Royce or Troy? Royce. If you could possibly get together with Tim and Judge Knight in advance of our filing deadline for, which will be the fifteenth of the month, right, of next month, that would be very helpful and we'll just take your recommendation. I did have a question for you, Tim, just to – relating back to, I think originally the whole Courtview programming and our last lease program on the actual equipment itself, I think we started that in '99, a lot of the equipment was not online until probably 2001, is that correct?

Tim VanCleave: Most of the equipment was online by 2000.

Councilmember Raben: By 2000? But looking back, I think our lease five years ago or four –

Tim VanCleave: 2002 was when we did the first lease.

Councilmember Raben: I knew it was a three year lease, was it not?

Tim VanCleave: It was a three year lease.

Councilmember Raben: Our lease payments then were around 370, weren't they?

Tim VanCleave: About 250 was the budget for the lease payments in 2003 and 2004.

Councilmember Raben: 250, okay. So we are a little higher today than we were.

Tim VanCleave: We are a little higher today than what we were because of some expansion. They have opened four new courtrooms. As an easy example here today of some of the expansion, there was as I mentioned last time, some of the elements that were removed out of the project such as courtroom benches. The Judges actually having workstations available to them on the bench during court. The training room, we came up with a way of making a training room but that was initially cut out of that project and now that the room that we're using for training, the Building Authority is wanting to return that back to what it was so there is some additional needs to look at another way of providing workstations for training. So that is some of the reason why the change in cost from then to now.

Councilmember Raben: I was trying to remember the figure, like a million two kind of sticks in my mind, and that might have been for the actual Courtview software package in itself. But that's history, so we won't need to address it any further. Again, if we could follow up with the committee –

President Winnecke: I think the committee has started to work already. That's a great idea, Mr. Raben, and we will proceed in that manner. Just one, actually two small requests, Councilman Goebel did ask for sort of the itemized list which you have provided – we do appreciate that. Councilman Tornatta did ask also, and this would be helpful, the equipment that is, I mean, critical, if for some reason we decide we can only do a piece of it, we would like to know which pieces need to go first. If Judge Knight's printer, as we talked about last month, is ready to blow up, we need to fix that. And we need to know that also in sort of in context with the entire request. So the committee, we can flesh all that out in the coming weeks. And then, lastly, I would encourage you to include in your discussions, include the county's chief information officer in this. I appreciate you're not wanting to overwhelm him, but he is compensated to kind of oversee the entire enterprise and this is a big piece of the enterprise, so I would ask that you also do that and maybe Mr. Arvay can be a part of the meeting of our little ad hoc technical whizbang committee here going forward. So the motion on the floor is to set this in at zero for the time being or do we just need to defer that, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Tornatta: We've kind of worked it the same way. Its zeroed or deferred.

Councilmember Raben: It needs to be advertised anyway.

President Winnecke: Pardon me?

Councilmember Raben: It will have to be readvertised be it deferred or zeroed, so leave it at zero.

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: 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.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-3860	Contractual Computer	450,000.00	0.00
Total		450,000.00	0.00

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

President Winnecke: And I would just offer one other comment and maybe this, maybe, I don't know if it's a comment more for Mr. Arvay, but to the extent that the Election Office needs these eleven, is it eleven? Eleven computers, I don't know if that is in your queue or not, but the Council does have money appropriated or budgeted for computer type issues. So, you know, if you can look into that and we can act on that next month if that's a request, or if that's a necessary need. So hopefully we can take care of the Election Office needs in a timely fashion, too. Thank you for your patience. I know this has been tedious, but its been helpful.

ELECTION OFFICE (Continued from page 14)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we'll move back to Election Office. I have a memo that has been sent from the Commissioner's Office and that is that the Kinder Expense for moving the election equipment has always been paid out of the Election Office contractual account and the County Commissioners do not have funds in the 2006 budget. That's the memo, so Mr. President, I think at this time just to make sure that we don't run into any kinks for the primary, let's – I would like to stick with my original motion to set this in at \$10,000.

President Winnecke: We do have a motion and a second. We do have a second, correct?

Teri Lukeman: Yes.

President Winnecke: Any other discussion before we call for a vote? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: You will check again, personally?

President Winnecke: I will double-check. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm going to vote yes just because I want to see the election equipment go out but I'm kind of disappointed in the Commissioners.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Before I vote, I have a question. If we don't get any responses to this, what are we going to do? Are we going to just tell Susie its her problem?

Councilmember Raben: The motion is to set it in at the amount requested so we do have funds available.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I mean, what if no one responds?

President Winnecke: Then I think the Clerk will then have to address –

Councilmember Tornatta: The Council.

President Winnecke: I don't know, she'll have to come to us and –

Councilmember Tornatta: Ask for more money.

President Winnecke: Ask for more money, yes.

Councilmember Abell: Okay, I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I need a clarification on that. The Clerk will have to come to us at the next meeting?

President Winnecke: Ms. Abell's concern is that this is not enough money to attract a vendor to do the work necessary. She thinks the bids will come in higher than this amount.

Councilmember Tornatta: There are probably 50 vendors for this, so if Kinder doesn't want to do it, I'm sure somebody will actively pursue it. They say the same thing about the tire bid every year. So nobody likes it, its just part of doing business.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, I want to personally with my vote make sure that we have funding to get the machines out, so like it or not, I guess I vote 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
1210-3530	Contractual Services	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we had skipped over Public Defender. Mr. President, I'll move that the Public Defender request in the amount of \$2,493 be approved.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Did we ever get a clarification?

President Winnecke: Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: I've never heard from them. I assume, I emailed to you if I have the right email address, did you get a copy of my letter?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, yes.

Jeff Ahlers: As I said in the letter, you know, a month ago, I tried to call that Mike Murphy several times. He never returned my calls, so I felt in order to cover ourselves, I sent a letter just confirming that we tried to call, that he hadn't called back and that, you know, the letter is a little unclear, but that we thought a fair interpretation would be that we would not be penalized. However, I think as you pointed out at the last meeting, if you want to be a hundred percent sure, I guess for \$2,493 you know you're going to get reimbursed, but still no response to my letter. So I don't know what to say. I'm not sure what's going on up there at the Public Defender Commission, but they haven't been real responsive.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I know that we've kind of kicked this around and kicking and screaming, so to speak, but as we talked last time, for less than \$2,500 we're assured that we're going to get our full reimbursement which mounds up there at times, so maybe we have a little bit of a momentum if we want our monies sent to us, to get them on the hook. So anyway, I appreciate you looking into it, but I think we're doing the right thing.

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.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-1620-1303	Chief Public Defender	2,193.00	2,193.00
1303-1900	FICA	168.00	168.00
1303-1910	PERF	132.00	132.00
Total		2,493.00	2,493.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Highway, Mr. President, I'll move that the request be approved as listed for a total of \$12,457.

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.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-1060	Mechanic	10,000.00	10,000.00
2010-1065	Leadman	1.00	1.00
2010-1066	Maint. & Utility	1.00	1.00
2010-1068	Gasman	1.00	1.00
2010-1020	Truck Driver	1.00	1.00
2010-1021	Truck Driver	1.00	1.00
2010-1022	Truck Driver	1.00	1.00
2010-1023	Truck Driver	1.00	1.00
2010-1024	Truck Driver	1.00	1.00
2010-1025	Truck Driver	1.00	1.00
2010-1026	Truck Driver	1.00	1.00
2010-1027	Truck Driver	1.00	1.00
2010-1028	Truck Driver	1.00	1.00
2010-1029	Truck Driver	1.00	1.00
2010-1030	Equipment Operator	1.00	1.00
2010-1031	Equipment Operator	1.00	1.00
2010-1033	Equipment Operator	1.00	1.00
2010-1035	Equipment Operator	1.00	1.00
2010-1036	Equipment Operator	1.00	1.00
2010-1037	Equipment Operator	1.00	1.00
2010-1038	Equipment Operator	1.00	1.00
2010-1530	Shift Differential	2,437.00	2,437.00
Total		12,457.00	12,457.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Cum Bridge, Mr. President, in the amount of \$50,000. 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.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4412	Old State Road Bridge #4412	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total		50,000.00	50,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Reassessment/Scott Township in the amount of \$23,625, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, did you address this last time? I've forgotten what you said.

Councilmember Wortman: At budget time we took it out and didn't put it into Reassessment fund.

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.

REASSESSMENT/SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1160-3120	Postage/Freight	1,500.00	1,500.00
2490-1160-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,500.00	1,500.00
2490-1160-3140	Telephone	1,200.00	1,200.00
2490-1160-3410	Printing	1,000.00	1,000.00
2490-1160-3520	Equipment Repair	1,500.00	1,500.00
2490-1160-3540	Maint. Contract	775.00	775.00
2490-1160-1990	Extra Help	15,000.00	15,000.00
2490-1160-1900	FICA	1,150.00	1,150.00
Total		23,625.00	23,625.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS
SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last under transfers, I'll move, there is a transfer for Superintendent of County Buildings in the amount of a dollar and Superior Court in the amount of \$1,615. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussions on the transfers? 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.

SUPT. OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1310-2860	Building Supplies	1.00	1.00
To: 1310-1120-1310	Carpenter	1.00	1.00

SUPERIOR COURT**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 1370-3980	Trans. Child. & Misc.	1,615.00	1,615.00
To: 1370-1990	Extra Help	1,500.00	1,500.00
1370-1900	FICA	115.00	115.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

President Winnecke: Okay, next are the amendments to the Salary Ordinance, Mr. President, we have about four pages of amendments. I'm simply going to move and ask that these be entered and made part of the minutes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussions on 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: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Anything else, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I do have an item under new business, but outside of –

President Winnecke: Okay.

MUSEUM BOARD APPOINTMENT

President Winnecke: Under Old Business, our Museum Board appointment has asked to not be reappointed after we made the appointment.

Councilmember Abell: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Winnecke: Nancy Drake. So we are on the search for that.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

President Winnecke: Did we find a -- I'm pointing at Royce. I'm sorry, I don't mean to be rude. Did we talk about the Library Board appointment? I forgot if we did.

Councilmember Sutton: We're kind of back and forth on that and we didn't get a chance to chat, but you had mentioned one name and I had mentioned another name and so I didn't know if –

President Winnecke: We'll make that appointment at the next meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you. Its starting to come back to me.

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES RESULTING IN SALARY LINES WITH INSUFFICIENT FUNDS

President Winnecke: Okay, new business.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'm sure everyone here is aware what our past practices have been in regards to transferring employees around from office to office or within offices where there's salary lines that fall short through the course of the year because an employee that has moved from a lesser salary line or a greater salary line into a lesser and vice versa, and it causes a lot of problems, you know, particularly for the Auditor's Office where we're paying these salary lines in the red until we have the opportunity to make an additional appropriation. So what I'd like to do is make a motion that a memo be sent to all officeholders and department heads that an appropriation or transfer request must be on file in the Auditor's Office before an employment change is processed placing an employee in a salary line with insufficient funds to pay for the remainder of the year.

President Winnecke: It seems reasonable.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Are you making that in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: We have two seconds, but any questions or discussion? Ms. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yeah. I don't know that I understand exactly what you're trying to do here. I mean, are you saying that within an office if someone has a need to move someone, they can't move them unless they've got the money in place first?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

Councilmember Abell: Well, what are you going to do if it's a position that they have to put somebody in? And I can only speak from the courts but, for instance, they can't do without a child support person that issues those checks. If that person is gone, quits, gets fired, whatever, they move someone in there with a lower status, I mean, they have to move somebody in there, you can't just let the seat sit vacant because child support checks won't go out.

Councilmember Raben: The lower status probably isn't going to cause the problem like with the higher status. If they came in at a lesser amount of money, they're probably not going to run into a shortfall and the money is in the account they're moving into. Its when it's the other way around when someone is making, just using round figures, you know, \$20,000 a year or came out of a \$30,000 into a \$25,000. You know, you'll pay that account in the red. And again, you know, it's a matter of a simple transfer or an appropriation request. And I don't know of a fair way of doing it that's going to be fair for everybody, but it will make everything consistent throughout the county and will not have us paying accounts in the red.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I think its going to hurt officeholders getting their jobs done. I'm more concerned about when someone moves from one office to another to changing the form that we do now, and having them move the money with them. If I have someone, if I am the Auditor, for instance, and I have someone working in my office that's a COMOT V, and they take a job in the Assessor's Office at a COMOT III, they I get to keep all that extra money. I hire somebody in at a lesser salary step-wise, then I get to keep a lot of extra money that I had budgeted at the beginning of the year for that person, who may be a step six or seven, because they've been here so many years. I think what you need to do there is move that money with those people instead of holding it.

Councilmember Raben: That's a transfer, is it not?

Councilmember Abell: Yeah, but that money never gets moved. If I have someone in my office and they have twenty years service here and I budgeted them, and their salary is \$35,000 and they leave, and then I replace them with somebody that's brand new and coming in, that person only makes 25, I'm sitting there with \$10,000 that you appropriated in my budget, that I get to do anything with I want, because I didn't move it out. That should go out when that person goes out.

President Winnecke: Wait a second. We're going to change the tape here. Just a second.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Sutton: If it's a new office, they come back to us if it's a higher grade office, then they come back for additional monies to make up for that shortfall in that line item for that person if they've got additional experience over and above what that position, the previous person may have had. And then you've got the money over

in the other office where they came from –

Councilmember Abell: That should come over.

Councilmember Sutton: – that is still sitting over there in the present structure. Is that what you're saying?

Councilmember Abell: Yeah, because when you've got people that have been here a long time that transfer from one office to another, this Council shouldn't have to be adding to that new office to make up for that person. That person should bring their years of experience and money with them. If it's a transfer from the Clerk's Office to the Assessor's Office, the Clerk needs to send that money to the General Fund to be reappropriated over to the Assessor. I think where we saw that happen was when B J Farrell took over in the Commissioner's Office. She had many, many years and replaced someone who didn't have that many years. Her money from the Clerk's Office, which had been appropriated for her the year before, should have come over with her.

President Winnecke: Mr. Fluty has a couple of comments here and then we'll sort of work this way.

Bill Fluty: Just on a note, I think we're not trying to impede anybody from hiring at any time or moving people around. All we're asking is when they do that paperwork for the pink slip on their hiring, that they also turn in an appropriation or a transfer within their own office putting that money in place in that certain line item at the same time. But we're not restricting, we're not asking to restrict anybody in any sense of the word. And then on the other part, money in the Clerk's Office couldn't be moved to the Auditor's Office. You would have to do a repeal and then it would have to come through an appropriation from this body to move that money.

Councilmember Abell: I think that's what should happen because I think we're spending more money on salaries by people transferring around in offices than what really should be spent because another office is getting to hold an excess amount of money that was budgeted for a particular position.

Bill Fluty: That money can't be spent out of that line item. It will just remain in there until the end of the year and then it will roll into the General Fund unless this body acts to transfer or transfer it into a –

Councilmember Tornatta: Probably the –

Councilmember Abell: I moved it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, the –

Councilmember Abell: When I was Clerk, I moved it.

Councilmember Tornatta: But the biggest thing is it just does not show a true balance of what our unappropriated balance is because we have money still in all these different accounts. At the end of the year that's why we, when we come back in here we see that we had some different monies than our December statement reads, but, I mean, I see what she's saying about at least repealing that money in that line item before we reappropriate it if it's a higher amount than the person that's moved in.

Councilmember Raben: And that's the tricky part, you don't always know at that point who is coming back in that salary line, so there has to be funds in there. I mean, if somebody moves from your office to my office, you don't always know who that replacement, who your replacement is going to be at the point that I make that move or I pull somebody from your office. So you need funds in that line to fund the replacement employee.

Councilmember Abell: Uh huh, and I should come back in and get the actual funds I need, not sit there with a little money that I can transfer, because I've done it. When I was Clerk I did it. When I had money left over in somebody's salary line, I'd move it over to somebody else's salary line to make up for somebody on vacation or something. And it may be something that needs to be done, but you're not controlling the money properly.

Councilmember Raben: Well, this gets us – this is a move in the right direction. At least now they have to come in for the additional appropriation or if its within the same office, they have to do the transfer. When we cross office to office, that's a different issue, you're talking about a repeal and an appropriation, and which we can go there. I think the officeholders are really, at that point, are going to make issue of it. But this gets us halfway home, anyway.

Councilmember Tornatta: And I believe your point was going to be, you can't take money out of a 100 account line item and put it anywhere else.

Bill Fluty: Well, you can't move from the Clerk's Office into the Auditor's Office without doing a repeal and then doing an appropriation. Or you can't even do a transfer, as Marsha said she's done transfers before in salary line items. But that, you have to come before the Council to do that transfer.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote.

Councilmember Raben: And you can't do funds that transfers from one fund to the other. We have different offices that are under different funds.

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: Any other business to come before us?

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion to adjourn.

President Winnecke: So moved. Thank you, everyone.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 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
APRIL 5, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of April in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the April 5th 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)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH 1, 2006</p>

President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our March 1st 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 quick comment or two quick comments, actually, for those who may not normally attend this meeting or those viewing at home for the first time. We heard the request for the items which we will be voting on today, last week. So if we don't ask questions today we hopefully have the information that we need to make a vote. Secondly, Councilmembers, you'll notice that we have received our certified budget from the state. Mrs. Deig and Mr. Fluty have provided the binder budgets and the financial statements, so we're ready to go. We know how much money we have to work with. Oh, I'm sorry, Mrs. Lukeman. Sorry, don't want to leave someone out where credit is due. So anyway, Mr. Fluty, would you have any comments on that before we proceed?

Bill Fluty: I think you've all got it in front of you. You see that currently you have a balance of just over three million dollars and that is with some of the appropriations that you've made in January and February and March. This is slightly higher than last year, maybe. We started off with about 250,000 less last year.

President Winnecke: Okay, good news. Thank you, Mr. Fluty. With that, we'll begin with the appropriation requests and I'll turn the floor over to our finance chair, Mr. Raben.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. Good morning. First on the agenda is County Treasurer, Legal Services 1030-3610 in the amount of \$3,500. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second motion to approve.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember 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	3,500.00	3,500.00
Total		3,500.00	3,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Next under Sheriff, 1050-1300 Overtime 100,000; 1050-1531 Shift Differential 5,000; 1050-2210 Gas & Oil at zero, for a total of 105,000, 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: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1300	Overtime	128,000.00	100,000.00
1050-1531	Civilian Shift Differential	5,000.00	5,000.00
1050-2210	Gas & Oil	75,000.00	0.00
Total		208,000.00	105,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Next under Jail, 1051-3051, I move that we set that in at 70,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Councilmember Abell: I have a question. Mr. Raben, do we have any bills for this or is this what we're estimating?

Councilmember Raben: Right now they have outstanding bills in the amount of, well, they say over 65,700, so...

Councilmember Abell: Okay.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember 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	75,000.00	70,000.00
Total		75,000.00	70,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Okay next under Coroner, I'll move that all requests be approved as listed for a total of \$18,600.

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.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-1210-1070	Assistant Coroners	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-1300	Overtime	373.00	373.00
1070-1900	FICA	106.00	106.00
1070-1910	PERF	23.00	23.00
1070-3650	Autopsies	11,250.00	11,250.00
1070-2700	Other Supplies	5,848.00	5,848.00
Total		18,600.00	18,600.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Superior Court. I move that all accounts be approved as listed for a total of \$3,156.

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
1370-1370-1370	Bailiff	1,316.00	1,316.00
1370-1530-1370	Riding Bailiff	1,460.00	1,460.00
1370-1900	FICA	213.00	213.00
1370-1910	PERF	167.00	167.00
Total		3,156.00	3,156.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Council, 1480-3860 Contractual Computer in the amount of 450,000, I move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I have a few comments. Last week I had requested additional information on the needs and the equipment and the specs related to all that. I did get that Friday afternoon, which meant it was actually Monday morning before I could forward that on to vendors to get further requests on those quotes. So as of this morning, I still didn’t have any quotes back in yet. I still believe that we can buy this equipment much cheaper than a lease. But I know that we’re also under some time constraints in regards to getting this equipment installed in the courts. So we have to remember that this is in our budget, that it really can’t go anywhere until we say its okay to do that. But I would like to have just a few more days to see what the balance of those quotes come in at.

President Winnecke: Did I see Mr. VanCleave walk in? Could you come up, Tim? Just for a second. Tim, based on the information you gave us last week, if I recall correctly and reading this properly, your latest revision projects an annual expense of \$366,288, is that correct?

Tim VanCleave: Right, if we do not address the Administrative Rule Nine items at this point and put that off to a later month in the year.

President Winnecke: And from the court’s perspective is that – does that make sense to do?

Tim VanCleave: It would not be the preferred direction because I think it would be in the county’s best interest to fund this all at one time versus funding one part of this and then coming back and not being able to use the volume to get a – if we’re going to go the lease direction, if we address the Administrative Rule Nine and Ten items later, we would likely not have the volume to get a zero percent lease for that amount.

President Winnecke: But will the 450 then cover the needs of both Administrative Rule Nine, Ten and the other hardware and software needs of the courts?

Tim VanCleave: I believe so.

President Winnecke: Other questions? And your recommendation is still to lease the equipment?

Tim VanCleave: The main reason for recommending the lease is I wasn't sure if one million dollars would be something that this Council would want to fund out of a one year budget or possibly more than one million dollars. So that is why I went for the option of the lease so that it would not be a large drain on the county's general fund. But either way, we'll work for the courts, whether it's a straight out purchase or we go with the lease program over three years. Because what we have attempted to do is project the needs for three years.

Councilmember Goebel: So by approving this today we're basically still up in the air as to which direction we're going to take?

President Winnecke: Well, you're recommending that we lease the equipment.

Tim VanCleave: Mostly from a fiscal standpoint. That way, the county only has to expend up to 450,000 a year for the next three years versus coming out and paying between the 1.2 million this year.

President Winnecke: And when do you think you'll have...

Councilmember Raben: Again, I would hope yet this week.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Did I misunderstand, last week this outlay would be broken into three or four years over the time period? We wouldn't have to come up with all this money at once?

Tim VanCleave: Correct. If we go with the leasing program we could break the million dollars over three or four years.

Councilmember Goebel: Then why, I don't understand then why we would have to have one point two up front.

Tim VanCleave: That's just based on the question that was asked, would there be a difference between leasing it versus purchasing it from a court point of view. And from that point, its just a fiscal –

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, but the outright purchase would be much less, is the understanding I have. And one point two million, that would be more comparable to what we have here. Is that not correct, Tim?

Councilmember Raben: I'm of the opinion that it would around a half million dollars for an outright purchase.

Tim VanCleave: That would probably be for the hardware alone. The software would still come in at another three or four hundred thousand dollars. And the 450,000 is just an estimate so that we can start the process. It may actually be less than that for each annual payment, but we won't know that until we go out and say to the vendors, we are going for a bid or we go to the state QPA's and say here is what we're looking to purchase.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I think its important that we pass this motion today. I mean, we have a limited window on having this equipment and everything in place. All I'm suggesting is that we don't begin spending from this \$450,000 till we at least allow for the opportunity to do some further follow up on an outright

purchase. So in passing this today doesn't mean Tim is going to spend it tomorrow. So let's –

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I thought part of the process, if I'm not mistaken, was once you knew you had the money and got the players involved, then they were going to be a little more interested, be able to sharpen the pencils a little bit and so I agree. I think we go ahead and get things rolling but we put the money in our account and then you come to us and tell us what you've got or if somebody else has a price that they want to submit, then we can go from there.

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to suggest, too, is maybe come back before us next month and month after and give us an update or a report on where things stand so we can get a good idea of what we're talking about here as far as our expenditures on this amount. I think we'd feel a lot more comfortable knowing that you've got three really good bids or you've got what Jim was talking about on the purchase side. We'd feel a lot more comfortable that the allocation here is in line with what we hope for it to be, and this is getting good equipment and getting it done on a timely basis.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: If Mr. Raben is able to find us a place to purchase these computers we're going to have a monitor and a hard drive, you're still going to come and have to have an additional 327,000 for software? Is that correct?

Tim VanCleave: That's my estimate.

Councilmember Abell: And what about the labor? Are you set up to install direct from your office to all the computers at the court? Are you going to have to go in there and sit in front of each one of those and install this stuff?

Tim VanCleave: We would be installing from a central point. We would develop, using the LAN desk, we would create what we call an image which allows us to format the drive and configure a workstation in about 15 to 20 minutes instead of the four to five hours that it would take to sit in front of the terminal and load the 20 to 25 applications that go on each court's workstation.

Councilmember Abell: So labor is not much of an issue, we're just talking about the cost of the software?

Tim VanCleave: The, we are not calculating any labor into this. We are assuming that labor will be allocated to the project.

Councilmember Abell: Okay. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other questions? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I think legally we're supposed to have money in place before they let any bids out, aren't they? Technically?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, that's obviously preferable. I don't know that it necessarily would have to be, but yeah, you need to do that, yeah.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or comments? The motion that's on the floor is to approve a request for \$450,000. 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		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-3860	Contractual Computer	450,000.00	450,000.00
Total		450,000.00	450,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Thank you, Tim.

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION

Councilmember Raben: Next under Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund, we have a request in the amount of 1,621, 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: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2650-1220-2650	Chief Deputy	1,428.00	1,428.00
2650-1900	FICA	110.00	110.00
2650-1910	PERF	83.00	83.00
Total		1,621.00	1,621.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Councilmember Raben: Convention and Visitors Bureau, 3570-3994 in the amount of \$10,000, 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: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CONVENTION & VISITORS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3570-3994	Special/Matching Grants	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUEST

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last we have one transfer for Cum Bridge. I'll move approval in the amount of \$400.

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.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4735	Stockwell Road Culvert	400.00	400.00
To: 2030-3550	Repairs to Bldgs. & Grounds	400.00	400.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, next would be the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. First, with the Sheriff, I move that we amend salary line 1050-1300 Overtime as previously adopted and salary line 1050-1531 Civilian Shift Differential as previously adopted. Under the Coroner, I move that we approve salary line 1070-1210 Assistant Coroner as previously approved and salary ordinance creating new line 1070-1300 Overtime as previously adopted. Under Superior Court, move we amend salary line 1370-1370 Bailiff as previously approved. The current employee is a COMOT V, Step 2 with an annual salary of \$28,968. I'd also move that we approve salary line 1370-1530 Riding Bailiff as previously adopted. The current employee is a COMOT VI, Step 3 with an annual salary of \$31,924. Under the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund, salary line 2650-1220 Chief Deputy as previously adopted. The Chief Deputies are unclassified with an annual salary of \$43,940. And last, under Community Corrections 136Y account, Council approved paying a maximum of four part-time employees at a maximum of \$8 an hour on December 1, 2004. It was omitted from the salary ordinance, so simply move that we re-approve that. And that's all I've got. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Tornatta: That was \$8.50 an hour.

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: You said \$8, just enter into the record.

Councilmember Raben: 8.50 an hour.

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)

Councilmember Raben: Next, Mr. President, we have a, which I forgot to list with, should have included this with the last one, I move that we amend salary ordinance adding line 250.1-1130. The additional salary will be paid out of the Prosecutor's Office discretionary funds for the Filing Deputy Prosecutor. The annual salary set at \$71,666. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Councilmember Raben: I think everyone was given a letter that corresponds to this request.

President Winnecke: I guess I would just have, is Mr...

Stan Levco: Stan Levco, Prosecuting Attorney.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Mr. Levco. What about in future years? Do you intend to pay – continue to pay using discretionary funding?

Stan Levco: I was expecting and hoping that the Council would. That's what happened last time when I asked for the raise, I'd pay for it that year and from up to now, the Council has paid that, and that would be my request.

President Winnecke: Okay. Any other questions of the Prosecutor? Very well, 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 TO LIBRARY BOARD

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under old business, the Council has an appointment to the Library Board. Its my intent to appoint William Miller. Mr. Sutton has spoken to him and he is willing to serve. He replaces a previous appointment who can no longer serve on the Council's behalf. So at this point, Mr. Miller is our appointment and if, Sandie, if you could make that note and let Marcy know, that would be great.

Councilmember Sutton: He is waiting on the call.

President Winnecke: New Business. Before you, –

Councilmember Abell: I have something.

President Winnecke: Oh, Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: You asked me last week to check on the change of status in the Clerk's Office and actually I got with Sandie on it. The person who left to go to Superior Court was a Step 2. That person was replaced with a Step 4, which would have meant an increase in the salary, except the person was within the Clerk's Office and the person that left Step 4 was replaced with a Step 2, so it ended up being a wash. So there is no change there.

President Winnecke: Okay, great. Thank you.

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER AGREEMENT
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President Winnecke: Under New Business we have before us the agreement previously approved by the County Commissioners for the Juvenile Detention Center. At this time I would entertain a motion for the Council to approve the agreement.

Councilmember Abell: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: I did have a couple of questions. Under Section, on page 8, Section 6.18, it says Inspection By County. Since we're approving and do have a function in where the money is going, what have you, I think we should be added as Vanderburgh County Council should be added to this list of periodical or permissible people that could go and ask questions or go over there and take a look.

President Winnecke: I don't know that we need to add it to the language. We don't have any statutory authority as these others do. Clearly, we're involved in the funding process, but I would be surprised if we would be denied access to it. But I believe each of these entities has a statutory authority over those kinds of facilities. So that's why they are in there and we are not.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, on page nine, 6.22.4, I was just wondering, and maybe this is not as big of a deal, but it doesn't list anything about autopsies if there is a death over at that facility, then we talked about who picks up what. The county then picks up the autopsy cost or is it the family or is it the YCC? That was not addressed in the document. And I think Chuck Harper is in the audience if we need an answer on that. It does list that there is a three percent – we are going to raise three percent per year. I didn't know if we wanted to put that along with salaries or with what the county does as far as, we give certain raises, do we put this provision in to this contract about how much that we would pay because we cut our line items short sometimes and we go flat line and we did a \$500 raise. At that time, you know, are we equally likely with this group or are we going to be different?

President Winnecke: Well, for clarification on that, they are not county employees, so the line item that you see, the line items that you see in the contract represent the operational cost that the Youth Care Center anticipates on an annual basis, so its up to them to determine what level of compensation, how to increase the compensation of its employees.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. The final thing, and I would like to have Chuck up here just to ask a question, the Commissioners were supposed to get back with me, but are we following all the measures set up for public, when public monies are presented, are all these measures followed as far as, there's a lot of things in the ordinances when we give public money, things that have to be done, bid processes, make sure there's a prevailing wage, make sure that there's drug free community, that type of thing, and a bid spec. So I was just curious, are all these things being met?

Chuck Harper: Chuck Harper, Director of the Youth Care Center, good morning. Absolutely. I think the difference is that, even though the county is giving money to this, this isn't a county building project, so as far as the construction goes and all those kind of things, its my understanding with the Commissioners that all those things are fine and the bid process is a little bit different because its not a county construction project.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I'm not under that same understanding. I'm under the understanding that the county is giving money toward a project and it has to fall under the county guidelines and rules. And so that was what I wanted to have clarified and I thought –

Chuck Harper: Then maybe I'm not the person to clarify.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. So nobody at your establishment has looked through any of those issues?

Chuck Harper: Its my understanding that the contract as it is written here meets all, according to Ted Ziemer, the attorney for the County Commissioners and all those things, this contract meets the county guidelines for a contract. So that's my understanding. We have issues, received bids on the project and we intend to go with the lowest bidder.

President Winnecke: I believe Mr. Ahlers could clarify the statutory issue that you guys are discussing.

Jeff Ahlers: It was my understanding that this is a – they've been given a grant, so it's a private project, and so I guess they can bid it out however they want.

Councilmember Tornatta: But they are public dollars.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I understand your concern that there may be public dollars involved in terms of a grant, but I don't think we can control the way they construct their project.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, what's the law read? I mean, when public dollars are used, then there's a process by which you have to go about construction, is there not?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, but that has to do if it's a public construction project. This is a statutory, public/private construction issue where we're basically just paying them for the services that they're rendering and I think we've just paid money up front, you know, which wouldn't be any different. Now, obviously, as a county, as if the County Council and the County Commissioners wanted to make that part of the deal, I guess, contractually, you can negotiate anything you want. But, I mean, in terms of absent a contractual negotiation, I don't think they have to comply with the same, you know, bidding restrictions and such that we would if it were a county public project. Do you see what I'm saying?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I just know the code pretty much reads anytime public dollars are put into a project, you have to go, and that's Indiana Code, so I mean, this isn't something we're just throwing out here. And I don't know how you excuse Indiana Code, because you didn't put it into a contract. I mean, its just an oversight and I think it needs to be addressed.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm just kind of having a discussion here, Chuck, if you could kind of help clarify for us at least one area where – I can't really find it in here, maybe I'm overlooking it and maybe you can point me in the right direction, the makeup of your advisory board, county appointments, how many do you have on it and how large is that board?

Chuck Harper: The advisory board or the board of the Evansville Rescue Mission?

Councilmember Sutton: The advisory board that deals with the YCC, the Youth Care Center here.

Chuck Harper: We have four or five individuals on that board. No one from the County Commissioners or the County Council, which we don't have an issue with there being somebody on the advisory board from one of those entities at all.

Councilmember Sutton: I think, given the partnership that we have here, it would be a very prudent thing to do to revisit that. I mean, I know I'd like to see a Council appointment and I can't speak for the Commissioners, I would think they'd want an appointment on that board. And with five members, with what you're probably doing now is probably a very reasonable size board, but now you're taking on a much larger project and maybe getting a little bit of a broader insight, you may want to look at expanding that advisory board to include public and maybe some additional persons on that board so that when you come back before us, because we will want you to come back to see us as this project goes forward because we want to see how things are going, this is a significant investment. We're talking about a five year agreement here. So if you could, maybe get with your advisory board members and discuss that, and I would think maybe President Winnecke and maybe someone from the County Commission just kind of talk that over a little bit. I really would like to see at least a member appointment on that board. So if you could do that.

Chuck Harper: Absolutely. And we had discussed that earlier. I think Ms. Abell had brought that up and that is no problem for us to appoint somebody from the Commission and from the Council to be on that advisory board.

Councilmember Sutton: The other question that I had on this, in terms of the, there was a provision in the contract, and I'll have to find it, that talks about if the construction costs come in below what is estimated, that there would be a certain amount, those dollars, half of it, I believe, would come back to the county. Where are you now in trying to get a sense and feel on what the construction costs are going to be on this project?

Chuck Harper: The low bid we have is 1.41 million dollars, actually \$1,416,700.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, do you have some time provisions on that for if they complete it within what is the agreed upon completion time or say earlier than the agreed upon completion time, there's some discounts there or if they go beyond it, there's some penalties that go with that?

Chuck Harper: There will be some penalties in the contract if they go beyond it, not discounts if they get it done before that.

Councilmember Sutton: And the estimated time that we're looking at completion?

Chuck Harper: Completion in November.

Councilmember Sutton: What's that?

Chuck Harper: Completion in November 2006.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we have the company, low bid company?

Chuck Harper: It's the Kunkle Group.

President Winnecke: Other questions or comments? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just one quick comment and this really isn't a deal breaker for me, although I would like to see it at some point, changed with the Commissioners. Well, before they sign off on it, but under, on page four, under Section 4.1, it specifically agrees to a five year period, I would like to see what the opportunity is for renewal for the county's behalf. I mean, if we're investing \$700,000, I'd like to know that six years from now we still have the opportunity to house our kids there if needed, that they couldn't force us out.

President Winnecke: I would just offer, I'd say that on some of these negotiations dating back to almost a year ago, and obviously, the intent is different than what can be in writing, but I can tell you that the intent of the Youth Care Center facility is to provide really outstanding care for the young people in our community and I think it is their intent to be a long-term provider of such care. They're making a significant investment as well, and I think it is their intent to do this for a long period of time.

Chuck Harper: Absolutely. And Mr. Raben, we would have been happy to extend this contract as long as the governing bodies would allow, but we asked for, began talking about a ten year contract, but that's difficult for those things. But there is a provision in Section 8.1 that talks a little bit about just extending it into 2012 and some things like that. I certainly understand, we are more than willing to do whatever we can to make the county feel at ease, that we're going to be around and providing services. If we're not providing juvenile detention services in that building to Vanderburgh County, we're going to have a worthless building. Because we also have a significant investment in it.

Councilmember Raben: I'm not asking for the county. In fact, I wouldn't want the county to sign a ten-year lease, but I would like to have an option for renewal after five years.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or comments? I would –

Councilmember Sutton: Well, –

President Winnecke: Go ahead, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to note, and I think it was in our packets, tomorrow is the groundbreaking for this facility at 10:00, so for those that can be there, I think they'd be more than happy to see us.

President Winnecke: And I would just offer that this is a long time in coming. These discussions have gone back for literally decades in providing some sort of juvenile detention facility in our county. And the public/private partnership that we are about to enter into, the Commissioners already have, I think it's a step in the right direction and I think anytime we can keep our juveniles who are troubled in Evansville and Vanderburgh County for better treatment, we stand a much better chance of making them more productive, getting them back with their families, and hopefully, having them complete their education. So I think this is a great project. So at this time I'll call for a roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I think it is a long time coming as well to get them back here, I just think there's some provisions in here that I'd like to see tightened up and obviously I'd like to see that we do things by code and I wasn't able to get the answers that I needed from our Commissioners or our Council. So I'm going to have

to vote no at this time.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think it's a great project and I'm ready to move forward with it so I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: As the legal system has advised, any child we keep here, maybe save one child by keeping that child here in Evansville, countless lives will be affected in a positive way. I think Councilmember Tornatta scored some very important points, but I think we can work through those, so I am going to also vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

President Winnecke: Thank you, Chuck. Appreciate it.

<p>PRELIMINARY TAX PHASE IN RESOLUTION BRAKE SUPPLY</p>
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President Winnecke: Next on our agenda is preliminary approval, consideration for the tax phase-in request for Brake Supply, and Mr. Koch was here last week and he joins us again today. Does anyone have any additional questions of Mr. Koch or the project of Brake Supply? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Mr. President, I think we all got a copy on our desk. One of the topics that we discussed last week with Brake Supply tax phase-in was an issue on how they stood on affirmative action and they had not, at that time, put together a plan and did not have a policy per se in place, so I think what we have here, if you could speak to this, Kevin, and what you have presented to us, this statement here, and if it's a draft or whether its going to be a policy, and what the steps are related to this, this area.

Kevin Koch: I'm Kevin Koch, President of Brake Supply. After the meeting last Wednesday, I went back and talked to our HR manager and she said that we do have a statement of EOC that we have in our handbook, but it did not get into

affirmative action. I asked her to give me an example of some affirmative action policies or plans that she may be aware of, and she drafted this document. And I thought it looked pretty good. I also shared it with Rob Schaefer at the Metropolitan Development Office and he thought it looked acceptable, and I thought I'd bring it over here for review. Its something that we can add to our handbook at any time, but its acceptable to me and wanted to get your input on it.

President Winnecke: If we could hold the discussion for just a second, we need to change tapes.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Sutton: How does that process work for you guys, I mean, as far as approving something like this?

Kevin Koch: For changes to the handbook, first of all, it was discussed at our Tuesday morning managers' meeting that this was something we needed to be involved in and address. And its just a – it doesn't need to go to the board of directors for this, but we can approve it ourselves and inside the company.

Councilmember Sutton: I see. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or comments? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Koch, on that building, how much – is it too personal a question to ask, I guess, how much do they allow you for the building and equipment for transfer? Did they allow all that?

Kevin Koch: We have not accepted the offer yet from INDOT. We've had two offers. The second offer is looking positive that we will accept it. We have not come to any agreement with respect to relocation of our equipment to a new facility yet.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay. You don't have any idea what they're going to make an offer on that building?

Kevin Koch: We have received offers. Around five million dollars.

Councilmember Wortman: Five million? Would that affect this tax abatement? You've got twelve million and then two more million. Could we take that off of there?

Kevin Koch: Well, unfortunately, INDOT is not – they're not offering replacement value, they only offer market value. Our investment will far exceed the phase-ins, the money from the state and relocation for nothing that we chose ourselves. So everything is going to help. Its not going to come close to covering all of our costs and the disruption to business and everything else that goes along with this move.

Councilmember Wortman: This new equipment, is that going to be replaced through technology or some of the old equipment, is that what it amounts to?

Kevin Koch: Some of it will be replaced in the application. You'll see that some of the items will be replaced, but we'll also have some more shop areas and we'll need to buy additional cranes, other equipment to expand our capabilities, so it's a combination of both.

Councilmember Wortman: When you move from that building, what are you going

to be allowed to take? Like you've got cranes supporting some of that steel, will you be allowed to take it? Not the structure, I'm sure.

Kevin Koch: Right, when INDOT came in, they separated the personal property from the real property. The real property being the building, fixtures, anything attached to the walls, and that would be salvaged by INDOT or whatever they chose to do with it. The personal property, they agreed to move at their expense.

Councilmember Wortman: Now, I understand Henderson, Kentucky and Warrick County is involved in this thing now. Where are they all three at?

Kevin Koch: I worked probably most closely with Kentucky and they came together very quickly for me. They came together both at the state level and the Henderson level and they were very responsive and accommodating. The application process for the state of Kentucky was straightforward and went very quickly. What we were offered from Kentucky was –

Councilmember Tornatta: Kevin, you do not have to answer these questions.

Kevin Koch: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: I object to your questioning. That's – he, in a public meeting –

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: He does not have to answer that question. That's ridiculous. These are things that are ongoing and are ongoing negotiations. He shouldn't have to answer this question on this board. I object to the questioning.

President Winnecke: Well, that's fine. If Mr. Koch feels comfortable answering the question, he can answer it and to the extent that its confidential, I'm sure he'll stop at that point.

Councilmember Tornatta: Or you can –

President Winnecke: Please proceed, Mr. Koch.

Kevin Koch: I wasn't going to give any numbers, but Frankfort was offering tax credits through a KIDA program. They also were offering any construction materials would be purchased tax free without any sales tax and the city of Henderson was offering a TIF agreement. So it was a very competitive and aggressive package.

Councilmember Wortman: The employees, if you located in Kentucky, would they have to pay any additional tax on the employees over there compared to Indiana?

Kevin Koch: I don't know that answer.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other questions of Mr. Koch? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, when I scored this and, Troy, you might be able to help out, without the affirmative action statement, I scored it at nine. And I don't know if this proposal would suffice, is my question, to bump it up to a ten year or

not? So I need some help on that.

Councilmember Tornatta: I will tell you that just as it reads, demonstrate commitment to a diverse workforce by maintaining an affirmative action or other statement of specific goals with respect to the diversity of workers. Our goal is to try and get companies to comply with what we think is good business and I would not give them ten points for this, but I would give them some points for putting it up there and getting on the stick and making sure that, you know, even though its an oopsie, kind of one of those things that were overlooked, we thought we might have had it in our handbook but we didn't, we're going to put it in there. They are making an attempt to do that. Although I would not give them ten, I would give them some points for that. However, when I scored the personal property, I came up with 136. If you gave them nothing, they still, in my opinion, are at ten years for the personal property. If you give them nothing on the other side, they're ten years as well. And I think it's a great opportunity for all of the Councilmen to score this and give their opinion. But in my opinion, looking at everything, if I read the documents correctly, which I think I have, they would all score ten. Now they don't score ten by much if you give them a zero on the other, by a couple points. But they are able to get that.

President Winnecke: I would concur with Mr. Tornatta. I mean, I scored it very closely to yours and I'm of the opinion that they're worthy of a ten year abatement on each side. Mr. Raben, did you have a comment?

Councilmember Tornatta: They have two extra credit questions that were answered if you missed this. On the personal property, question number one in the bonus criteria, scored out at an eight; and question number two scored out at a ten. Under the real property, in the bonus section, question number one and two were tens and three was a five. And then whether you scored number five a five because they do work with colleges and universities in the area and around the state.

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to ask, I think that we made some really great progress in getting the scoring system in place and probably under how we would have measured and scored applications before, I would have been more inclined to probably give about a nine year, maybe, on this one. But, you know, with the work that's been put into getting this scoring system in place and the way it works, we recognize no scoring system is absolutely perfect. Its just not going to be that way but I think it's a great and excellent tool for us to use and to measure and based upon the way I kind of looked at it, they end up being right around the ten year range. And I feel comfortable with that to the extent of the scoring model that we're working with. Like I say, under the old criteria, like I said, I don't think I would have stretched that far. But I think we need to give at least this process that we've implemented and approved with this body, a chance to work.

President Winnecke: Any other comments?

Councilmember Goebel: The scoring system does make this job much easier and more factual, so thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'd like to go ahead and make a motion to approve the preliminary resolution for Brake Supply for both personal and real property at ten years.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Further questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: I just want to add one more thing and that was on this affirmative action statement, if you can get something back to us that shows what action you guys have taken on actually implementing this as a part of your plan and part of your employee handbook.

Kevin Koch: Okay.

President Winnecke: And we have yearly compliance meetings, so that would be a great time in between there to get that done for the next compliance meeting.

Kevin Koch: Okay, thanks.

President Winnecke: I would just applaud you, one, for coming to us and attempting to keep jobs in Vanderburgh County, we need jobs. There's 145 jobs that hopefully will stay here and hopefully will grow to 165, I think, is the estimate in 2007. Job retention is very challenging in our community and every bit as important as acquisition, so I applaud you for that. And thank you for the quick work on the affirmative action. I think that shows the company's commitment to do the right thing. At this time I'll call for the roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: We hope we keep you in Vanderburgh County. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I'm going to vote no because I do not like having a statement that we will not locate in Vanderburgh County without tax phase-in assistance. I would have much preferred and I scored you, and I would have scored you high also, but I do not like the threat that you're going to leave Vanderburgh County. I would hope that businesses are here for a lot of other reasons than that their taxes are low. I would hope they were here because we have a good quality workforce, a great quality of life, and it's a good community to be in. And I don't like that statement, didn't like it from other companies, hope we never see it from another company that's going to be coming before us with a tax phase in. And I would much prefer to see tax phase in and would vote in favor of one, but the difference for what you're paying in taxes now, and what taxes you're going to pay with your new building. I do think that we should give you a break on your new building taxes, but since you're already paying taxes, I don't know that we should give you a full break. So I'm voting 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.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Abell opposed)

President Winnecke: Thank you very much and we'll have our confirming vote at our May meeting, the first week of May. Thank you, Kevin.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE DENTAL CLINIC ADVISORY BOARD

President Winnecke: Next on the agenda, appointments to the Dental Clinic Advisory Board. At this time I appoint Mr. Sutton and myself to that and I will tell you that the Dental Clinic Advisory Board is going to have its first meeting tomorrow at 3:30 or 3:00, I can't remember which, and that project is moving merrily along and we should be close to hiring a dentist and hopefully get this thing opened this spring, knock on wood.

FILING DEADLINE FOR THE MAY 3, 2006 COUNCIL MEETING

President Winnecke: The filing deadline is April 12th for the May 3rd meeting, the next item on the agenda.

INCREASE RATES FOR PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS

President Winnecke: And the final item on the printed agenda is to consider increased rates for precinct board members, specifically Inspectors, Judges and the two Clerks. Is Mrs. Kirk -- I thought I saw her. She's on the phone. Can you hear me now?

Susan Kirk: Its my son and (inaudible).

President Winnecke: Would you like to state what the request is? I think everyone understands it but maybe not.

Susan Kirk: Okay, well, I did email everyone -- well, except you, Curt, you don't have a computer. I did email everyone else. There's been discussion about the pay or the fees that our board members, Inspectors, Judges and Clerks make in Vanderburgh County and I did email some other counties asking them what they pay their election day workers. And I got one response back. It's a county smaller than ours but we pay our Inspectors right now \$90 per day and they pay them \$120. Then the Judge of the opposite party gets 90, and then the other Judge and the two Clerks receive \$80. And you take into consideration by the time the Inspector, number one, they all have to attend training sessions and now this will be spring and fall. So that's probably three hours of their time and then the Inspector has to come down, pick up supplies, deliver them back, along with the Judge of the opposite party. They're putting in quite a few hours and I know its been a concern that we would want to at least have a reasonable incentive for people to work at the polling places, so that's the figure that I came up with. It was the county that responded, it

sounded like it was acceptable, so its up to the Council to decide whether or not you want to grant that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Susie, did we ever come up with a program that they had to hit so many events to qualify for the full amount? I know we had talked about that before, but it seems like it would be a nice thing to have in place if they have a certain amount of training that they have to hit and then they have to be there on time and perform through the day before they could get that check, semi-contract, but if they weren't able to do certain things that they would only get a percentage of that money.

Susan Kirk: That is true and I know back years ago when I ran the Election Office, the board did vote to, in other words, if you did not attend a training session, say if you grant this increase, you'd only get \$110. It was ten dollars to attend a training session. And I don't really think that the election board has any problem with maybe reiterating that because I think its still on the books from years ago. You know, there are circumstances, last minute circumstances when the board changes. You know, its like having a great big party and you think 500 people all have to show up at the same time, and that's quite a task for both parties. So there would need to be some kind of maybe a backup plan for those who, like Monday night, someone gets sick and you have to replace them. Tuesday, someone gets sick and a new person has to come in and I don't really think its fair maybe for them, even though that they didn't have the benefit of the training to be maybe penalized even though they put in the whole day. The board can decide that, but I don't see any problem with that if that's what you want to do.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, and maybe have a provision that they have to go through the training before that and sign off on it. You know, if you have to open up another class and get that training in, then we might have to do that, but I think the biggest thing that I'd like to see, and I like the idea of making sure that we're paying these people for coming out, but the thing I want to see is that we do have qualified people that are congenial to the voter, that are doing the things that they're supposed to do, being on time for the events so that we don't have other people running around because you know through being in many elections that sometimes it's the headache that's involved, not necessarily the payout that's the problem. So we want to make sure that we're paying these people to take care of our headaches.

Susan Kirk: And that's fine and, of course, to try to find people that whoever they deem qualified, you have to speak to each one of the county chairmen because each headquarters are the ones that nominate the people to the election board. And then, of course, beings that we don't have a big pool of people, then we use those people. It is, its very, very difficult to find people that will, you know, it's a fast paced society, everybody is working, running kids here, there and yonder, and it is, its difficult to find people to work but I think most people that have done it find it interesting, so...

President Winnecke: We need a motion.

Councilmember Raben: We need a motion? Okay. I'll move that we approve the new rates for Inspector at \$120, Judges at 90, Judge and two Clerks at 80.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. More 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: Thank you, Susie.

Susan Kirk: I'd like to thank the Council. I know that you're going to have a lot of happy people out there getting a little bit of a raise. Thank you.

President Winnecke: I do have one other bit of business before we adjourn. I'd like to remind, I think everyone has been extended an invitation by the Chamber of Commerce to attend the inner-city leadership delegation visit. This year it is to Lexington. I can tell you a lot of planning has gone into this. The agenda is really good. There are a lot of really wonderful correlations between what has happened and what is happening in that community and what can be and in some cases is happening in our community. I plan to attend, but to the extent that anyone can, I would urge you to do so. The Chamber has put a lot of work into this and if you can go, great. Its May 9th and 10th, so contact The Chamber if you can go.

<p>ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR DATA PROCESSING/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</p>

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I have one matter of new business before we adjourn.

President Winnecke: The floor is yours.

Councilmember Raben: Approximately, well, its been over the course of the last

couple of months, Judge Knight prepared an ordinance to modify the governance structure of the data processing and information technology. Everyone here was given a copy, I know he, along with several other county officeholders, have spoke to a whole lot of us that sit here on this Council. I think most of us are aware of what their concerns are and I certainly would agree with practically every one of them. I know some of us that have discussed this amongst ourselves. So some issues in terms of how the proposed ordinance was written. I know one of the concerns was, initially, it was comprised of 20 members. I would recommend that we cut that down to 16 and would be happy to cite who the members would be. The Mayor would sit on the commission, a member of the County Commissioners, a member of the City Council, the County Council, a Judge, the City Clerk, the County Assessor, the County Clerk, the Prosecutor, the County Recorder, the County Sheriff, the County Treasurer, the County Auditor, the Mayor would have one additional appointee under this revision, the City Council would have one additional appointee under this revision and then the County Coroner would share a seat on even or odd years with the County Surveyor. And, Mr. President, I guess what I am getting to, I would like to make a motion in support of the proposed ordinance and ask that it be taken on to City Council and the County Commissioners.

President Winnecke: I counted fourteen. You said twenty?

Councilmember Raben: Initially, it was twenty.

President Winnecke: But what's the new number you're saying, fourteen?

Councilmember Raben: That's what I just cited out. Sixteen.

President Winnecke: Okay, the Commissioners, the City Council, the County Council, a Judge, the City Clerk, the Assessor, –

Councilmember Raben: County Clerk.

President Winnecke: Okay, I'm trying to read my writing.

Councilmember Raben: Prosecutor.

President Winnecke: Oh, the Prosecutor.

Councilmember Raben: The Sheriff, Treasurer, County Auditor, one additional Mayoral appointee, one additional City Council appointee, and then one Coroner/Surveyor.

President Winnecke: Okay, I got the math. I guess my only concern is that there have been a couple of meetings in recent weeks where between the city, the county and all the stakeholders, where they're trying to take the language that the Judge proposed and refine it to better suit everyone's needs. I know Mr. Arvay has been involved in that and I don't know that that work is complete, so for us to take a vote today on a resolution that really is non-binding before the Commissioners and the Mayor see a final version of what they may like, frankly, I think is kind of moot. But, if someone makes the motion, I guess – I don't know if there are votes to pass it, but...

Councilmember Wortman: I second it.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible)

President Winnecke: The motion is for the resolution, correct?

Jeff Ahlers: There is no resolution.

Councilmember Raben: No, its just for approving the proposed ordinance. Again, Mr. President, this is a vote in support of the proposed ordinance.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, that's what I wanted to clarify, Mr. Raben, because I didn't have it here with me today, but the actual ordinance that I've seen is an ordinance by the Commissioners and no ordinance was advertised today for us to pass, so that's why I didn't know if it was a resolution in support of moving the process forward for the appropriate body to pass an ordinance or whether you were actually –

Councilmember Raben: This is a resolution in support of the proposed ordinance.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: And so the logical next step would be, let's say that this body passes the support for this resolution, then a presentation will be made before the Commissioners, I'm supposing, with this same format that you've outlined here on this, what I guess is the reconstituted data board to a certain extent. And they would have an opportunity to respond in the form of passing an actual resolution in this regard. Is that what you're essentially doing?

Councilmember Raben: That would be my understanding, and I don't have to do all the speaking on behalf of this ordinance but there are other county officeholders along with Judge Knight in the audience if he would like to give his thoughts.

Douglas Knight: Thank you. My name is Douglas Knight, I'm a Judge in the Vanderburgh Superior Court and helped draft the ordinance that you're considering today. Ideally, it would be probably, legally, the best outcome if this body passed this as a, not as a resolution or a motion, but as an ordinance, approved it as an ordinance. I understand there's some legal complications behind that and this kind of takes me by surprise, frankly, this question, so I'm not sure of an exact legal answer to the puzzle.

Councilmember Raben: Well, he's right in respect that we don't approve ordinances, but we can certainly pass a resolution in support of any ordinance we wish. We're basically making an overture to the City and the County Commissioners to support this document.

Douglas Knight: And that would be a strong voice in our community. Absolutely.

President Winnecke: Judge, do you not feel like its more appropriate to wait to see what kind of shakes out as a result of these other meetings before taking a vote on this?

Douglas Knight: Honestly, I do not. I was at the major meeting that you made reference to earlier and after the meeting I had conferred with the other county officeholders and tried to take their temperature on what they thought was the outcome of that meeting, and my fellow colleagues in the judicial branch, and we weren't totally pleased with the way the meeting went. Honestly, it felt like it was a one-sided meeting, but an opportunity for the people that were supporting this

ordinance to vent, be patted on the back or the head, and requested to somehow dilute our request and I didn't think it achieved a whole lot. And if I've given you the wrong signal about that, I apologize for it. I didn't intend to do that.

President Winnecke: I think maybe I walked away with a different impression. But that's neither here nor there.

Douglas Knight: Yeah, okay.

President Winnecke: And I would say this. I don't disagree with the concept of having the information technology advisory council. I agree with that. I just think there's a process that's kind of been put in front that's in the works and to jump out ahead of that now, I mean, I just don't know what we really gain from it. Well, what I think we gain is control over the technology environment that we all have to live in and work under. The other ordinance that was advanced at that meeting or part of that meeting simply diluted the ordinance that we're discussing here today and turned the IT, the data board, if you will, into a recommendation body. All they could do is simply recommend. They were assigned homework and then they would come and make recommendations which the CIO or those who control the CIO would listen to and then be totally free to simply ignore. And that was the greatest concern that I think that the supporters of this ordinance had. And it didn't feel comfortable, it didn't feel to those individuals including myself, that that was good governance. That information technology is a tool that officeholders require, it's a necessity, in order to serve the people who put them in office. And if they have no control over one of the most important tools that they have to rely on, then they're not serving their constituency as best they could. And I think that's why they think its critical. This is a tool and the CIO is to keep it sharp and to maintain it, so that the officeholders can use it at their will for the advantage of those who put them in office and so I think its important that they have that control, and that's the basis for this ordinance.

President Winnecke: Okay. Other questions of the Judge? Mrs. Abell.

Councilmember Abell: I have a comment because I've sat in the seats that all those people are in and I was an officeholder for eight years in this county on a daily basis. I think its important that we do this because it shows support for this ordinance which is going to go before the Commissioners. I also think its important because it says that the effective date is effective upon the passage of the Board of Commissioners and the approval of the Vanderburgh County Council. And the last attempt to change this did not have the approval and signature of this Council, but yet the county officeholders were asked to attempt to function under that which was not even a binding ordinance because it wasn't signed. And I think if we vote for this today, what we're saying to the Commissioners is, if you pass this ordinance, you don't have to be concerned on whether or not we're going to sign it. We will sign it if this is the ordinance that is passed by the Board of Commissioners. So I think its an important thing to do and I'd certainly like to see us go forward. And I want to thank the Judge for all the work he did on this.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, a couple of points. One thing I'm glad to see is that you're building consensus with all those people that would end up being on that board because that's going to be paramount to how this thing works. And I would like to see their direction and just kind of like you were saying, whether the IT chair or that person that we put in that IT office, is working for your group or is working for

somebody up above him. And if that person has to make a decision, which group he is going to work for, we get back into the same mess on who am I supposed to listen to? Well, you know, this month I listen to you guys, and the next month I listen to one of these other two that are up above me. And I think you bring a valid point and that's why we've had talks on how this is all going to go, but this sounds like a very good decision on bringing things to a consensus basis and going with those people who are actually working with those pieces of equipment. So thanks a lot.

Douglas Knight: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: The creation of this board is not a new idea, obviously. For how long has the old data board been disbursed?

Douglas Knight: Over a decade.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Just one last comment, you know, I'm looking at the book that was provided to us this morning of our budget for 2006, and in this just in regards to our general fund budget, and who these people, these officeholders, the Judges, everyone in the county represents, represents about \$56,000,000 that we budget annually. And IT, you know, how we progress or regress in IT, plays a big part in how wisely our \$56,000,000 is used. I see it as we're protecting our investment. So I'm very much in favor of this and, again, would call for the vote.

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: No.

(Motion carried 6-1/President Winnecke opposed)

President Winnecke: Any other business to come before Council? We stand adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 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
MAY 3, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd day of May in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the May 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)

<p style="text-align:center">APPROVAL OF MINUTES APRIL 5, 2006</p>

President Winnecke: At this time I would consider a motion to approve minutes from our April 5th meeting.

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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Winnecke: At this time, we'll begin with our appropriation requests. For those of you who are viewing at home or may not watch us all that frequently, these are requests that we heard detail on last week, so if we don't have questions I'm assuming that – I think its fair for you to assume at home that we have the answers we need, we think, to make the votes we do. Also, as a note, Mr. Raben is out of town. Our Council Vice President, Marsha Abell, will serve as the finance chair for the meeting and I'll turn the floor over to her.

RECORDER

Councilmember Abell: Thank you, Mr. President. Let's start with the Recorder's request for extra help for a total of \$10,765. I move for approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? I would just note that Mrs. Smith has had some health problems the last few days. We send her the best from the Council. 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

RECORDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1040-1990	Extra Help	10,000.00	10,000.00
1040-1900	FICA	765.00	765.00
Total		10,765.00	10,765.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Abell: The next item, Sheriff/Overtime, the total amount of \$20,000, 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1301	Civilian Union Overtime	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

JAIL

Councilmember Abell: The next item, Jail/Shift Differential set in at \$28,000 as requested; Union Overtime requested at \$45,000, set it in at \$25,000, for a total of \$53,000. Put that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1530	Shift Differential	28,000.00	28,000.00
1051-1850	Union Overtime	45,000.00	25,000.00
Total		73,000.00	53,000.00

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

ELECTION OFFICE

Councilmember Abell: Next item, the Election Office, set in a total of \$23,400 as requested. I would like to make note that the Clerk, I'm sure, will be coming back in the fall to ask for more money because this does pretty well deplete that, take that account down quite a bit for when we do have another election.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Or were you done? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Abell: I'm finished.

Councilmember Sutton: I just didn't know if you had more commentary.

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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1210-1160	Election Inspector	6,440.00	6,440.00
1210-1170	Election Judge	8,400.00	8,400.00
1210-1180	Election Clerk	8,560.00	8,560.00
Total		23,400.00	23,400.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Abell: Next item, County Commissioners, for a total of \$119,771, I move for approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: I had a quick question. Did we find out about the reason why the Unemployment seems to keep going up? If somebody can address that please.

B.J. Farrell: I’m B.J. Farrell, I’m here representing the Commissioners. Um, I do not know the reason for the Unemployment other than there are employees or former employees collecting that. That information is held by the Auditor’s Office and we just watch the budget and monitor it and when its getting low, we ask the Council to replenish that account so that there’s money available when those claims come through.

Councilmember Tornatta: I had asked Commissioner Nix at last Wednesday’s meeting just if he could come up and maybe, Auditor Fluty, this is a question for you

as well, is there any trend or any reasoning why we are starting to see this number creep up quite a bit?

Bill Fluty: Vanderburgh County is a reimbursable account. We don't – we budget some money into that account, but we have no way of knowing how many employees will leave Vanderburgh County and apply for unemployment benefits.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess what I'm looking at, over the course of – I've asked Commissioner Nix to look over a course of five years and see if there was a different trend. Maybe, do we need to change the way we do business?

Bill Fluty: Meaning actually budget more money in there? I mean, that could be a possibility.

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't know, or why are we losing the amount of employees – I mean, do we need to address these certain items? Why we're losing a certain amount of employees, if that's the case. If we're seeing a trend toward...

Bill Fluty: I don't think there's been a study on why we're losing employees, why there's a movement in our employee workforce. It may be because of our pay. But there may be many reasons, but that hasn't been done.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. If we could look, I think it would be good knowledge for the Council to see why that trend is moving, if it is. But I looked over the last five years, it looks like we're moving up quite a bit in that area, so if we could kind of get an idea, it would be great.

B.J. Farrell: There has been an increase and I'll do some research and see what I can find out.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

President Winnecke: And there is a nice bar graph on your desk that provides a three year history of each of the areas for which the Commissioners seek funding today: Unemployment, Legal Advertising and Utilities, so you can see the trend, although the analysis that you asked for or the reasoning behind the trends is not there. But here you see what the trends are.

B.J. Farrell: Thank you.

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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-1930	Unemployment	20,000.00	20,000.00
1300-3420	Legal Advertising	15,000.00	15,000.00
1300-3021	Hillcrest Washington	84,771.00	84,771.00
Total		119,771.00	119,771.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Abell: Next item, Superintendent of County Buildings, request for Utilities \$90,000. Move for 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CO. BLDGS.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-3200	Utilities	90,000.00	90,000.00
Total		90,000.00	90,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY (TWO REQUESTS)

Councilmember Abell: Next under County Highway appropriations, request for \$122, move for 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-1064	Tool Crib Clerk	104.00	104.00
2010-1900	FICA	8.00	8.00
2010-1910	PERF	10.00	10.00
Total		122.00	122.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Abell: Under County Highway for Union Overtime, Garage & Motor, Contractual Services and Lease & Rental of Equipment, for a total of \$177,361, move for 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: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-1850	Union Overtime	40,544.00	40,544.00
2010-1900	FICA	3,102.00	3,102.00
2010-1910	PERF	3,341.00	3,341.00
2010-2230	Garage & Motor	17,431.00	17,431.00
2010-3530	Contractual Services	56,461.00	56,461.00
2010-3630	Equip. Lease & Rental	56,482.00	56,482.00
Total		177,361.00	177,361.00

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (TWO REQUESTS)

Councilmember Abell: Next under Cumulative Bridge for Union Overtime in the amount of \$8,719. Move for 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-1850	Union Overtime	7,538.00	7,538.00
2030-1900	FICA	577.00	577.00
2030-1910	PERF	604.00	604.00
Total		8,719.00	8,719.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Abell: Next item under Cumulative Bridge, Baseline Road Bridge project set in at \$200,000, move for 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4417	Baseline Road Bridge #203	200,000.00	200,000.00
Total		200,000.00	200,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President? On an earlier line item I meant to reflect back on a question if we could. I had asked, on that Hillcrest-Washington CPI index adjustment at our Personnel & Finance meeting last week, what that was based on. We received a letter, a memo from the Commission President, Ms. Musgrave. I was wondering if you could come speak to what you guys may have found on that. Well, I mean, I guess I was –

B.J. Farrell: I have a handout for you. It's a page from the contract that says we have the CPI built into our contract. It can't exceed five percent. I did give you a letter to Commissioner Musgrave from John Browning, and showed you the calculation to reach that CPI. I'd like to give this to the Council, please.

Councilmember Sutton: Now what are we looking at here? I mean, is this from the contract?

B.J. Farrell: Yes, that's page three of the contract that was signed, I believe, back in 1995. It basically says that we will, each year, have the CPI increase for the Hillcrest-Washington Home, it cannot exceed five percent. So we go to the Department of Labor, we pull those statistics, we calculate that number, and we do agree with Mr. Browning that that should be the increase for this year.

Councilmember Sutton: No offense to you, Ms. Farrell, but I guess my question was, I want, I guess I was wanting to speak to one of the Commissioners.

B.J. Farrell: Okay, that will be fine. Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Since that's who we received the letter from, and I guess John Browning did respond back, I guess the question that I had was, which index this was based upon, like I said, there's a couple different –

President Winnecke: According to the letter, it says that the CPI as published by the US Department of Labor.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, they publish two different indexes, the Department of Labor, and it can be measured in a couple of different ways. I guess that's what I'm trying to get, that was my question, which measurement are they actually using? There's a couple of different CPI indexes that can be used, and depending on which one you may use, one is higher and one is lower. I'm trying to find out which one we're actually using.

Cheryl Musgrave: The contract says CPI-U.

Councilmember Sutton: So we're not using one that's really based – this is – apparently, the one that's an index for the entire US as opposed to more of our regional area. I mean, that's something we may want to visit with Southwest Indiana Mental Health on this particular area in the contract because we may be getting a greater amount of inflation or escalation on this than what might be in line with our particular area.

Cheryl Musgrave: As Ms. Farrell stated, this contract was signed in 1995. I do not know what its length is. We could look into that, but when I received the letter from Hillcrest-Washington, I sent it to our attorney for their review of which CPI was the appropriate CPI, and I was informed that this was the accurate number for this contract.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Well, I mean, I wouldn't have any questions that they probably have the accurate number for the index that they're using here, I'm just, my question is, is this the appropriate index that we should be using for our regional area. So perhaps maybe if we can look at that as an area, and I don't know when this contract expires, but it definitely would be something that we'd get a little bit more specificity with, because I guess what we're talking about here is what, about a 5.3% increase, is that what it was, or was it 4.3? Like I said, I think we might be just a little bit on the high side on that. So two things, looking at when that contract expires and if we can go back in and really visit and make sure that index is in line with what we ought to be paying. I mean, is that how you – your thoughts?

Cheryl Musgrave: We can certainly look at when the contract expires and put some notes in the file to renegotiate that item at that time.

Councilmember Sutton: Alright. Thank you. I'm sorry, I meant to ask that earlier, but thank you.

President Winnecke: That's fine. Mrs. Abell?

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Councilmember Abell: I think we're ready for the United Way request for the Executive Director. The total request was \$9,156. I think the discussion leaned toward putting this in at budget time last week, so we're setting that in at zero. And I move for approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, Mr. President. I talked with somebody from the Legal Aid/United Way, and at this point I think it should be more a deferral than a zero. I know we've been down this road before, but one of the things we talked about was them acquiring 5,000 additional dollars or the equivalent that they would need to take care of this director's position in the future over possibly a five year period. And at that time, if they can do that, maybe we can re-address and appropriate the funds for this year, which would give them at least six years down the road that they would have that funding in place. But they also knew and we understood and went through the numbers, that if that \$5,000 were not placed in that account, that it would come from taxpayer dollars. And at this point, you know, from this standpoint or from this seat, I discussed that I would not be in favor of throwing 5,000 more dollars into the pot. If United Way thought that that was a place that they would want to go, then we

can do that. Obviously this is broken down into a percentage situation where we pay so much and then United Way pays a percentage of that budget. So in those terms, they understood what was going on and they're actively pursuing United Way to see if they can get those dollars.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I don't think anyone can question the importance of the benefit that Legal Aid provides for our community and the families that are in desperate need. And we go along with that. I guess the biggest, its just the bottom line, if we approve this today, will it, I think its zeroed out right now, but if it would be approved, will in the future, we be encumbered, Vanderburgh County taxpayers be encumbered with funding this \$5,000 or will it go away or could it be a one year deal, is my question? If United Way has suggested they fund it, and they have the money for that, I think that might be their prerogative, however, its awfully hard to put something on the table and then come budget time, take it back. So I'm inclined to think along the lines of Councilman Tornatta, that if we can get this worked out so if this increase is going to be permanent, that United Way commits permanently to that, and it doesn't come out of tax dollars, that would be my only concern. Other than that, I think they can call the shots. Thank you.

Kelly Lonnberg: If I may, I'm Kelly Lonnberg, I'm the President of the Legal Aid Board of Directors this year. And we do have United Way's full support for the reallocation of the United Way dollars. What we did as a board, and along with United Way was look at the United Way dollars that were coming in and where they had been apportioned and make some changes in our budget in order to accommodate this, and we believe that we're in a position to do that from this point forward. United Way was not in a position to give us any kind of confirmation that of course, they can guarantee their funds from one year to the next, and they can't do that for anyone. That depends on what their contributions are in a given year. But they've been very consistent in the funds that they have provided for Legal Aid. They're very supportive of Legal Aid, and they are fully in agreement with the allocation of the \$5,000 stipend from their funds. Obviously, if United Way's funding hits rock bottom and their funding to the Legal Aid Board or the Legal Aid Society in Evansville is cut drastically, then we will have to make a lot of changes. We may be laying off staff, we may be slashing salaries, we may be making drastic changes in the level of income to which we provide services. But what I would request of the Council is to address that issue when it comes before the Council, when we are requesting from the Council we would understand and as president, I'm more than happy to say that I acknowledge the Council's position, that they are not agreeing to fund this stipend and if we don't have the funds from United Way, we understand. It has not been offered from the County, however, we would just request that you save the no for when we're requesting the funds from you. We are not requesting the funds to come from taxpayer dollars in any form at this point. We have those funds available for this year, for next and presumably in the future, with United Way's support from their funds.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Kelly. I would just offer, I didn't bring my budget book in from my car, but if I recall, the allocation from the United Way to Legal Aid over the last three or four years has been in the mid-sixty thousands. Its been pretty consistent. To me, this is a reasonable request. They have a pot of money that comes from the United Way. This board is asking that they split that pot in a different way. They are not coming before us asking for tax dollars. Just based on recent history of allocation from the United Way, there's no indication at this time that they would rely on tax dollars to pay this stipend. So I personally am in favor of the

request. But I know that others are not as comfortable. So...and frankly, I'm not quite clear what your point is or what your suggestion is.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, my suggestion is clearly, if they can get some type of nod from the United Way that United Way will up their – they're going to pay their percentage and then pay 5,000 more toward that salary.

President Winnecke: You're saying the United Way will –

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, but they won't increase it by 5,000. It will be by a number plus 5,000 to take care of her salary.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: But whatever that number is, if they can take care of those numbers, then I would be okay, but they've got 9,000 in their United Way fund that they have sitting there. And one thing I hesitate to do is, we did not approve this at budget time so that was a time when we said no. I really don't know why its coming back now because it was not approved at that time. But in the same term, if you do due diligence, and go out and some way are able to get a five year commitment from the United Way, then I am willing to say okay, we'll throw six years in with the money that you have and put that toward it and, because it will be an extended commitment. What I don't want to do is, I don't want to put money in this year and then next year we're going to deny and take that salary back, move backwards with that salary. I think that's not the way that we should do business.

President Winnecke: If I may, I think the only challenge to that is, in the fund raising world, I am unaware of any not-for-profit that can say, make a five year increase commitment like that. It is a year to year sort of deal and as long as the economy is as robust as it appears to be today, that is the local economy, raising that amount of money from the United Way may not be a challenge, but we didn't realize that September 11th was going to happen and that was an event that changed the world economy and a lot of things changed. So to expect the local United Way to come on and say, you know, here's a five year commitment from one agency, I think is really, probably not very practical.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, it might not be practical, but its not practical to tell them that they're going to have this salary set in at a certain point and then we come back after we already denied it, we come back and have to deny it and pull back a salary. So along those lines, I am in favor with setting it in at zero but looking at it still for this year as long as there can be some type of benchmark to take care of those issues in the future. And if there can't, then I don't see how this thing is going to fly.

Kelly Lonnberg: I guess my only response would be that we believe that we've addressed the \$5,000 stipend in our existing budgets, and that we can continue to do that without additional funds. And that was our point in coming to the Council with it, is that we are not asking for additional funds from either organization. We've revamped our budget in order to address —

Councilmember Tornatta: And I would be – as I said before and I got a call yesterday from Legal Aid and I talked for 20 or 30 minutes, I would be willing to go over those budgets and if you convince me that that's been done and we go through, then maybe there is an option. And, like I said, we set it in at zero, but we can address this if we need to.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: You know, I was just going to add, this has been before us for a while, a couple different budgets before and then, of course, we discussed it last week, and I have not been supportive of the request in past requests that have come before us, but I think now there might be a little bit of a difference. Just as we can't ask the organization to commit for a long time, for a period probably in excess of one year, we can't really commit the Council beyond one year as well. I guess because the request is a little bit different now and they are not going to use county dollars, as I understand it now with this request, I guess I see it a little bit different than what I've seen in the past.

Councilmember Goebel: President Winnecke, in the budget, is the \$5,000 allocated in the proposal early in the year or last year when we looked it over, to come out of county dollars or is it stipulated in any way? I know we didn't set it in.

President Winnecke: Well, yeah, its not in there, but there are two pages in the budget book: one relating to the county's portion of the funding for Legal Aid and the other page, and they are separated in the budget book, is the United Way allocation. So at this time, that \$5,000 stipend is not in either page. But what they're suggesting is, the 60 some odd thousand dollar allocation they currently have, they're going to redo that budget in order to give \$5,000 to the executive director from the money that they already have. Is that, correct?

Kelly Lonnberg: That is correct. We have the funds. We can set our budget out to address those issues (inaudible – comments not made from the microphone).

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I'd be very reluctant to vote in favor of taking any county monies, however, its United Way. I think if they decide, then they will probably get some input from other directions, too, how they're going to spend their money as far as Legal Aid goes. So as long as its understood that this is not going to come from county dollars in the future.

Councilmember Abell: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Yes, Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Could I withdraw this motion and we defer it for 30 days? I don't think anybody is too comfortable right now. We're having discussion we probably should have had last week and maybe give Mr. Tornatta his opportunity to meet with United Way.

President Winnecke: I'm fine with that. He made the second, so –

Councilmember Tornatta: I'll withdraw the second and we can, like I said, the room is open for talk and we can go through as we need to, to try to get to a place as long as we can come to terms so that those questions that have been asked before are answered.

Councilmember Abell: I will withdraw my motion.

President Winnecke: Motion withdrawn. If you would go ahead and refile the same request for next month, and then in the meantime, if you want to schedule some time with Councilman Tornatta and Mr. Goebel as well, and anyone else that might have questions pertaining to this, that would be helpful.

Kelly Lonnberg: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Did we get the question, I know last week we also talked about the software and hardware question on this request from Legal Aid into question was about just the possibility of finding some pricing discounts, appears to be that the costs that we've got, the price that we've got listed, we've got \$3,218 for hardware, is a level that would be above what we would pay for some of the units in some of our other offices. Now you guys don't fall under our computer services contract, but have you had a chance to talk with anyone regarding that?

Sue Hartig: What I was appropriating was the carry over of last year's United Way funds. So after the 5,000 was taken off the top, I just arbitrarily put the rest in computers. We try to keep our computers the same as the court's computers are. Traditionally, we were on a program where we replaced three of the six every two years, so we never had a computer older than four years old. But when the courts did not replace theirs and went through that lease/purchase stuff, we waited, too. So now that the courts are going to move forward, we want to move forward. And probably get six new units that are just like the court's units. And we have one printer that's on its last leg. So we will definitely use whatever the cheapest figures are and whatever Tim and the IT department tell us to, and we rely on them for support and maintenance. So we're not doing this on our own, we'll do whatever they want us to do.

President Winnecke: Okay, maybe if, while in this next 30 day period, if you could give us a more realistic view of what those expenses are, so we can consider that at our next meeting.

Sue Hartig: Okay, sure.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, withdraw the whole motion?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: In fact, what you'll need, Mrs. Abell, if you could make a motion, we need to vote on a motion to defer and we'll need a second on that.

Councilmember Abell: I make a motion to defer the entire request from Legal Aid.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-1110-4290	Executive Director	5,000.00	Deferred
4290-1900	FICA	38.00	Deferred
4290-3372	Computer Software	900.00	Deferred
4290-3371	Computer Hardware	3,218.00	Deferred
Total		9,156.00	Deferred

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

SHERIFF

Councilmember Abell: Sheriff’s request for transfer for Process Servers in the amount of \$2,930, make that in the form of a motion.

President Winnecke: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Abell: I just have a question. Mr. Fluty, is there any possibility that you could run some numbers to see if the amount of money that they’re charging in the Clerk’s Office for process service is covering what we’re spending on process servers?

Bill Fluty: I can do that.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you. I’d like to see those numbers.

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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0204	Process Server	380.00	380.00
1050-1130-0213	Process Server	550.00	550.00
1050-1130-0214	Process Server	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1050-1540	Process Server Vacation Coverage	2,930.00	2,930.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Abell: The last one is the Health Department transfer for the Medical Lab Tech in the amount of \$5,000. Move for 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. I'm sorry, I'm over here doing the paperwork.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2130-1640-2130	Medical Lab Tech.	5,000.00	5,000.00
To: 2130-1990	Extra Help	5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Winnecke: And would you like to do the Salary Ordinance?

Councilmember Abell: Sure. I move that the Salary Ordinance be accepted as per the handout.

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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**BRAKE SUPPLY COMPANY
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT VANDERBURGH
INDUSTRIAL PARK, LOTS 1, 2, 3 & 4**

President Winnecke: Okay, we move on to Old Business. Today is the day we finalize the tax, the confirming resolution on the tax phase-in for Brake Supply. Kevin Koch from Brake Supply is here if we have any additional questions for him. If you'll recall at our last meeting last month, we gave it preliminary approval on a ten year phase-in. Additional questions or discussion? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: This is more of a comment than anything. At our last, the last time we had a chance to bring Brake Supply before us, I had a question about affirmative action and diversity hiring practices, the questions along that line, and at that time it was indicated that there hadn't been either of those things in place. Now since, subsequent to that meeting, there have been some policies, some procedures put in place that would meet what we would consider acceptable policies and procedures in line with our tax phase-in application process. And as well, you know, I ask these questions primarily because I think its extremely important, you know, we're talking about, when we're talking about the tax phase-in program, it is tax supported, it is a program, and I guess I want to make sure that we have an opportunity to see that those who come before us, that they're employing practices and their workforce are just like what we would expect here in county government. And I think our tax phase-in program is an outstanding program. And even with the adjustments, give us a chance to see a lot of different things. So the companies that come before us, I think they have a responsibility to have the practices that we would consider acceptable. And Brake Supply has done that and the Shoe Carnival as well, which is coming up next, has responded in a very affirmative way, and corrected some things that were erroneous in their application from the last time. I think they're going to explain that a little bit, but I'm very pleased to see the progress that Brake Supply has made and the Shoe Carnival.

President Winnecke: Other comments or discussion?

Councilmember Abell: Move for approval of the Brake Supply tax phase-in.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second to confirm the preliminary resolution for a ten-year tax phase-in for Brake Supply. 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Koch, we appreciate your confidence and your ability to work with us.

Kevin Koch: Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;">OUTBACK HOLDINGS, LLC PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX PHASE-IN FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CROSS POINTE BOULEVARD & COLUMBIA STREETS</p>
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President Winnecke: New Business. While we're on the issue of tax phase-ins, let's just jump down to D –

Councilmember Abell: Are you skipping the court technology?

President Winnecke: We did that last week. I think once a month is plenty. And I mean that in the nicest way. Shoe Carnival. Again, to refresh your memory, they were before us three or four months ago on a tax phase-in request for their new corporate headquarters. We approved that at a ten-year phase-in level, the specific address of that location has changed so they're back before us to seek a ten-year tax phase-in on that property and I think Mr. Beck from Woodward Development has some new information regarding the scoring that Councilman Tornatta brought up last week.

Evan Beck: Councilman Winnecke, thank you very much. Again, Evan Beck, I'm managing member of Outback Holdings, which is your applicant here today for the Shoe Carnival Headquarters, to address a couple of issues that were brought up last week. I want to state that it was my error on the application information that was left off the headquarters application in regard to what Councilman Sutton was speaking to a few minutes ago. We had the detailed information included on the distribution center, and it was my error in not carrying over the information on the headquarters application. I think we've gotten that into your hands, and also in your files, so in regard to the scoring, Rob Schaefer has in the file, as we confirmed this morning with Mr. Schaefer who is not able to be here this morning, we had picked up an additional 40 points in the scoring sheet. Again, that would be ten points on question 6, which again, is saying demonstrates a commitment to a diverse workforce. And then as you go into the bonus section, we picked up ten points for questions one, two, and three. Questions four and five are not applicable to this project. And if you have any questions for me on this project, I am here to answer those questions.

President Winnecke: Any questions for Mr. Beck or anyone else from the Shoe Carnival team?

Councilmember Abell: Move to confirm the resolution for tax phase-in for Shoe Carnival.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Okay, there's a motion and a second for the preliminary resolution on the ten-year tax phase-in for the new location at Shoe Carnival. 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Evan Beck: Thank you, very much.

President Winnecke: And we'll confirm this next month.

Evan Beck: Thank you.

**RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSING
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX
COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR
HOMESTEADS FOR 2007 AND CASTING THE VOTES OF THE COUNTY
COUNCIL ON SAID ORDINANCE
RESOLUTION NO. R-05-06-011**

President Winnecke: Okay, back up under new business, item A, Mr. Fluty, would you mind to walk us through?

Bill Fluty: Yes, as long as I remember, we've passed this. This is actually the percentage of homestead, it's a resolution, and then after that, there's an ordinance. This is actually setting up to eight percent, and it is a decrease to homeowners. We're setting aside COIT dollars to offset taxes. I think this year its four million dollars and after we pass this it moves on to the City Council and the Town of Darmstadt.

President Winnecke: So at this time, I would consider a motion to pass this resolution.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a lot of seconds. 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p>ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL AMENDING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2007</p>

President Winnecke: And then item B, is that you, too, Bill?

Bill Fluty: Yes, this is a continuation of what we've just done here.

President Winnecke: Do we need a separate vote on that?

Bill Fluty: Yes.

President Winnecke: And at this time I need someone to make a motion on the ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax establishing the percent credit allowed for homesteads.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SALARY GUIDELINES FOR 2007 BUDGET PREPARATION
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President Winnecke: Okay, the last item on the agenda is discussion on creating a guideline for officeholders and department heads as they start to prepare the 2007 budgets. I know its kind of scary to think about that. But they are in the process of starting that work and they need some guidelines from this body as to what size of increase they should allot for their planning. And as everyone ponders that, let us change the tape.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Sutton: Are you ready?

President Winnecke: You're on.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I'd like, and two years ago, you know, with just the adverse effects of a number of things on the local economy, you know, we were only able to do a \$500 increase for county employees, and last year that figure

was three percent. I think, given as the local economy has begun to rebound and is in a stronger position, and when I look at our unappropriated balance and what we started with this year, hopefully, we'll have maybe a similar type of unappropriated balance, I'd like to see us at the four percent range, at least start there, on increases for 2007. And I think it would be a good way to reflect where we are as a county. Anyone care to speak to that.

President Winnecke: Well, Councilman Sutton is way out there on ski tips, anyone else want to join him?

Councilmember Tornatta: I think it's a great idea if we can get to that point. I know that in the past it seems like that's always one of the places that we cut first and I'm kind of more of a Christmas guy. So I'd like to stay with three and if we can, move up to four. But we can set it in at four and it move it back if that's what we need to do.

President Winnecke: My personal opinion is that it needs to be at three percent and to me, that's a nice baseline from which to start, not knowing what requests we'll see for the balance of this year, not knowing exactly how, you know, what other projects we'll see that we don't know about, those surprises always come around about budget time.

Councilmember Tornatta: And if I'm not mistaken, that's about a \$750,000 jump per percent. Is that close?

Bill Fluty: No, I don't believe that's –

Councilmember Tornatta: That's three percent. Okay.

Bill Fluty: I think its more, \$300,000, but I'll check that for you.

President Winnecke: And it is a planning, to Councilman Sutton's point, it is a guide, you know, if we set it in, if we agree today that the number is four percent, that is not set in stone. At budget time we can reduce that if would need be.

Councilmember Sutton: And I think that's – to qualify my remark, to make sure we're not saying that this is not what the increase will be. Truly it is a starting point to look and see where we're going to be. We don't know what may befall us in the next few months, here as a county. That's a good way to start.

President Winnecke: I just – Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Historically, three percent has been the number that we've sought?

President Winnecke: Two years ago when we had very tight conditions, we granted a \$500 across the board, but traditionally, three percent is kind of the baseline.

Councilmember Goebel: I think if we suggest four and then have to cut back to three, that might provide negative feelings. I mean, they'd still get three percent, but, and I'm also one to think that if we can build up funds locally and save those for a rainy day or for maybe unforeseen circumstances, its probably best to stay with three. And we're still operating in good faith toward the county workers, but we're not mortgaging the future either.

President Winnecke: My personal feeling is that once you establish the hopes of a certain percentage raise in this building, and not just in this building, in any place of employment, and then, even though people know it's a guide, and then when it comes to decision time, based on whatever factors come into play, you have to reduce that number, I think you really set yourself and your employees up for disappointment that could have an adverse impact on morale, and I don't think that's anyone's intent. But I'd be far more comfortable setting it in at three, if we could do more, great. But I hate to set it in at four today and then come back and say, you know what, maybe we can only do two and a half or three. I do think we set ourselves up and the 800 some odd workers for some pretty big disappointment if...

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, and at three, I mean, I think that we should really look at that being the very, very last thing that you would ever touch. At four, you're looking at that as a possible way to make sure that the tax rate stays on a level as we've been able to maintain at this County Council for quite some time, to keep that rate low. But maybe that three percent would be a point that we can all say we think that we can definitely do this. If we can do more, then its Christmas around the county, but if we can't, then I think that we need to at least establish this three percent, and we appreciate them for their work, the people that are around here doing it day in and day out.

President Winnecke: Anybody else?

Councilmember Abell: I do have two points from having been a previous officeholder. I can tell you that there are a lot of officeholders here that are elected who would be happy to not get any increase so their staff could get it. So if we have to get to that point, we might want to consider something along those lines. And I also would say that no one liked the \$500. They would of rather had nothing. That was a pretty, percentage-wise its so much better because then everybody stays even with that break between the next person up and the next below, but when you gave \$500 across the board, just advising you of what the comments where in the Clerk's office which was a staff of 53 people, no one was happy with \$500. They would of rather had nothing, because they didn't feel that was – they kind of thought it was a slap in the face and would have preferred a percentage. So I think those are things we need to keep in mind is the comments that our employees do make to us from time to time about how they get their salaries increased.

President Winnecke: Anyone else?

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to add one thing. One thing that has added a – its just really placed a great deal of pressure on this budget, you know, most of the items in our budget are pretty routine, pretty standard, it's the health care costs that continue to escalate at a level that's just been outside of what this county would really consider reasonable. I mean, I'd like to see some type of way, if we can get in front of that whole situation and evaluate what our health care options are and the appropriate costs related to that. And I know when we talk about the total package that we offer for county employees, we can just look at just the salary, we have to look at some of these other perks that help to make it a place that people want to work. And if we are totally in a situation where the market continues to out price what we're able to afford, it does affect the salaries and so many other things. So as a means of maybe getting ahead, I don't know if the Commissioners have already, I know they've probably been thinking about this since last year when we had increases, but, you know, these double-digit increases each year do not put us in a position from a financial health standpoint that we can do a lot of different things. So, Commissioner Musgrave, I know this wasn't necessarily on the agenda and

didn't plan to speak to this, but is this something that you may be able to provide some assistance to the county, to us, in looking at and evaluating some options that may reduce the increases that we are seeing year over year in this regard?

Cheryl Musgrave: I have never been part of the process to this point, of renegotiating the healthcare contracts or looking at those benefits, having just become president a few days before the tornado in 2005. So I will say that I have been thinking about it and there are some things which are on my mind, particularly, I understand that the state legislature was considering allowing rates to be adjusted for people who engage in unhealthy, health risk activities such as smoking, that you could charge more to employees who smoke for their health insurance than others. So I'll be looking to see if that legislation actually passed or not. I've been an observer of the process that the school board recently went through and looking for a new healthcare provider and I think, I don't know if we'll want to do that, but certainly when it comes time, we'll do due diligence on looking at the prices that our vendors charge. But if I may digress from that for a moment and speak to the raises. I would ask you to be more creative to allow the officeholders to reward employees who work harder than other employees, doing across the board increases does not reward productivity, creative processes, that save this county a great deal of money. I understand that Governor Daniels has recently announced that he will not be entertaining across the board raises, so look at some ways where officeholders can reward those who do produce the most for the county. So yes, I'll be looking into the health insurance and I'd appreciate your thoughts on that before the contract comes up and not wait until the contract is all done and before the Commissioners for final approval. I'd like to hear from you well in advance.

President Winnecke: What if, maybe it would be fruitful if maybe Councilman Sutton and myself and you and the insurance provider sat down in the not too distant future to kind of begin those discussions early on so that is kind of the, always the eleventh hour number that we plug in during the budget process and it might be easier if we know more on the front end, kind of the direction that things are going. So maybe if you could arrange that kind of meeting between the three of us.

Cheryl Musgrave: I'll look to our insurance provider to also attend that and one other thing, a lot of our employees do not take some of the benefits that we offer. For example, their spouse provides their health insurance. Maybe you could look more to a cafeteria style benefit package where you chose some and not others, and perhaps that would reduce your overall costs.

Councilmember Sutton: There are some really good ideas, I mean, you're advancing there, and there's some – I've heard from just some of our employees right here in the building, that could potentially be some cost saving measures for us. And right now is a good time to begin really thinking along those lines because it really is, it poses a real problem for us at budget time trying to figure out what the number is going to be and how to plug that in and it does affect just about every other thing in the budget.

Cheryl Musgrave: Not just for government, but for every employer around.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Cheryl.

Councilmember Abell: Mr. President, I move that we set this salary in at three percent for the purpose of budgeting.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Any more discussion or questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm still strongly in favor of that four. You know, perhaps maybe if we can make some headway on this insurance line, maybe we could get to that point but I'll vote in favor of the three percent.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: Mrs. Deig, if you would draft a memorandum to all the affected departments? At this time, I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

President Winnecke: We are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 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
JUNE 7, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of June in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the June 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	

*Councilmember Sutton arrived just after roll call.

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MAY 3, 2006
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President Winnecke: Okay, at this time I would consider a motion to approve the minutes from our May 3rd 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 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.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SHERIFF

President Winnecke: Okay, at this time we'll begin with our appropriation requests and for those of you who are watching at home or who are in the audience and not here last week, these are requests that we heard last week and we had some discussion on, so I'll begin by turning the floor over to the Finance Chair, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda today under Sheriff 1050-2210 Gas & Oil, I'll move that it be set in at \$100,000.

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.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2210	Gas & Oil	144,000.00	100,000.00
Total		144,000.00	100,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, under Jail, 1051-2240 Medical for \$400,000, 1051-2260 Food in the amount of \$250,000, for a total of \$650,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Goebel: I was wondering, for how long will this amount carry us?

President Winnecke: Chief Deputy Eric Williams is in the audience. He could probably help us with that.

Eric Williams: Good morning. Eric Williams, Sheriff's Office. I didn't quite hear your question.

Councilmember Goebel: These amounts, how long will they carry us through as far as the county budget goes?

Eric Williams: Basically, the amounts that we submitted on the appropriation request were our best guess estimates based on past practice and things that are happening, to get us through the end of the year. We hope that the amounts that are being set in today will probably carry us through the billing cycles for this year, get us towards the end of the year. As always, we'll end up paying the last few months of this year's bills out of next year's money.

President Winnecke: Any other questions? 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.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2240	Medical	556,000.00	400,000.00
1051-2260	Food	328,000.00	250,000.00
Total		884,000.00	650,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Armstrong Assessor, for a total of \$124, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember 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.

ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1100-1110-1100	Armstrong Assessor	108.00	108.00
1100-1900	FICA	9.00	9.00
1100-1910	PERF	7.00	7.00
Total		124.00	124.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now under Cum Bridge, 2030-4417, the Baseline Road Bridge in the amount of \$25,000, I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember 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
2030-4417	Baseline Road Bridge #203	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total		25,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Legal Aid/United Way, this request has been withdrawn at this time, so I'll move that it be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second, and just for clarification, I know Mr. Goebel had a lot of discussion with the Legal Aid office, and they felt it best to withdraw the motion at this time and bring it back at budget time, as I believe several people suggested. So that is sort of the genesis of this move.

Councilmember Tornatta: Just a real quick question, do we want to address anything on the computer side or we also talked about how we'd take care of that at budget time or do they need those items now?

President Winnecke: My understanding was, the entire request was withdrawn for now.

Councilmember Tornatta: 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.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-1960	Special Stipend	5,000.00	0.00
4290-1900	FICA	383.00	0.00
4290-3372	Computer Software	60.00	0.00
4290-3371	Computer Hardware	3,713.00	0.00
Total		9,156.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that’s it with the exception of transfers, Mr. President, and I’ll move that all transfers be approved as 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.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1400-1010	Minute Clerk	10,091.00	10,091.00
To: 1010-1170-1010	Circuit Court Clerk/ Archives	2,600.00	2,600.00
1010-1290-1010	Asst. Chief Deputy/ Small Claims	1,367.00	1,367.00
1010-1320-1010	Deputy Clerk/Small Claims	946.00	946.00
1010-1410-1010	Posting Clerk Misd./ Traffic	2,589.00	2,589.00
1010-1650-1010	Deputy Clerk	2,589.00	2,589.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-3903	Petit Jurors	6,000.00	6,000.00
To: 1370-2270	Juror Meals/Lodging	6,000.00	6,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we have no repeals. As far as amendments to the Salary Ordinance, we have amendments for Armstrong Assessor, County Clerk, the Prosecutor's Office, Superintendent of County Buildings and Health Department, I'm going to simply move that everyone, there is a copy being circulated to everyone as I speak, that be entered in and made part of the minutes.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Excuse me one second. I was just unclear on the Superintendent of County Buildings, they talked about a part-time employee being paid \$12 an hour, is that standard protocol? I thought we put that in at a much lower rate.

President Winnecke: I believe that rate is \$12, isn't it?

Sandie Deig: That's what the Commissioners asked for to pay her until August. She'd have to work in that position until August 21st and that's comparable to an entry level job at a COMOT VI.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and –

President Winnecke: From a budgetary standpoint, there will be no greater expense than what is budgeted in the line item.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I don't know if I understand that. We're going to be filling three positions because we'll be paying out one and then picking up a \$12 an hour employee and paying for a secretary in that office. So, I mean, I thought we were going to exhaust the Superintendent of County Building's salary –

President Winnecke: Sure, but they do have a line item for Extra Help, from which this will be paid.

Councilmember Raben: The Superintendent of County Buildings line item, I guess, technically, correct me if I'm wrong, but there will not be an employee reinserted in that line item until the comp time and vacation times are paid out. So actually, we've got one employee, I guess, or the line remains vacant although funds are being spent from it to pay back the accumulated time, then you've got the assistant over there. So, I mean, we're actually, what are they doing, they're actually, they're moving, there's only going to be two people being paid as the end result, right?

Sandie Deig: The former AA is now, for lack of a better term, the acting superintendent, but she's getting paid at her regular rate of pay as an AA, and then the part-time person will make the \$12 an hour, who will do the secretarial and the AA work.

Councilmember Raben: So it's really not three people, just two.

Sandie Deig: The former superintendent is being bought out and we can't fill that line item until August 21st, and the Commissioners feel like they can't function with one person in the office.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, do we have a standard rate for what our part-timers are being paid?

Sandie Deig: We have, \$16 has been the maximum for the Prosecutor's Office, but we have done \$12 an hour for a number of key offices.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: So, do you have any more questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: Not right now.

Councilmember Sutton: Just so I'm clear here, so this person in this part-time position, when August 21st rolls around, then they will convert into a full-time person?

Sandie Deig: Yes, she will go into the AA line and then the person who is being paid out of that AA line will go into the Superintendent of County Buildings line. That's my understanding.

Councilmember Sutton: So this person isn't like an intern or anything like that?

Sandie Deig: No, she's strictly a temporary worker until she can be put on full-time with full benefits August 21st.

Councilmember Sutton: So, this person will work, this person that we're talking about here will work under the Commissioners –

Sandie Deig: Under the Commissioners.

Councilmember Sutton: – Administrative Assistant, but no one will fill the, in the Superintendent of County Buildings role?

Sandie Deig: Well, the person employed that is the Administrative Assistant at this time will be performing the Superintendent's duties at her old pay.

President Winnecke: At her current rate of pay as an Administrative Assistant.

Councilmember Sutton: Uh-huh. So the net effect on this is...I mean, are...since we're pulling out of the temp line, and you can't pull out of the regular – what is the net effect on this between now and, I guess, August?

Sandie Deig: You're not paying benefits to two people out of the same line item and you're not paying the higher rate of pay.

Councilmember Raben: And I guess we've also, as a Council, what, a year or two years ago we stopped buyouts, so this prevents a buyout, but Commissioner Musgrave is in the audience if anybody has any questions.

Councilmember Sutton: And how much did they have left in their part-time budget? How much were they allocated, does anybody know by chance?

Sandie Deig: Yeah, I think there's about \$4,000, however, that will have to be replenished because you have a part-time person working at the Old Courthouse that get's paid out of that every other week.

Councilmember Sutton: So when are we probably anticipating that this is going to be exhausted?

Sandie Deig: Probably in July or August.

Councilmember Sutton: Sounds like, well, we're ending up paying out more than what we anticipated, I guess.

Sandie Deig: More than you budgeted.

President Winnecke: But if you look at the net effect in terms of efficiency, if there's no one in that role, there are going to be countless hours where there is no one to answer a phone in the Commissioner's Office.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we've got three Commissioners.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you want to separate that out?

Councilmember Raben: I'm fine with that. Mr. President, let me amend the motion on the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. My motion is to include Armstrong Assessor, County Clerk, Prosecutor, and Health Department.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, will you accept?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, sir.

President Winnecke: Okay. The renewed motion excludes the Salary Ordinance amendment for the Superintendent of County Buildings. 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, and next, Mr. President, I am going to make a motion to amend, under Superintendent of County Buildings, to allow one temporary part-time employee to be paid at a rate of \$12 per hour effective June 8 until 8/21/06.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. 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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

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

<p>RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CROSS POINTE BOULEVARD AND COLUMBIA STREET (OUTBACK HOLDINGS, LLC)</p>

President Winnecke: Okay, next under Old Business, we have the confirming resolution for the declaration of an economic revitalization area for the property located at the northeast corner of Cross Pointe Boulevard and Columbia Street. This is the Outback Holdings LLC. If you'll recall, last month we passed a preliminary resolution on a ten-year tax phase-in. This is for the new corporate headquarters of Shoe Carnival.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Further questions or discussion on this? 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 RESCINDING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX PHASE-IN FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF CROSS POINTE BOULEVARD AND COLUMBIA STREET (BIG SHOE PROPERTIES, LLC)</p>

President Winnecke: Under New Business, in your packet of information is a resolution rescinding the tax phase-in that we granted previously for the Shoe Carnival Corporate Headquarters. You'll recall, they had to change locations, which is why we just passed this other resolution. So I would entertain a motion at this time for the rescindment resolution that's before you.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Before we get to the regional economic development task force coalition presentation, I would like to just make three brief comments: first, it's nice to see County Recorder Betty Knight-Smith back in these chambers. Thank you, I hope you're feeling better. We've missed you.

Betty Knight-Smith: Thank you.

President Winnecke: A couple of other things, in your packet also, tomorrow morning is the ribbon cutting and opening for the Lynch Road extension into Warrick County. If you're so inclined to be there, that might be a nice thing. And finally before we get to this presentation, I'd like to remind everyone the latest on the dental clinic. Councilman Sutton and Councilwoman Abell and I serve on the dental clinic advisory board, and in our meeting on Friday we confirmed the ribbon cutting and grand opening which is June 23rd, that's a Friday at 10 a.m. You are all welcome to attend. It's in the 600 block, 612 S. E. Fourth Street, 10 a.m. on June 23rd and it will be open for business – knock on wood – the following Monday. And I can tell you that it's going to be a great facility and kudos to the Health Department and Gary Heck and Sam Elder for all their hard work in recent months to get this to the point where we're near opening.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

President Winnecke: Okay, now to the Regional Economic Development Task Force. I believe Marco DeLucio is here from the coalition for a brief presentation. Marco?

Marco DeLucio: Thank you, Mr. Winnecke. Brief, it will be. My name is Marco DeLucio. I'm with the Regional Economic Development Task Force, that's going to be better known as the Economic Development Coalition of Southwestern Indiana shortly, we hope. I'm here this morning to give you a little bit of an update as to what the task force has been doing over the past year or so, where we hope to be in the next six months or so, and to ask for this Council's support and for a couple of appointments to the new coalition board. Let me just take a step back in time and say that we've been working as a task force for a little over a year now. The task force was charged with the responsibility of trying to develop a regional economic view of southwest Indiana and to bring together four counties, Gibson County, Warrick County, Vanderburgh County and Posey County to form one coalition, to speak with one voice for the region to promote economic development and to enhance those businesses that are already here, to expand or to encourage them to stay and expand their existing operations. We are doing this because the world is getting bigger and we're staying the same size here in Vanderburgh County. It made sense to us that what is good for the region is good for Vanderburgh County and good for Posey County and good for Gibson County and good for Warrick County. So it makes sense for us to do that. We also have seen other regional economic development in this form around the country and in particular, here in the state of Indiana. There's a regional entity being formed over in the, called the Louisville area over in New Albany and Jeffersonville, Marion County, the Indy partnership has something going up in that area. Ft. Wayne has, I think it's a nine county region that they're working with. And Lafayette and those counties surrounding Lafayette have joined together in starting their own economic

development regional entities. So we're on par, if not ahead of some of these other locations. The task force was formed, its about 24 folks representing all four counties, both from the private sector and the public sector. I've had folks that have participated in this process and we're to the point now, we've selected a name, we've selected some marketing materials, we put together a proposed set of by-laws and we're in the process of forming the board. We hope to have all of that accomplished by the end of the month with a public announcement, either I saw June 26th or June 27th, that will be forthcoming. There's a process, there's a nationwide search going on right now to find a president of the organization, a professional to come in and run it, we anticipate that after its up and running it will be staffed with six or seven highly trained and competent folks that are experienced in economic development. We would hope that as trust forms among the four counties, that we can move a lot of the economic development positions or entities that exist out there, fold them in to this organization or, at the very least, to coordinate activities so that we don't have, you know, 27 or 50 different organizations running around doing 50 different things. Its hoped that we can coordinate that with one regional entity to speak with one voice to somebody that's coming in, to speak with one voice to the state of Indiana or to federal authorities when we have a prospect that's looking to locate here in the region or to expand their operations. And as I indicated to you, the board that's being put together, it's a rather large board of 61, but given the regional nature of this, we thought it was good to be inclusive as opposed to exclusive. And what we're looking for, and that's made up of approximately 24 folks appointed from the public sector, made up by various governmental entities in the four counties, with the balance coming from the private or non-profit sector appointed by a nominating committee first or by the existing board, so that its well represented, we're going to represent each of the counties almost equally, and move forward. You may ask, you know, what's the budget going to look like for this new entity and where are the sources of funding going to come from. At this point we are projecting, I've not been too involved in the budgeting process, but I'll throw out the million dollar figure on an annual basis. A lot of that funding is going to come from local governmental entities. We anticipate less than half of that. And we would hope that a lot of that funding would come from, you're funding a lot of different economic development organizations now. We would hope to roll that in so its no increased burden on each of the counties. From the private side, we're going to have private sector participation in this probably to a large extent as much as 60 percent, we would hope. That would include grants that we seek from federal economic development agencies as well as state agencies and we've been working with the state and they're encouraging this type of regional economic developments, so its our hope not only to draw funds from this region, but also from the state and federal authorities as well. As I indicated when I started and I'll open it up to questions, Ron Keeping is out there and he's with me this morning. And Ron's been very instrumental in this and he's here to help me answer questions that I can't answer. I would report to you that we have appeared in front of the Gibson County Commissioners, who have indicated and passed a resolution in support of this organization, and also the Posey County Commissioners, so you're our third body that we've appeared in front of and we're going to make appearances in front of each of the County Councils and County Commissioners in each of the four counties as well as talk to the Mayors of each of the capital cities of those entities. With that, I'll conclude and answer any questions that I haven't addressed already. And hopefully, if I can't answer them, Mr. Keeping can help me out. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any questions for Mr. DeLucio or Mr. Keeping? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I would just like to say that it's a long time coming.

I think this is a great opportunity to bring a lot of different entities together, as you've said. Regional development is going to be the key to us moving forward in this region. I think, as we read in the paper today, from 250,000 to 500,000, Evansville is a pretty great place to live and to expound on that, we need to make sure that it's a great place to do business. So in bringing all these corporate entities together, all these not-for-profits together, hopefully we'll have that cohesive unit. I'd even like to see us maybe get two or three more counties involved with what we've got and I know that's kind of in the cards. So thanks for working at this and I know the Mayor has pushed this quite a bit. So it's very positive to see that the city is backing this as well.

Marco DeLucio: And I would add to that, I didn't mention this but the chairpersons of this will come from different counties and probably different political persuasions, but we do have the co-chairmen for the first year and a half are going to be Sally Lambert Rideout from Alcoa in Warrick County and Mayor Weinzapfel from Vanderburgh County.

President Winnecke: When would you like this body's appointments to the coalition?

Marco DeLucio: This morning would be great. As soon as possible. We're trying to get the board put together so we can make an announcement towards the end of the month and if you have somebody in mind now, we're willing to take any names if you've got them this morning, or if you don't have them, as soon as you possibly can. That would be fantastic.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Good morning, Marco. Marco and I had an opportunity to, I guess earlier in the week, to discuss this and you and I had some dialogue on it, President Winnecke, probably Monday. I guess I'm questioning, you know, there's already a large regional effort that's funded by the state that works out of office space out at USI. And I guess I'm just concerned as to why we're not trying to rejuvenate or fix the problems that are there, that normally when we talked about not being effective and what have you. I just, I don't know why we're trying to separate and go out on our own when we've got a state funded effort there.

Marco DeLucio: I'm not, and I think, Mr. Raben, you're referring maybe to the QCDC organization that's housed out at USI. I think Nancy Burns is here this morning as well. That's what you're referring to. We don't, we're not suggesting that that is broke, we're just trying to expand that. As I understand, the QCDC, that's more of a governmental type of organization and it doesn't involve as much as the other private sector. And we viewed this as bringing in somebody that this organization, forming something together supported by the public and private sector financially as well as with people on the board, to bring these people together from the region to focus truly on economic development, on attracting new investment, on helping businesses expand, and we think that that's probably broader than what maybe QCDC does. We're not seeking to get rid of them. They are going to be part of this organization and that issue is being worked on right now, will be part of this organization and continue doing what it does but under maybe the direction and coordinated with the activities of the new regional economic development entity.

Councilmember Raben: And I'm not sure on the acronym QCDC, the one I'm referring to is, I guess, SWIRCA? Southwest Regional Economic Development Council or –

Councilmember Tornatta: They also have the Disaster Resistance.

Councilmember Raben: This one, in fact, Mayor Weinzapfel chaired this committee up until a few years ago. Councilman Abell, are you the liaison to that today?

Councilmember Abell: I am to QCDC.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Ron Keeping: I'm Ron Keeping, I'm a part of the task force. Councilman, the confusion is understandable because we have had a couple – the organization that Marco referred to has undergone a name change and a few years ago when this organization was formed it was referred to as the Southwestern Indiana Regional Development Commission, SWIRDC, and it went by that name for several years. It has in the past year changed its name for Quad Counties Development Commission, so we all are talking about, effectively the same organization and the SWIRDC was formed with the involvement of then State Representative Weinzapfel and Nancy Burns and Ron Keeping and George Rehnquist and other folks. If that's the organization –

Councilmember Raben: That is, and again, my point is, you know, that's a state funded group.

Ron Keeping: Actually, technically speaking, it receives very little funding from the state anymore, does it, Nancy?

Nancy Burns: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Ron Keeping: USED A, it had some start-up funding from that. Since that time its essentially received funds from the grant writing activities and from the counties involved. No private money whatsoever.

Councilmember Raben: And I understand your commitment and where we're going with this. I'm looking at it from more of a financial side as to why we're not looking for relief with local tax dollars and trying to possibly recreate what we have in QCDC.

Marco DeLucio: I think that's exactly what we're doing because in addition to QCDC, there was a bubble chart that we all got at the beginning of this that showed all kinds of entities that are involved in one way shape or form in economic development. It would be the goal of this organization to try to minimize those number of balls or coordinate those balls so that they're all operating together, doing the same thing, which should create some efficiencies and should create some tax savings.

Councilmember Raben: Outside of the fact it is local dollars, though, that's where I was going with that. And I also, real quick, I find it interesting that, I mean, in your opinion, 60, you said 61 or is it 62 members?

Marco DeLucio: Sixty-one.

Councilmember Raben: Sixty-one members is workable?

Marco DeLucio: Well, there was kind of a compromise among the task force on that. Sixty-one is a large number and in my opinion, probably isn't workable to move forward on an expedited basis when you need to do that from an economic development standpoint. For that reason, there will be an executive committee

consisting of thirteen, essentially four folks from each county, serving on an executive committee, plus the president, being a couple of ex officio members, which are just the chairmen of the organization, so that will be probably the entity that's going to be the fast responder where we're getting input from the broader board to move forward on things that don't have to be moved forward on an expedited basis.

Councilmember Raben: The reason I asked that question, there is, and excuse me, I'm going to get off the subject just a moment, but there is another effort within this building on that, establishing a new IT ordinance where at some point it was up to 24 people, that it was said by many that it was too large to deal with. And my point is, you know, if we can make 61 or 62 people member committees work, we can certainly make a 24 member committee work. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other questions for Mr. DeLucio or Mr. Keeping? Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Mr. DeLucio, what would happen to QCDC and what would happen to Vision-e?

Marco DeLucio: I'm not on either of those boards but here's what I understand, Nancy can correct me if I'm wrong on the QCDC, that board, I believe, is going to be, that organization is going to continue to exist, this is the current plan, and kind of be like a subsidiary or a satellite of the new entity. Its going to continue what it does. I don't think that the board will be disbanded. It may become a committee, but it has a separate, I think it's a 501(c)(3) status that we want to keep from that standpoint, so that organization will probably remain and just be a part of or a subsidiary of the new organization. With respect to Vision-e, I would report that the Vision-e board is rolling some of its funds into the new organization. The new organization at least temporarily is going to occupy the space where Vision-e is, and eventually Vision-e will, I think, I don't know if I would say cease to exist, but the thinking is that its no longer necessary and its functions will be handled by the new entity. That's a goal, I think, of the regional -- regional organization is to have, you know, you're going to still have to have some local, from county or city, economic development entities to carry up purely local issues but that its hoped that those organizations will be minimized and the focus will be on the new regional entity. So Vanderburgh County is essentially not going to have Vision-e any more.

Councilmember Abell: And has Vision-e's board voted to do this?

Marco DeLucio: I believe -- Ron Keeping says yes. I wasn't at that board meeting. Its my understanding that it --

Councilmember Abell: So if this happens, we're not going to have Vision-e coming in here for big monies in our budget for 2007?

Marco DeLucio: I do not think so.

Councilmember Abell: Is that a definite --

President Winnecke: That's not entirely correct. Vision-e would not, as I understand it through meeting with other members of this committee, that roughly a quarter of a million dollars in Vision-e money that they have in the bank now, will be utilized to fund this coalition effort through the balance of 2006. At our budget time, I think the request will be to fund, provide the same level of funding, maybe at a slightly smaller level for the coalition to develop, to operate in 2007. Now its \$150,000 now to

Vision-e, I don't know what the request will be for the coalition in 2007, but it could be that it might be \$100,000 in '07 for the coalition and a 25 or 50,000 request to operate a Vanderburgh County economic develop arm as Mr. DeLucio referred to, and am I framing all this pretty accurately?

Marco DeLucio: I think it's a fair statement.

Councilmember Abell: So we might be funding this new coalition, Vision-e and QCDC in 2007?

President Winnecke: No, Vision-e will no longer, –

Councilmember Tornatta: It won't exist.

President Winnecke: Vision-e is going to provide, they're rolling their money, they're providing the funding for this coalition to exist when it starts for the balance of 2006. And then they will, the coalition will solicit funding from us and other communities in the coalition for its operating budget for year 2007.

Councilmember Abell: And Vision-e won't ask for any money?

President Winnecke: Correct.

Councilmember Abell: Well, that's what I said first and I was corrected that that wasn't correct. That's why I said it again.

President Winnecke: Well, it won't be Vision-e coming to us asking for money, the coalition –

Councilmember Abell: The coalition will. I understand.

President Winnecke: And then theoretically, it could be an arm of the Commissioners, it could be a joint city/county office, I don't know if that's been determined, that will actually operate a Vanderburgh County oriented economic development arm just for very local economic development issues. Is that correct? So that could be part of the Commissioners budget, it could be part of the Council budget. I don't know.

Councilmember Abell: I guess my concern is that we're growing government and, you know, I wasn't elected to set up a commission and that's your job and not mine. My job is to watch the budget, and that's where I'm concerned is, that we're financially growing government here. We're finding more things to spend money on instead of less things to spend money on. Are we going to still fund QCDC because we do pay county money for that. Are we, and how much of your budget is Vanderburgh County going to take when you've got Gibson, Posey and Warrick that are all going to share and this is going to be divided up four ways equally or because we're larger, we're going to bear the brunt of it even though Gibson County has the big Toyota plant that they get money from and we don't?

Ron Keeping: Budgeting hasn't certainly been finalized, its been thought about. I hope that the Council can put a representative on our board and get involved in this process and help us make some of these decisions.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I guess my concern then is, that you're asking us to support something that we really don't know how much its going to cost the

taxpayers of Vanderburgh County.

Marco DeLucio: I think that's correct right now. I think that what we're telling you is that we don't believe its going to cost the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County any more money. It's our hope that its going to cost them less. We're asking you to support the concept this morning and if we come before you and ask for money that you think is inappropriate, I'm sure that we'll hear about it at that point in time. So we're asking for your support for the concept, and we're not asking for a specific dollar amount this morning at all because that issue will be determined by the new board that will be made up of representatives of each of the local governments to make those calls whether its going to be equally funded by each county or we're going to do it based upon population or by tax base.

President Winnecke: We're going to change the tape and then we'll continue the discussion.

(Tape changed)

President Winnecke: Okay, Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I just think you're premature. That's just my comment because we don't allow any elected officeholder to come up before us with any plan without a budget attached to it, and you're asking us to support a plan without a budget attached to it and I just think that's premature. I'm only one vote on here but I don't think I could support something that didn't tell me what I have to tell my constituents when they ask me did I support something and have no idea whether its going to cost the taxpayers one million dollars or sixteen million dollars and I don't think that's fair to Vanderburgh County. My goodness, the Sheriff went through years to get a jail and I think we owe the Vanderburgh County taxpayers the same amount of consideration on anything we fund.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah and, Marsha, it is kind of premature in one respect and that is when we went to Lexington, we found that we were way ahead of where Lexington was. We were way ahead of some of these other economic development areas because we already had this undertow, so we are ahead and you call it premature, I call it ahead of the scale. I think that we found that it is really what groups are doing, regions are doing to try and get out and make sure that they have economic development ahead of the scale. Now, the one thing we found out over the, I've been working, not with this group, but kind of when I had my conversation with Mayor Weinzapfel, I said, you know, lets make sure that we're not both trying to do the same thing and that was trying to bring groups together and to fold responsible people that have an affinity for doing this type of work into one group. And so instead of growing government, we're kind of consolidating, for lack of a better word, what we're doing with this specific phase of this plan. And we're bringing groups together and hopefully bringing minds together so they can feed off of one another. What I know now is we have a Vision-e and we have QCDC, and we have all these other entities, we talked over budget times about how we're going to fund a Disaster Resistance, well that brings money in from different organizations. Can we bring all these organizations in to funnel that money into one unit? And I think that's what we're seeing and that's what we're trying to accomplish right now. If you have four different groups and they're all vying for the dollars around those four areas, then people are spread thin. If we can move those into one unit and try and get all those monies in that one area, then I think that we'll see that that will be

way more efficient than we are right now. And as far as people banging around with economic development, when they have to go here and go there and they say oh, Vision-e is here or its this area here, we'd like to try and entertain them in one group and try and make sure that they know that it's a one stop shop and they don't have to go several different places. So that's kind of what I see this group going. I'd like to ask Nancy a couple of questions if she would be available.

Nancy Burns: Good morning. I'm Nancy Burns. I'm the director of the Quad County Development Commission.

Councilmember Tornatta: Nancy, what are your thoughts about this new setup that's been proposed and fitting with what you have going, and do you feel like its something that would work with QCDC or are you kind of put off by the whole notion of getting both groups working together?

Nancy Burns: I truly, truly believe in the regional concept because that's the way to go, okay? And the functions that we offer would compliment a new organization. Whether we stay, remain in our current location or whether we, you know, merge with them, that's totally up to my board. I have really no say in that. Its just whatever they decide.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I was at the first initial meeting when Jonathan called that out at USI and one of the things I noticed we had a lot of push for, a lot of people attended, and it was a very nice organization, I think that right now, I think that we have a different resurgence and maybe not in the organization, but I think that there's so many good things that came out of that meeting and what's transpired so far, that I'm glad that -- you wouldn't be opposed to being a fold with this group and you would be okay if you could be an extension of the group?

Nancy Burns: Well, that's, like I said, that's what my board would have to determine. I know we have a very good board, good working relationship with the four counties. I think that we have fostered that over the past number of years so it may set the stage for a larger organization.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Don't take what I'm saying as being overly cynical. And I'm very supportive of any activities if we can marshal together to be very efficient in our quest to create economic development. I think what this group is attempting to do, ultimately, is to create employment opportunities, create jobs in this regional area. I think that seems to be the goal of this organization, but I just want to be able to understand -- I know there's several entities, several organizations out there that are doing that, and our region is going through a series of transitions when you look at what we are highly dependent upon, which is manufacturing, here in this corner of the state. And as we know, all throughout this country, you know, our whole manufacturing base has taken on a different change in how we communicate, how we produce goods, how we bring things from other places to here, have changed vastly. How will this group be able to create something that's better, efficient, different? Tell me, what are you guys going to do that's different than whether we've got ten groups or we break it down to one group or three groups? How will it be any different in terms of how we approach bringing jobs to Southwest Indiana?

Marco DeLucio: One way is that this organization will now speak instead of, you

know, Vision-e may be speaking for Vanderburgh County and the entity in Posey County speaking for Posey County, you're going to have a four county region and we hope to grow that. But a four county region to start with where we can speak with one voice to a business that's coming in, we can speak with one voice to the governor's office or the economic development agencies in Indianapolis that this is what Southwestern Indiana wants. We'll be a single point of contact for somebody that's looking to locate in this area and hopefully be able to provide them with site location, facts and figures from the region so that we're a one stop. They can come here if they're looking, you know, they may be looking at, they just need 400 acres, well there may be 400 acres in Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick and this entity can bring them in together and try to show them, here are your options. And when it gets time to providing, taking a look at incentives or what its going to maybe take to induce someone to locate here or someone to expand their operations here, we'll have a single point of contact that they can go to and make that call. Somebody that probably was going to have more expertise and organizations could have more expertise than any of the local agencies that might exist. So I think that, in and of itself, is the goal. The other is just to coordinate efforts, even from an infrastructure standpoint among the four counties. I mean, Mr. Tornatta has indicated that, you know, maybe this is one of the things that starts and QCDC has done it, to start to form coalitions among the four counties which I've lived here for 22 years and there's always seem to be a break off at the county line. And there's no reason for that any more. And so, its hoped that through this, and I've seen it take place in the past year when we first set down doing this, there's a lot of mistrust among the counties, people that work there and governmental officials that govern there, about what each of the counties were up to. And I think as you sit down to the table and as you start to work on these issues together, you start to view yourself not as a Gibson County person, but as a member of the region down here in Southwest Indiana. So I think that that certainly is one –

Councilmember Sutton: So what are we attempting? What does this group want to attract? I mean, when we say jobs, it's a very nebulous, very broad general term. I mean, what are we – I guess its more, I'm looking for an identity that you guys – I'm assuming that you're wanting to establish, and what is that identity?

Marco DeLucio: Well, the identity is that Southwestern Indiana is open for business and ready to do business. And we're going to be officially operating, we're cooperating with one another on a regional basis, that we want, we do want better, high paying jobs. Not forgetting the existing businesses here, but to help them to do and to attract nation-wide world-wide people to take a look at this region when they're looking to site a new facility. Whether that's manufacturing based or whether there's some technology-driven industry, to respond quickly when somebody is out there that's looking for a site.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, and I understand that and that's not unlike what so many other communities are doing . I mean, when we think of competition, our competition isn't necessarily Gibson County or Pike County or other counties that are here locally. But its places from all over. One of the things that I feel very strongly about is that I don't know if we've done as strong a job as we need to in developing our existing business base, in helping to grow economic development opportunities. Its as if the thoughts are always that the big fish is someplace else and that we need to go someplace else. And so that's what I'm trying, I'm trying to hear from you in terms of what you guys are wanting to do as well, as far as your approach.

Marco DeLucio: It is to attract but its also to enhance and help expand the local

operations. When an entity here in Vanderburgh County, lets call it the Shoe Carnival, for example, because I've been working with that, that there is a place that they can go and say we're looking here in Vanderburgh County, what can you do for us? And even if they were looking in Warrick County, the same thing would apply. That we want to keep a business like that in our region that's growing and adding jobs. And really, there's a lot, there's so many economic development agencies out there, you just don't know where to go. And we want this agency to be, the new entity to be the single point of contact so that they can go there and that doesn't necessarily mean we're going to get rid of each and every other economic development entity out there because it may serve a purpose, but at least there will be an attempt to coordinate those efforts and get somebody like the Shoe Carnival that has existing operations to the right place that they need to be in order to locate them or give us a better chance to retain that kind of an employer in Vanderburgh County or in this region.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, I know the group is really just in their formative stage, I think it will be great idea and I know there's been a number of meetings held and work sessions to try to bring together some of the ideas. Is there some type of working document that speaks to the goals and objectives –

Marco DeLucio: There's a report, we prepared a consult in there. I've got a sheet of talking points in front of me now that I don't think is going to be helpful in that regard, but there is a report prepared by the consultant for the task force that says, that took a look at all of these things and made recommendations. And we're more than happy to get each of the Councilmembers a copy of that.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I think in terms of what Councilwoman Abell is speaking about, is she wants a budget along with that as well. And I –

Marco DeLucio: We can provide you with that. Right now, it's a preliminary, the organization, its difficult for some of us as volunteers, some of whom will serve on the new board, some of whom won't, those decisions, we think, need to be made by the new board as to exactly, here's a preliminary budget for what we think. That was developed more or less to try to get out into the marketplace to attract somebody to come and head up this organization so they could see what our thoughts and goals were. We think that's the first thing that this new board will endeavor upon is to set up a budget to come up with mechanisms as to how its going to be funded and what the requests are going to be made for each of the local governments and to others in the private sector as to what is going to be needed to operate that. And that's partially the reason or that's really the reason that we're having, you know, 24 members from each of the counties serve on this board, county government serve on this board so that they can have input into that, make those decisions, is it going to be equal, is it going to be based on population? Those are tough decisions that have to be made and you all need to be a part of that.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Just a quick comment, Marco. I think that the vision and the concept you have is excellent and anytime we can speak in a unified voice has got to help this community and this region, and that, as Mr. Tornatta said, if we can consolidate the efforts and business can be attracted or expanded through your efforts, I think that can only help lay the groundwork for the future. As the example tomorrow, Lynch Road is going to be extended into Warrick County. We're not going

to stop any longer at county lines, we're going to work together because the ripple effect of a Toyota in Gibson County has enhanced and bettered the life of all in the region. And we know as I-69 comes through, it becomes a reality, its not going to stop at Evansville, Indiana, its going to continue across the river and those people are going to be working also in a regional force, so I think for what you have, the idea for our future is only going to be, the concept is very good. As Ms. Abell mentioned, this body, although, will have to be very careful as far as the expenditure of Vanderburgh County tax dollars and we don't want to spend any more, we want to protect the taxpayers here, but I think a unified effort, that might be the way to go. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: You've advertised for someone to, director or president or whatever, can I ask you – I guess I can ask you, how much did you advertise his salary at?

Marco DeLucio: As cheap as possible. Ron, do you know – I don't know the specific –

Councilmember Abell: Well, everyone knows I was very vocal about what the Vision-e director was being paid, so I'd like to know what this person is supposed to be paid.

Marco DeLucio: And I think what I can tell you is its probably going to be based upon the experience level. I mean, I don't think its our hope to hire somebody at an entry level position and pay him or her, you know, the lowest common denominator on that, but, you know, the more experienced individual that shows an interest in coming here, I mean, the higher the salary requirement is going to be. I don't know that we know the specific dollar amount its been advertised for.

Ron Keeping: That's correct, I don't know what the specific dollar amount that's been advertised, but its, I think its reasonable to expect it will be \$100,000 or more.

Councilmember Abell: One hundred thousand dollars or more, is that what you said? Thank you.

President Winnecke: Just to put a kind of period onto the sentence and then we'll move on here, I would just think that I would echo what Mr. Goebel and Mr. Tornatta said. I mean, I think the regional effort, the coalition is certainly the way to go. The communities that are on the move as we saw in Lexington, on the inter-city visit there, it's the way to go and it's the way communities are truly growing. I think one of the beauties of this proposal is that it does give us, members of this body, a seat at the table. And for several years now, we've appropriated \$150,000 a year to go toward Vision-e and every year we asked, I think, tough but fair questions about the expenditures of that money. But we don't have a seat at that table. The Commissioners do, rightfully so. The Councilmembers have not. What this does is say, okay, Councilmembers, you guys are okaying the funds, you have two seats at the table, as do the other counties. And I think that's something that people have lobbied for, for years and I applaud the task force for recognizing the importance of that. I would say its probably prudent that we'll appoint our committee members at our next meeting and I think there's probably some discussion that needs to go on among folks here, but I think, with that, we'll –

Marco DeLucio: I just want to clarify, on your appointments, we would hope, and I

think the thinking is, and I don't know that there's anything that prohibits two members of the Council serving on it, the thinking would be is that you would appoint one of your own to serve on that and then one from the private non-profit sector, that would be our hope.

President Winnecke: Right. Thank you for your time. And thank you for your work. I knows its been a long year of work and study.

Marco DeLucio: Thank you for your time and if any of you have any questions, you can call me and if I can't answer it, I can find somebody who can, right, Mr. Keeping?

Ron Keeping: That's right.

Marco DeLucio: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

FILING DEADLINE

President Winnecke: The last piece of business is to remind everyone that July 13th is the filing deadline –

Sandie Deig: June.

President Winnecke: June 13th, I knew that. June 13th is the filing deadline for our next meeting. With that, we'll stand adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

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VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 5, 2006

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of July in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the July 5th 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	

*Councilmember Sutton arrived just after roll call.

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Winnecke: I'd like to acknowledge Rebecca Rhymer, who is here in place of Mr. Ahlers this morning. Welcome. We'll begin, Mr. Raben, our finance chair is out of town, so we'll begin with appropriation requests and, Councilwoman Abell, if you will do the honors.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Abell: Thank you, Mr. President. The first one that we had was the Superintendent of County Buildings and that has been withdrawn from our request.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-1150-1310	Building & Groundskeeper	5,760.00	Withdrawn
1310-1900	FICA	441.00	Withdrawn
Total		6,201.00	Withdrawn

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Abell: Next is the County Highway Fund, Drainage and Assessment in the amount of \$656, I recommend approval in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I'd like to ask Mr. Duckworth, any particular ditches that's going to be cleaned or widened or taken care of? Do you know any area?

Mike Duckworth: After I received your call – good morning, Mike Duckworth, Superintendent of County Highway. After I received your call this morning, I rechecked on this. The 2006 budget, we were allocated \$5,500 in this account. Our May 10th cost on this was \$3,148.28. We received our fall appropriation and it came to \$3,007.80, which leaves us a negative amount needed in the amount of \$656. What you had said to me this morning on the phone, Mr. Wortman, is right. There are several of these that we received that were \$5 or zero, but that was for the first installment and that's all those particular ditches are allocated or charged. But these others, there were several that were quite high, in the 200's, and one is actually \$1,843 for the fall amount. So that's what drove that price up and we had no way to anticipate that that was what it was going to be –

Councilmember Wortman: I just noticed on my assessment, like I've got eight of them and four of them was \$5, you know, and the rest of them was zero, and that's the reason I wondered about that.

Mike Duckworth: That was the problem, so I appreciate you bringing that to my notice this morning.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion on this item? 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-3840	Drainage & Assessment	656.00	656.00
Total		656.00	656.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: For the record, Mr. Sutton has arrived.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Abell: The next one is under Circuit Court, Buildings in the amount of \$33,000. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. I believe we have some questions and discussion here. Judge, would you mind coming forward?

Carl Heldt: Carl Heldt, Circuit Court.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Judge. How are you?

Carl Heldt: Good morning. Fine.

President Winnecke: Would you mind giving everyone sort of an overview of this request?

Carl Heldt: First, these funds are coming from probation user fees and what we've done is, we're paying this to the Building Authority to help build out the Probation Department, which is down in the old Health Department, that frees up more funds for the Building Authority to do some work for over in Superior Court. But this is a payment for, a partial payment for the work done down in the Health Department for a new Probation Department and/or furniture.

President Winnecke: This is a reimbursement, is that correct? The work is complete?

Carl Heldt: Yes. The work is complete.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Abell: Doesn't the Building Authority just pay for all of this anyway?

Carl Heldt: They only have so much money. And they only have so much money to do the work. And had we not helped them do this, then there's some stuff that's been done over in Superior Court that wouldn't have gotten done, like the new courtrooms. I don't know about all of them, but they had so much of a budget, and then it stopped, and so we said, okay, we'll pay for part of the probation out of user fees if you'll finish out over there.

Councilmember Abell: Okay. Any other questions?

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Judge, what type of balance do you have now in your user fee fund? Any idea?

Carl Heldt: Several hundred thousand dollars.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Carl Heldt: I don't know the exact number. I could get it for you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Alright, thanks.

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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

**CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL
ADULT PROBATION**

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-4120	Buildings	33,000.00	33,000.00
Total		33,000.00	33,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: Thank you, Judge. Have a good day.

Carl Heldt: I think I had –

President Winnecke: Oh, you had more. I forgot to turn the page.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

President Winnecke: That's the transfer request. Do you want to..

Councilmember Abell: Do you want me to go ahead and read it and then you can discuss it?

President Winnecke: Sure.

Councilmember Abell: The next request under transfers is Contractual Service for Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation from Contractual Services to Travel/Mileage in the amount of \$4,000 and I'll put that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: And what was – Judge, what was the amount that you had in that Travel/Mileage budget at the beginning of the year?

Carl Heldt: Boy, I wish Karen was here. It looks like, was it \$7,000?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, that's what I think I've got here. I didn't know if I was –

Carl Heldt: The notes I have and, of course, this comes from Karen, is the Probation Officers conference in August, the membership dues for the Probation Officers conference for all Probation Officers. Also we're paying mileage for our Pre-Sentence Investigators to go out to the new jail for interviews. Hopefully, that will stop when we get the teleconferencing system working, which should be going soon. But right now they're traveling back and forth to the jail.

Councilmember Sutton: I would just like to try to keep an eye on those kind of areas there. That would be interesting to see how much of an impact just the rise in fuel cost they've had maybe upon you guys and the trips back and forth.

Carl Heldt: Well, they are charging whatever the county mileage rate is. And I would also say that they travel in groups. They don't travel each in their own car, I know that for a fact, so they don't all charge for the mileage. These are, actually they're required conferences, required memberships for all Probation Officers.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Carl Heldt: Training for that.

President Winnecke: Any 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

**CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL
ADULT PROBATION**

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2600-3530	Contractual Services	4,000.00	4,000.00
To: 2600-3130	Travel/Mileage	4,000.00	4,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: Thank you, Judge. Have a good day.

Carl Heldt: Thank you.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Winnecke: Amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Abell: I think you've all received a copy of the Amendment to the Salary Ordinance. Move for 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 7, 2006</p>

President Winnecke: I neglected to ask for approval of the minutes from our previous meeting at the start. So I would at this time entertain a motion to approve.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There is 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

2007 BUDGET HEARING DATES

President Winnecke: We made our appointments at last week's meeting. Just a reminder on the budget hearings, you have those dates in front of you: August 8th, 9th and 10th for the first week. We'll convene at 9:00 a.m. and go to approximately noon, although we don't always go that long. And then reconvene the week or on August 22nd for the final meeting at which time we'll make all of our final cuts or budget placements.

FILING DEADLINE

President Winnecke: Also a reminder that July 13th is the filing deadline for our August 2nd meeting and we'll, if there's no other -- Mr. Tornatta?

PROPOSED LETTER TO FAMILIES OF DECEASED VETERANS

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes. The County Council members did receive something from the Veteran's Services, I believe, that they would be looking to transfer in the budget for next year, but it also had a letter from the Board of Commissioners and essentially it was -- it was getting to the point to where the Commissioners seemed to kind of take this as a political football and move money that we've given to Veterans, deceased veterans and their families. And I sent a letter to the Board of Commissioners, all of you have it in front of you. If you will read that and review it, and I think this is a better letter to send to the veterans. I think it should be from the Veteran's Services and then it does have the Veteran's Services number there so any of those families that they have a problem with reimbursement from the funeral home, they can get in touch. But please go over that and let's try and keep this as neutral as possible. These families are distraught when they lose a loved one and we need to show A) that this hundred dollars or maybe two hundred dollars is coming from the citizens of Vanderburgh County and not just from a particular political board for gain. So, if we can please go over that and look at it and try and get this pushed through as a letter we want to send out, that would be great.

President Winnecke: Other questions before we move on? In that case, I will entertain a motion -- oh, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Abell: I just have a couple -- I just wanted to tell you that I will not be here the next meeting, I will be on vacation. So --

President Winnecke: Send a postcard.

Councilmember Abell: I just want to, as we're getting ready to go into budget hearings, since I was an officeholder before and know how we prepared our budgets, there are some things that, now that I've been through a couple of them I'd just like for us to keep in mind. When officeholders tell us that somebody is required to be at a meeting, I think Mr. Fluty can correct me, but the state reimburses us for required meetings, is that correct, to a certain amount?

Bill Fluty: No, they don't reimburse us that I know of.

Councilmember Abell: I thought when we filled out those forms they --

Bill Fluty: For state required meetings?

Councilmember Abell: State required meetings.

Bill Fluty: No, it comes off the unappropriated, not out of a budgeted line item.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I'd kind of like to watch, you know, that definitely people are traveling that need to be traveling and need to be going to the conferences that they're going to. I also am a little concerned about budgets that get depleted to transfer over into something else and the next year they're asking us for money that they really could have used that money for. So I just, for all of us as we start looking at the budgets, I just think those are some items we need to look at.

President Winnecke: Good points. Anything else? I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion.

President Winnecke: So moved. Have a great day.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Recorded and transcribed by Teri Lukeman

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of August in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the August 2nd meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll 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 in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JULY 5, 2006**

President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our July 5th meeting.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

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)

President Winnecke: Okay, before we begin with the appropriation requests, I'll just remind the folks who are viewing at home that we heard information on these requests last week, and so at this point we'll turn it over to the Finance Chair, Mr. Raben.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CLERK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First is Clerk under 1010-1400-1010 in the amount of \$1,891, 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.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-1400-1010	Minute Clerk	1,891.00	1,891.00
Total		1,891.00	1,891.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Surveyor, 1060-2210 and 1060-2230 for a total of \$2,800, 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: A clear yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1060-2210	Gas & Oil	1,800.00	1,800.00
1060-2230	Garage & Motor	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		2,800.00	2,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Coroner, 1070-2210 and 1070-3200, for a total of \$8,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, last time we were here, we had talked about just different issues on how this bill was paid and maybe it wasn't paid effectively. And I think, with talking to Auditor Fluty, and I didn't mean to bang on you last time, Bill, so I apologize for that, and let's get that on the record, but I did want to say that communications were enhanced and reinforced between the Coroner's Office and the Auditor's Office and how things were to be put in at a specific time. And I think things have been rectified so that we will actually have this problem dissolved very quickly, if I'm not mistaken. If that correct?

Bill Fluty: That is correct. I met with Don Erk and Annie Groves.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, so no one gets the bad seed on this one. Everybody has talked and communication has prevailed again and I think that everyone is on the same page and so I appreciate you working that out. Thank you.

President Winnecke: 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: 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
1070-2210	Gas & Oil	2,000.00	2,000.00
1070-3200	Utilities	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total		8,000.00	8,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR FEE CHECK RECOVERY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Prosecutor Fee Check Recovery, 1082-1910 in the amount of \$465, 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.

PROSECUTOR FEE CHECK RECOVERY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1082-1910	PERF	465.00	465.00
Total		465.00	465.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under Superintendent of County Buildings, 1310-

1150-1310 and 1310-1900, 1310-2860, for a total request of \$6,201, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I'd just like to, Bill, you're in the audience, if you could answer some questions?

Bill Nix: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Tornatta: Commissioner, when was the hire date of the employee in question?

Bill Nix: Are you talking about Carla Hayden?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Bill Nix: I don't know that I've got that here handy. (Inaudible -- comments made away from the microphone.) I don't have the exact hire date.

Councilmember Tornatta: Middle of June? Okay. Well, we have a policy and we want to try and keep everyone on policy. And maybe this is a policy we have to change and we have to work around because we know that these things are going to arise and we know there are critical positions and obviously you know you have to have somebody answering a phone or at least work it out so you can do that. And I don't have a problem with making sure that those things are accommodated. You've got to do your job just like we do.

Bill Nix: That's right.

Councilmember Tornatta: But we have to vote on policy and I think its awful hard knowing that the person that left the position had to give some type of notice and that your office was not in here trying to get those funds set up before you hired that person or at least trying to work that out beforehand, in order to get this thing resolved, so that we're not doing things on the backside. Because the last thing that I want to see up here at this office, is to see that we are paying people from the things that they've done in the future or things they've done in the past. I'm not really wanting to get to a position where people are doing things and then come back asking for money.

Bill Nix: Is there something you think we should have done different, I guess, from a procedural standpoint, than we did?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, as the policy is set now, and I think that a few of us on the Council have talked, we'd like to address that policy because there are certain people that need to be recognized, especially offices where you have a very few amount of people in your office, we need to look at those offices that have a small amount of people and say hey, if there's something that comes up, we need to address these a little bit quicker than maybe an office that has 45 or 50.

Bill Nix: Sure.

Councilmember Tornatta: Maybe that's something we need to look at. If you have a Chief Deputy, if you're an office, maybe we ought to look at that. We'll have one of these coming up. And, here again, I like to stick with policy whether it's a Chief Deputy or whatever, policy is policy.

Bill Nix: I'd be willing to sit down with you and talk about that.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, I guess, what I'm saying is, I would appreciate, in the future, if whether it be your office, and let any other offices know, that when you're coming to us, please come to us within a period of time that we can try and address the problem before the problem comes about so that we don't have to do transfers and go outside policy. It makes our job a lot cleaner and it sets an example for the rest of the offices.

Bill Nix: I don't have a problem with that at all.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thank you very much.

Bill Nix: You're welcome.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Abell: President Winnecke, I'd just like to say that if Mr. Tornatta does want to pursue that, I'd be willing to sit on a committee with that. Having been an officeholder, I think I could help on how we could address these positions when people to need staffing because we've kept our staffing low over the last few years – almost to none – and so these offices do operate on a skeletal crew, and when they've got key positions available, its tough. So if you decide to appoint a committee, I'd certainly like to help out.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

Bill Nix: I think in this particular instance, too, we had about a week and a half's notice or so. And its just tough, sometimes, to get everybody together to do that. So, I mean, if there's something we can do different to make that smoother, I'd be willing to work with you on that.

President Winnecke: Okay, there's a motion and a second, further questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: One other thing, I think another thing has kind of arisen out of this, and its been in place for years, and perhaps maybe we can spend some time maybe revisiting this if there's a committee that is formed, and that is this whole thing with the payouts. For the officeholder who has to potentially wait for an extended period of time or come before Council and seek additional money out of part-time dollars or something like that, it really does become quite a long process to wait until you actually can hire somebody at times. And just looking at that and how we can address that, whether – and I'm not sure all of the areas in the policy we might be touching upon, but clearly there's some issues here that, you know, we've seen with a number of different offices when it comes to – when we have these large payouts that we have to make or we have to wait for an extended period of time until the payout does exhaust itself, it just seems to be real inconvenient and not necessarily the best way to approach this.

Bill Nix: I'm just curious, how many times does this happen in a year?

Councilmember Tornatta: Three. Its happened three times in the past, I believe. The Auditor's, I thought I'd have a little paperwork here, but three times, and one was a public safety issue where a Sheriff had moved on. At that time, instead of leaving somebody without a squad car on the road, we went ahead and put somebody in that position. One time when the administration of the Commission changed, we had an issue out at the county garage where we were replacing one with another. I thought that's the appropriate time to get things settled up and squared away for the new administration. And I believe it happened one other time. It was a very small issue and I apologize, Teri, do you –

Teri Lukeman: Voter Registration.

Councilmember Tornatta: Oh, Voter Registration, and at that time, both the Republican and Democrat people in that office decided they'd let one person go through attrition. And at that time, we went ahead and took care of them so that that would be a clean issue. So, at no time did we do it knowing that if somebody else was going to fill a role where it was just somebody in the office. It was either public safety or a shift change or administration change.

Bill Nix: But anytime a person leaves a position, there's a line item for each individual county employee, so I guess what Councilman Sutton is saying is that, you have to go through this process of, if someone is making more money in that line item and you hire somebody else, that buyout, I mean, its rather a lengthy process for the Council, isn't it?

Councilmember Tornatta: Depending on how long that person has been in office. With the person in your position, they've been in office for quite a period of time to pay them out. At that point, you know, if they were owed 13,000, let's just say that, their regular scheduled salary would be paid out until 13,000 was accumulated. And at some point, that could be quite a long term. As policy sets it now, that's just how we do things.

Bill Nix: That's the way it is.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, and we kind of went away from that because we had so many people retiring, it was eating into our general fund. So we had to prolong some of those payouts. But at some point, we need to address when these critical people are actually moving on to another job or switching jobs so that we don't leave somebody hanging in county government. And I believe there's a good movement to revisit how we do policy. And, if we can, I'm in favor of this.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I agree 100 percent. And I think Mr. Tornatta and Mr. Sutton, I'm just learning some of the ropes here, but I think in the end, are we serving an individual? There's a difference between retirement and buyout, to me, and a resignation or someone quitting and buying that person out. And I think, are we serving that individual or are we serving the general public? And in this case, I think we're doing more for that individual than we are for the public. And I know its not your issue, but I think its something that maybe I'm way off base, but can be discussed when that committee is formed, but I don't know if that policy works that way in the private sector or not.

President Winnecke: I think it, just to kind of put a period at the end of this discussion here, I think the issue really came up as a matter of financial prudence, when we probably had less money than what we do today, and at the time it seemed like the most financially prudent thing to do. I don't disagree necessarily with anything that's been said. At this time, before we vote, I would appoint Mrs. Abell and Mr. Tornatta to chair a committee and maybe look at this issue and come back to the Council in a reasonable amount of time with a recommendation. And maybe the recommendation is we take everything on a case by case basis and we don't have the blanket policy. But I would defer to the two of you to get together and then come back with a recommendation at a later time. Okay, we do have a motion on the floor and a second. We'll do 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: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Bill Nix: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Commissioner.

AMENDED
SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS REQUESTED APPROVED

1310-1150-1310	Building & Grounds Keeper	2,909.00	2,909.00
1310-1900	FICA	441.00	441.00
1310-2860	Building Supplies	2,851.00	2,851.00
		6,201.00	6,201.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Raben: Under The Centre, 1440-1140-1440 down through 1440-1190-1440 for a total of \$7. 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.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1140-1440	Custodian	1.00	1.00
1440-1150-1440	Custodian	3.00	3.00
1440-1160-1440	Maintenance	1.00	1.00
1440-1170-1440	Custodian	1.00	1.00
1440-1190-1440	Custodian	1.00	1.00
Total		7.00	7.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Burdette Park, 1450-1210-1450 through 1450-2310 for a total of \$51,565. 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.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1210-1450	Bookkeeper/Day Camp Administrator	1.00	1.00
1450-1220-1450	Maint/Mechanic	1.00	1.00
1450-1240-1450	Secretary/Receptionist	1.00	1.00
1450-1250-1450	Maintenance	1.00	1.00
1450-1270-1450	Carpenter/Iron Worker	1.00	1.00
1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	40,000.00	40,000.00
1450-1900	FICA	3,060.00	3,060.00
1450-2210	Gas & Oil	6,000.00	6,000.00
1450-2310	Laundry & Cleaning	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total		51,565.00	51,565.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CCD/COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Under CCD, 2031-1300-4114 in the amount of \$18,110, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? And I see Mr. Acker is in the audience, if you would like to come up and do a brief explanation of this project.

Mark Acker: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

President Winnecke: Good morning.

Mark Acker: Thank you for your courtesy. As you know, I've been in the Old Courthouse since 1993, one of the first offices moved over out of the Civic Center complex to try to revitalize the rental use of the Old Courthouse. And the idea was, eventually to move additional county offices there. The Engineer Office moved in shortly after I was there and they kind of renovated, made the place look much nicer. As you can see in the pictures I provided on your desks, there is a folder, plaster falling off the ceiling, paint peeling from the walls, the carpeting has been in there since '93, its buckling and causing a trip hazard in the various office areas. After the Engineer's was done, we went over and looked at it. Its esthetically pleasing, its nice looking, it looks professional, and so my secretary, by the way, so you can send her a letter of thank you, got on my back and asked me if I could do something about getting the office cleaned up. So I went over to the Engineer's Office, talked with them, felt it was redundant to start looking for bids. The people that were doing the work, and had done the work, and have been approved by this body, knew the paint schemes, the color, everything is identical, there is no aesthetic changes to the building, or any defacing or changing of the structure itself. It's just simply plaster repair, and paint and carpeting. And I hope that you will see that that's necessary in that office over there. It will help enhance the look of the building, also.

President Winnecke: The only other question I had, and I think you've kind of touched on it, but the renovation is in keeping with the historical significance –

Mark Acker: Oh, absolutely. Absolutely. And in keeping with the Engineers' because I knew they went through that and so historically, there is no changing as far as the structure itself or altering anything.

President Winnecke: Okay. Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: And it sure needed it.

Mark Acker: Yes, sir. It does need it pretty badly.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Thanks for bringing this in. It answers a lot of questions and I'm a visual person, so I can see the need is there. Thank you.

Mark Acker: You're quite welcome. Thank you.

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.

CCD/COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1300-4114	Veteran's Office Renovation	18,110.00	18,110.00
Total		18,110.00	18,110.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Mark Acker: Thank you very much for your time and courtesy.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mark.

REASSESSMENT/UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Reassessment funds, we have one for Union Township Assessor and its 2490-1170-1990 and 2490-1170-1900, for a total of \$2,197.

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.

REASSESS./UNION TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1170-1990	Extra Help	2,040.00	2,040.00
2490-1170-1900	FICA	157.00	157.00
Total		2,197.00	2,197.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**CORONER
PUBLIC DEFENDER
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
TREASURER
SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS
SHERIFF/MISDEMEANOR HOUSING**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President, I'm going to move that all transfers be approved as listed including the late transfer for the Sheriff/Misdemeanor Housing and, let's see, that's the only late one.

President Winnecke: Treasurer?

Councilmember Raben: Treasurer.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: I was wondering if Z, the Treasurer, could come up. I had a couple of questions on that request. We did get information regarding your, I guess you lost your Chief Deputy, I did want to get an idea, in terms of timetable, where you stand in the process of trying to get this position replaced. What's it looking like?

Z Tuley: I didn't right away start looking or interviewing because he was still present. I wanted to wait until he was gone. I stepped back, I took a look at everything, I made a list of what I was looking for in qualifications and this kind of thing, and then I think it was maybe a week ago or Friday or so, I went to Sandie and I said, when does the Deputy get to start, because I didn't have that paperwork, although, apparently I signed off on it. I didn't read it close enough to notice the time frame. So when I found out that the line was bought out until October 3, that's when I said, oh, I can't wait that long. And I've been interviewing and I have a list of things that I've been looking for and I've been trying to do both jobs. And I'm also trying to supervise the staff and we're in the middle of the tax sale list, so sometimes those are very unusual situations and sometimes the situations are unusual on a daily basis. And if this was any other position, I have other people that are trained as backup. And I, myself, can fill in on any job that is in that office. But when it is the Chief Deputy's position, I don't have a regular staff member trained that is qualified to handle that job on their own. I have to do that job myself and my job and assist with any kind of daily unusual things, and we've had some bankruptcy issues and some things I've had to read over on that. And I probably should have sat down sooner and looked at this time frame a little closer, but you're just going at such a quick pace and everything is kind of coming at you at the same time, if you want to say I dropped the ball, then I dropped the ball. But when I did find out from Sandie that it was going to be this long and that nothing was bought out on the side, that everything came out of this line including vacation and personal time and whatever that had accumulated, I sat there and I said, I can't keep up this pace for another two full months.

Councilmember Sutton: So you've got some candidates, and so I'm just trying to gain a sense of when to anticipate that you'll probably be down to a point where you're ready to make a decision on whoever that candidate may be, because I don't know of – we've got, I mean, this request here, how much time will this request allow for you to pay –

Z Tuley: A start date of August 21st.

Councilmember Sutton: That's what this amount is here?

Z Tuley: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: And is that what you're anticipating?

Z Tuley: Uh-huh. I have tax sale August the 28th. I really need a Chief Deputy in there just so, if nothing else, they can ward off some of the day to day stuff for me to give them enough training that some of the day to day stuff that might seem a bit unusual can be handled, so that I can sit with the tax sale person. The tax sale clerk that I currently have, she's been in the office for several years, however, she is a rookie to this position. And I need time to spend with her to go over the list thoroughly and make sure that we don't have any problems with that come Monday the 28th. If I don't get someone in there before then, I fear that we will run out of time and it's very stressful trying to deal with two jobs, two full-time jobs, and this

is a key position. Like I said, if it was any other position, then we would have enough staff that could chip in and help for some period of time. But I can't go two full months without a Chief.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, and that goes back to what I was sharing earlier, that perhaps maybe a case by case situation, as we go back and revisit this with this committee, being able to figure out how we can address certain situations, whether it's a, we wait until that payout is exhausted or we go ahead and fill the positions a little bit sooner based on the size of the office. I mean, if you've got a smaller office, obviously it has a greater impact than someone who's got, you know, fifty employees in their office. But, and then looking at that position, whether it's someone who is like a Chief Deputy or someone that has maybe a position that is not as great a responsibility, is something this committee can take a look at. But trying to gain a sense on your request –

Z Tuley: The other time frame that disturbs me –

Councilmember Sutton: – when you plan on getting this in place and it appears you're well on the way to getting this going.

Z Tuley: That's what I've recognized, the time frame that I need to cover, you know, looking at the whole picture. The other thing is, we have tax deadline coming up November 10. The tax deadline is, everybody comes in seemingly all at once and pays and then they go away. So then you're cleaning up whatever you had to throw off to the side because you just had to deal with the taxpayer. I need to make sure that I have someone in there and trained properly to be able to handle this tax season as well. Like I said, if it was regular staff member, it would be different. But if I'm at lunch, the Chief Deputy is going to have to be trained well enough to handle a taxpayer issue complaint, or what have you, while I'm at lunch. And evaluating, it's going to take some time. The Chief Deputy that left had ten years of experience and you didn't have to tell him much.

President Winnecke: Okay, the motion on the floor is to approve the transfers and late transfers as presented. Any other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: I was just going to say, Z, I know this happened kind of mid-July, I believe you were telling me, so I appreciate you coming in here and trying to get this handled before we got into another issue, so if policy goes along, I appreciate you getting in as quickly as possible. Thanks.

Z Tuley: 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.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1070-3310	Training	2,000.00	2,000.00
1070-2700	Other Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 1070-2600	Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-3200	Utilities	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-3530	Contractual Services	1,000.00	1,000.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1303-1290-1303	Public Defender	7,640.00	7,640.00
1303-1180-1303	Public Defender	7,640.00	7,640.00
To: 1303-1970	Temp. Replacement	15,280.00	15,280.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2130-1180-2130	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	8,000.00	8,000.00
To: 2130-1930	Unemployment	8,000.00	8,000.00

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1030-3410	Printing	5,130.00	5,130.00
To: 1030-1120-1030	Chief Deputy	5,130.00	5,130.00

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 1310-2860	Building Supplies	2,851.00	2,851.00
To: 1310-1150-1310	Building & Grounds Keeper	2,851.00	2,851.00

SHERIFF/MISDEMEANOR HOUSING REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2780-1920	Insurance	7,500.00	7,500.00
To: 2780-1850	Overtime	7,500.00	7,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

Councilmember Raben: Okay and last, Mr. President, are the Salary Ordinance amendments, (inaudible– microphone turned off), move for 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton, did you have something you wanted to mention?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. A couple of weeks ago, I had a meeting with a gentleman, Herman Oliver, and he's the director of what's called the Indiana Plan. It's a new initiative by Governor Daniels to encourage more participation in the building trades. I guess in Indiana, what we are beginning to see is a declining number of people in the building trades just as a number of large construction projects are about to begin to take hold, in particular, like I-69. So in an effort to try to increase the number and participation of those in the building trades, in particular as well as minorities involved in the building trades, they have developed this Indiana Plan. And the intent is to locate offices in key cities throughout the state. There's already one in Indianapolis, one in Gary, in South Bend, they're intending to open an office here in Evansville. And what they are wanting to do, as a part of this, is to encourage participation in the building trades from those who may not even consider the building trades where you're talking about a minimum pay scale level for these trainees being at least \$10 an hour. And in a market like what we've got right now, that would be a welcome sight for some individuals who may not have other employment options. As they are trying to gear up for this, they are trying to gauge to see if there is local support for this type of effort and an office being opened here. Now, they wouldn't be coming to ask us for funding necessarily, but they're looking for our support. They've been to the city, the city has expressed their support for the Indiana Plan. The County Commissioners had it on their agenda yesterday and they expressed interest or support for the plan. And so I'm coming to you today to ask if we could prepare a letter seeking to support this Indiana Plan and send that on to Herman Oliver, who is the director, and tell him that the County Council is fully supportive of their effort to locate an office down here.

President Winnecke: And just to clarify, the state would fund the operation of the office in...

Councilmember Sutton: The state would fund it but they're also going to receive some funding from the local unions here. They're going to draw some support from them.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: You've got that new facility out there that should be a factor in something like this on the building trades, that new technical school.

Councilmember Sutton: That would help tremendously, that's one of the resources that they're going to draw on to gain some additional participation in the trades and they're going to work with several other entities here in the community to try to really get the word out. So I'm just asking you today, I don't know if by a shake of your head or raise a hand or something if you are supportive of this, and then we could prepare a letter to send it on to them, to show the county is supportive.

Councilmember Wortman: Ivy Tech is another one.

Councilmember Sutton: They're going to work with Ivy Tech as well.

Councilmember Raben: It sounds as if this would almost want to be joined at the hip with the new multi-county regional development committee.

President Winnecke: Right. Is everyone in favor of us sending a letter of support? Everybody raise your right hand if you are. In that case, Mr. Sutton, why don't you

and I get together and I will draft a letter and send it on behalf of the Council to Mr. Oliver.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other business to come before us? In that case, I would remind everyone that our county budget hearings begin next Tuesday at 9 a.m. Bring your budget books and lots of patience, so I appreciate everyone's hard work as we gear up for this important time. With no other business to come before us, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Winnecke: We are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 8, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 8th day of August, 2006 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to our August 8th meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council, to begin our 2007 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?

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Winnecke: Before we begin, just a couple of comments, especially for those viewing at home, we will not be voting on any of the requests neither today, tomorrow or on Thursday. We will be hearing the requests from all the officeholders and department heads these next three days, and we'll spend the next week or so working out what we think is a fair and amicable budget. We'll come back on August 22nd to present our cuts or any additions or changes that we see fit to make between now and that time. So, again, there will be no voting this time. We'll hear the presentations and open it up to Councilmembers for questions. So, having said that, we'll begin with the individual department budgets.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

President Winnecke: First on the agenda today is Weights and Measures, and it's page 87 in your budget books. Loretta, good morning.

Loretta Townsend: Good morning.

President Winnecke: How are you today?

Loretta Townsend: So far, so good.

President Winnecke: Good.

Loretta Townsend: Should I state my name?

President Winnecke: State your name, and all that good stuff.

Loretta Townsend: I'm Loretta Townsend from the City of Evansville-Vanderburgh County Weights and Measures Department.

President Winnecke: Your budget is pretty straightforward. Do you mind just kind of walking us through and giving us the highlights of it?

Loretta Townsend: Okay, seven, no, eight line items remained the same for 2007. Let's see, there are a few pluses in it. On Training, I asked for another hundred dollars, because there's going to be more and more training. Some of it we are able to get into our office, because we've got facilities that they can do it in. So, it helps us a lot on our Travel and our Training, but there are books and these type of things that are involved in it. Let's see, same, same, Vehicle Repair, yeah, we got a new vehicle this year, but we got two of them that are, well, especially the Ford, we're having a lot of trouble with the Ford. No matter what we do with the thing, we still get exhaust back into the, an antifreeze smell back into the vehicle. We have a hard time with that one. Of course, the other one is getting old, and we now, as of, until we get billed for something else, we've got a total of 260 bucks left in there to make it through the rest of the year, which we have not been billed yet for July. Okay, on Gas and Oil, our only thing that might save us some is that we don't get billed for December until January, which we're going to be taking out of next year. But if we have to rob Peter to pay Paul, that's what we're going to have to do because we have a total of from \$2,100, and our last billing was for June, which we just got in July, we have a total of \$800 left, which is not even half the year. Okay, on, let's see, we asked for \$165 more in Dues, no, that's what we have left. I'm sorry, \$150 more in Rent. We pay a total of \$5.60 a square foot. The Civic Center, which is, like it or not, is a private corporation, I mean, there's stockholders and this type of thing, is over \$16 a square foot. So, I don't think we're doing too bad. We've got a thousand foot, we've got security for our vehicles, people can walk in and bring scales in to us, which they do very frequently, and this type of thing, but we, he has upped it 160 bucks a year, or \$150 a year. So, that's still one of the cheapest deals in town. I don't think even your bank could fight that one. Other than that—

President Winnecke: What is—

Loretta Townsend: —they remained the same.

President Winnecke: —what do you use Miscellaneous Equipment for?

Loretta Townsend: Miscellaneous Equipment, we have to buy, which we did this year, every so many years we buy padlocks that we lock up the gas stations with, the gas pumps and this type of thing. Anything that we see that we're running very low in equipment or supplies or something, we switch over to Miscellaneous Equipment. That's what you're probably looking at to cut, aren't 'ya?

President Winnecke: I'm just asking, because it's more this year.

Loretta Townsend: You zeroed in, Lloyd.

Councilmember Raben: I tell you what, Mr. President, this is, Loretta always works hard at trying to keep—

President Winnecke: I agree.

Councilmember Raben: –their budget down. I'm looking back, and it does deserve a pat on the back. Since 2003, this budget's only gone up \$30,000. That includes salary increases and insurance increase and what have you. So, I think she does as good a job holding this budget down, in fact, what they do when gas prices are \$3.00 a gallon, you kind of realize the importance of somebody out there measuring pumps and making sure when you buy a gallon of gas, you get a gallon of gas.

Loretta Townsend: I'm going to tell you something, you're talking about a three percent raise, good. They need a three percent raise. But if any of you have got the guts enough to go with my guys and us and see what's going on out there, where they're at right now on these gas trucks, a hundred gallons a pop, five, ten gallons on these other things, and you watch the fumes coming up, and you talk about sweating. You have never sweat in your life until you are out there with that. They deserve a lot more than that three percent, but they're going to settle for three percent, and we appreciate it very much. But at the end of this year, if things go right, we're going to have some left over, and one of them is going to be in Communications and the other one is going to be in Rent, and we're going to have a total of thirty cents in each one of them left. That's how close our budget is. So just keep that in mind.

President Winnecke: Any other questions of....Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I'm not questioning that, I just don't know what Unappropriated Funds, what is that? What do you do with that?

Loretta Townsend: Are you talking about, is it \$150? I don't have an Unappropriated Funds, what we printed out on here. Is it Petty Cash, 150 bucks?

Councilmember Abell: It's \$150.

Loretta Townsend: Okay. They call it Unappropriated Funds, it's Petty Cash, and what we do is everything we have to buy, a lot of our stuff, I mean, I'll be truthful with you, it's going to come from Wal-Mart and it's going to come from the Dollar General Store, and we put, it's like supplies and this type of thing.

Councilmember Abell: That's fine. I just want to know what it is.

Loretta Townsend: Yeah, they're calling it something other than what we are, Marsha.

Councilmember Abell: Okay.

Loretta Townsend: Keep in mind that 45 percent of this, almost half of it's going to come from the city.

President Winnecke: Right. Other questions of Loretta?

Councilmember Wortman: Loretta's setting an example and not being an example.

Loretta Townsend: No new furniture. Okay?

President Winnecke: Thank you, Loretta. We'll see you in a couple of weeks.

Loretta Townsend: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Thanks for your time.

COUNTY TREASURER

President Winnecke: County Treasurer, page 10 in the big, blue book.

Z. Tuley: I'm Z. Tuley, Vanderburgh County Treasurer.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Z. How are you today?

Z. Tuley: Good morning. Fine.

President Winnecke: Good.

Z. Tuley: Thank you for the appropriation for the Chief Deputy slot, which I filled. They will start promptly August 21st. I look forward to the training going on. I thank you for the opportunity to go ahead and start that training.

President Winnecke: Z., if you could begin just with the line items that are beyond the personnel line items that represent an increase over this year. If you could start with those. Just provide a brief explanation. I know you have in the rationale book. We would just like to hear it for the record.

Z. Tuley: I didn't increase anything, except for one thing. Everything that is listed here, I believe, that I left it as the same that was allowed by the Council last year. So far it's working out and it hasn't hurt so bad. I think I did have a slight contractual problem because of the increase from Xerox that I didn't anticipate. So, I think that that might be the only thing that I increased, except for the Extra Help. Every year I come before you, and every year I ask for part time help. I don't think that it's a stretch for anyone to realize that when you send out over 100,000 tax bills that your office is going to be bombarded with phone calls, questions, problems, "I didn't get my bill". The bills come back. We had probably 15 trays of returned mail because the taxpayer doesn't keep up their current mailing address with the Auditor. I thought we did an excellent job this year trying to get them back out, but it is a killer. We work long hours and had a great deal of overtime. I should have brought that figure with me, but I didn't, but I can get that to you so that Sandie can get that in your packet for review. Besides preparing to get the bills out and the overtime that we spend there, we have to turn around and get those bills back out, even though it's the taxpayers responsibility to make sure that their current address is on file. It doesn't do any good to have the actual original bill sitting in my office, because if they don't have it, they probably won't pay it. We do hit the media hard. Tom did a great story on how much mail that was returned. The article was very effective, because Bill Fluty's office was then flooded with phone calls and address changes. Did you set a record number this year, Bill?

Bill Fluty: I don't know about that.

Z. Tuley: But, it was close?

Bill Fluty: Close.

Z. Tuley: We believe it's close. So the article was very effective. So the volume of people that need assistance, and the phone calls and questions are not always things that they can find. It's not that they're missing information necessarily that

they can't find on the Internet, it's what do they do if? We get a lot of the, "What do I do if I lost my exemptions?", "What do I do if I just turned 65?", "What do I do if I didn't get my bill?". We get an awful lot of those phone calls. When you send out over 100,000 tax bills, and you've just got this short, little window of collection, you're bombarded all at once, and then it's almost like it all goes away. I do feel the absolute need to have part time help during that two weeks, at least, prior to the May 10 deadline, I would prefer four, and I need the same again in November. Because of the volume that comes in, we have the same scenario. You've got everybody crunching to pay at the last minute, and we've just got that much workload.

President Winnecke: So, what would your plan be for two weeks? Hire how many people to reduce the burden on the staff?

Z. Tuley: I think that we would start with one. Since I haven't had any, except for the one year that we were in reassessment, one person made a significant difference. We didn't train them to answer questions. We did train them to send them to the right person who can answer that question. That seemed to work real well. Then, in my office, there is a line for those who don't have questions, that just want to pay, that don't want to pay on line, or pay at the bank, they want to come down and pay in person. That person kept the traffic flow going. If you have a question, you need to stop here, rather than them getting mixed up in the Cashier line, they get down to the Cashier and they say, "Well, now, I need you to look at this." See, my Cashier can't be doing that. That needs to be down at this end, because the Cashier just needs to turn out the guy that's ready to pay.

President Winnecke: I think if you could provide the Councilmembers with the overtime data that you had referenced earlier, if you can provide that to Mrs. Deig, that would be good for us to have as we begin our deliberations later this week.

Z. Tuley: I'll do that.

President Winnecke: Any other questions of the Treasurer? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, line item 3370, Data Management, please.

Z. Tuley: Computers, oh. Yeah, that's where it was last year, but, as I understand it, you guys need me to let you know approximately how much it would cost to keep up the pace of....we replace three computers a year, and we keep it in rotation so that it's not all at once, and we just replace the oldest ones that are....we had two of them crash this year, as Marsha knows, I had to call with an emergency, because we had one that went down right before tax deadline. If I don't put this in here, you don't know what I'm needing. So this is, this dollar amount here stands for three computers.

President Winnecke: How did you arrive at these prices, at the pricing of \$2,000 per computer?

Z. Tuley: With what the, ACS has let us know what all that we need in the packaging, what all applications that we're using, and so forth.

President Winnecke: Okay. Thank you. Other questions? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Z., do you have a website for the Treasurers office?

Z. Tuley: Yeah.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, just asking. Do you have any of those questions, just those questions that you get all the time—

Z. Tuley: Frequently asked questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh. I was going to say, that might be an idea to put on your website to have those frequently asked questions. A lot of people do go to websites just to check out that. I know there are going to be some that aren't going to be able to have the availability to do that, the libraries even have computers that they can get on for free. So, if they were able to do that, that might be just something that we could throw out.

Z. Tuley: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: The other thing I was going to mention was, has there ever been any thought of cross training between an office that might have a lighter load during that period of time? To cross train and get some help over from another office?

Z. Tuley: That sounds really good on the surface, but in application of doing that, my office has money, and we receive money, and we receive checks. You could probably have something like that as far as the mail goes, but if they're working in and around my office, they are exposed to money, and security needs to be tight in those quarters. So every time I allow somebody behind my counter, they have to be watched. If you're having to watch your extra help, then you're probably not getting your work done. So I think that that would be—

Councilmember Tornatta: So do you have people that come in every year and do this? Or, I guess, I'm trying to understand, are you training these people just for that two week period, or whatever amount of time you're talking about?

Z. Tuley: I only got to have one part-time help person since I've been in office for six years. That one person is willing to come back, given that their schedule would allow it by now. But, yes, that's what we did with her, and she has an exemplary record. So the trust factor is not an issue.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Z., you've got a pretty hefty mailing cost, or postage line.

Z. Tuley: Postage is in the Commissioners.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, in a lot of what you do, of course, we need you to do what you do, the sending out those bills. I guess, you've talked about this in the past with your website and you have relationships with some vendors here locally where tax payments can be made, what is the incentive for someone to utilize some of these other areas of technology that you have through your office so that you don't have a line stretched down the hallway two times a year?

Z. Tuley: Number one is convenience. If you go on-line, you can do it from your home, and it doesn't matter if it's midnight or 8:00 a.m., when regular office hours are not, the offices aren't open. The other convenience of using the bank is that you

don't have to get out of your vehicle. You can go through the drive-through and pay. I have pushed that and pushed that. For some people it works, and for some people they just refuse to pay elsewhere. They want the receipt and they want to hand deliver it down here, and they want the receipt from me and not the receipt from the bank. Although there is no difference, as far as what makes a receipt legal, and what doesn't make a receipt legal. Whatever the bank hands you, that is your official receipt. If there is an overpayment or something, you can present that, and it works as if it's the original receipt from my office, and you can get your refund with that receipt.

Councilmember Sutton: It would seem that with the number of—

Z. Tuley: The number of banks—

Councilmember Sutton: —people, the number of businesses that come in and some individuals that we would have a higher number taking advantage of some of these more efficient ways to pay their taxes. It would seem that there would be a way where—

Z. Tuley: Maybe we can get Tom to do a big article on that.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know if it's just a lack of information maybe on their part.

Z. Tuley: It could be.

Councilmember Sutton: If it's just a lack of information, maybe, on their part—

Z. Tuley: It could be.

Councilmember Sutton: —is the reason they're not taking advantage of it. So when they come in, you know, they specifically have some information. Or even if there were a way to send out some of the bills electronically, rather than using postage. Some may find that that might be something we may take an interest in.

Z. Tuley: If they contact me, I will do that. I will send it to them via e-mail. It was proposed to the legislators that we start looking at that alternative. It got a cold reception, so far, but as technology improves and what have you, and as costs rise, I think that it would become the duty, so to speak, of the Treasurer to encourage our legislators to perhaps look at things differently, so that we can cut costs in that area. Particularly with the form that I have nicknamed COLTS, the Comparison of Levy Tax Statement, that automatically, for the most part, will increase anybody's mailing costs, because you now have an additional form. The law says that form must be sent to the taxpayer along with the tax bill. There are counties out there that if you are in escrow and an escrow company has requested your bill, they don't print you one. With the production of the comparison form, you are no longer given that option. It says you will mail the form along with the bill. So with my bills, I have stamped on it, so that the taxpayer is aware that a mortgage company has requested their bill, I have it stamped on there, "duplicate sent to mortgage company". This doesn't tell the taxpayer, at all, that their mortgage company is going to pay, it just simply says they asked for a copy and I sent them one. Loans close and loans open all the time, and so it's worked out for us for those people who did pay off their loan, that they went ahead and had a bill. We do accept those payments, even though it's stamped duplicate sent, because we know that that's not a guarantee of payment.

But the on-line thing is a good idea, I think. But the convenience of anyone who has asthma, particularly, I know that the farmers just absolutely tear me up in the fall with my allergies, I'm allergic to mold. I have difficulty with allergies in the fall. There are other people that have allergies in the spring. They can get in their vehicle, if they don't want to use the mail, and they can drive to a number of local banks, whoever has the contract, they have branches everywhere, and they don't have to get out of their vehicles, and they don't have to park out front, and they don't have to come up here. But you will still see taxpayers hauling their oxygen tanks on the second floor to come in and pay because that's what they want to do. I need to be ready for those. I do encourage everybody to pay at the bank, because one thing, it's financially productive for us to do this, because if you go to the bank and you paid today, I don't know that you've paid yet. I get a report from the bank electronically the next morning. Because I have an agreement and a contract with the bank that they're going to sweep whatever's in the account into an interest bearing, I just earned interest last night on money that I didn't even know I had. So it is a very financially sound plan. I don't know how you, you can't make the taxpayer go to the bank, unless you just close down my office.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I recognize there will be a certain—

Z. Tuley: I'm just saying—

Councilmember Sutton: —group of folk who don't want to take advantage of that.

Z. Tuley: —I'm trying to encourage that. It does take a lot of the burden off. But if they do have questions, they are going to have to call. If they lost their exemptions, then I get them, and Bill gets them both.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Z, I don't want to belabor this, we've got a lot of business today, but did you...did I misunderstand you, the state legislature is opposed to on-line, electronic billing?

Z. Tuley: They didn't say that.

Councilmember Goebel: Or is that an option that you have?

Z. Tuley: They didn't say that they were opposed, but it got a very cold reception.

Councilmember Goebel: Is it an option that you could send individuals?

Z. Tuley: Not legally yet.

Councilmember Goebel: Does everyone have to have a hard copy in the mail?

Z. Tuley: Yes, because the law says you will mail the COLTS form along with the tax bill to the taxpayer.

Councilmember Goebel: It seems like it would be a substantial savings—

Z. Tuley: The law clearly says mail.

Councilmember Goebel: That could be pushed through your organization. Do you know offhand what percentage of people opt to pay their taxes on the debit plan? Do you have any idea?

Z. Tuley: On the debit plan, I believe that we're up over 1,300.

Councilmember Goebel: Out of how many taxpayers?

Z. Tuley: 100,000 bills.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay. Not very many. If we could go electronically, it seems like it would save the taxpayers quite a bit of cash, or money.

Z. Tuley: I think the issue there, the debit option plan, which is an excellent plan, but they do have to share their banking information with me. I think that, some of that discourages some of those. It's getting more popular.

Councilmember Goebel: It's just a withdrawal, isn't it?

Z. Tuley: Yes, but I have to know their bank, the bank's routing number and their account number.

Councilmember Goebel: As long as you don't let that information out, I think we're okay.

Z. Tuley: It's locked up.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just real quick, I mean, to me it sounds like we just need to do a bang up job on selling this to the public, and maybe the news media, radio, could all step up and offer some free air space to sell what we have to offer in terms of making these payments.

Z. Tuley: I have had in the past, I do want to say, the taxpayers complain about the lines. I always tell them, it's not my fault, and you don't have to be here, and I didn't have any money for part time help, and I tried to make other means available to you, and some of them just say, "I'm coming here, because you are collecting my tax and you're going to get me, and you're going to wait on me."

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

Councilmember Wortman: No.

President Winnecke: Okay, I'm sorry. Any other questions? Thank you, Z.

Z. Tuley: Thank you.

President Winnecke: See you in a couple of weeks.

Z. Tuley: Okay.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

President Winnecke: County Cooperative Extension, page 75. Good morning.

Susan Plassmier: Good morning. I'm Susan Plassmier with Purdue Extension here in Vanderburgh County. I'm the county Extension Director.

President Winnecke: Maybe if you could do the same, if you just kind of highlight the areas that are—

Susan Plassmier: Where we're asking for money?

President Winnecke: Asking for additional money over appropriations, yes.

Susan Plassmier: Appropriations? Okay. The 1990 account, the Extra Help account, way back in 2002, well, those were all cut out in the county. We lost \$6,240 in that account line, and so we're asking that that be reinstated. That's the money that we use to help pay for college students in the summer to help run the 4-H program, do workshops, camps, do a lot of coordination. We do a lot of summer outreach at day camps in the community, where we go in and work with kids that are at the day camps. So, that has helped to fund for that. We've had to cut back. We've been able to use some of the money from the 4-H assistant line item, but we have had to cut back on the number of students that we use. They help coordinate things with the fair, too. The Office Supplies, we're asking for an additional \$500 in that line item, costs are just increasing. Travel/Mileage, again, costs are increasing. Actually, the county appropriated where we could get more mileage per, more money per mileage, but yet our mileage account never increased. So we're just asking for a \$500 increase to help offset with that. Utilities, asking for \$1,000 for that because of the increase of gas and electricity, just like we have at home, we also have at work. 3530, that's our Contractual Service line item. That's, I think, our big one this year. We're asking for \$5,000 in that. That is money that goes to Purdue University to pay, help pay for extension educators here in Vanderburgh County, of which we have three. These are people with Masters degrees that do programming within the community. Purdue pays 70 percent of that, the salaries. It includes salaries, benefits, training, and the county picks up, is paying about 30 percent of that cost. So Purdue, back in 2004 said we're, by the year 2007 every county was asking for them to appropriate an additional \$5,000, and I've been telling you every year since then that this was coming in 2007. Every year I put a little extra in the budget, saying if you want to go ahead and put some in there now, rather than being hit with it all at once in 2007, you can, but we always just got what we needed. So, this is the year that we're being hit with that \$5,000 increase. Back in 1982, Purdue came up with a formula that designated how each county, how much they would pay, and that has not changed since 1982. We've had every year like the two percent cost of living increase, but nothing else. So, this is the year that that's being asked to change. Then also, in 4220, the Office Machine line item, you took \$1,000 out of that last year, and we're asking that \$1,000 be put back in there to give us a total of \$2,000 in that line item.

President Winnecke: What do you use that line item for, specifically?

Susan Plassmier: When we've had to buy equipment, and we may, we don't always have something each year. Last year we bought a laminating machine. So, we had some money that we hadn't used the previous year that we were able to carry over and, you know, you said to pay for things like that, more high cost things. You know,

we don't use it every year. But, it's nice to know that. I will say, you know, Loretta talked about how their budget had only gone up \$30,000, our budget has only increased \$13,000 since the year 2002, so we don't ask for a lot of money. We don't have a lot of fluff in our budget. Pretty well what we get, we spend, and if we don't, we turn it back.

President Winnecke: Any questions of Susan?

Susan Plassmier: Yes, Ma'am?

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: What are your intentions for the \$5,400 under Computer?

Susan Plassmier: That is, we have a service, or a contract with Purdue, that pays for leasing computers. That's a flat amount every year of what our county, it pays for eight computers, a printer and then the service to that, you know, we're on-line with them. So if we have a problem with our computer system, they can go, just at Purdue can go in, up there with their little magic, and fix it. So, and that, if there's anything that we need to send out, or if anything needs to be repaired, then that includes that cost in there.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I think in this program here that they do with the kids is really important, I think. That keeps kids off the street, too.

Susan Plassmier: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 3120, Postage and Freight, is that primarily the mailings with your newsletters and updates and flyers, that type of thing?

Susan Plassmier: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, any other things that you have in there that attribute to that \$9,500 request? It's almost the same, along the same lines as what I had with the Treasurer when she was up. Just trying to find some ways to be a little bit more efficient. I mean, since a lot of the audience that you're touching base with are either students or on-line, is there a way that we can even look at, I know you guys have probably talked about it, but look at maybe becoming a little bit more efficient with using, putting the newsletters and things on-line?

Susan Plassmier: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: And reducing some of that Postage cost. So, I don't know if that's just that exclusively, if you've got something else in there, I would like to hear it.

Susan Plassmier: What line item are you speaking about? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: In our book it's 31...I don't know if you have a different numbering system, it's 3120.

Susan Plassmier: Okay, that line item didn't increase. Did I say it was increasing?

Councilmember Sutton: It didn't increase, no.

Susan Plassmier: Okay, okay.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm looking to decrease it, I guess.

Susan Plassmier: Okay. We send out bulk mail, when we send out newsletters. You know, a lot of what we send out, we get a lot of people calling our office requesting information versus, this time of the year I get a lot of calls about canning and freezing. So if they have a computer, I can tell them, you know, you can access this publication by going on-line, but a lot of our clientele don't have access to that. So when you're getting in some technical information, you need to mail them. The same thing, we get a lot, Larry Caplan, who's our Horticulture Educator, gets a huge amount of calls where he sends out information, publications, mailings to people dealing with pests, problems, fruit, I mean, just diseases and things like that. Again, I mean, if he has it on-line and they have a computer, he will just send that, forward that to them. But, it doesn't always happen. Actually, even with our postage and our bulk mail, we send out, a group that I work with, Extension Homemakers, they pay their own bulk mail permit, as well as the 4-H organization. I mean, that doesn't come out of our county money. They pay for the permit for that themselves, their organizations.

Councilmember Sutton: We'll keep that in mind.

Susan Plassmier: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: About some ways that you could maybe look at streamlining.

Susan Plassmier: Alright.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Susan?

Susan Plassmier: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can you just explain how many kids are affected if you don't have the Extra Help money? It's kind of used in a different capacity. Where sometimes we see some government office use it for bringing in some extra employees, in this case you have summer programs, I believe, like I didn't see my basketball camp, so I knew there was a cut somewhere. But can you explain how many kids are affected, and just a little bit about what they do?

Susan Plassmier: Okay, we, to be quite honest with you, I do not know the number of kids that we work with at day camps. We go to probably ten different day camps. Like we go to USI day camp, we go to Camp Reveal's day camp, different churches, Good Shepherd has day camps, and they go there weekly and do programs with kids, basically kids that are 4-H age, because we kind of want to use it also as a promotion tool for 4-H, go and do different programming. This year, Purdue, we've had a lot of training on, you know, 40 hour work weeks, so, that may be why they were unable to come to your camp, because we really even had to watch that really closely with the fair, to make sure they did not go over that 40 hour limit. Which, in

the past, it's kind of not been so much of an issue. We're looking, watching that much more closely, and we had to juggle the office schedule, the fair too, so secretaries didn't go over their 40 hours. Because when you're at the fair, people expect you to be available to them, you know, 8:00 in the morning until like 9:00, 10:00 at night. If they have questions, they just want to walk into the office to ask questions. So, we, you know, even juggled their hours to try and cover that whole time frame. We probably work with, I mean, 1,500 students or children in the summer, or more. That's not counting our traditional 4-H--

Councilmember Tornatta: What about the ones that are employed? I mean, that are actually employed, how many kids are actually employed?

Susan Plassmier: We have three.

Councilmember Tornatta: Three? Okay. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other questions? Susan, thank you for your time.

Susan Plassmier: Thank you very much.

President Winnecke: See you in a couple of weeks.

COUNTY CLERK

President Winnecke: County Clerk, page one in your handbooks. Good morning, Susie.

Susan Kirk: Good morning. How are you?

President Winnecke: Good. How are you?

Susan Kirk: Doing pretty good.

President Winnecke: Same routine, if you could start with the requests that are over and above 2006 funding levels, please.

Susan Kirk: Well, to start with, the salaries, as I had explained to you last year, I went before Job Study, and I'm just trying to get my staff salaries comparable to other staff members within the Civic Center, other offices who do similar work. As far as, I think, Office Supplies we stayed the same, the only one that really raises is our Storage of Records, which has been a slight problem. Needless to say, every year there are more cases filed through the court system. Which obviously means more storage. The more litigious everything becomes, the more papers each case has. So storage has been a problem, ongoing, and, I mean, Marsha can attest to this. Secondly, there was a company, it was a Phoenix and Pulse that was doing, Phoenix did the microfilming of records, and Pulse did the scanning of records. But, as it turns out, and I know this was ongoing with Marsha, because I'd seen some notes on it, the records that they were scanning are not even vaguely acceptable to the state. So therefore, we can't destroy records, because the scanning that was done is below par. I spoke with Mr. Bob Like, who has the company, Pulse, and worked with him for a year on them trying to correct the errors and it was a mess. Anyway, they just couldn't seem to get it corrected. It got so bad, at one point we were missing some order books, and one of the employees at Pulse literally broke the lock on the door at Kinder, I guess, in the middle of the night, and put those three

order books in there. So anyway, I ceased using Pulse because, well, it was just a mess. So anyway, we do now have Kinder, who we've had John Newman down from the state, and he went out there, we had everything checked, and Kinder is, you know, their scanning is great, they like it. So we are beginning to try to get that taken care of, so that in the future we can destroy some records. So I know you guys always kind of cut us a little bit there, for Record Storage. We'll just, we'll be back for more money.

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

(Tape changed)

President Winnecke: Any questions of the Clerk? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Susie, a couple of questions. If I'm looking at this in the IV-D we think we'll pay \$125,000 towards storage of documents? Is that what is anticipated?

Susie Kirk: Well, we can only take a percentage off of that. We're taking as much as we can to help with storage costs out of the IV-D money.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, well I understand, but I mean the total we're looking at is \$125,000 for one year?

President Winnecke: Ninety-five.

Susie Kirk: See, what the...well, let me find it here. You jumped one on me. I was still in the Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I'm looking at a line up above in Office Supplies, so we're talking \$95,000?

Susie Kirk: You have to remember, IV-D, because the state has taken over so much, the IV-D money is going down some. Now grant you, we were kind of on a down slide there for a while, but between the Prosecutor's Office and my Child Support Office, they've kind of gotten together and we're doing a little bit better now. Some other things that we're doing to try to, you know, get more IV-D money to help us with anything that, you know, office supplies, storage, record storage.

Councilmember Tornatta: Plus they need...the IV-D might need a couple thousand dollars worth of furniture and then they pass theirs on to the Clerk's Office.

Susie Kirk: Now, say that again?

Councilmember Tornatta: I was just saying that the IV-D account could probably use the \$1,000 worth of furniture that they would gladly pass theirs over to the Clerk's department.

Susie Kirk: The only thing that we did as far as furniture goes, the girls...their chairs...well, they were pathetic and we did use some of the IV-D money to compensate for that. The reason we can do that is because bookkeeping, the girls that work at the front counter, you know, they are taking things in that concern IV-D money.

Councilmember Tornatta: I understand, but I am just saying that probably one could put the \$1,000 Furniture line in the IV-D account and then pass their furniture on in the other account.

Susie Kirk: Well, I try to do it by the book, Troy.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, that would be by the book.

Susie Kirk: Well...

Councilmember Tornatta: But they would have to use that furniture if that was a passing over. I think you were talking about chairs.

Susie Kirk: We did that last year. We did that last year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Susie Kirk: I thought everybody had a chair that needed one and apparently I didn't. I emailed everybody and said, what about your chair? I tried to...people with back trouble, to get their chairs ergonomically correct and things like that, and there were just a few of them that we didn't get. Now grant you, these people are not going to fall out of their chair, they're not that bad, but we did that last year and to do that again this year with IV-D money, I think would be maybe going over the edge a little bit and I don't want to do anything to jeopardize what money we get from IV-D so that \$1,000 for furniture would just be to finish out for those other girls that did not get a new chair. And these chairs they're like, you know, they're not expensive. We're not buying big fancy plush chairs, but that is what that is for. Like I said, we did that last year so I feel uncomfortable doing it again, turning that into IV-D money this year.

Councilmember Tornatta: As long as it is used in those spots.

Susie Kirk: Well, they got theirs last year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Susie Kirk: Those spots that have anything to do with IV-D money got their stuff last year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: In line 3540 Maintenance Contract, could you just briefly explain what that is for?

Susie Kirk: The maintenance contracts are for the printers that we have over there. I mean, the copiers that we have over there. We've got lots of copiers, needless to say. Big, I mean, it's big. Big copy machines. So there is one down in Misdemeanor and Traffic. There is one, of course, in the Clerk's Office, two in the Clerk's Office, that we have to have maintenance agreements on because if we don't...a maintenance agreement actually ends up being cheaper for us in the long

run than doing it the other way because we can run so many more copies and it's so much cheaper.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Susie, how much will IV-D bring in this year?

Susie Kirk: Uh, I believe, what did I put down, Teri? Have you got that? I didn't bring that over here. I know it goes down. It's been going down. Like I said, we're hoping to raise that up just a little bit. I don't...maybe Teri, I didn't bring that over here with me. Sorry to put you on the spot, Teri.

Teri Lukeman: You projected \$70,000 for the remainder of this year and \$100,000 for next year.

Councilmember Abell: I can't hear you. Could you say that again?

Teri Lukeman: I'm sorry. Seventy thousand for the remainder of this year and \$100,000 was projected for next year in IV-D.

Susie Kirk: And that may be a little on the low side. Like I said, we've tried to do some things to even collect, you know, try to get back up a little bit. Like I said, it's very difficult to do because the state is basically assuming the role of child support. The checks are...they all go to the state first. We don't even get them. We're getting walk-ins, you know, if it's a very small company, less than 50 people, and you know maybe there are a couple of gentlemen or ladies that are paying child support they can still pay through our office, but for the most part everything is electronically done. Their wages are, you know, it's withdrawn right out of their wages and it goes right to the state and the state gives us a report. So they take away more of our work. As a matter of fact, we'll probably be moving one of the employees maybe in the next couple of years out of Child Support and into Misdemeanor and Traffic.

President Winnecke: Other questions of the Clerk? Thank you, Susie, we'll see you in a couple of weeks.

Susie Kirk: Okay, do you want me to stay for the Election Office?

President Winnecke: Oh yeah, sure. It's next.

ELECTION OFFICE

President Winnecke: Page 68.

Susie Kirk: That is pretty well self-explanatory. We didn't raise...that's pretty well the same other than obviously, the Council was kind enough to give our poll workers a little bit more money to get us up with, you know, the rest of the people in the state that pay their poll workers. I am going to get with the County Commissioners. We are going to redo the contract with ES & S for the iVotronics. There are some things that we have found that we can save on and we're talking, you know, \$50,000 or \$60,000 that we'll be able to save on that.

President Winnecke: Good.

Susie Kirk: But that is pretty well self-explanatory.

President Winnecke: Any questions relating to the Election budget? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: On that Contractual Services, one more time just to make sure I'm real clear on that. What...that's iVotronics exclusively?

Susie Kirk: The Contractual Services on the Election Office budget is for Kinder Moving & Storage and we're going to use them because we did the bids last time and everybody was, other than Kinder Moving & Storage, they were twice the amount. That is for them to transport the iVotronics to the polling place on Monday, the day before the election, and they pick them up on Wednesday and bring them back to the office. I tell you guys, if you want to see something impressive you need to come down and see that. I have never seen anything so organized in my life as how he has got that set up. They come in....well, it sounds like thunder in the hallways the way they come in and pick up those machines, get them out, get them delivered, get them picked up. They do a wonderful job, but that is all that is used for is to transport the iVotronics back and forth. That's it.

Councilmember Sutton: How long is...what's the length of this contract that we have with Kinder for that particular service there?

Susie Kirk: We just got it for the year.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Now since it's going to be a city election next year, I mean, is this in line with what the cost was when planning for this year or is this...we're going to have a small election next year.

Susie Kirk: Well, this is the reason that I left it the same. As we all know, gas prices are going up. I don't know what Kinder...the bid is going to be next year. I hope that even though we're going to reduce the precincts by maybe 30 and, of course, they don't have to drive as far out into the county, that this will certainly more than cover it. But like I said, because of the increases in gasoline, I was hesitant to cut that figure back for the 2007 election. Because, like I said, when the bids were sent out, you know, there was Shetler Moving & Storage and I forget, two or three of them, and, my gosh, their bids to transport these iVotronics were like 20,000 some odd dollars and Kinder does it for half that price. So I am just anticipating higher gas prices. So that is why I left it at that figure.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other questions? Thank you, Susie.

Susie Kirk: Thank you very much.

PROSECUTOR

President Winnecke: Prosecutors Office. So everyone knows, we'll get through the Prosecutor's budget and then we'll take a brief recess so we can relax.

Stan Levco: Do you have a page number?

President Winnecke: Page number 38, Mr. Levco, good morning.

Stan Levco: Good morning.

President Winnecke: How are you today?

Stan Levco: I am well.

President Winnecke: Good. You have a relatively flat budget, if I recall.

Stan Levco: I think so. My name is Stan Levco, I'm the Prosecuting Attorney. Shall I tell you the differences in our budget from last year to this year?

President Winnecke: I think you shall.

Stan Levco: Okay. There are just a few. One is I'm asking on payroll on a Deputy Prosecutor who is my filing deputy. Earlier this year in April, his salary was increased \$7,200 and that was because he had been unclassified a few years ago to give him a raise, and over the years with the three percent raises, he would end up getting paid less than what he would have gotten had he been classified.

President Winnecke: Which line are we talking about?

Stan Levco: Uh, this would be 1080-1010.

Councilmember Sutton: Actually, our numbers are reversed so it is 1010-1080.

Stan Levco: Oh, okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: The very first one.

President Winnecke: Oh, okay. Thank you.

Stan Levco: In any event, when I came here, I agreed that for the rest of the year that I would pay the difference out of Infraction Funds and I said I would be requesting that it be paid out of the General Fund next year. You did not agree that you would pay it out of the General Fund next year, you just agreed that I would come back and make that request and that is the request I am making. I am also asking for two additional IV-D Enforcement Officers. There is a major increased request in the drug budget that I am asking for and also an additional on two matching grants, Domestic Violence and Witness Assistance. It has been increased only because their grants, their match stays the same and the salary and the insurance goes up. I have Mr. Brown who is going to talk about the IV-D Enforcement Agents and Dan Miller is head of the drug program and he can talk about the drug increase if you would like.

President Winnecke: Let's start with the IV-D.

Councilmember Raben: Could, before we go there—

President Winnecke: Yes, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I understand we are not addressing salary issues today, but there is one that is pretty substantial.

Councilmember Abell: I can't hear you, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: 1240-1080, which is Chief Criminal Investigator. Yeah, it's about a \$19,000 increase. Just under \$19,000.

Stan Levco: That's up from \$25,000 to \$54,000?

President Winnecke: It's \$35,000 to \$54,000.

Stan Levco: I think it's just a longevity increase. That's not--

Councilmember Raben: Is this a different employee in this than what was in it last year? Okay.

Stan Levco: It will be a different Chief Investigator who had more years of service.

Councilmember Raben: Then I guess is there a line somewhere that reflects a lesser amount that makes up for that?

(Inaudible--comments made away from mike.)

Councilmember Raben: Which would be what?

Councilmember Sutton: 1240-1080.

Stan Levco: Would that be 1080?

Councilmember Tornatta: Page 39.

Stan Levco: 1230-1080 \$46,910 to \$32,968.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I see that. Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: What was the accompanying adjustment? I didn't catch that?

Councilmember Raben: Just above it.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: If I can make one comment just real quickly. I am having also trouble hearing people, so if you could make an effort to speak more into the microphone I think it would help all of us. Okay, let's go to IV-D, please.

PROSECUTOR IV-D

President Winnecke: Good morning, Doug.

Doug Brown: Doug Brown, Prosecutor's Office. I'm just going to make a very brief pitch why we do need two new employees, Enforcement Agents in IV-D. These

agents are reimbursed two-thirds by the state, as you know. Essentially, to make it real simple, if we had two more employees, then we would be collecting more child support. I'm going to compare some of the similar sized counties to us and currently in Vanderburgh County we have 15,400 cases with 15 administrative staff. That's 1,000 cases per person. In Elkhart they have approximately 10,000 cases with 19 employees, 510 per person. St. Joseph, they have 19,500 cases with 35 employees, that's 560 per person. In Allen County they have 25,400 current cases with 31 employees and that is 820 per person. I'll show you our collections. In 2005, Vanderburgh County collected \$14,290,000. That is \$950,000 per agent. Elkhart collected \$769,000 per agent. St. Joseph, they collected \$665,000 per agent. Allen County collected just over \$1 million per agent. Our agents are working at a very efficient rate collecting a lot of money. For the first six months of 2006, our collections are up ten percent, so essentially we're collecting \$1 million per agent, which is great work. Over the past three years in our program, our collections are up almost 25 percent. There are a lot of reasons for that, but it's mostly a lot of aggressive programs that have been implemented by our office, our head of Child Support. Things like attaching retirement benefits, attaching insurance settlements, wage withholdings, attaching bank accounts, placing liens on automobiles, using internet locator services to try and track down deadbeat parents who are not paying their child support and also aggressive use of both criminal and civil remedies, contempt proceedings and actually filing felony cases on people who are not paying their child support. The addition of more employees would directly, and I'm going to say almost instantly, benefit. We'll have more collections, the amount of money we collect will go up immediately. Another reason why we could use this is the United States Congress has just voted to decrease child support funding. That means the funds that are distributed by the state to the local agencies will be cut in direct relation to how they perform in specific areas. We need these additional employees so that we can do well in these areas to make sure we continue to get that two-thirds from the state. If we were really going to try and be as competitive as we could statewide and to help our citizens the most, we would probably ask for four enforcement agents. We realize there are various budgetary constraints. We're asking for two. I looked back over our requests for the last few years regarding child support. In 2000 or for the budget year 2000, we asked for six Enforcement Agents and we received two. In 2001, we asked for five and received none. In 2002, we asked for five and received no agents. In 2003, we asked for two and we did not receive any agents. We have not asked for any Enforcement Agents in the last three years. So this is...we appreciate your situation, but the cost benefit here is so great. Again, this money that is collected directly benefits the children of Vanderburgh County. Two-thirds of what the salary is paid is reimbursed to the General Fund by the state. I think it is a wise use of your money. It will help us out in the long run and help the children of Vanderburgh County. So, do you have any questions?

President Winnecke: Any questions for Mr. Brown? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: For how long will this grant continue?

Doug Brown: It's not a grant per se. We're just asking for two...for the county to fund two new employees, two Enforcement Agents.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, how long will the state subsidize that two-thirds?

Doug Brown: It has been going on as long as I have been here. We've always had that two-thirds reimbursement. I can't predict the future, but as I said, Congress has voted to cut down on some child support benefits. The areas that they are going to measure how funds are distributed are paternity establishment, order establishment, arrearage collection and basic child support collection and we do quite well in two of those areas. We lag behind in a couple of the others. The areas we lag behind in are directly in proportion to our lack of employees. You can see our employees are performing at as high a rate of almost anybody in the state.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Ms. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Brown, what is the percentage...I see how much you have collected, what is the percentage that you have collected that is still left to be collected?

Doug Brown: For the entire...?

Councilmember Abell: For instance, when you compare yourself to the other counties, it could be that those other counties have collected 100 percent and their 100 percent is less than our outstanding. Do you know how much outstanding we have?

Doug Brown: I could not tell you. I could tell you as far as arrearage, as far as just general child support collection, which one are you asking or are you asking both?

Councilmember Abell: Well, for both would be nice if you have them.

Doug Brown: I can give you a percentage-wise, I think as far as general collections I think we're at 44 percent of everything we could collect. On arrearage, I can check. I can provide you these exact numbers before the day is out if you need them.

Councilmember Abell: I don't by the time the day is out, but I would like to have them by the time that we finalize the budget.

President Winnecke: If you could give those to Mrs. Deig and she'll distribute them to everyone. Excuse me, go ahead.

Doug Brown: Okay.

Councilmember Abell: Where is your standing in the state as far as your rating on child support collections?

Doug Brown: In general?

Councilmember Abell: Well, not to beat on you, but you were second from the end a couple of years ago. Where are you now?

Doug Brown: That was, I think, 2005. I don't know if they have had a new one come out since then. Again, that is in direct proportion to what we could potentially collect for the entire office, so I think the better way to look at that is what are we

collecting per employee, if that make sense to you. I mean, someone could be ranked 30th and their employees are only collecting \$300,000 per employee. If we had more employees, our rating would go up significantly.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I would argue that with you, but that's fine. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions of Mr. Brown before we move on to the grant? Okay, let's move on to the grant requests.

Doug Brown: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thanks, Doug.

PROSECUTOR GRANTS

Dan Miller: Good morning. My name is Dan Miller and I'm the director of the Drug Law Enforcement Program within the Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office. For over 15 years, our office has received federal funding matched by county funding for three Deputy Prosecutors and one paralegal secretary to handle all the drug cases in the Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office. Last year that number amounted to approximately 906 cases for the entire year. We have been told that, and are fully expecting, that those grant funds are decreasing next year. This year the county match rose to 35 percent. It had previously been 25 percent and we know that next year the county match will have to be 50 percent, in addition to which we have been told to expect 39 percent less funds to be available to even be given out to counties. We are not the only county in Vanderburgh County that receives these federal funds. Several other counties receive them as well and it is quite competitive. We've been very successful in applying and receiving these grants in the past and I don't anticipate that we would not be successful, but we've been told that the amount is going to be less and our match will be greater. The Deputy Prosecutors in the drug program are an integral part of the Vanderburgh County Task Force. As drug prosecutors, we're not just in the courtroom every day prosecuting drug cases. That is our chief function, but we're also assisting law enforcement through the Task Force and also law enforcement on the street many times all hours of the day and night. In fact, last night I wrote a search warrant at midnight, so the Prosecutor's staff in the drug program is an integral part in fighting drugs in Vanderburgh County. With respect to a particular scourge in Vanderburgh County and throughout the State of Indiana we have been very active and very successful. In 2002, we had a peak of 121 meth labs in Vanderburgh County. We have, through aggressive law enforcement and prosecution, have managed to reduce that number to just 18 in the first six months of 2006. As you can see, our drug filings remain fairly constant, but we have gone down from a peak of over 1,000 in 2002, last year was 906. We're on track to at least approach that level again this year. Nevertheless, drugs continue to be a problem for us. If you look at the statistics that we provided you in the first three months of this year, we actually brought more marijuana off the street than last year. That is in part due to two large marijuana drug busts of over 200 pounds each and we're hoping that is not a regular occurrence in Vanderburgh County, but it is through aggressive law enforcement that we have been able to take that amount of drugs off the street. The Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office assists law enforcement not only by prosecuting the people that they arrest, but also by assisting with the preparation of search warrants and being on call virtually all the time so that legal questions can be answered. We believe that we provide an important service to all the citizens

of Vanderburgh County with the drug program and that is the reason we are requesting that the three Deputy Prosecutors and the paralegal secretary that we currently employ to handle over 900 cases in the Prosecutor's Office be maintained and sustained.

President Winnecke: Anyone like to begin? I'll start. I mean, what options are there? I mean, if this body decided we could not afford a whatever percent increase it is, it's a large percent, what are the ramifications in terms of the grant, etc.?

Stan Levco: I think I can probably answer that because that is going to have to be my decision. What clearly is going to have to happen is I'm going to have to lay off at least one person and it looks to me like, you know, right now the obvious thing is to lay somebody off from the drug program which is something I am extremely reluctant to do, but it's going to mean a cut in staff, I think, with certainty. I don't see any other way around that.

President Winnecke: Deferral fees that you...that come into your office, what do you project that will be this year?

Stan Levco: Infraction deferral?

President Winnecke: Yeah, I'm sorry.

Stan Levco: Um, \$100,000 maybe.

President Winnecke: What did she say, I'm sorry?

Stan Levco: She said that was about right. I just wanted to make sure.

President Winnecke: Oh, okay. And how are you using all of those funds?

Stan Levco: For different, you know, various things. But not salaries. Not salaries. I have never used deferral fees for salaries and I don't expect to.

President Winnecke: Okay. Other questions? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

President Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you were reaching for your microphone. Sorry. Okay, we'll see you in two weeks.

Stan Levco: Couple of weeks. Thank you.

President Winnecke: We're going to take a brief recess. How about ten minutes?

PROSECUTOR PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION

Jeff Ahlers: Did you do 177, Pre-Trial Diversion?

President Winnecke: Oh, wait, wait, wait. Excuse me. 177, Pre-Trial Diversion. Sorry about that. This is just the basic three percent increase. Is that it? Any questions there for anyone? Thank you. Now we'll take a ten minute recess and reconvene.

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PUBLIC DEFENDER

President Winnecke: Page 89.

Steve Owens: Good morning. My name is Steve Owens. I am the Chief Public Defender. In terms of items that we're asking for additional appropriations this year over last year, there are two that I think we can deal with relatively quickly. One is a rent figure, which is the figure that we've been provided by the Building Authority and reflects a rental increase that they have told us we will be seeing. The other is a \$500 increase in the training account. I think we asked for a \$3,500 appropriation as opposed to a \$3,000 appropriation. Primarily, that is to absorb some cost where we anticipate we will have to have in 2007 for training people in death penalty litigation so that we have qualified people on staff who are capable of taking those cases if they are filed. The other three requests that have increased, one is on page 89. That is a salary line item which, unfortunately, I always hate to bring this up – its my salary – that figure reflects the 90% that we have talked about at a number of other meetings to bring us to the 90% level that is mandated by the state Public Defender Commission. That's 90% of the Prosecutor's current salary. The other item is a Pauper Expense item which is on page 91. Last year, the Council saw fit to zero us out on Pauper Expense. We have absorbed those expenses this year out of the Supplemental Public Defender account. To the extent that we've asked for additional appropriations, its two-fold, one is we are currently paying a number of civil type representation out of the juvenile court from that account, and that is an item that may change in the future, and actually may change before the 2006 budget year, however, at this point, I'm not prepared to say we definitely are going to be able to ask for a reduced amount. The second factor that mandates that we ask for some money is that we currently have a death penalty case within our office. We have not asked for any additional appropriations to fund that. We are able presently to fund that out of the Supplemental Public Defender account, which comes from bonds and not the General Fund. I don't know how long we will be able to do that. The average cost of the litigation for defense on a trial on a death penalty case is running about a quarter of a million dollars. I anticipate we are going to see the bulk of those expenses in 2007, although I don't know, we don't have a trial date at this time, I don't believe. And so that's why we are asking for that. The final increase is in a, its on page 90. It is a salary line item. The individual who is holding that salaried position at the present time is a full-time deputy public defender. I think if you'll note, we are one of the few offices in this county who has no Chief Deputy, who has no assistant or a person who basically is going to help run the office in the event that the officeholder or the elected official is gone. This person handles roughly double the cases of our part-timers. And if you look at the part-time salaries for felony public defenders, you're going to find that for calendar year 2007, those folks are going to be making, assuming a 3% increase, about \$39,000. For that \$39,000, they're going to handle somewhere between 75 and 80 new felony cases on a year, in a calendar year. The person who I'm asking for the increase is handling double that. He's handling roughly 150 to 160 new felony cases a year yet he's not making, obviously, double the money. One of the things that he is assisting me with is developing in-house training programs. I would like to use him as almost a quasi Chief Deputy. The difficulty is, if we call this person a Chief Deputy, we run into the same problem with the Public Defender Commission, that we have with my current salary. That is, the Commission mandates that he make 90% of the salary level of the Chief Deputy Prosecutor, which is Mr. Brown. I think for 2007, I've calculated that's going to be somewhere around \$87,000 for him to make 90%.

What we are proposing is that his salary be increased to \$75,000 for 2007 and I'm proposing to fund that by asking that the Council fund 40% of the difference between what his salary would be with the 3% increase and the 75,000, and I will fund the additional 60% out of the Supplemental Public Defender account.

Councilmember Raben: Real quick, Steve, the Deputy Prosecutor in the Prosecutor's Office, the requested salary this year would be \$73,816.

Steve Owens: He gets paid, the Chief Deputy Prosecutor in the Prosecutor's Office gets paid by the state. His salary from the state, Mr. Brown's salary from the state is 75% of Mr. Levco's salary. My understanding is, he gets a supplement. So the person, I think the line item you're looking at isn't within the General budget.

President Winnecke: Questions for Mr. Owens? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Owens, the Supplemental Public Defender account, I know the revenue amounts change each year, but approximately how much is that taking in each year in revenue?

Steve Owens: It fluctuates. Its probably \$100,000 a year. It goes up and down depending upon the amount of bond forfeitures that are granted by the Circuit and Superior Court judges.

Councilmember Sutton: And how did you say that that is typically used in your office with that account?

Steve Owens: Historically, that's been used to supplement the Public Defender staff. We have, in any given year, more cases assigned to our office than what our salaried part-time public defenders can handle. That requires us to hire outside counsel on an hourly basis and we use that account to pay for those hourly attorneys.

Councilmember Sutton: So the Public Defenders that you have in your office aren't supplemented with that, its others who are not presently listed in either part-time or full-time?

Steve Owens: Yeah, they would be contract attorneys. I would hire an individual attorney to take a particular case and under the plan that was submitted to the State Public Defender Commission back in 2000, we have to pay them at the rate of \$75 per hour. Its not currently used to supplement any salaries of any salaried people.

Councilmember Sutton: And would you say that, are there any other uses that you have besides the supplementing of the salary area? Would other uses might you have?

Steve Owens: We'll use it to hire investigators if we need it, we use it to hire experts if we need experts in a particular case. It's a fund that is used to supplement anything that the Council doesn't normally provide or anything that we've spent in excess of the budgeted amount. So there are a number of things that its used for, but primarily, its attorneys, investigators, expert witnesses.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions of Steve? Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Have you gone before Job Study regarding the change in the status of this particular Deputy?

Steve Owens: No. I understand there is a Job Study Committee – my understanding was there was going to be a Job Study Committee meeting in, I believe, November and that's what we were going to do with regard to that individual. He's presently classified, and we were going to ask, assuming that we get this approved, it is to make that an unclassified position.

Councilmember Abell: That's what I was going to ask.

President Winnecke: Okay, Steve, thank you. We'll see you in a couple weeks.

SHERIFF

President Winnecke: The Sheriff, page 14.

Brad Ellsworth: Good morning. Brad Ellsworth, Vanderburgh County Sheriff.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Brad. Okay, I think we'd ask you to do the same, if you'd just start with the line items that represent an increase over 2006 funding levels.

Brad Ellsworth: Do I get to go on the ones that we cut, also?

President Winnecke: You can talk about those, too.

Brad Ellsworth: Oh, I don't want to do that. I've got about 22 or so that changed, that I have listed here that we did rationales for. I mean, if you want me to try to list those all?

President Winnecke: Let's just get them all on the record, if you don't mind.

Brad Ellsworth: Okay, we prepared the budget based on past practice, some future prediction. The Overtime account is used to provide payment, holiday pay, overtime, late runs the Deputies make, court appearances, investigations, and unscheduled manpower requirements. We've got Civilian Overtime, we've got 50,000 there, provide payment for holiday pay, overtime for unscheduled manpower requirements, that's with the ten new employees, civilian employees, that came with the new Jail. We're asking for an increase allowing us to pay two field training deputies for training of new employees. They're receiving overtime now and we think we can do that cheaper with two additional FTD's.

President Winnecke: Is that the 1520?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes.

President Winnecke: If you could kind of identify that line item.

Brad Ellsworth: I'll do that, I'm sorry.

President Winnecke: That's all right.

Brad Ellsworth: 1540, that's really a wash. That is when the paper servers, that's set in, all part-time labor and that's set in at a base price. So the \$5,000 there is to accommodate them to pay when one is off, we can pay somebody else out of that line. 2210, Gas & Oil, that's, we've obviously implemented in the department some policies and procedures trying to conserve gasoline, but with the prices, they are not bought at a stagnant price, so it fluctuates. And obviously, that's not going in the right direction. Garage & Motors, that's 2230, basically, to provide work on our fleet as it ages. 2300, Uniforms for newly hired employees. 2600, printing needs, paper, it used to be provided by the Commissioners and now its in our budget. 2610, Copy Machine Supplies, that's an additional printer and a couple new copiers for the new facility. 2650 is for Canine Corp, increased food and maintenance for the dogs. 2660 Reserves, we still have an active reserve force. We need to keep them up and equipped to train. 2670, an increase in there. That is an increase in lab testing, the supplies and equipment for investigations. Obviously, there's some changes in there with the huge increase in computer crimes, keeping those guys up to date and equipment needs for them. 2700 Other Supplies, just miscellaneous supplies. 2760 Court Security, there's an increase in providing the after hours court building security, and the monitoring service there. 3310, Training, that's pretty apparent that we're required to train. We have mandatory hours every year and that's really not enough for what we provide, so we've asked for 30,000 there. 3520 Equipment Repairs, its just for various equipment throughout the department. 3540 Maintenance Contracts, service contracts for the agency. Equipment Lease and Rental, 3630, increase in leases. 3700, Dues & Subscriptions, provide for the updated manuals and current publications. 3920 Youth Development, that goes in to help supplement the DARE program. 4230, Motor Vehicles, we're asking to replace approximately ten vehicles this year. And 4250, under Miscellaneous Equipment, that again, is to use for miscellaneous equipment throughout the department. And Vehicle Equipment, 4290, that's to put the light bars, radios, sirens, and the equipment on the vehicle once they come in.

President Winnecke: Let's stop there and ask if there are questions or comments.
Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Sheriff Ellsworth, line 3700, right at the end of your explanation, I think we had printed \$1,000 requested, and you – I think the rationale calls for \$2,500?

Brad Ellsworth: That's what my copy says, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: I apologize. It was a typo, it should be \$1,000.

Councilmember Goebel: And I believe, also, line 3920 right below that, \$1,000? Thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Okay, we'll move on to the Jail.

JAIL

Brad Ellsworth: Okay, in the Jail, the Jail Expense, as you know, I think over the last two years the Council has put that at zero. We're asking for \$100,000 to be placed in there. We're trying to keep that up with the Commissary account. It makes it extremely difficult. We fund a lot of things out of there as you all know since we

provide that quarterly report out of the Commissary, so we'd ask to put that back in your budget. We intend to continue to supplement that with Commissary, but we don't think that should be strictly up to the Commissary account. Jail Medical, really nothing mysterious about that, continues to have to provide medical services to the inmates in custody. This is based on, again, past practice and what we predict will take to get us through the year. 2250 Inmate Assistance, that's providing inmates who come in originally to the facility and then never receive any money from their family, we provide toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, and soap for them to use. 2260 Food, the meal rate, I think everybody is aware is \$1.12-½ cents per meal. As you probably know, a lot of times toward the end of the year we have to pay off the last couple of months for the next year. This number reflects what we predict it will take us to get through the entire year while paying off some of this year's bills. Uniforms, 2300, self-explanatory, any new Deputies, we have to provide the uniforms and equipment. 2600 Office Supplies, again, previously in the Commissioners budget, now in ours. Training for the Jail staff, \$10,000. I believe its important to train them in the various amounts. Its also mandatory to send them to the police academy for a week of training. We do more above and beyond that, also. And then 3520 Equipment Repair is \$15,000, in basic repair for the items in the Jail.

President Winnecke: And what all is in Contractual Services? Is that medical and the dentist, doctor?

Brad Ellsworth: (Inaudible)

President Winnecke: That was 3530. Other questions of the Sheriff on the Jail budget?

Councilmember Sutton: 2240 Medical. We've got a pretty large increase there over what we've even trended and what we're spending this year. What's the intent there?

Brad Ellsworth: Some of that's going to be covered, again, probably what's going to happen at the end of this year, and also, it's hard to anticipate, Councilman, what's going to go on. You know, we've seen these instances in the past where we're forced to take on their expenses when someone is arrested. Or if they're injured while they're in there or if they do something themselves to cause their own injury. And so this is basically an estimation of what we think it will take.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Brad, with the new medical facility that we have within the facility, what percentage, used to be, the doctor would look at them or the nurse in the old facility and treat them if possible. But, has it reduced by any certain percentage, the amount of runs that you actually have to make to a hospital or a medical facility?

Brad Ellsworth: We think it will. We think it will. It really hasn't reduced in the medical yet, the number of runs, because the same doctors are coming out and doing their business. If they think that's necessary, if something occurs during the night, then basically, the supervisor on duty makes that call whether to send them if its an emergency to send them to the hospital. So that doesn't reduce the number of runs. In the medical examiners, the dental will, when we get the dentist to actually come to the facility. Right now, they're still making runs to the dental facility. They haven't worked out an agreement to get the dentist out there yet. What we're waiting on is an x-ray machine and we're looking into the purchase of that, or the lease/purchase.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Before we move on, I did have one other question back in the Sheriff's budget, maybe I just didn't hear it. Back on the – I had a checkmark by it. Excuse me a second. Oh, 1990 Extra Help, did you talk about that?

Brad Ellsworth: I did not, Councilman, I didn't even see that on here, but –

President Winnecke: \$26,000, line 1990. The bottom of page 23.

Brad Ellsworth: We were paying the Sergeants to do the bonds throughout the night in the facility when we took that over from the Clerk's Office. We switched that. Now its used to pay the bonding clerks down in the Jail to do that same procedure.

President Winnecke: What are we doing now, part-time college students? I think we talked about it.

Brad Ellsworth: I think that's what we were going to do.

President Winnecke: That's what we are doing? That's what this is? Okay, thank you. Other questions on either the Sheriff's budget or the Jail budget?

SHERIFF/MISDEMEANOR HOUSING

President Winnecke: Okay, let's move on to Misdemeanor Housing, page 180.

Brad Ellsworth: I wasn't provided with the document for an increase there. I don't think that's increased through the, obviously, through the state grant.

President Winnecke: Right. Any questions there? I think its pretty self-explanatory.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

President Winnecke: Let's go to page 99, Community Corrections.

Councilmember Sutton: There is one there on line 1850 Union Overtime, is that part of the contract or –

Brad Ellsworth: It is, Councilman. The Correction Officers, under the contract, have the choice between taking that in pay and taking it in comp time. And that varies throughout the year, whether they chose to do that. So they have the ability to change that. So that would reflect an increase there. And we really don't have any control over that.

President Winnecke: Okay, Community Corrections, page 99. I just had a question about Union Overtime there, isn't their Overtime more controllable in Community Corrections than in the department or the Jail?

Brad Ellsworth: It should be. The hours are pretty set depending on if someone calls in sick, the guideline is set out, we have a call list, how they're supposed to be called in so it depends on, that's really when that occurs if they have to hold someone over or someone takes a vacation and to fill a slot. So there's not those late runs as in motor patrol and the things that we don't know about, but probably what runs that up for us is having to fill a slot for somebody on vacation or someone who calls in sick.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: The very first line, Community Service Coordinator, there is a rather large increase there. Do you know what that is?

Brad Ellsworth: Was that the buy-out? A longevity increase for Community Service Coordinator?

(Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Brad Ellsworth: Let me ask her real quick, if that's okay.

President Winnecke: You just don't have as commanding a voice.

Brad Ellsworth: Let me check that. There's some confusion on – they put a person in there that may have had more time, that decision has been made and we'll revisit that, if that's possible?

Councilmember Raben: That's fine.

Brad Ellsworth: Before the end of the...

President Winnecke: Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: Excuse me, that's vacant. The position is vacant.

Brad Ellsworth: Right, right. It won't be.

Councilmember Raben: 1120-1361 –

Brad Ellsworth: I'll fill the position. The figure they figured in there was for a current employee. That's who may or may not take that job.

Sandie Deig: Step Seven.

President Winnecke: You'll get back to us on that?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, and fortunately, Mr. President, we don't have to adjust salaries until September, so we've got a little time on this one. That's fine. Thanks.

Brad Ellsworth: I think they were looking at the highest case scenario. I'll figure that out before the next two weeks are up.

President Winnecke: Other questions relating to Community Corrections? Okay, we'll move on.

SHERIFF/MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER

President Winnecke: Misdemeanor Offender, 179.

Brad Ellsworth: What was the page number?

President Winnecke: 179. Should be no questions there. Any questions or comments? Sheriff, I think you're done.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you.

President Winnecke: We'll see you in a couple of weeks. Thanks for your time.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

President Winnecke: Drug and Alcohol Deferral, 110.

Deloris Koch: Deloris Koch, Program Director of the DADS Program. The only increases are salaries and benefits. There is one that is a longevity, the Senior Counselor is a longevity increase for her. I don't believe there are any additional amounts to any other line items.

President Winnecke: Any questions? Thank you. See you in a couple of weeks.

SUPERIOR COURT

President Winnecke: Superior Court, page 103.

Terry Dietsch: Good morning.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Judge. How are you today?

Terry Dietsch: Fine, thank you.

President Winnecke: Thanks for your time.

Terry Dietsch: Terry Dietsch, Senior Judge, Vanderburgh Superior Court.

President Winnecke: Could you pull the microphone a little closer?

Terry Dietsch: Yes. I would like to direct your attention to page 108. And I presume that you would like to have the items where we're asking for additional money, correct?

President Winnecke: Correct.

Terry Dietsch: That is the Patient/Inmate Care line item, that was transferred by the Commissioners to the court budget. Based upon the infusion of money for 2006, and the amount of money that was had before, and that was convoluted by a portion of a payment that evidently, the Commissioners Office did not make for 2005, that had to be made, the best estimate for fiscal 2007 in that account would be \$2,400,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Do you have that account now or will that begin in '07, that the –

Terry Dietsch: For 2007, we estimate it will require \$2,400,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Are you guys anticipating the request that you're going to make this year from us for Patient/Inmate Care?

Terry Dietsch: Well, I think that remains to be seen. What happens the remainder of the year, okay?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think you guys would have already received some bills on this up to this point. You haven't received any?

Terry Dietsch: No, it depends – what's your question?

Councilmember Sutton: The question is related to, you probably couldn't hear me, related to this year and whether Patient/Inmate Care is in your budget now?

Terry Dietsch: Oh yes.

Councilmember Sutton: And how much billing have you received up to this point?

Terry Dietsch: I don't know the exact amount of billings up to this point, we could find out through the Juvenile Division, but I was told last week sometime that they anticipate with the remaining billing that they're going to receive, okay, if you factor that in, that is why they may ask to make the request for the amount of money that they requested for 2007.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I ask that because if this request is for what's anticipated in '07 and plus the arrearage from 2006 –

Terry Dietsch: No, no. my understanding – well, now I, maybe I shouldn't say that. I'll find out, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: If you could.

Terry Dietsch: I'm not certain about that.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, we don't want to get two years behind, I guess that's really what I'm trying to hear.

Terry Dietsch: And my understanding is, we will not. Okay. That this is going to resolve that issue. But I will check to make certain.

Councilmember Sutton: If you could, that would be great.

Terry Dietsch: No problem. Are there any other questions on that? Alright. I have two line items that I would like to take up together. One is on page 108, 3520 Equipment Repair and the other is on page 109,...

Councilmember Abell: Office Machines? 4220? The very bottom of page 109.

Terry Dietsch: Yes. Office Machines. And the reason I would like to take them up together is this. You will recall the new courtroom system, we were going to phase in over a number of years and initially, the total cost, I think, was estimated at around \$90,000, approximately. That envisioned a total of 11 units. We now have five, okay. Our liaison, Ms. Abell, came over and we went over our budget. And subsequently, on another matter that may impact 2008, the Chairman and the financial officer came over and I apprised them of this also. If we were to buy five units, we could get a discount of 20%. I did some figuring and we asked the vendor to FAX us a proposal. That was done, I went over the figures. And when I checked the 20% discount, I

didn't get the same figure that they did. They were charging \$1,114 too much. And we think that probably, if we got five units, we could get those units for probably around \$45,000, maybe less. That depends on whether we need things like training. And I'm informed that with the new units, we probably will not need that. That could eliminate another 2%, so we're talking about a substantial reduction in price if we were to buy five at one time. Now, in addition, the maintenance contract fee is outlandishly high. Its over \$1,600 per unit. So you're talking about between 16 and \$17,000 a year. And that is why the figure in 3520 was up to 25,000, rather than the 12,000 that we normally have. But we discussed this thoroughly, and we have come to the conclusion that if we do this, we will not necessarily need a maintenance contract on these units. Now, if you don't have a maintenance contract, the portal to portal charge for repairs is pretty steep, \$179 an hour, portal to portal. However, let's step three years in advance with a maintenance contract, I don't think that we can have \$50,000 worth of repairs in three years. That just doesn't make sense, so it's a good bet to say we don't need the maintenance contracts. However, we did check again to make certain that if indeed we had to have a maintenance contract in the future, we could have a maintenance contract without any kind of penalty. We are going to get back to them again and I am of the opinion that perhaps we can whittle this cost down a bit more. And therefore, in that one line item account, which asks for what, \$72,000, I think?

President Winnecke: \$72,000.

Terry Dietsch: I think we could get by with 50,000. Not only that, but if you couple that with the maintenance equipment repair which actually covers the maintenance contracts plus repairs to things like FAX machines, court stamps, and all of those miscellaneous items, if we reduce that to \$12,500, which would not be an increase over what we had before, depending on when we got the new units, we could then get rid of the existing service contracts on the existing equipment and save some more money and perhaps, if we retain just enough to cover the actual repairs that we make to miscellaneous equipment, you know, we might even, depending on when we get the equipment, for example, if we could get it yet this year, and they prorated the existing service contracts, we could get some money back on that. It sounds convoluted, but what I am saying is, if we do this now or if we purchase five at one time with a discount, not having the service contract, not having some of the bells and whistles, not having the training, then we're going to save a whole bunch of money. And that's what I'm proposing.

President Winnecke: Could you hold that thought? We're going to change the tape.

(Tape changed)

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Judge Dietsch, the existing recording equipment, have you had any need for repair? Those are three years old now, is that correct?

Terry Dietsch: No, no (inaudible).

Councilmember Goebel: So you've had no need for the maintenance contract for that?

Terry Dietsch: We anticipate that we're probably not going to have any.

Councilmember Goebel: And you would like to install the same equipment in six more courtrooms or five?

Terry Dietsch: Five more units. At one time we discussed getting a spare, but upon further reflection I don't know that it would do that much good. We don't need to have an extra one around. I mean, even if worse came to worse and the whole system went down and had to be replaced, we could replace it for less than half of what a service contract would cost.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: I do like the idea of looking at purchasing these yet this year. Right now we have a balance of just south of \$1.3 million. I think that is something we ought to look at closely.

Terry Dietsch: We can get back to folks right away and actually get a bottom line figure because I think they made a mistake in their math. We can do that rather quickly.

President Winnecke: I would say let us—

Terry Dietsch: Just a moment. Did you say that the representative was on vacation? Until when?

Rosemary Norbury: Will not be back until Monday.

President Winnecke: That's fine. I would say let us...give us our time to kind of deliberate after we hear all the requests and at our August 22nd meeting we may ask you to come back with an appropriation yet this year for the five new machines.

Terry Dietsch: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: So I would say just kind of stand by for more on that one. Mr. Tornatta?

Terry Dietsch: Did that make sense?

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President, would we maybe advise him to put that in the appropriations for next month just in case? I mean, once he finds out about it he could put something in for an appropriation. We can, at that point, we would have the ball rolling because he would have some money there.

President Winnecke: I'm fine with that if you want to go ahead and file the appropriation.

Terry Dietsch: Alright, and then if it is determined later that it shouldn't be done you can inform me.

President Winnecke: We can pull it.

Terry Dietsch: And I'll just—

President Winnecke: That's a good idea. Thank you.

Terry Dietsch: Any other questions on that item? On page 109, 3903 Petit Jurors when we initially did the budget prior to submitting the budget, we took a look and I think we were a little gun shy with the retracted case we had that required bringing a jury over from Clark County and sequestering that jury when you'll recall I came back and we had to make a transfer. But upon further reflection I think we've been getting \$50,000. We asked for \$60,000. I still think we can get by with \$50,000 rather than \$60,000. Another item, 3942 Judge Pro Tem, generally we had a minimal amount of \$500. Judge Niemeier asked if we would put an additional \$500 in there for 2007. That has to do with...I forget what it has to do with, but anyway he indicates that he may need an additional \$500.

Councilmember Tornatta: You say you want to bring \$1,000 to \$1,500?

President Winnecke: No, keep it as it is.

Terry Dietsch: And, unless I'm mistaken, I think those are the only line items where we had asked for an increase.

President Winnecke: Judge, you might talk about briefly the office furniture request.

Terry Dietsch: Oh, okay. Well, I'm well aware of the fact—

Councilmember Tornatta: I didn't bring that up.

Terry Dietsch: That's a line item that likes to be...that you like to zero out and I understand that, however, you have to realize that we have now like eight or nine courtrooms, we have all these offices. You know, we're not talking about one court. We're talking about seven unified courts and we have a lot furniture and a lot of equipment and we've gotten a lot of new stuff with the refurbishing which is terrific. But, from time to time, there are things that need to be repaired. For example, presently I'm told that we need two couches repaired in judges offices. Not in their office, but in the outer office, you know, where the public uses it. Regardless of when we go downstairs to look at miscellaneous chairs or file cabinets, okay, sometimes we can use them and sometimes we can't. We have people requesting items, furniture items, equipment items, all the time. We file them away and then we try to do what we can on a small scale. And we do have some items that need to be repaired. It's that simple. If you're going to zero all those accounts again this year you're going to zero all those accounts. I understand that.

President Winnecke: Any other questions of the judge? Okay, thanks for your time today. We'll see you in a couple of weeks.

Terry Dietsch: Thank you. It's been an enjoyable morning.

President Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry, we need to get to Drug Court, too. Page 112.

Terry Dietsch: May I make one request?

President Winnecke: Yes, sir.

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Terry Dietsch: I assume there are no questions on the Supplemental?

President Winnecke: I don't believe there would be.

Terry Dietsch: It's less than last year and it's just a question of appropriating it.

President Winnecke: It's fine. Thank you.

SUPERIOR COURT DRUG COURT

President Winnecke: Page 112 now.

Lisa Whitehouse: Good morning...afternoon.

President Winnecke: Still morning.

Lisa Whitehouse: Lisa Whitehouse. Still morning. I'm here on behalf of Judge Trockman. He is currently in Baltimore with his son. I'm sure you guys are all aware of the situation. This request for this portion of money is simply a standard 25 percent cash match. It is the same percentage that we have requested in the past. This is money that is funded, a position, one of our day reporting officer positions. It funds a home verification officer. The increase from last year is based specifically and you'll see that it is only about a \$3,000 increase from last year. That's based on the three percent increase or whatever the increase that the Council deems for the county employees, to increase that which affects, obviously, the PERF and the FICA with the salary increases. It's not a huge amount of money, but it is something that is definitely needed. I was here when Mr. Miller gave the presentation. This grant is funded from the same state entity that funds his portion. The difference is that his is a multi-jurisdictional task force and it's also a much larger grant than ours. Ours is only about \$100,000 or \$112,000. I do not anticipate them, because of the difference in the forms that the grant is given, the increase of our percentage for our match will probably go up next year, but not as significantly as theirs is. The fiscal year, obviously, with this grant runs differently than our county fiscal year. It runs April 1st to March 31st which does cause problems sometimes in figuring a number. If the numbers look like it's more than just a three percent or a \$1,500 whatever the Council deems appropriate for county employees, we have to overlap. I've got to ask for enough money to cover three months into 2008. I don't anticipate any further appropriations for this year unless something comes up and we get notice from Indianapolis.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Lisa Whitehouse: It's a pretty set number.

President Winnecke: The only question I had is really relating to computers.

Lisa Whitehouse: Okay.

President Winnecke: Line 3370.

Lisa Whitehouse: Line 3370. That is a data management system. Judge Trockman has looked into and I think, Debbie Mowbray, unfortunately, is not here, a management information system that will help track data statistics. It is a program that is designed more specifically for drug courts to be able to get the information that the state wants to see if these programs really are...what they're supposed to do. If the recidivism drop, this program is the one that, after a lot of review, they have found to be the best program which suits our needs. It is one that is also used in other drug courts in other counties.

President Winnecke: Is that tracking done manually now?

Lisa Whitehouse: I'm not sure. I think they do it more manually and they have a program that is based on our Probation Department program. It's just not as specific. The new grant forms they want now have...they want to know drug of choice. The first age used, your social class, your gender. They require so much more information in this next grant cycle that the program that the normal Probation Officers use is not specific enough and this program is which is why the cost of it is a little more significant it seems for one program. To ask for \$10,000 for one computer system, but when the state is funding \$75,000 or \$85,000 it's hard to tell them no because we would end up using manpower which we do not have to track all these numbers.

President Winnecke: Right.

Lisa Whitehouse: When you have 75 to 95 participants.

President Winnecke: Curt?

Councilmember Wortman: Your insurance account went down a little bit.

Lisa Whitehouse: Our insurance did and the reason our insurance went down is that position is filled currently by Todd Wilson and he is a relatively new employee. In the past we've had three people go through there. One was a long term county employee, we had hired another person who was here for a short term and he left. When Mr. Wilson came in, he actually has a spouse who has, for some odd reason, and how I don't know, a better insurance policy than the county does so he opts not to use our insurance. So when I wrote the grant and, you know, filled out the budget papers I called him to verify that wasn't going to change, so I was able to cut that number. Now I can't say that next year his wife may say, okay, I'm quitting my job, I need insurance, but that is a huge decrease for our budget because he is not asking for any insurance.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: You had Drug Court graduation last night, I believe?

Lisa Whitehouse: Yes, we did.

Councilmember Tornatta: And how many graduated last night?

Lisa Whitehouse: To be honest, I wasn't there. I believe there were nine. Yesterday was my wedding anniversary so I spent time with my husband and I didn't attend the graduation. We normally have...I think they run graduations about every third

month. There are normally between seven and eleven graduates every three months.

Councilmember Tornatta: And those are open to the public?

Lisa Whitehouse: Those are open to the public, yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: But it is quite packed.

Lisa Whitehouse: It is. It is very packed. Depending on the number of graduates how many come. We have police officers that come, Mr. Miller obviously comes, a lot of the outsourced services we use, Southwestern, Stepping Stone, we also have that work with job placements and they do come, so it is—

Councilmember Tornatta: For anybody who hasn't been there—

Lisa Whitehouse: —a very nice thing to come through for these people to come up and realize that they're getting their life back.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, it's very rewarding when you go to these graduations just to stand out in the back. So you can imagine how rewarding it is for somebody who is getting their life back on track.

Lisa Whitehouse: Yes, yes it is.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

Lisa Whitehouse: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Ms. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I just have one question, Lisa. The software that you're going to buy, the tracking, is that going to require any assistance from Computer Services to keep it backed up?

Lisa Whitehouse: I don't believe to get it backed up. Maybe to help install it. I'm not sure. That is something that Debbie Mowbray, who is our Director, is getting more information on. The idea is to have those on laptops, notebook style computers, and not on our network computers.

Councilmember Abell: Okay, you're not going to be in the network?

Lisa Whitehouse: As far as my understanding is, no, they are not going to be on the network.

Councilmember Abell: It will be just user specific then?

Lisa Whitehouse: Yes. The Drug Court case managers and director can take that information and have it and be able to run it through that without having to use our computer services here with the county to put that in a network system.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you.

Lisa Whitehouse: You're welcome.

President Winnecke: Okay, Lisa, thank you. Appreciate it.

Lisa Whitehouse: Thank you very much.

President Winnecke: Mr. Fluty?

Bill Fluty: Bill Fluty, Vanderburgh County Auditor.

President Winnecke: You want to catch the last three for us here?

Bill Fluty: I can do that.

BOND DEBT REPAYMENT

President Winnecke: Okay, 194.

Bill Fluty: 194, that's the USI bond. We supplement that with \$480,000 of COIT money and just requesting that same amount is also paid by Surtax and Wheel Tax. It has a payoff date of 2010.

Unidentified: It's getting closer.

Bill Fluty: It's getting closer.

JAIL BOND

President Winnecke: Any questions there? Okay, Jail Bond, 191.

Bill Fluty: It's a slight increase. It's just reflecting the highest pay year for the entire bond and I think that's 2028. And that is paid by property tax and that is a rate on the property tax sheet.

President Winnecke: Any questions there?

AUDITOR

President Winnecke: Okay, page 7.

Bill Fluty: Okay, on my budget I don't think there are any increases in any line items with the exception of salaries, insurance, PERF and FICA. And there is one decrease in Contractual Service of \$10,000.

President Winnecke: Any questions of the Auditor on his? Pretty straightforward request. I don't see anyone who has any requests or questions.

Bill Fluty: I have a reassessment budget and there is one increase in that and that's in computers. We have about 30 to 33 computers in our office at any given time and we're doing a refresh program to not have anything more than five years old so this just would complete that. That is a slight increase.

President Winnecke: Page 154. Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Bill, do you...I guess we talked to Z and she was about \$2,000 a computer and you were \$1,500 a computer. Is that just because of the software and different access points or were you given options? I guess I'm trying to figure out, we ought to have that box unit number. I think we've talked about this on accounts before, have that box unit number that we would expect to pay per unit and I didn't know if you had reflected any other services?

Bill Fluty: I think what we're looking at is, I have different skill levels and different computer needs between different employees. You know, if we're using Laredo, or we're using Proval, or we're using the VAX system, or some people are using all three, and are doing more with different software, there is obviously a different cost. That's why you can't say each computer is going to cost X because we have different levels of users. So it's a combination of different things. We need a high end with memory for certain ones and a little lower end if they're just accessing and not doing quite as much and not needing all the bells and whistles. So there is a little difference in each unit.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Any other questions? Thank you, Bill.

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Okay, we have reached the end of the agenda 35 minutes before our allotted time. Congratulations. One reminder before we wrap things up, we'll reconvene tomorrow at 9:00 and then the joint city/county budget hearing is tomorrow at 3:00 at the same location. Any other—

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, Councilman Wortman, I just wanted to know, have you been through the basement lately just to see what is down there? We've talked about that for the six years that I've been on Council here and maybe we ought to get an inventory of what is down there and if that has all been cultivated maybe we ought to get some of that out of there. You get a report for us if you could, okay?

President Winnecke: Okay, we are in recess until tomorrow.

(Meeting recessed at 11:25 a.m.)

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 9, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 9th day of August, 2006 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the continuation of the 2007 Vanderburgh County budget hearings. We had our first day of meetings yesterday. We went to almost noon. We're scheduled to go to noon today. Just a reminder for those sitting at home watching on television and not normally a viewer of these proceedings, we are hearing requests for 2007 appropriations this week. We'll consider the requests, we'll have some questions from Councilmembers on many of the requests that we'll hear today, and we'll vote, make a final vote on the requests at our April, I'm sorry, our August 22nd meeting. So, having said that, we'll begin with Family and Children's Services.

FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES/CSRTS

John Schroeder: Good morning, my name is John Schroeder. I'm the Assistant Director with the Vanderburgh County Office of Family Resources and Department of Child Services.

President Winnecke: Good morning, John. How are you today?

John Schroeder: Okay. I have given each of you copies of some information. The first thing is the smallest one I'll tell you about, and that's a requirement that we are required to provide you twice a year, based on Indiana Senate Bill 400 from a few years ago, that discusses the type of payments we made in certain accounts, both for children in need of services, or wards, and also delinquents that we are paying for. Those are provided for the first and the second quarter of the year. This is the second quarter that we have to submit to you. Then, following that are two a little thicker booklets of the two accounts, one's the Family and Children's Fund, and the other is the Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services Fund. On the, under the cover page is the actual request. Now, what it was advertised is a little different, a little bit more than what we had requested. Unfortunately, we have to go through our central office in Indianapolis, and we don't get this information until usually late in July. So, we try to provide information up front, but the actual request is on, for the Family and Children's Fund, the various accounts are in there on this page right under the cover sheet, as signed by Judge James Payne, who's the head of DCS in the State of Indiana. These accounts, such as Child Welfare Services, Care of Wards in Foster Homes, Care of Wards in Therapeutic Foster Homes, Care of Wards in Institutions, Independent Living for Wards, Preservation Services, Miscellaneous Costs that we must pay, and Adoption Services, and also Foster Money to pay insurance for foster parents. Those are the various accounts, along with a couple of the, an account on interest on temporary loans. At this point in time, we don't have any temporary loans, but we always try to leave a small amount in there in case we do have to take out a loan, we would have the account open and could transfer money in there. The total on that would be \$17,670,663. The amount to be raised by the tax levy is \$10,165,423. I included all of the pages of the information that we use to try to calculate, and, again, we're projecting the remainder of this year, and, of course, next year for the budget. I also would like to remind you that most of the payments out of these accounts are not discretionary. We receive the bills because the children have been placed either in institutions, foster homes, or need care with their families. That is on the Family and Children's Fund account. The other packet includes the requests for the Children's Psychiatric Residential

Treatment Services Fund. This one is that account that was set up a couple of years ago for specifically entitled children in certain institutions. Only certain institutions are paid and then reimbursed by the state in some instances on this. So, we have those there for you. That account has only one line item on it, and we're asking for \$145,000 out of that one, and the tax levy would be \$137,931 to give us a working balance for that.

President Winnecke: Thank you, John. Any questions of Mr. Schroeder? A lot of material to digest here on the fly.

John Schroeder: Yes.

President Winnecke: So, we may have some questions for you at our August 22nd meeting.

John Schroeder: Okay.

President Winnecke: But, seeing no hands, we'll move on.

John Schroeder: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you very much.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Winnecke: County Commissioners, page 82. Okay, we'll begin with, the Commissioners have several budget items before us today, we'll begin with the Commission and the Commission CCD budget, page 82.

Cheryl Musgrave: Thank you members of Council, Cheryl Musgrave, County Commission President. I just want to thank you for the time and effort that you put into the task that you have before you today. I have great respect for the work that you do in reviewing everyone's budget. All of the Commissioners are here today, as well as several of the department heads and others who have a line item in the budget. They will be here to assist in answering any questions you may have. I would like to thank them for all coming as well. Our budget is heavy on economic development this year. We're asking for road funding projects, we're asking for new organizations to be established, specifically the Southwest Indiana Economic Coalition, and the City-County Economic Development Department. With your permission, I would like to lead off with the Southwest Indiana Economic Development Coalition. Commissioner Shetler will make a presentation. We also have Mr. Ed Hafer here to speak for the coalition. I will address the City-County Economic Development Department, and I have with me here today Greg LaMar of the Department of Metropolitan Development to assist in that presentation. So, I will now turn it over to Commissioner Shetler.

Tom Shetler: Thank you. Good morning.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Tom.

Tom Shetler: Regional economic development is vital for the continued success of our county's ability to attract new commerce and industry. The Economic Development Coalition of Southwestern Indiana and the Evansville-Vanderburgh Enterprise Development Agency has the makings of a perfect partnership. Evansville

and Vanderburgh County have the cultural amenities of the museum and the Philharmonic. We have the educational opportunities at Ivy Tech, USI, and U of E. We have the entertainment venues to offer, such as the Zoo, Roberts Stadium, the Centre, Casino Aztar, a multitude of shopping opportunities at various locations, and, of course, Eastland Mall. We also have an abundant source of water and sewer services to offer. Gibson, Posey and Warrick Counties bring to the partnership land, an abundant source of land, a stronger sales force and a unified team to help close the deal. With I-69 now a reality, we must not squander this opportunity to attract high paying, good jobs for the people of Vanderburgh County. These are exciting times, but it does not come without a cost. Currently we contribute \$185,000 towards economic development. Our request next year is to increase that investment to \$285,000. I would like now to introduce Mr. Ed Hafer who is here to elaborate in more detail about the regional effort. Thank you.

Ed Hafer: Thank you, Commissioner Shetler. I'm Ed Hafer, I'm a member of the board of directors of the Economic Development Coalition of Southwestern Indiana. Representatives of the coalition have appeared before this body and the County Commissioners. We've had individual meetings with representatives of county government were part of the task force that set this up. So, I think, Commissioner Shetler pretty much gave a good, broad overview of what the coalition is about. But, simply stated, it's a four county organization, a public-private partnership, a non-profit corporation. It will have a board of directors that will be equally representative of all four counties. This body has appointed one of it's members and an outside appointment. The County Commissioners have done the like. The Mayor of each of the county seats will be on the coalition board. We envision it very rapidly becoming a staff of approximately six people, eventually growing to something in the neighborhood of eight, with a total budget of about \$1.2 million. The county's share of that budget will be pro rated on the basis of population. As Commissioner Shetler said, the goal is basically to attract new investments, which means new taxes, the like, and to create jobs, high quality jobs, really jobs across the entire spectrum for all people. If you believe, as I do, and the members of the coalition, that through initiatives such as I-69 and other things, that this region is truly at a point in which we should be able to expect, reasonably, that there will be significant economic growth in the area. It's important that we present, from this region, a four county combined approach to the pursuit of those prospects, the response to requests that we get, relationships with the State of Indiana, who will need to be a partner in these sorts of things. So, we think it's critically time, it's critically important that this four county organization be established. That's not to take away the fact that, as you'll hear in a moment, there will still be the need for Vanderburgh County, City of Evansville organization to respond and promote the specific attributes of Vanderburgh County. But we think it's time, and, obviously, other areas of the state, such as Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis, Southeastern Indiana, who are also establishing similar organizations too at this time. So, I would urge you, on behalf of the overall economic development efforts of the area, to act favorably on this budget request. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

Cheryl Musgrave: The four county organization will do wonderful things for the southwestern region of Indiana. It will bring new business to the region. This new business brought to the region must be shepherded through the local process. The four counties will need their own economic development departments. Currently Vanderburgh County has no economic development arm or staff beyond the personal efforts of the members of Council, the Commission and our own staffs. It is time that we formalize this process, and to make our ability to respond to incoming new

business official, we need to develop, in partnership with the city, a City-County Economic Development Department. Mr. Greg LaMar will make some remarks as well, but I first want to draw your attention to the line items where both of these entities funding is being requested, and make some adjustments. In the General Fund budget, line item 3111, it lists City-County Economic Development at \$200,000. As the sheet I've distributed to you shows, that number should be \$150,000. Line item 3531--

Councilmember Goebel: Hold on.

Councilmember Raben: 3115.

Cheryl Musgrave: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Goebel: Your rationale should be 150?

Cheryl Musgrave: 15, it should be 15. It should be 150.

Councilmember Tornatta: 83?

Councilmember Sutton: Page 83.

President Winnecke: Yeah, our books have already been corrected.

Cheryl Musgrave: Thank you. 2000 should be Vision-e at line 3531.

President Winnecke: Right.

Cheryl Musgrave: That number should read 185.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, 185?

Cheryl Musgrave: 135?

Councilmember Tornatta: 135.

Cheryl Musgrave: 135. Mr. LaMar, would you like to make any comments on behalf of the city?

Greg LaMar: I'm here representing Mayor Weinzapfel. Again, we think this is a very, very important change in our organizations, both from a regional standpoint, but equally important, if not more important is actually putting together a single purpose economic development agency within Vanderburgh-Evansville to actually do economic development and see what we can get done. I think it's going to be very, very positive. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Just to clarify for members of Council, in your budget books on page 83, it's line 3115, and that amount is \$150,000, which is what we have. Then, on page 85, line 3531, \$135,000, which is the number that we have before us. I would just, I have a question if someone could address how the two will interact with one another? The City-County and the, how it will interact with the coalition?

Ed Hafer: The coalition will be responsible for the overall marketing of the region, and will be the initial focal point of requests to the area. But, each county, while we're

together in this in terms of promoting things for the overall good of the four county area, each county, each governmental entity will need to respond on an individual basis, relative to sites that are available in their county, meetings with bodies such as yours to discuss incentive packages and things like that. Essentially, the coalition will be the marketing arm for economic development for the region. The county-wide organizations will be the specific responder on behalf of each of their counties to particular requests. Again, one of the other things that is critical to economic development, as you are aware, is infrastructure, transportation, sewers, roads, so, we think that working together as four counties to promote those sorts of initiatives will also be a major chore of the coalition as a whole. Did that answer the question?

President Winnecke: It did. Thank you. Other questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Hafer, what existing units or bodies that have maybe similar roles will be absorbed and eliminated?

Ed Hafer: With respect to the coalition, the primary one will be Vision-e, Vision 2000. Those, all of the functions of Vision 2000 will be absorbed by the new organization.

Councilmember Goebel: And the four county areas, will some of the—

Ed Hafer: Well, the, certainly in the four county areas, the overall marketing of those counties and everything will be absorbed into the new coalition. The organization will, or the responsibilities for specific responses and things like that will be, will move into individual county organizations, just as we're proposing to establish in Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think his was before mine. I'll go next.

President Winnecke: Oh, okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: I just, QCDC are they coming into the fold?

Ed Hafer: Yes, the functions of QCDC will be rolled into the coalition.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and then all these will be in one office? All these entities will be in one office, is that correct?

Ed Hafer: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and will the other counties have a representative in this main office? Or will they be in their own county?

Ed Hafer: Well, all of the functions of the coalition will be in one office, yet to be determined. The, I think it's the intention and would make sense that Vanderburgh County, if that office is located in Vanderburgh County that the county office be located, but I don't think that the Gibson County office will be located in that building, or the Warrick County. But, I'm really, that's being a little bit presumptuous.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, then in this budget, do they have rent or a building chosen that fits in this budget? Or is that outside this budget?

Ed Hafer: No, it's within the budget.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Ed Hafer: The \$1.2 million includes, you know, rent, salary, marketing materials, trips, etcetera. That's all in there, but, again, a site has not been selected as of yet. We are currently in the midst of a search for an executive director, retained an outside firm to assist in that search. We would prefer to leave the final site selection for an office, as well as staffing and some of the other things, to a new executive when he or she gets on board.

Councilmember Tornatta: Then, as far as approval, the approval of their budgets will go through the board and then be submitted to the different four Councils, is that what I am to understand?

Ed Hafer: I think the approval of the budget of the coalition will be approved by the board of the coalition.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and then submitted to the, in this case the Commissioners?

Ed Hafer: Well, we're committed certainly to a totally open, transparent, as we say, process. So, I mean, you may most certainly see the budget, see how your money is being spent as part of the overall (Inaudible).

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thanks.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: So, in relation to this EDA office, Enterprise Development Agency, we've got several entities involved with economic development here. You've got the Commissioners, the Council, the Mayor's office, DMD, I guess, that's part of the Mayor's office. So, what their role, would they then defer that economic development role to this office and step back and allow this particular office to take the lead? Help me to understand that relationship between those entities.

Greg LaMar: Currently, the economic development efforts in the city, of course, are housed with DMD. What we were looking at, in terms of our local, what we were looking at is a very strong relationship with the regional. I guess, the best way that I can think of is the regional agency brings the client's prospects to the table, and then what the local agencies do is negotiate the deal at the table. In other words, there's a difference there. In terms of the local economic development effort for us, we are looking at combining a variety of efforts, including, as you can see on the sheet that you have, our Downtown Evansville, Inc., the city's programs, Vanderburgh County programs, our certified technology park, which is downtown, and just recently we've merged that with the Small Business Incubator, which is the old Orr Building, the Evansville Airport Authority with the land that they're looking at again, or are going to be, will be run through this office, as well as the Port Authority that the city just recently established. Again, we think that having one focal point for efforts in Evansville-Vanderburgh County is very critical, and this will be the agency that, in fact, will handle that for the city.

Councilmember Sutton: And the staff numbers on this, have you determined what those are going to be as we see what the budget is?

Greg LaMar: I think the staff is five or six, at this point.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. I'm pretty sure everybody on this Council probably has a number of different questions on this, I don't want to monopolize the time, because we have a pretty full agenda today, and this is the first time we've had a chance to see this, but one last question. I see this as, the organizational structure, it's classified as a public-private corporation, correct? But I don't see private dollars investing in this. I see public dollars. Where are the private dollars?

Greg LaMar: Oh, a lot of that is through other support such as, well, Downtown Evansville, and also I think there's other support that will actually be going through the regional organization because of the advertising aspect of it. Again, the efforts for what is happening here in Evansville-Vanderburgh County, a lot of it is going to really depend on what we put up as resources beyond that.

Adam Prager: Hi, I'm Adam Prager with Prager Company. If I may just clarify a couple of points here. One is with regard to the private sector funding, there will be significant private sector funding going into both of these organizations. The Downtown Evansville, Inc., what's listed on the first sheet, I believe, that you have, which states \$275,000, that is all private sector dollars. It's private sector dollars that are generated from corporations, small and large, that go into downtown development. That money will become part of the City-County organization. There will be other funds as well. There is another point that I would like to make, and that's that there is a big distinction between these two organizations. The City-County organization, it's true, this organization will be responsible for shepherding and nurturing opportunities that come to the region in making sure that the fair share make their way to Vanderburgh County. But, I don't think, what has not been discussed yet, is the importance of supporting existing businesses within Vanderburgh County. Today there is no formal, robust effort to identify the needs of businesses throughout Vanderburgh County, and then work quickly to address those needs. There is no formalized aggressive business retention and expansion program. That will be a huge role of this organization, to work with the companies that are not just located in urban Vanderburgh County, but in the more rural areas as well. Second to that is there's really no formalized effort for, related to entrepreneurship. Part of the City-County organization will include the incubator, that's going to be helping to cultivate businesses, but in addition to that, this organization will be looking for opportunities to take ideas that are generated through individuals and businesses around the county and provide a mechanism to convert those ideas into viable operations. In other words, to make a real entrepreneurial development program out of what is today sort of a collection of pieces that have not been effectively assembled. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Adam. Other questions? Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I don't know who wants to answer some questions, any of you.

Cheryl Musgrave: What is your question?

Councilmember Abell: It has to do with this economic development. Obviously, that's what we're talking about.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay, go ahead.

Councilmember Abell: In looking at the regional one, which totals almost a million two hundred thousand dollars, what if one of these counties decides not to participate? Then does Vanderburgh County have to, does it become a three way split then? And does Vanderburgh County have to pick up the brunt of it? How is this going to change our budget?

Adam Prager: I'll field that one. Well, I can tell you that all signs right now are in favor of each of the four counties contributing. We've made a lot of progress. There has been significant interest, and it does look like the funding is going to be there from all four counties. There is no scenario where Vanderburgh County would be asked to contribute additional dollars to make up any shortfall that other counties would not be providing. We don't envision that scenario, but the dollars that are being sought by Vanderburgh County are the established portion of the budget here, and the doesn't change regardless of what the other counties do or don't put in. There is an effort underway as well to generate dollars from the private sector, it's not just the private sector within this county, it's the private sector of the businesses throughout the other four counties as well. So, part of the effort that's underway is getting public and private sector individuals in each of the other three counties to reach out to their counterparts, both within the government and the business community to generate their fair share of dollars as well.

Councilmember Abell: How did you arrive at 11 percent for Vanderburgh County, and all the other counties substantially less?

Adam Prager: The overall budget, you're referring to the regional organization?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Adam Prager: The overall budget is \$1.2 million. Of that \$1.2 million, \$400,000 is public sector dollars. The public sector dollars are divided among the four counties based on per capita. That's how we arrived at that figure.

Councilmember Abell: Now, about the Evansville one? That total is approximately \$900,000. This appears to be an entirely new department. This is probably not a question you can answer. Probably one of the questions one of the Commissioners might have to answer.

Tom Shetler: It essentially is. I mean, it's, in fact, I guess, it's one of the first times it's become public that we're going to continue on with the Evansville-Vanderburgh County department. What, basically, I guess, the analogy I would use, it's kind of like McDonald's, you know, in Chicago at the headquarters they market and they count the dollars as they come in and stuff, but their objective is to try to sell the hamburgers nationwide. It's up to the local franchise guy to fry them and to take care of them. That's kind of what we're doing here, is that you've got the regional that helps market and sell and bring it to the table, and then you've got the local guy here that has to help facilitate, to bring the services that are necessary. In some situations I envision us actually cooperating very closely with Warrick County, much like Lynch Road was done, and helping to bring services of roads and sewers and water lines across the county line and into the next county so that we can actually open up for businesses in those areas. So, I think it's, the local is essential in actually servicing once that hamburger has been sold, if you will.

Councilmember Abell: Has there been any thought to maybe servicing that next year after this regional group brings the people here? I think this is maybe a little premature. I mean, we don't have anybody yet. So, we would have an office just sitting here doing virtually nothing until the regional group. Actually, you know, and let me finish before....during budget hearings, and I read my minutes again last night so I would be sure of this, I asked if Vision-e was going to go away, and the answer that I was given was, yes, it would go away. This regional group would be the only funding we would have to present, and then Mr. Winnecke said there may be a minimal amount that we may have to be asked for a county agency. I happen to be someone who does not think \$150,000 is a minimal amount of money. That's as much as we gave Vision-e. We're really not getting rid of Vision-e. We're really just creating a whole new department and growing government. I mean, that's the way I see this, and if you can explain it to me to make me see it some otherwise.

Tom Shetler: I guess, the point that I would use is not to forget what Mr. Prager had brought out earlier. A very essential part of it is being able to facilitate and take care of local businesses, people that we have. Good examples: Brake Supply, Shoe Carnival. If it wasn't for the local abilities, I don't think the regional, in and of itself, can help deal with those kind of things in the same way that a local entity can service them and can deal with them. So, I think those are two fine examples of ways that show that we do need to have local involvement in coordinating the efforts for the regional.

Councilmember Abell: Well, I've got a lot of questions, but we don't have time. I'll just (Inaudible).

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta and then we're going to kind of wrap up and move on. We do have a full plate.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess, I'm kind of following up on what Councilman Abell was saying, we had \$135 million in the Vision-e account, and we've had that for several years. Did we not think that that mechanism was doing the job? I know it was brought up by Commissioner Musgrave, and I think it was some good points on how it was run, and maybe not so efficiently, but at the same time we did have a mechanism in place. I guess, I would like to know how we see this would be a different mechanism? Because we did have the hamburger guy, or wherever we were going there, but I don't know how this is going to be so different for \$15,000 more.

Tom Shetler: I think we're dealing with basically, overall we're dealing with \$100,000 more, and, essentially, what I think we're doing is attracting more businesses by having a regional approach to it over a four county area. We didn't have that kind of unification before. We had a very competitive environment, where we were fighting against Gibson, Gibson is fighting against Warrick, and Warrick is fighting against Posey to try to get the same people here. I think we're going to have a unified, coordinated effort. When you have that team approach to it, I think it's a lot more significant--

Councilmember Tornatta: We're not talking about, we're talking about Vision-e. I'm not talking about a regional approach, I mean, that's been in the works for, pretty much we've been talking about that since I've been on Council in 2000. I guess, what I'm talking about is how do we address the local end, and we're upping the local end price from what we've been paying, and by all conservative notions we were talking

about even possibly bringing the local side down because we've got more players involved.

Tom Shetler: I think the local is having a little bit more influence as far as the actual participation by other governments on that side of it, as opposed to private. Whereas, the private is going to be more involved in the regional. That's why the cost may be going up slightly.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, and like I said, my point is, Vision-e's budget was 135, let's see, Vision-e is going to be 135, is that right?

President Winnecke: The coalition is 135.

Councilmember Tornatta: 135 for Vision-e? Or is it going to be 150?

President Winnecke: 135 for the four county coalition. 150 for the Evansville-Vanderburgh County effort.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. My point is, our local arm has been Vision-e, and it's been \$135,000. We're , do we have these mixed up possibly on this sheet?

Councilmember Raben: Troy, Vision-e's been 150.

President Winnecke: Vision-e's been \$150,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, but we're saying our local arm is going to be 150, is that right?

President Winnecke: I think the issue—

Councilmember Tornatta: So, we've not brought the cost down, I guess, that's where I'm going.

President Winnecke: Let me see if I can, maybe I can clarify it, if I understand where you're going. That is, the four county coalition budget, the \$1.2 million budget, as Mr. Prager described, was derived at based on per capita population.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

President Winnecke: So, because it's more pieces of the pie, our piece is lower than it has been because we were one, we and the city were two of the primary funding sources of Vision-e. Does that—

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, I guess, I'm looking at the local side. We're not bringing our local costs down for exactly what we're doing locally. We have had that process in place. I guess, that's where I'm asking, how are we bringing our local side down? What was it not doing in the past?

Adam Prager: I'll try and speak to those couple of questions. I would hope that nobody in this room, or even in this region has been fully satisfied with the level of new business investment that's come either into Vanderburgh County or come into the region. There are a number of reasons for that, but one is quite simply that so many of today's site selection decisions are made regionally. That and, as was mentioned earlier, one community may have the labor, but lack the land. Another

one may have the reverse. Communities are banding together like never before to attract investment, and growing the pie really means coming together as a regional organization that is a collection of players to do that. My own personal background is corporate site selection, among other things, and I can tell you firsthand that when there's bickering between counties, when there's infighting, that often results in businesses choosing to go elsewhere, because they need the coordination between multiple parties. So, when it comes to creating and growing the base, you will be far more effective, and far more efficient at doing it as a regional organization than you have been as one. Vision-e has done some efforts to represent the overall region, but it hasn't done it truly in a coordinated fashion where all parties were sitting at the table working in unison on the same projects. That will make a tremendous difference. As pertains to the City-County organization, there is a void that exists within Vanderburgh County today. There is a void in terms of economic development. DMD has filled in where it can and provides some economic development related services, but it's really a community development organization that focuses on the city, and it helps the county when it can. There is no formal economic development program within the county, which means, and if you were to poll businesses around the county, I would imagine that a disproportionate share of them would say, we don't even know what services are available. We wouldn't even know necessarily where to go to receive the assistance that we need. 75 or 80 percent of all, I don't want to monopolize this, but 75 or 80 percent of all economic development comes from within. Not attraction of companies from the outside, but growing the base from within. If you don't have the mechanisms to do that, you're losing opportunities. You can also better address issues like what's happened with Whirlpool and others when you have a mechanism in place to address them. Plus the entrepreneurship element that doesn't exist, really in a formal way, that represents the whole county. So, one of the reasons that we're talking about additional funding is that we're adding significant services to the county that simply are lacking, or they're being done in a sort of ad hoc fashion now. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. You know, initially I wasn't near as comfortable as I am today with this. Having spoke with other collective officials from other counties, a lot of corporate people here locally, it does make sense. It, if you look at it from the outside, and you're someone looking at this area, you've got a strip of land this big, or you have a strip of land this big. I mean, the bigger strip definitely is more appealing, and a much better drawing card. But, one of the things that no one really has mentioned that's important is, when you have three or four counties working together, you don't really have the thread of one county bringing in industry or maybe monitors your quality of air, your water, what have you. I mean, all four counties are buying in and supporting whatever that project is, and I think that's very important. But, my last point is, and maybe we don't have to settle this today, but I would like to look at possibly shifting this to Riverboat. I mean, we do have the Economic Development line item within Riverboat that possibly we could move all this to.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: We're going to move on here.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I want—

President Winnecke: First of all, we've turned the volume up, so if you...typically we leave our mics on, but if might turn your mics off. That might help with the feedback. Yesterday we had trouble hearing.

Councilmember Sutton: We're trying to really consider the Commissioners whole budget. I know we don't want to get so focused on one item, and we've got a number of other departments.

President Winnecke: Right, we're going to move on.

Councilmember Sutton: So, and in that vein, this is an important topic, I really wish the whole Council weren't hearing this for the first time during budget time. We really needed to hear a presentation on this to really give us some time for some thoughtful discussion, because all of us are really short in our responses and our discussions and we can't really ask as many questions as we really want to, because we've got a number of other budgets. So, I don't know if we need to really consider having an opportunity to really talk about this specifically, because I know we all have some ideas, some suggestions, I would like to hear some feedback, and we can't do that in the context of really our budget hearings here, and then also take care of this other business.

President Winnecke: Okay, we're going to move on. Point well made. Let's go on to....we're going to change tapes first.

(Tape Changed)

President Winnecke: Okay, we'll go back to the Commissioners budget, page 82. What we have done, we've been asking folks to do is just start line by line and go through and describe the rationale for the increases in funding from this year to next year.

Cheryl Musgrave: Just so I understand, you'll be going through our rationale that we submitted?

President Winnecke: Yeah, if you'll actually just....yes, yes.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay, the Demolition Fund is the first, this is--

President Winnecke: Just for clarification, it's the bottom of page 82 in our budget book here.

Cheryl Musgrave: It is the same request as last year. The amount of \$25,000 was requested from the Building Commissioner for demolition purposes for buildings in the county. The Bond and Insurance, which is the next line, the \$148,000 increase is to cover the increase in insurance costs. The insurance agent has suggested a five percent increase. Is that different than the figure we have here? I think it is.

Marissa Nichoalds: It should be 842.

Cheryl Musgrave: Please put in the figure 842 instead of the one that you have there now.

Councilmember Raben: Could I, could we have questions as we go through these?

President Winnecke: Sure.

Cheryl Musgrave: Certainly.

Councilmember Raben: Cheryl, on the Bond and Insurance, are those annual payments?

Cheryl Musgrave: Bring that over here. The Bond and Insurance, annual payments, I believe that they are annual payments.

Councilmember Raben: So, would it be safe to assume that if we've spent \$756,000, we could add five percent to that?

Cheryl Musgrave: My staff member indicates yes. She handles those bills.

Councilmember Raben: So, okay, thanks.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay. Southwestern Indiana Mental Health is to cover the annual CPI increase, as stated in the contract. That is the same case for the next item, Hillcrest Washington. The EARC increase of \$41,000 was requested by letter from the EARC, and we asked for representatives to be here. Is anyone here? No one is here to explain that, but if you would like a copy of the letter, we can get that. Soil and Water has asked for a three percent increase for their cost of living. Emergency Medical, the \$19,700 increase is for the increased contractual costs for AMR. Urban Transportation, it's listed as EUTS, it's now called the MPO, that is their budgeted increase. Animal Control is the joint City-County department, my understanding is the number that you see there will likely be revised when the city brings new numbers across. The City-County Economic Development Department, as you have already shown a correction in that figure. Telephone, \$90,000 is the increase to cover the cost for the existing phone system, and the transition to the new system. Mr. Matt Arvay is here if you have any questions with that. EMA—

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, just a minute, you're going too fast. Now, is that new equipment? Is that new equipment, or what's going on now with the spike up \$90,000 there?

Cheryl Musgrave: Let me defer to Mr. Arvay.

Matt Arvay: Good afternoon. Actually, the new phone system there is going to be equipment, but we actually are going to have a transition period of about four to six months to install a new system. This is just to make sure that we have all the bases covered, in case there's, the difference within that time frame, with both systems being up. We still have three years remaining on the old contract, but we're going to reduce that to minimum phone systems by replacing them with the new phone systems, which is going to reduce our costs over the next year upcoming.

Councilmember Sutton: Why wouldn't we wait until the existing three year contract expired before we get into a new project? What's the problem with the existing system?

Matt Arvay: It doesn't have the capabilities of the new system. We're looking at, if we look at the same ten year period that the original contract was signed, the county will

save upwards of over \$700,000. So, it was a matter of saving money, putting in new equipment, better capabilities.

Councilmember Sutton: Capabilities like what?

Matt Arvay: Well, capabilities like we can do, each office can operate how they see fit, with what we call hunt groups. So, if you have a customer service focused office, you can have phones automatically roll over, you can see what the response times to the citizens calls are, you have a lot more accounting and reporting capabilities, you can tie that into billing systems as we move forward, because it's going from an analog system to a digital system.

Councilmember Sutton: And we need that right now?

Matt Arvay: Yeah, it will save money over time.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Winnecke: We're going to hold up for a second. We're going to adjust this sound system one last time. So, let's take a brief, we'll take a ten minute recess at this point and reconvene, and, hopefully, we'll eliminate the feedback. The audio feedback, I mean.

(Brief Recess)

President Winnecke: Okay, we think we have our audio problem fixed for the moment. Mr. Sutton has moved down to a microphone that we think is better. Mr. Raben knows he'll have to speak louder, because his microphone is deficient. Anyway, I appreciate everyone's patience. Let's continue, I would ask you as members of Council, since the Commissioners have a lot and we are kind of running late here, if you have questions as they go through their rationale, let's stop them and ask them at that point. If there are no questions, I know they have support personnel here. If they don't hear anything about their line item, I've told them they can leave. So, you might just keep that in mind.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay.

President Winnecke: So, Mrs. Musgrave—

Councilmember Tornatta: We're still on Telephone, Mr. President.

President Winnecke: Telephone, right, Telephone.

Councilmember Tornatta: The question on Telephone is, moving back, how long is still in the contract?

Matt Arvay: The original Centrex contract is three years from now.

Councilmember Tornatta: Still three years left in the contract?

Matt Arvay: Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and we can get out of that contract?

Matt Arvay: At the end of three years we can re-up with another contract. There's a difference between the digital lines and the analog lines. We're going to still need very few analog lines for fax machines, alarm systems, things of that nature, but the regular phones will be replaced. So, if a phone needs a new number added or if somebody moves offices, that automatically happens in-house with staff, versus currently we pay somebody an hourly rate to do those things.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, but that doesn't breach our contract, correct?

Matt Arvay: No.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, then on this new telephone system, how far along are you in the process? Because, it's not been brought to us. So, there would not be monies in place. So, I hope there hasn't been a contract signed for this amount.

Matt Arvay: Actually, Ted, do you want to talk about what we went through yesterday with the contracts? We're leasing the equipment. We're leasing, so that was actually approved yesterday. You may want to address.

Cheryl Musgrave: No.

Matt Arvay: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: I would like it to be addressed, because we have a contract without financial backing, and that's against the law in Indiana.

President Winnecke: Actually, there's money in place. We have a Telephone line item in place.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, but, the amount, but, I don't know if the amount's covered. That's why I'm trying to find out—

Matt Arvay: Yeah, that line item will cover the amount of the contract, because it's a lease over six years, or five years.

Councilmember Tornatta: The 210? The 210, because that's what we budgeted last year?

Matt Arvay: That will cover the new system.

Councilmember Tornatta: The new system and what we have?

Matt Arvay: Yes, and the equipment will be leased. So, what you're going to see is your monthly rates, that just covers our month-to-month bills.

Councilmember Tornatta: That doesn't make sense.

Matt Arvay: This line item covers our month-to-month bills. Currently we're paying about \$15,000 a month, you'll see that reduced, over time, due to the new phone system.

Councilmember Tornatta: And that goes in place this year? This new system will go in place this year?

Matt Arvay: Yes, in the next four to six months.

Councilmember Tornatta: And that will be covered under the 210?

Matt Arvay: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I would like to have...if you could work up some type of spreadsheet so that we could see how that's going to work, because I...we've had it in the past where things have been done without money in place, and we don't buy into that.

Matt Arvay: I've got a whole document that tells you how I got the RY and where the rationale came from. I can provide every one here.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, being budget time we would like to see that as soon as possible.

Matt Arvay: No problem.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thank you.

Cheryl Musgrave: Thank you. Emergency Management, again, is a joint department, and the city will provide final numbers, I believe, when that is available. Department of Information Technology, this is a request to move that line item back to the Commissioner's budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me. On that line item there, is that the same line item that the Council picked up last year.

Cheryl Musgrave: I believe so. I think there might be more than one, but, yes.

Councilmember Sutton: If, because in the Council budget we still have, last year we budgeted \$852,000 went into the Council budget for this particular area, Computer Facility Management. Now, this year we're requesting two million out of our budget, and then you've got, what is the total amount on your request?

Cheryl Musgrave: I would have to look at another document, but there is another line item where we're asking for—

Councilmember Sutton: That number doesn't match up here.

Councilmember Abell: 3860 is where that came from.

Councilmember Sutton: 3860.

Councilmember Abell: On this piece of paper.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and you're looking at one point five, \$1,582,000. The Council's got two million in theirs, because last year we only had \$852,000. So, I'm just trying to make sure we got the right lines and we're talking about the same things here. If we don't have more than one department requesting the same thing.

Cheryl Musgrave: You may, I don't know if more than one department has requested the same thing. These numbers were provided by Mr. Arvay to put in these line items, and he can answer the amount questions that you have.

Matt Arvay: I've got a document that will help clarify some of this.

Councilmember Raben: Ours, maybe this will help you, ours is 3530 under County Council.

Councilmember Sutton: 3530?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: So, we have \$271,000?

Matt Arvay: Okay, the \$1,582,146 for contractual services is how we look at it. That encompasses several items. Things from office supplies, computer supplies, disaster recovery, the Courts technology is included in that, what they would like, and we have a Courts Liaison to talk about that. Typical third party contractual services, items that usually come up throughout the year, hardware maintenance, software maintenance and any capital improvements. This year we really didn't ask for capital improvements, we tried to keep those costs down. If a capital item comes up, we would just come back to Council and ask for an appropriation at that time. So, that \$1,582,000 are basically those items I just discussed. It does not include facilities management. That is a different line item.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. So, this includes, I think your numbers are a little bit different than the ones we've got here. So, that's maybe causing some of the—

Matt Arvay: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: —problem here. Yeah, we need to figure out what that is. So, we've got two million in our budget, and then you've got this budget here which requests, I don't know, let's find out if that's the same thing.

Matt Arvay: The \$852,000 that you referred to last year was contractual services minus the Courts request last year. So, that encompassed all the items I talked about outside of facilities management. That's where you're seeing the \$852,000 last year, I believe. No, actually, I take that back, the \$852,000 is for facilities management. I'm sorry. That was the ACS contract, plus the Courts SCR. I misspoke.

Councilmember Sutton: Then there's a, I guess, does GIS fall under your purview as well?

Matt Arvay: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: We've got \$271,000 being requested there. Now, where was that before? It's in the Commissioners budget requested for this year. Where are we pulling that from?

Matt Arvay: That was in the Commissioners, it's always historically been in the Commissioners budget. I do not know if that was moved last year or not.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, it's, well, not according to what we've got here in our book. It appears to be moved over.

Matt Arvay: And that's basically reimbursement to the city for the GIS services. That's outside the joint information Technology Groups budget that you normally see up here. That's the GIS agreement that you see yearly.

Councilmember Sutton: Anybody else see that?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I see it. Last year we moved GIS, Facility Management—

Matt Arvay: Contractual Services.

Councilmember Raben: —and put it under Contractual Computer in the County Council's budget. This year, not only is it requested in our budget, but now it's requested in the Commissioners budget.

Councilmember Sutton: That's what I thought.

Councilmember Raben: Those lines, they are duplications.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: They are the same amounts.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Gotcha.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, we consolidated those numbers in the Council budget, where they listed them out separately?

President Winnecke: Lines 3860 and lines 3870 from the Commissioners budget are exactly duplicated in the Council budgets on page 123. The amounts are identical.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: The 1.58 and then the two million.

Councilmember Sutton: So, where's that going to go? Or, I should say, where will it go away? That should be the question.

Councilmember Raben: They will only be one or the other.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Alright.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we have any duplicating services from the GIS section to what the county's doing?

Matt Arvay: No, they're separate now, but through this RFS process that we're going through, we're looking to bring that together. So, once we get the finalized negotiations and get a hard contractual number there—

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Matt Arvay: –there will be some Facilities Management monies that the county pays to the GIS budget that can be applied to the Facilities Management.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and how much do we think we will save by moving this new direction, as opposed to ACS and dealing with the city and GIS and everything combined?

Matt Arvay: I guess, it's a perspective of how you look at it. The current contract that you're used to seeing in the joint line item, which is the ACS contract was for approximately a third of the network. Their new 2002 contract was approximately a third. So, we're looking at this in a totality to work together, instead of different groups and this disjointedness that's been going on. So, you know, if you take the third and multiply the 1.6 times three, and if you looked at it that way, we'll be saving significant money.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and then do you have all of the offices in the group now? I know that at one point we had maybe a department that was doing their own thing–

Matt Arvay: We're getting there.

Councilmember Tornatta: –and maybe another department.

Matt Arvay: There were three networks, and the Public Safety is, we've got what we call CivicNet now. So, GIS and Public Safety has been combined. The only group that's still out there is the Sheriff on the Public Safety. So, we are, we still have VenNet which are the Courts, and we hope to continue to work with them to get them consolidated in and work together. Then you'll have one system now, which should reduce our costs over time. Because you don't have to continue to upgrade three or four of the same types of equipment.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and will you be here when we talk about Manatron and dealing with the Assessor's offices?

Matt Arvay: I can stick around.

Councilmember Tornatta: I was going to say–

Matt Arvay: I never heard anything–

Councilmember Tornatta: –whenever, I think they're tomorrow.

Matt Arvay: I can come back then.

Councilmember Tornatta: If you could, if we have any questions on how those contracts are going.

Matt Arvay: Okay, because I'm not familiar with those contracts.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Matt Arvay: I can be here, and I can listen.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, would you be over the top of those contracts at that point, dealing with the different services?

Matt Arvay: I mean, I'm not sure what they're looking at.

Councilmember Tornatta: Because it would be a computer service coming into the Civic Center or the different offices.

Matt Arvay: I guess, I would need to look at that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Matt Arvay: I would be happy to look at that for you.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's tomorrow.

Matt Arvay: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Abell: I have one question.

President Winnecke: Yes, Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Has there been a contract awarded for Facilities Management for 2007?

Matt Arvay: Not yet. We're in negotiations currently.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

Matt Arvay: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Central Dispatch, I think, would be next, 4890.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE

Cheryl Musgrave: Central Dispatch, this is in two places. This request for \$100,000 for a Reverse 911 system is in two places on the budget, and we're asking that you only fund one of them, but we've left that up to your decision. So, it is here on the, is this the General Fund that we're going through at this point?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Cheryl Musgrave: It is here on the General Fund, and you'll see it later on the 911 Fund.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Cheryl Musgrave: And for any questions that you have about this request, we have the Director, Joanne Smith from Central Dispatch, if you have any questions. If not–

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, yes, a question. Okay, we have \$100,000 for the Reverse 911, I've read about it, I've seen it and talked about other cities, but what are

some of the advantages of having that system and how it will be used? Then what are some disadvantages to how this system is, as it stands today?

Joanne Smith: Some of the advantages, and if anyone is familiar with the Channel 14 system that they use, it's called Code Red, it works similar to that, where we would have the ability to call homes, as opposed to them calling us. We would be notifying other, their residence in an emergency. For cell phones they would have the choice of opting in to that system. That would be the advantages of being able to do that. Now, it is not something that would answer our problems that we encountered in November, because it would take a period of time to contact these people. It's based on the number of phone lines that you have available in your service, in your community. So, that would be a downside of it if there were not phone lines available to make these contacts. It would depend on time of day, what other things are going on, but it would give a resource into homes not only for weather emergencies, as Channel 14 uses it, but for any type of situation. In the city they even broke it down as to if there was a need for Council to be contacted, it could be done through a system of this sort.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I guess, you know, initially you look at \$100,000 for this system, and, you know, we've been trying to just get sirens in our community to cover our entire community. We can't even, supposedly we couldn't afford to do that, and it just seems kind of tough at a time when you have call blocking, and you have different mechanisms to ward off different calls that come in. A lot of these calls will get defrayed from callers identification before it even gets to the telephone. I just wonder, have we talked, have they talked about putting more sirens out? Making it so that all the community can hear, not just if you have a telephone?

Joanne Smith: I've had conversation on that with Sherman Greer, the Director of EMA, about additional sirens. But, this was an alternative system, a second resource, a resource that would answer needs other than the initial weather needs.

Councilmember Tornatta: Where is this on the priority list of the 911 Board?

Joanne Smith: The 911 Board is familiar with it. They've seen a presentation of it. We do have things that are a higher priority than this. I do agree that additional sirens are necessary, and if it were an option between implementing this in 2007 and adding additional sirens, at this point, maybe the additional sirens would be appropriate.

Councilmember Tornatta: The sirens would be affected by the weather, the department of weather, they would put the warrant out for the sirens. Where the Reverse 911 would be dealt with by who?

Joanne Smith: The Reverse 911, depending on the provider, would be dealt with in different locations. It could be dealt with locally. It could be dealt with in any particular office. It could be dealt with totally at Central Dispatch, as the sirens are.

Councilmember Tornatta: Who would make the call?

Joanne Smith: The call could be made by anyone.

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, who could make the call to make the call?

President Winnecke: Who would make the decision?

Joanne Smith: We could make the decision. You could make that decision.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Joanne Smith: It would depend on the—

Councilmember Tornatta: But, the National Weather Service would make a quicker decision to get the siren to let more people know audibly, at that point.

Joanne Smith: They do notify us, and we do set the sirens off, at their request. As well as the request of Public Safety.

President Winnecke: 911, the Central Dispatch facility, they sound the sirens.

Joanne Smith: Yes.

President Winnecke: And they're the ones that conduct the tests each week—

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

President Winnecke: —in conjunction with EMA.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. You get the call done. Okay.

Joanne Smith: The providers vary as to how they deal with putting this information out. Some provide equipment that you use yourself and send those calls out. Others you contact the company and they send the calls out. It just depends on the provider.

Councilmember Tornatta: Because some calls are coming out of, I know I read something on San Diego or San Francisco, one of the two cities has it in place, and they're getting calls from Tennessee.

Joanne Smith: That's possible, yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Which, in turn, it's an Indiana company that we're talking about, which is a great asset, and that's who they use, but they're getting calls out of Tennessee. Which, their call blocker picks that up, or they look on it and it says Tennessee, they don't answer the phone. I just worry about, you know, the opportunity to get as many people as possible. We've went the route of the siren. At this point, if it's not high on your board's list, but the sirens are higher on the list, I don't know why we couldn't spend the money on the sirens. I guess, that's what I'm looking at.

Joanne Smith: I think that when this, the investigation on this began is that we want to look at all, we want to cover all our bases, and provide that service to as many people as possible, and look at a service that will not only give us coverage in weather situations, but would cover other needs as well. This would provide other needs as well.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions on that before we move on? Thank you, Joanne.

Cheryl Musgrave: Youth Services requested \$5,000 increase. Youth Resources is the entity that spends that. Transportation Services, this is for a \$50,000 increase to cover the METS contract expenses for transportation services for the elderly and handicapped. Southwest Indiana Disaster Resistance, this is a \$10,000 annual payment. Last year it was dropped from the budget. That's all I have for the General Fund. Which fund do we move to at this point?

President Winnecke: I do see Mrs. Shirley James in the audience from the Pigeon Creek Greenway. This is not an increased amount, but as a courtesy would anyone have any questions of her? It's not necessary, but she did come down here.

Councilmember Tornatta: She's got an interesting story about what she found in a few of the tourism spots.

Shirley James: Yes, in fact, Bettye Lou, by the way, ladies and gentleman, I want to thank the Council and the Commissioners for your support since 1990. I don't know what I would have done without Sandie and Sarah, very efficient and they were a Godsend to me.

President Winnecke: Thank you for your letter. We read it into the record just a couple of weeks ago.

Shirley James: Good. Anyway, the state plan is for trails, is going to put a lot of money into trails. The Governor's goal is to do a trail before every Hoosier's house within 15 minutes, or 7.5 miles. His idea for handling wastes and things like that through the Greenway easements would be very excellent. It's a very visionary plan. I won't go into it here, because, for the simple reason I see you have a time element. I would like to speak to the Council on this at another time. It's going to be a real benefit to our county, I think. Also, the folder that you're getting is a thing, my husband and I kind of went around looking at Southwestern Indiana information centers and everything during the fall, and we got in some of these information centers and what did they have? They had all of Southwestern Indiana's trails with the hub city of Louisville. So, what we decided to do is, the advisory board decided to make Evansville the hub city for our Southwestern Indiana. I mean, after all, it's to our benefit. Believe me, the state loves this brochure. With that, if I can answer any questions.

President Winnecke: Any questions for Mrs. James?

Shirley James: All of our money that you give us this year will be devoted to getting us in alignment with the state, and getting some of that money down here.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Shirley. Okay, let's move to the CCD budget, if that's alright.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can I quickly ask about the Southwestern Indiana Disaster Resistance?

President Winnecke: Sure.

Councilmember Tornatta: What, kind of how does that get back in the budget? What exactly do they do again?

Cheryl Musgrave: That request, I was hoping that Roger Lehman would be here, which he's not here. Could I ask you to ask him at the joint budget hearings this afternoon? That is a department head function. He oversees that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and, I guess, what I was looking at is they're funded by a lot of different funding mechanisms that would kind of be in this new economic development area. My question is, have we talked to this entity about joining that process? Because they do a lot of functions for, say Toyota, USI, and other areas.

Cheryl Musgrave: We can certainly have that discussion. Mr. Prager is gone, and Mr. Prager is the one who initiated many of those discussions.

Councilmember Tornatta: I brought that to several people on your board, and, I guess, I'll bring that to you since you are going to be sitting on that board as well.

Cheryl Musgrave: Which board is that?

Councilmember Tornatta: I believe you're sitting on the board of that—

Cheryl Musgrave: SWIDC?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Cheryl Musgrave: No, Mr., oh, the coalition?

Councilmember Tornatta: The coalition.

Cheryl Musgrave: No, Mr. Shetler will be on the coalition.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Okay, well, then I'll address you and say that this would be an opportunity to check and see if any of their functions would be covered in that coalition group. I know that they do get funding from several mechanisms, private mechanisms, and if they could come in and fund any of those mechanisms that would do similar processes, maybe we can bring them into the fold.

Tom Shetler: It's actually being done now. They're looking at that. They're having a breakfast in early December joining the Chamber, the regional chamber that's being proposed along with this group to actually facilitate just exactly what you're speaking towards. So, it's already in—

Councilmember Tornatta: So, the Southwest Indiana—

Tom Shetler: Yes, it's already in the makings, yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, good.

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (CCD)

President Winnecke: CCD, 139.

Cheryl Musgrave: First line item, Mr. Nix would answer any questions, Old Courthouse Contractual, \$400,000 to cover renovations of the Old Courthouse Wedgewood Room to begin the rental of that room.

Bill Nix: Good afternoon.

President Winnecke: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Good morning.

Bill Nix: It seems like afternoon.

President Winnecke: It does seem like afternoon, doesn't it?

Bill Nix: As you all know, and this group, and, I guess, Councils before you have appropriated funds to renovate the Old Courthouse. Of course, you know what's taken place over there. We've got a new roof, a new copper flashing system, new gutters on the outside. We've got a new heating and cooling system, which is state of the art, was done the right way, something that will last a long time. I sit on the Old Courthouse Foundation and we are, we've hired an architect through funds on the Old Courthouse Foundation to look at renovating the Old Courthouse. The way we're looking at this is, here you've got the money that the Council's spent, up to right now the county government has spent on these others, on the roof and on the heating and cooling and electrical systems, we feel like we need to take this another step. Understanding the constraints of the Council with money, the Old Courthouse Foundation, like I say, has taken it on its own to hire an architect to look at what we could do to renovate the interior of the Old Courthouse. One of the ideas that we came up with was that the Wedgewood Room, from time to time, we're asked by a lot of different people to rent out. It's in pretty bad shape right now. The idea with the Old Courthouse Foundation was to possibly look at maybe renovating that room, and possibly some areas outside the room, to kind of jumpstart the project. This would give the public an idea of what the rest of this would look like with donated funds to complete the rest of the project. So, that's the reason for this request.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you have any type of revenue projections on the room? Or do you have anything that just illustrates what you think the costs—

Bill Nix: We have not taken it to that step yet, not at all. But, I do know that this particular room is on the Centre's, in other words when the Centre rents out space, it's on their available list. So, I mean, it's, it would get utilized more, but, like I say, right now it's in pretty rough shape.

President Winnecke: Over time, the usage has just dramatically gone down because it's in poor condition.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess—

President Winnecke: So, to do a projection, a revenue projection would really not, it would just show a decline, I mean.

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, I guess, what I'm saying is, if we think there's a need, then a need has a dollar value associated with it. If that's the case, I just didn't know what we thought we were looking at as far as, if we put \$400,000 into that room, what would the county see back out of it through the Courthouse?

Bill Nix: I think it would be awfully hard to project that at this time. I think it's going to take some of the completion of the whole project before this would really be, before you could really put that into play. Because, I think that this would help promote the

rest of the project, and that's really what we're looking at. Plus the fact that we could start taking in some revenue right now with it. But, as far as a projection, I just couldn't give you anything like that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Okay, Loan Agreement? That's the same?

Cheryl Musgrave: The Loan Agreement is the \$117,000 to increase the costs of the contract. Park and Playground is a million two. Burdette Park is here to answer any questions you may have about that.

President Winnecke: Steve?

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette Park.

President Winnecke: Could you describe the Park and Playground improvement requests?

Steve Craig: Yes. At this time, we have several projects over the next year or so that we was looking at. Some of the smaller ones is that we're trying to replace the chain link fence at the pool. Some of the perimeter fences are rusting and becoming a problem. I might even add it to some of the vandalism. Looking at installing a new chalet, replacing sidewalks from the front part of the park down to our office. They are highly used and they are becoming a hazard to the people at the park. Replacing one of our ATV's with another ATV, trying to use a vehicle that gets better gas mileage than a truck. We've used one extensively in the park over the years, and possibly a new pickup truck. One of the other things that we are wanting to use some of this money for is the trail that would be leading to USI. We have been negotiating and working with SIHE who represents USI's interests, and we have a very interesting project going on that would connect Burdette to USI, where the students could either use it for a walking trail, riding bicycles, nature trails. This is something that Shirley had brought up a point that the more trails you get, the more you get aligned, the more money that is available. We want to get this jump started. We've had excellent cooperation between us and USI. The bulk of that money would be going to that trail system that would connect Burdette and USI.

President Winnecke: Steve, could you provide the Council, and I don't know if you have copies of it, but could you provide a breakdown of each of the six or seven items that you listed? A breakdown per cost and kind of the priority as you see it? It sounds like the trail funding might be the highest priority, but I think it could be helpful if we could all see what you feel is your priority now, and how much each of those costs.

Steve Craig: I don't have that breakdown with me. I do, you know, have a list of stuff here, but I could get you a breakdown tomorrow if you need it.

President Winnecke: If you could get that to Sandie, and she would distribute to all of us, that would be helpful.

Steve Craig: I will do that.

President Winnecke: Other questions of Mr. Craig while he is here to talk about this particular budget? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, on the study that was done on Burdette Park, do any of these, where do they fit on priority? Any of the items that you've mentioned.

Steve Craig: Most of them are in it. Some of these would come under, you know, a vaguer part of it, like the upkeep of the park. They emphasized that, and some of the replacement of the perimeter fences and sidewalks would be part of that. They suggested building several new chalets, which is right in there. They've suggested doing trails, handicap accessible, we built, this year we had built a handicap accessible restroom. Most of these would probably come under the maintenance part of upkeep of the park. But, the trail and the chalets were part of the master plan that we had did, I guess, it was about three years ago now. But, all of them, I think, are under it in one way or another. Like I said, a lot of them might fall under maintenance, because they're just some major maintenance projects.

Councilmember Tornatta: And are there any grants that we're seeking at this time? I thought that when we were looking at a few of these processes on bike trails and whatever, there were some grants available.

Steve Craig: We are. We have applied for federal and state funding. At this time I don't think we know the results of them. I know that some of them that were put out weren't included.

Cheryl Musgrave: We haven't gotten either one. We know.

Steve Craig: Both of them?

Cheryl Musgrave: Both of them.

Steve Craig: Well, I was just told that we're not getting either one of them. So, this probably even becomes more of a priority. What has happened, there used to be one county in Southern Indiana, Southwestern would apply for it. This year there was probably hundreds of applications for them, for these trails. But the more that you get, like Shirley had said, the more you get, the more, you know, become available to the state and federal grants.

Councilmember Tornatta: Then, and maybe this isn't a question directed to you, but do we think that we'd be more, in the application process, next, we would be a better candidate next year? I don't know if we maybe didn't get our paperwork in before other groups got theirs in, but would we be a better candidate next year to get funds for these trails?

Steve Craig: Our paperwork was in on time. It was not something that we did. By not getting this, if we don't have the funds that we're asking for here, it probably puts the project back two or three years every time you do this application for the federal and state money. You know, we're still in the planning stage, designing stage at this time of the trail. So, it would take a year or so to build it, a year or so to go with the federal funds. So, if we get the money next October, you're talking about something that would be done in three, four, five years, whereas we're looking to get it done quicker. That does make us available for more funds if you do have some of these trails in place. Like I said, the competition state and federal wise is getting extreme.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thanks.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Steve, while you're up, oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Wortman, go ahead.

Councilmember Wortman: Line item 3440, Advertising, could that be converted to the Convention and Visitors Bureau? We did that last year, I believe, some of that.

President Winnecke: In the CCD? Oh, you're in the Burdette Park.

Councilmember Tornatta: Burdette Park.

President Winnecke: That's something we can certainly look at. I tell you what, while we're, let's change the tape and we'll just jump into this budget, if it's alright.

(Tape changed)

BURDETTE PARK

President Winnecke: Let's move to page 115. Since Steve is here, we'll just go to his budget. Steve, if you could just identify the line items that are where you are asking for more money next year over this year.

Steve Craig: Okay, the first one would be the number, on mine is 1180-1450, and it's Other Employees. I'm asking for more money in that first of all. We're having some trouble getting people at our aquatic center, but other ones is that our management people are making \$8.00 or \$8.50 or maybe the highest one in the park is \$9.00. These are people that are school teachers and professional people that work for me in the summer and they need to be paid more than that because I am having trouble getting them, I'm having trouble keeping them. There are a lot of jobs out there at this time that pays a lot more than eight or nine dollars an hour and these people are in direct contact with these children every day. They're taking care of my money for my facilities and that, and I was wanting to give them across the board as a raise. That was on the first page. The next one was in Gas & Oil. I think that's pretty self explanatory. Fuel and Butane, just the prices I foresee going up. We asked for \$500 more in Uniforms. This was predicted by our uniform company, which is a contract, that it would go up about that much. Laundry & Cleaning, we've been short in that account for several years. I just came back to the Council to receive more money in that. Office Supplies, I raised that \$200. We're short on that, or close to being short, every year. The next one was account 3200 and that was Utilities. I have already come back for utilities. Our utilities, we do everything that we can to make this work on the money we get, but unfortunately it is hard to make it work all the time. Advertising, I asked for more money in Advertising. We do go back, Curt, every year and go to the Evansville Visitor's Convention Bureau and they do a matching fund of a certain percentage of our money that is used to attract people from outside of the tri-state area to the tri-state area. One of the things in the Master Plan that they emphasized was that we we're not promoting ourselves enough and, you know, this is like a pyramid building thing. The more you promoted yourself, the more people you see in your park which would spend more money and, in essence, spend more time in Evansville.

President Winnecke: Who does your advertising?

Steve Craig: At this time Axiom does. Like I said, their numbers were way, way above what I asked the Council every year for in Advertising. Just percentage wise

on what our budget is and what our facility is they had told us to ask for a lot more money in that account.

President Winnecke: Is the predominant means of advertising outdoor and print?

Steve Craig: At the present time that was the area that we took. We've tried every one there is, you know, from radio, to t.v., to business to business advertising, and at the present time, most of our money has been spent this year on outside advertising. The next one is line item 3590 Pool Operations. There are several things that I want to do at the pool and one of them goes back to replacing some of the aging sidewalks, aging fence structure, but we're also wanting to do some putting barbed windows over some of the glass windows to prevent vandalism. Do some, what I would call preventive maintenance, when it comes to vandalism. Maybe have a t.v. system or cameras set up. There are several things at our aquatic centers, the slides are getting to be 20 years old. We want to redo the bases to them which are concrete structures that the slides sit on. Upon inspection this year we did some repairs, but it looks like there may need to be a lot of repairs done in the next year or so to make these still usable. They're not in dangerous position, but they're getting at the point where they do need quite a bit of maintenance and we're looking forward to doing that next year. I think other than that--

President Winnecke: Steve, I would ask you if you would let us know what rate of pay you would like the part-time, you just kind of bundled all those together and gave us one big increase, but if you could submit in writing what you would like each of the line items to be, what the hourly rate would be, and submit that.

Steve Craig: Have you got that yet, Sandie?

Sandie Deig: No.

Steve Craig: I had done it. I had thought Joyce had gotten it to you. Okay. I've already done that. I thought you guys had that. I apologize.

President Winnecke: Perfect. Thank you. Other questions of Steve while he is here?

Councilmember Tornatta: Steve, just curious, and I haven't been on, but you have your own web site, correct?

Steve Craig: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Tornatta: Does that...when somebody goes and logs in this region, does it go to water park, does it hit Burdette Park at that point, or do we have a function that would do that? I know that if I am looking at other parts of Indiana, if I am going to be in a town and have kids, obviously, I might look at that.

Steve Craig: You would have to go to the Vanderburgh County one, and then you would log onto Burdette and proceed from there. Are you asking if we are on a statewide one that says parks?

Councilmember Tornatta: I was just wondering. Sometimes it can be overlooked, but if we can get on something that deals with water parks and Burdette Park pops

up, maybe it would just be that attraction, because when people from out of state are looking to go to a region, a lot of times they'll do it over the internet and look up some instances where they want to maybe go to a show, or go to a water park, or play golf, or whatever is their pleasure. At this point, maybe we can get something that would facilitate growth through Burdette Park on a no cost basis by using the internet.

Councilmember Raben: Are you talking about Ad Words?

Councilmember Tornatta: What's that?

Councilmember Raben: Are you talking about like Ad Words? Going through Ad Words where if someone is checking Holiday World, Burdette Park pops up?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, well right now, if you go to Indiana water parks, we've got to make sure we're on it. You know, just see if there are Indiana sites that will direct people down to this area. I know that they have several different, whether it is Holiday World or the beaches up in northern Indiana, they'll have certain accommodations or certain water park criteria or water parks in the area. If we could get on something like that, maybe that would help us from a standpoint that we would be on the internet a little bit more than we are right now. I don't know how much we are on the internet with Burdette Park, but that might be an opportunity.

Steve Craig: I will look into that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thanks.

President Winnecke: Questions for Steve? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Steve, on line 4220 Office Machines, what is that request?

Steve Craig: That's for new...I'm sorry, I missed that. That's for two new printers for our reservations computers and we received the new computers this year and our old ones, I think, are twelve years old at the present time and we was told that we need to replace them before they go down. If they go down in the middle of summer, we would be in major trouble.

Councilmember Tornatta: How many?

Steve Craig: Two.

Councilmember Tornatta: Two?

President Winnecke: Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Is this a...where did you get the price from? You just kind of put in a figure or have you—

Steve Craig: No, that was the price. I think they were \$2480 a piece, or something. They were given to us at the time when the computers were put in.

Councilmember Sutton: For printers?

Steve Craig: Pardon me?

Councilmember Sutton: Per printer? Is this printer and unit or just a printer?

Steve Craig: Just the printers.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Okay, we'll move on. Thank you.

DRAINAGE BOARD

President Winnecke: Okay, next Drainage Board page 80. I doubt that there will be any questions there, but everyone turn to page 80 in your hymnals just in case.

Bill Nix: She wanted to take an easy one. Any questions?

President Winnecke: Any questions for the Drainage Board? Okay, thank you. Commissioner Nix, you did a fine job.

Bill Nix: Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Great job, Bill.

RIVERBOAT

President Winnecke: Riverboat page 124.

Cheryl Musgrave: Oh, I've lost Riverboat. I believe we only had one increase in that line and it was for Economic Development from \$150,000 to \$500,000, is that correct?

President Winnecke: Correct.

Cheryl Musgrave: That would cover...it was intended in the filing of this budget to cover the incentives that the Commissioners would put forward, for example, other recent Brake Supply the state put up money and the county was required to match that. That's where that money would come from. In the past my understanding is that the Commissioners were funded at the \$500,000 level so that is why that figure was chosen. That's all.

President Winnecke: Any questions on the Riverboat budget? Okay, thank you. We'll move on.

THE CENTRE

President Winnecke: Let's go to The Centre, page 113.

Darren Stearns: Good morning.

President Winnecke: Good morning.

Darren Stearns: This is the general manager at SMG and for The Centre. Some of the requests that we had for increases for this year were in regards mostly to utilities and the Teamsters benefits and salary.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you walk us through on your budget request? There are some things that were excluded in here, so will I find that someplace else? In particular, I am looking at line 3536 and 3537 and line 3798.

Darren Stearns: My understanding is, with the new contract, that's the way the events are, that we're working off of the revenues that we have in the building itself, instead of coming back and forth. Also, on some of those that you're looking at on there, it doesn't have the management fee on there in 3537. That balance is actually the balance that was left over from last year.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so all of that is covered under line 3955?

Darren Stearns: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible) there is a requested increase of about \$90,000, is that correct?

Darren Stearns: Well, on an average, yes. It's with the utilities also, yes, there is about \$20,000 in the Teamster benefits. We put in the three percent salary increase.

Councilmember Raben: I'm not talking...I'm not referring to salaries.

Darren Stearns: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Sutton raised the question that 3955, that \$788,000 represents what used to be 3536, 3537, 3798 and 3955 correct? That is the sum of those four accounts lumped into one line?

Darren Stearns: That's the way I understand it.

Councilmember Raben: But there is an increase of about \$90,000 over last year. So where does that increase fit in? What we once knew it as, I mean, is there a particular line?

Darren Stearns: It would be in the operating account because the operating would have the utilities in it. Also, the management fee. The management fee is now in that \$788,000 number and that was at \$140,000 is the management fee and then there is a qualitative assessment that can be assessed to that depending on how we perform. I think it's an additional 20 or 25 percent. So that was another increase of about \$30,000 if they've reached that number. If we reach that number.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Okay, thank you.

Darren Stearns: Okay, thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Winnecke: Superintendent of County Buildings 93. Health Department, I haven't forgotten you. I just want to knock out all the Commissioners while they are all here.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President, just real quickly, I was talking with somebody from the labor side, Teamsters, and one of the things that we've been able to do and hopefully we have ongoing processes is to get The Centre and the Teamsters to talk about timing and employees' work timing and try to bring down that overtime. And I think that they've come a long way in trying to bring down that amount of overtime at The Centre, so you know, it's a nice bit of communication between the two that is starting to develop, and I think it is going to be very successful for the county.

Bill Nix: It's a good point, Mr. Tornatta. In our last contract we worked out, and the Teamsters worked with us, for some leniency for working rules and we've actually made some changes since then and I think that's reflected in some of our overtime costs, so it was a win/win situation. Like I said, there were some things that they needed and wanted and we got what we needed, also.

President Winnecke: Okay, Bill, or Commissioner Nix, if you would like to just kind of go through.

Bill Nix: Do you want line item by line item?

President Winnecke: Just the requests for increases.

Bill Nix: You don't want me to show the decreases then, right? Just increases?

President Winnecke: We can spot the decreases and we're grateful. Superintendent of County Buildings, 93.

Bill Nix: I figured you could. The fourth line item, Buildings & Groundskeeper, we've got some additional overtime that we have from time to time for locking up in the evening and that, and then this person covers for overtime or covers when the union person over there is on vacation and off. Additional 25 percent. That really is the only increase that I can see other than the normal pay increase.

President Winnecke: Utilities are up.

Bill Nix: Okay, I was just handed this. Gas & Oil, we needed a \$100 increase to cover gas for the truck that is used over there and I think that's pretty self explanatory. There is a \$10,000 increase to cover water and electric costs for the Old Courthouse. That's kind of a pie in the sky number because of the way utilities are right now. That's kind of what we budgeted. Contractual Services, a \$1,000 increase to cover the existing contract for services to Terminix and Cintas, they've got increases. Repairs to Buildings & Grounds, and I think that is a new line item. We've just continued having small things to do over there to keep the maintenance going and that is a pretty small item, but something I would like to see in there.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Nix?

Bill Nix: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: We did receive something from Keep Evansville Beautiful and it did have to do with the Coroner's Office, and I believe I've made a call just to try and make sure that we are taking care of that building as well. Are there any other buildings we might ought to look into to make sure that we're taking care of all buildings outside? If we can do that and not have outside contracts from these individual offices, I think that we'll save the county some money.

Bill Nix: Right. I am of the understanding that Mr. Duckworth had a crew go out last week to the Coroner's Office and do the cutting there. I think they've got some money budgeted for that. I was going to call Mr. Erk today and see where they are at with that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, they have a contract but, you know, I talked to Don and I said why would we need a contract for those services when we should really be taking care of our own at this point, unless we advise other outside offices that they need to start putting that in their budget.

Bill Nix: Right, correct me if I'm wrong, but the Coroner's Office is a city/county building, isn't it?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Bill Nix: I'm just wondering.

Councilmember Tornatta: No, it's county.

Bill Nix: Strictly county, okay. Well, it's something that we've never done before.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Bill Nix: We've never been asked to, so I'll get with Mr. Erk and work that out. He's got a \$5,000 line item for landscaping, I think.

Councilmember Tornatta: And that's a place where we can definitely work with the Coroner's Office and I talked to Don personally and he said he would not mind saving us \$5,000 if we knew we had to take care of that particular building.

Bill Nix: I saw the letter yesterday and talked to Mr. Duckworth. Other than the Old Courthouse and now this particular facility, and of course the garage, which the guys are there anyway, I really can't think of anything else at all.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, we might review any of the buildings that we hold and that would be an opportunity to do a once over and take a look and if we can maintain any of these buildings with our resources we have now, so we don't have to spend any additional, that might be an opportunity.

Bill Nix: And I will say Mr. Duckworth, I don't want to take anyone (inaudible), but I know we are a little strapped for mowing come summertime too, so I think you may be talking to him about that when he comes up.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thank you.

Bill Nix: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Okay, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Commissioner Nix?

Bill Nix: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Back up on Utilities 3200, we've already, and this was through June, spent close to \$85,000 in that account and we're just...you guys are requesting \$100,000 for next year. It kind of seems like it might be a little bit low in relation to the utility increases. I'm not going to complain about the request--

Bill Nix: Let me write this down, Councilman.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, just trying to be realistic, I guess, this doesn't seem like that is going to work.

Bill Nix: It's just our best guess on what we've got right now. I think we've had the heat...the new heat and cooling system has been in place about a year. It is extremely more efficient than the old system, the floor pipe system is, and right now it's a crap shoot. If you're willing to put some more money in there that would be great.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, I didn't say that. I think we would not be surprised to see you guys coming back, let's put it that way, at some point in time next year.

VETERANS SERVICE

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you. We'll move on to Veterans Administration, page 81. I think this is pretty self explanatory. The largest variance is the fact that the veterans burial allowance has been moved from the Commission budget to this budget which is why you see the \$40,000. It's in the Commission budget for 2006.

Mark Acker: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Mark. How are you today?

Mark Acker: Fair to middling. It's a pretty simple budget. Not a whole lot of damage one way or the other.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do the Commissioners have to sign off on that, or that allowance, or is that strictly your call, or how does that process work?

Mark Acker: What that is, is we receive all the documents either from the cemetery or from the funeral service or funeral homes. There are specific forms that have to be filled out. They complete those forms to include the discharge papers and proof of residency for the individual. We process all the paperwork and then send the warrant to the County Commissioners for signature and they send it on to the Auditor's Office for payment. It is logged in our office. We've done a hundred...let's see \$16,600 in burial benefits as of to date for veterans that have been buried. Headstone requests are \$1,700. I have an entire breakdown at any time of what and who received those funds. It's in the office and accounted for.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, is there a letter associated with that request that goes out with the check or is that—

Mark Acker: No. There is just a check that is sent out. A check is normally...normally what happens, as a rule of thumb the provider or purveyor of services includes that, such as the funeral home, for example, will show their \$100 credit to the family from funds that will be received from the county from the Auditor's Office back to them. So it's kind of a checks and balances there. And then we have people periodically call to make sure that was processed appropriately. We are looking at a...one of the problems that we have is that the state legislature has passed an increase for burial of veterans from the current rate to a new rate and I have been working with the County Commissioners in that we are probably going to have to see an increase in the next year to 18 months, asking for an increase for burial allowance from \$100 to \$250, I think would be the first increment. Am I correct, Commissioner Shetler? Right. Next year I will be coming asking for additional funds to cover these burials. We're burying around 200 veterans a year in Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and you said, to your recollection, there would not be any accompanying letter that would go out to the family?

Mark Acker: There was a discussion and it was generated by me. I felt like there would need to be some clarification and in the ensuing conversations, that concept became too cumbersome and it was too difficult to try to get everyone to understand what we were trying to say, so sometimes the less said is better off.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I think in this case with the families...dealing with the families, that might be the best opportunity. So thank you.

Mark Acker: So that was my fault.

President Winnecke: Okay, any other questions? Thank you, Mark.

Mark Acker: Thank you.

COUNTY HIGHWAY

President Winnecke: County Highway, 126.

Mike Duckworth: Good morning, Mike Duckworth, Superintendent of the County Highway Department.

President Winnecke: I know, I had to look at my clock, too, to make sure it was still morning. If you would start with the requests that are over and above this year's.

Mike Duckworth: Okay, I would be glad to do that. Under 2010, the highway account, if you'll start with Gas & Oil. We're requesting an increase of \$20,000 due to general oil and gas increases. Tires & Tubes, a \$5,000 increase due to the age of some of our vehicles and the fact that those costs are rising in that market as well. I don't have to tell all of you that. Garage & Motor from \$60,000 to \$65,000. General upkeep of equipment. All of our parts and any labor costs that we may incur. We would incur those increases as well. Uniforms, although we have a contract with Cintas we are in the midst of providing by, I believe it was going to be a state

regulation, the bright green attire to some of our workers. The T-shirts and the hats and those kinds of things for more visibility. Oil & Material cost, we estimate a \$15,000 increase due to the general market increases. Calcium & Chloride from \$100,000 to \$120,000. This is in regard to pretreatment costs and that worked extremely well for us to when we get a forecast of a snow event, we have pre-treated our roads which mitigate the ice bonding.

President Winnecke: Is that the beet juice?

Mike Duckworth: That's beet juice and brine.

Councilmember Tornatta: Has beet juice gone up?

Mike Duckworth: Beet juice, we have an ample supply. We didn't use all of ours last year, but we never know when the beets are going to have to come in and save the day. We are looking for alternative sources that are cheaper. I may be here talking to you in the future about corn juice, so there is a number of items out there that we're in the midst of looking at the testing of those items as well. So no telling what we'll use off the table next to diminish the ice and snow, but we'll try to be as efficient as we can with it. Also in the 3000 accounts, Telephone, a \$1,000 increase. Radio & Pagers, a \$2,000 increase. We are in the process of replacing tin cans and strings is what it basically is from 20 to 25 years of age on some of our radios. Utilities, we estimate a \$5,000 increase. Computer Data Management, because of our vehicle locator systems and how we would like to expand upon that, we're looking at a \$2,000 increase. Drainage & Assessment, basically through an increase in tax assessment in 2006, I've been told to ask for that increase. That is all I have in regards to the highway account.

President Winnecke: Questions here?

Councilmember Sutton: Now, what is that, that 3840?

Mike Duckworth: It's a tax for our...we have to...the county has to actually pay tax on our ditches and our waterways in the county. This year we had to come back to Council because of an increase because of the number of roadways that we're adding. Just for general information, since 1991, I'm working with John Stoll and doing some research, we have added somewhere between 100 and 150 plus miles to the county obligation and what we have to maintain, and that is not only the actual road itself, but the shoulders of the road, the ditches, the trees and all those kinds of things, so that has gone up to where we had to come back for extra and we've figured that in as well. Any other questions about highway increases?

LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS

President Winnecke: Let's move on to Local Roads and Streets while Mr. Duckworth is here. Page 151.

Mike Duckworth: Again, account 2220 Tires & Tubes, we are requesting a \$2,000 increase for general costs. Garage & Motor, this increase of \$20,000 enables us to keep, not only our paver upkeep, our patching crews, all the equipment that they use, everything from rakes to just whatever, and we have that Garage & Motor account. We do buy some small equipment out of it. We purchased a backhoe this year out of that and a hydro-hammer, as well as a saw to cut the pavement, so those

kinds of equipment, weed eaters, all those things come out of that account and they wear out, is basically the problem. Bituminous Materials in 2530, we asked for \$1.1 million because, and I am already receiving increases from Rudolph, Gohmann and David, Incorporated in regards to oil prices and the rise. That will pretty well drive the amount of road improvements that we'll be able to do. So we would request at least that much to maintain the 33 to 34 miles that we've done each of the past two years. There is \$500 in Training Expenses. Any time you go to a conference, you know, you have airline costs due to an increase in those costs. Then Road Equipment from \$70,000 to \$80,000. This is the line item that we buy our mowing equipment, upkeep our tractors, our mow trims, our tree trimmers, all those kinds of things that we have had to deal with there, and we anticipate needing more of that equipment as well. That brings us to 4310, and I've had some discussion with some of the Councilmembers and President Winnecke and the Commissioners about that account. Currently that is a \$175,000 budget item and that is what we buy some of our trucks out of. We just got our bids back yesterday or a week ago on our tandem trucks with what they call a flow bed, which will eventually enable us to not have the salt spreaders in them because this is a bed that has a multipurpose use. So 30 minutes you could spreading rock and then if you got hit with a snowstorm, within 30 minutes you could change that out and then be spreading salt, so it makes us more flexible in that, but one truck is \$112,000 this year. That's item 3830. We would be looking at possibly just doing some of the beds in some of the trucks. Then out of 4310, this \$175,000 what we've added to that is approximately \$250,000 for a new paver. The average life of a paver that the paving companies tell me is somewhere between seven and eight years and we're on year 12 right now. To add to this factor this year, you know, we park it on location and it was hit by a falling tree, but we did get...we've kind of kept it together with insurance proceeds and some of our other accounts, but we're to the point where the county has to make a decision as to whether or not this department is going to continue to pave roads or if we're going to take another route. In looking at that, we have 50 employees. We've increased the amount of mileage. Like I said, 150 miles or so over since 1991 and we've only added one employee. I am going to suggest that we purchase a new paver for 2007, but do it in a little different way, and that is, we have the opportunity to through an existing account that we have which is a lease account that we still have some dollars available to lease to buy that piece of equipment at what I am told is an estimated amount of about \$10,000 per month. One hundred percent of that lease to buy purchase can go towards the purchase, so we would basically revert \$50,000 from this year's budget towards that purchase which would enable us to reduce this request by \$50,000. So instead of budgeting \$240,000, we would be budgeting \$190,000. But I would have to go through the same general procedures to have specs drawn up and have the bidding process, but it would be for a lease-to-buy, manner of doing it. So I guess what I am asking you at this point, is not only to approve this, but to consider giving me permission to enter into that kind of an agreement so that I could get that piece of equipment here as soon as I can this year because I don't know, we've got 18 miles of the 33.6 miles that we're doing this year completed. That paver could quit tomorrow and now time is a factor. Because of the wear and tear, I don't know if I could get parts for what would break down and it's just a crap shoot. So I'm telling you that if we're going to complete the paving list that the Commissioners and that the people in this community have come to our road hearings and said that we've needed it done and that we've budgeted all of this money for, if we're going to complete, that I am recommending to you that you allow me to go forward and do that at this point, securing \$190,000 instead of the \$240,000 and entering into that agreement this year. I understand you probably can't make that decision today, but if you would agree to this line item in that regard,

I would hope that there would be a way, maybe Mr. Ahlers or Mr. Ziemer could tell me that we could go ahead and go through with this purchase.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: First of all maybe, Mr. Duckworth, you should suggest they don't park that paver under a tree any more. How long is the lease?

Mike Duckworth: The lease would be month to month.

Councilmember Goebel: For how long would we...?

Mike Duckworth: I am going to suggest that we do it for five months. I understand November and December we're not going to be paving, but to secure this deal we're going to have to do a five month lease until the first of the year comes here where we can pay the balance and all that money from this year would go toward the purchase of the paver next year.

Councilmember Goebel: And the balance would not change, it would remain at \$250,000? So we would be paying just monthly installments is what you're suggesting?

Mike Duckworth: Basically, that is what we would be doing and utilizing some monies from the 2006 budget and the rest of the balance from the 2007 budget.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: You're talking about just renting the paver until we can pay for it?

Mike Duckworth: Well, it's a lease to buy. It's a contractual agreement that gives us the paver, but at some point in time you've got to come up with the balance to pay it off. We would be getting it at an early rate, that's our advantage, to replace the old one to ensure that we could replace this year's paving season and it would not be any different than getting through this year and bidding it for 2007 and paying the full \$240,000 or \$250,000 or whatever it is.

Councilmember Sutton: So you pay the lease amount for the five months?

Mike Duckworth: Right, \$50,000.

Councilmember Sutton: So when you actually purchase, it do you have that price determined up front?

Mike Duckworth: Yes, I would do the specs now.

Councilmember Sutton: Or after the five month period and they make a determination based on the condition or the age...not the age, but the wear and tear on the piece of equipment. How is that determined? Is that determined up front or do you have to wait until five months?

Mike Duckworth: You do it up front and you do it by specs. In other words, we would put the bid out just like we would any other bid on any other piece of equipment over

\$75,000. They would bid the total cost, but this would have a lease to buy attachment to it, so that they would understand that we are under a lease for five months at \$10,000 a month and then that \$50,000 that we had used to lease that piece of equipment would then roll in to the purchase price which would decrease it from \$240,000, and I'm using round figures, to \$190,000. Our balance would be \$190,000 because they're telling me that 100 percent of that lease price would go towards the purchase.

President Winnecke: We need to change tapes, I'm sorry.

(Tape Changed)

Councilmember Sutton: The paving season doesn't go on the cooler months, so when are you talking about using this paver?

Mike Duckworth: I'm trying to get this thing delivered within the next 30 days.

Councilmember Sutton: So are you talking about paving for –

Mike Duckworth: I'm talking about finishing –

Councilmember Sutton: September and October –

Mike Duckworth: Right –

Councilmember Sutton: Two months of work.

Mike Duckworth: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: This piece of equipment.

Mike Duckworth: Regardless of how much we use it this year, the \$50,000 that we would be spending to lease it to get the piece of equipment, these pieces of equipment, sometimes they would take three – five months to get. If we can get one, and I'm not 100 percent sure that we can, if we can get it now, we would lease that throughout the year. The advantage to us is, the total amount of that lease cost that we are paying would go toward the purchase anyway which would decrease what I would request for '07.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I understand that, but you've got a paver now that works, its functioning, correct?

Mike Duckworth: It is functioning, yes.

Councilmember Sutton: And you basically will have until maybe October of paving left in this season?

Mike Duckworth: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: And its going to be until spring of next year before you can pave again?

Mike Duckworth: That's right.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I'm just having difficulty seeing –

Mike Duckworth: Well, the problem is it could quit tomorrow. It is being held together with Band-Aids and Q-tips, basically. I mean, its getting the job done, its doing well, but if it breaks down and we don't enter into some agreement now, we could be three to five months out or one month out, I don't know. I have no guarantees there. What I'm trying to do is work ahead of the curve so that if it does break down or that we can be sure that we're going to finish this year's paving season, and if we're going to buy a new paver next year anyway, why not go through this lease, invest the lease money that the Council has given to us for this kind of a situation, and then deduct that off the 2007. We have the advantage of having a new piece of equipment now rather than taking the gamble whether its not going to make it through the season and then us not being able to complete our paving.

Councilmember Sutton: I perfectly understand what you're saying. I understand what you're saying altogether. But still, the same amount of money is being expended whether you're talking about a one year time period or whether you're talking about over the span of the next 15 months that we've got here. Just struggling to see how the county is that much better off. I understand your explanation fully, but –

Mike Duckworth: The county would be better because we will be able to complete the paving season.

Councilmember Sutton: I would think there would be ample folk out there who are more than willing to sell the county a paver when and if we need one, whether we need it within 30 days, 60 days, or whatever.

Mike Duckworth: I would challenge you to contact those companies like I have because they're telling me that it could be – I mean, I don't know. They don't keep them here on a lot like they do cars. These are things that have to be configured to the specifications that you give them – the width, the amount, orf whether it's electric, whether its pulled by tracks or wheels, I mean, there's all kinds of things that enter into that equation, so that's why I'm trying to work ahead of it. And if it wasn't in such bad shape, I sure would try to make the end of this season with this one. I just can't guarantee that it can finish.

President Winnecke: One last question on this and then we're going to move on.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess I'm asking, do we have to – I'm not understanding, wouldn't we have to bid a contract and then we would be in a full contract with them but then the payments would be deferred. Is that what you're saying?

Mike Duckworth: No, what I'm saying is –

Councilmember Tornatta: Because we couldn't enter into a contract and how would we know they're going to be the lowest bidder?

Mike Duckworth: No, what I'm saying is, we would bid it just like we were buying it right now, so everyone would have the opportunity under certain specifications to bid under those conditions on this paver. If you want to make it X amount of dollars per month. But at the end of that lease, it would be a purchase.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I'm with you there. But we think we can get that back to us in a sufficient amount of time that would cover you, because you said it

could be delivered in 30 days or so and that's 30 days from an advertisement from a bid process, so I mean, I don't know if we'd get it before September or October in those cases, so we'd be in the same predicament.

Mike Duckworth: I have the specifications ready in the event that this would be approved. I could probably have the bid process, and you can do it as an emergency bid underneath purchasing guidelines if – there's a statute that I could show you that basically says, if the need for the equipment would interrupt the process of your job, that you can buy it on an emergency basis. And so I would file it underneath that to expedite the purchase of this.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, and I'm not big on these emergency situations. We've been down this road. But I guess what I'm looking at is, is what would happen if we brought this, if you put an appropriation in to the Council and did it by those means, we'd have it for the next Council period and then we could possibly get the ball rolling if that were the case. You could give us some numbers, preliminary of what you've found and we could go from there. Do it through a Council process. I mean, because we can't tell you to do it in this meeting anyway –

President Winnecke: I tell you what, let's do this, not that this is not important, but we're running out of time. We've been on this for about 20 minutes, so why don't some of us get together privately and kind of hash this out. And then, I think that's fair because we do have –

Mike Duckworth: That's fine. I just want you to know what our –

President Winnecke: We understand and we get it. Sorry.

Mike Duckworth: There is one other request that I have on here that I think you ought to consider and I want to explain that. We have requested two additional employees in Cum Bridge: one, a Laborer and one, an Operator. As I said before, since 1991, our department has taken on many, many tasks. Much more mileage and more ditches, more trees, Lynch Road now, University Parkway now, all those things. The reason I requested this from Cum Bridge was the fact that it appears that those employees, that fund is more agreeable to the upgrade in cost. So I bring that to you as well. That's all I have. I'd be glad to answer any other questions.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Winnecke: Which makes a good transition into Cum Bridge, page 132.

Mike Duckworth: Under Cum Bridge, again, the Operator and Laborer increases were zero in '06 and the '07 budget calls for 35,580 for an Operator and 34,002 for a Laborer. Accounts in the 2000 account, I requested a \$5,000 increase in Gas & Oil, \$5,000 increase in Garage & Motor for general upkeep of equipment. Again, a small increase in Uniforms, \$25,000 in Bituminous Material because we utilize those materials on bridge approaches, and a \$5,000 increase on concrete due to the increase in costs of the concrete. We do concrete street repairs, we do sidewalk repairs, we have to utilize for culvert work, we utilize concrete, so that's the justification for those increases. John, do you have –

President Winnecke: Good morning, John.

John Stoll: On the accounts that the Engineering Department works out of, we requested an increase from 1,900 to \$2,000 in account number 3141 Communications. We've requested an increase of – actually, it's not an increase, it's a new line item. Actually, my rationale sheets aren't in order, so if my numbers don't match the order on your sheet, I apologize. On account number 4410, St. Joseph Avenue Bridge #1921, we've requested \$200,000 to replaced that bridge. That's located probably about halfway between Mill Road and Wimberg Road. On account 4417, that's the new proposed Baseline Road Bridge over the railroad out adjacent to Azteca. The preliminary estimates by the consultant were 2.3 million, so that's the amount requested there. Account number 4418, that is replacement of a bridge further north up on St. Joe Avenue. It's a twin culvert structure that's deteriorating. We want to replace it with a single span bridge, so \$175,000 was requested there. Account number 4419, Bromm Road Culvert #1338, we're requesting \$125,000 to replace a large culvert structure that is currently too narrow and deteriorating. We've gotten the right-of-way, we hope, worked out as far as the property line issues that were serious problems with the legal descriptions of all the abutting properties. We have since gotten that resolved, so we hope we can get some right-of-way acquisition worked out with the abutting property owners. So that way, come early next year, we can get that project out for bid. Account number 4420, \$125,000 requested for repairs or replacement of a culvert on Hogue at Vanness. Account number 4421, we're requesting \$80,000 to repair or replace a culvert on Boonville-New Harmony, and this is east of Old State. Account number 4376, this is \$500,000 being requested to replace the bridge on Green River between Heckle and Millersburg. And then the last one, account number 4230, of the \$100,000 that's requested in the Motor Vehicle account, \$25,000 is for the Engineering Department for replacement of an inspector's vehicle, and the balance would be for the County Highway Department.

President Winnecke: John, could you, line 3550 Repairs to Buildings & Grounds, I don't know if that's you or Mike?

John Stoll: That one would be Mike's.

President Winnecke: \$70,000, what is, that sounds familiar, but I can't recall what that is.

Cheryl Musgrave: Which number?

President Winnecke: 3550, Repairs to Building & Grounds.

Mike Duckworth: Give me one second. As you may or may not be aware, this year, we have included \$100,000 in our current budget for a storage facility for our trucks to keep them out of the weather. And this \$70,000 would also add to that an office, bathroom, lunch and training area, so that eventually, the idea was to move Weights & Measures out of the area that they're renting from into our existing office area.

President Winnecke: Okay, I remember that now, thank you. Other questions of Mr. Stoll or Mr. Duckworth? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: John, the list of projects is pretty lengthy that we've got here. How do you prioritize those?

John Stoll: As far as the replacement of the bridges go, we just go by annual bridge inspection and take the recommendations out of that. In any given calendar year they'll have recommendations as to what bridges need rehab or replacement. I didn't

rank the individual projects in any particular order as far as what's requested in the 2007 budget, though.

Councilmember Sutton: Do all these projects, I mean, you had like a ten year plan of street and road improvement plan, bridge plan, do all these, I mean, I think that was maybe a year or two ago that you guys had prepared that. Do all these projects fall within that plan or are these new?

John Stoll: Both. Some of those are new like the Baseline Road Bridge wasn't anticipated back in the last couple of years. Others, if they're coming out of the bridge inventory book, they do, they would have been reflected in that plan, however, given the fact that the bridge inventory book doesn't get specific as far as in certain years, for example, we're due to get another inspection this year. The results of that inspection may not match up to what we got the last time around. It may kick some up as far as saying the need for immediate replacement and may push them farther off. So part of that five year plan, it would just say bridge replacement and have an estimated cost of \$200,000, but not specify the exact location. So that five year plan would include some of these projects, it would not include some of them.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, could you get us, before we meet again, I mean, can you get to us a list of, a prioritized list there of which of these projects, where they fall in and maybe something that may have been a seven is now a three or a two, because maybe the condition or something else that might be related to the project. So if you could do that for us with these bridges and tell us how those are ranked, that would be extremely helpful.

John Stoll: I can give it a shot.

President Winnecke: John, if you would, just get that to Sandie and she'll get it to us.

Councilmember Tornatta: And along those same lines, if you could tell us what the Motor Vehicle needs and the Miscellaneous Equipment needs are, just write that down on a page and that way we'd be able to kind of focus on what the needs of that area would be. And then, will there be any conflict in working on these projects and try to take care of the Burkhardt TIF projects, the 35.6 million dollars in Burkhardt TIF projects that are proposed? I mean, is there going to be conflict or is there going to be ample work to people to go around to take care of all these projects that have been proposed?

John Stoll: Its going to keep me busy, that's for sure. As far as people inspecting the projects, when the proposals were all set up, it was anticipated that the consultants would be doing the construction inspection on those projects, so the TIF projects wouldn't be done, the inspection wouldn't be done through staff in my office, it would be through the consultants, is the way it was originally intended.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, because, I mean, it's just, we don't get to see some of these TIF projects on our desks, but did see the list of TIF projects, and that we spent years and years to get a \$35,000,000 jail, but in a whim, we had approved these TIF projects on Burkhardt Road, some of them which can be done, a \$6,000,000 project can be done by a developer. But yet, we have all those projects going on. I'd say with all those projects that are going, and these projects that we see, where are we at workforce-wise in taking care of those? And there again, we go to a process where we'd like to see – what are we going to do first?

President Winnecke: Let me interject here, not to cut you off, but I have no idea what the TIF projects you're talking about relate to this specific budget. You've asked Mr. Stoll to come up with a list of priorities which I think is fair. I believe that's fine, I can't believe the Commissioners would take on a project like that on a whim. I would take issue with that –

Councilmember Tornatta: You can take issue with it, but its happening and its through –

President Winnecke: Its not through a whim, I'm sure. We've asked Mr. Stoll for a legitimate request, he has agreed to take care of that and I think that's a part of that. So let's move on. Any other questions relating to this particular budget? Okay, thank you, John. Thank you, Mike.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE

President Winnecke: I believe the last Commission oriented budget, unless I'm overlooking one is 184, Emergency 911.

Cheryl Musgrave: You are looking at increases for the budget, Central Dispatch is a joint department. The city will supply the final number at a later date and you've already heard the explanation from Jo Ann Smith regarding the Reverse 911. As I told you earlier, that was in two places, so that sums that account up.

President Winnecke: Any questions on this? Okay, thank you very much.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

President Winnecke: Health Department, thank you for your patience, gentlemen.

Sam Elder: Sam Elder, I'm the Director of the County Health Department.

President Winnecke: Hi, Sam. How are you today?

Sam Elder: Fine. Starting with the salary positions, we've had three part-time hypertension nurses. They're the ones that you'll see in the hallways and the fronts of a lot of the different facilities at the county fair. They take blood pressure. Their primary job is education. They educated a lot of people that have not seen a physician in a long time on chronic diseases: cancer, cardiac problems, and we're asking that their time be increased four hours per week, the ones that work 16 hours to 20, and the one 20 to 24.

President Winnecke: Sam, which line items are those?

Sam Elder: They're in 1520, 1530, and 1540 are the three line items. There are three of them. Their total increase would be \$11,000.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, 2130-1520, 30 and 40?

Sam Elder: Correct.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

Sam Elder: And we have a number of requests for these. More all the time from fairs, from different kinds of programs, and we just can't accommodate all of them.

President Winnecke: And so the request is to increase the hours and not the rate of pay?

Sam Elder: No, just the hours. These people don't receive any fringes because they're part-time. All of them are registered nurses and one of them has been there about 20 years in the same position.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Sam Elder: We have one other, 1650. We had asked for an additional Environmental Health Specialist in the environmental section. As you're aware of it, we've had a rodent control program funded by DMD for over 25 years. When we initially received this program, it goes back to Russ Lloyd, Senior, we had five employees in it. But over the years they've reduced it. Currently, we've got two employees in it and we've been notified by Greg Lamar that he's going to move these people into Code Enforcement. You know, they have a new ordinance. Well, these people have, of course, their primary concern was trash and rodent control. But we used them as our eyes and ears in the inner-city. They worked with the Lead Programs and all of these things. If they saw any family that needed assistance from the visiting nurses, our public health nurses, they informed them. We're losing those eyes and ears and I'm not certain just exactly how that's going to work out. You know, the city is going to do all the trash and rodent complaints through the Code Enforcement, we're not going to do it anymore. And I, there are a lot of things that we did in the inner-city that are not covered and they're really not equipped to do the Lead Program. For example, we have all the equipment for checking facilities for lead, and they don't. And you have to be licensed and certified to do that. And they don't have people that are licensed and certified for the Lead Programs. We receive federal funding in the Lead Program. We do all the blood analysis for all the counties in southwestern Indiana in our lab. Of course, we're paid for that by Medicaid, for the most part. But we feel that this is necessary, this additional person. When we received these five people, the following year, they reduced the staff in the Environmental section by three, so we really just received the three and the secretary. Are there any questions?

President Winnecke: Are there any questions on that particular request? Okay, go ahead, Sam, please.

Sam Elder: The Social Security, PERF and the Insurance, we don't have any control over that.

President Winnecke: Excuse me, is Medical Lab Technologist, does that dovetail with – are those – 1640, was that part of the whole rodent control?

Sam Elder: No. That was not – I tell you, we've moved some of these positions in the federal grants. You might have money in one and none in the other. Its kind of robbing Peter to pay Paul. As long as what we do is in compliance with the requirements of the state and the grant, and we don't ever do it without their approval. But that Lab Technician that we moved just recently is what you might be referring to, that's come before you, is that we were a little short in the lead, that's the only program we've had, the blood testing that is self-supporting. We haven't had to put

any of our money into that because the funding all comes from Medicaid. And we do this Lead Program, the blood Lead Program, at no cost except to Medicaid.

Councilmember Tornatta: Sam?

Sam Elder: Yes?

Councilmember Tornatta: Over here. Two issues, I just wanted to know about what your plans were with the advertising budget and what Motor Vehicles you thought you needed?

Sam Elder: We normally, to save on expenses, we don't let people drive their cars to Indianapolis. We normally have a travel car. The travel car is two years old, three years in term, but we bought it late and we replace that normally every other year. And then we pass the one that we had down. We've got some vehicles that's over 15 years old that are used like in mosquito control.

Councilmember Tornatta: What type of car do you have at this point?

Sam Elder: We have a van is what we have now.

Councilmember Tornatta: But what kind? It's a 2003?

Sam Elder: It's a Dodge – what is it, Gary?

Gary Heck: It's a Dodge Caravan, 2003. Its not going to be (inaudible – comments not made from the microphone).

President Winnecke: Gary, could you come up to the microphone, please?

Gary Heck: We do have a travel van as Mr. Elder says, 2003 Dodge Caravan. But our normal practice is when we get a new one, to make sure that its good for going extended distances out of town. But we have the most recently purchased vehicle there and then we swap out the vehicle that has the most mileage on it that wouldn't be –

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, are we in direct need to replace that 2003 for an on the road car? Because, I mean, I've got a 2003 and I just went on the road and I feel safe.

Sam Elder: Actually, we're replacing the car, like he says, some of them go back to '88.

Gary Heck: That's the car that we're really going to get rid of.

Sam Elder: Its like hand-me-downs in a family, I guess.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. Do you have a list of your vehicles? Maybe we could – we'll be looking through all these other lists, maybe just throw one more on top of it that –

Sam Elder: We've got a list, we'd be glad to furnish you one.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, that'd be fine. It just helps us explain why we're going in a direction.

Sam Elder: Oh, I can understand.

Councilmember Tornatta: And then about the advertising.

Sam Elder: A lot of that advertising is legal advertising and I don't know how extensive its going to be if we follow the city's problems with it. You know, are you familiar with the problems they've had with their trash and debris on advertising? I remember just recently, there were two full pages of advertising on it and I don't anticipate anything like that. But, and then for positions, we have a hard time finding R.N.'s because we're not competitive. And some times, the advertising for an R.N. before you find one, might run to 500 bucks. And, to me, that's a lot of money.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I was just looking, we granted 800 last year. You've spent about 550, let's say, this year. And next year, you budgeted \$12,000. That's just quite a big bit of a jump. Maybe it's a typo, maybe its 1,200. I don't know. That's line 3440. Could that be 1,200?

Sam Elder: Gary? Gary's the finance officer.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck. Its not a typo. It was in anticipation of a comment that was made during a Commissioner's meeting when Greg Lamar was talking about the city's new weed and trash process where they have to go to a hearings officer to comply with the due process hearing for a property owner that lives in their homes. That process, they have to actually advertise in the paper before they can take action to do the cleanup. Their first ad costs them \$10,000 to go to that process. And the reason we've included it in the budget is because the Commissioners had suggested that the County Attorney look at it to see if they needed to adopt the same ordinance and the same process for the county. If they did do that, we'd be under the same requirements through the same legal advertising and the funds would need to be there. If it doesn't happen, then this increase isn't necessary. But we have to at least prepare for the fact that it could happen since it was mentioned at a public meeting and that's why it's in the budget request.

Sam Elder: I don't know if you've looked at them or not, but you know, they require permission before they go on the premises now unless you have a court order, you know, to investigate a complaint. And if you'd look at what you have to sign, honestly, I don't believe I'd sign it myself if somebody handed it to me, you know, to come on. Because you give up a lot of things in it. But they're not the only one that's doing that. Some of the other counties in Indiana have been taken to court for violating somebody's human rights by going on the premises. Brown County, for example, just recently, and we've talked to Mr. Ziemer and he's not committed on how far they might go with that.

Gary Heck: The best way to explain this, if you've seen the paper recently where they have the top ten list and they've taken the pictures, that's what this is in reference to. Any of those folks that you've seen in there are folks that had their ads in the newspaper saying you've got to come to this meeting because there's been a problem. This puts them on notice. They have their due process hearing, so there's no potential violations of whatever rights that are there and then, they can go through the normal steps. If this happens in the county, we'd be in the same position where

we'd have to do that same kind of process, and the legal ads to do that would be fairly expensive.

Councilmember Sutton: A couple of questions, line 4220 Office Machines, what are you requesting there? Can you give us some specifics? Its for \$10,000, but what –

Sam Elder: Computers, possibly, –

Councilmember Sutton: How many units are you looking at?

Sam Elder: Well, you know, most of our computers are fairly new and I don't think any of them are paid for out of local tax money. We were able to get funding for well, even the phone system is paid for with a grant, the new phone system. And I think that you have to have a safety valve. Its just like our phone system is through the computer system. If our computers are down, we don't have but two phones in the facility that you can use and they're for emergency use. But I don't know just exactly, printers go out, –

Councilmember Sutton: So this is just kind of a just in case?

Sam Elder: You know, I'm sure you're aware of the fact that the only time that the Health Department can obtain funds from the Council is at the budget hearing. We can't go back like the other departments and ask for additional money. If we had to have more money, we'd have to borrow it and legally, its my understanding you can't borrow it unless you can pay it back in the current year. And if you could do that, you wouldn't have to borrow it.

Councilmember Sutton: And then line 3930, what does that include? It's a \$20,000 request, Other Contractual.

Sam Elder: I tell you, we recently got rid of the lead machine that we used for – it was a hood and some things. You have to have that decontaminated and the price of it is out of this world. And we continuously run into things like that. Our hazardous waste materials run about \$800 a month. That's for needles and offal from the V.D. Clinic and T.B. Clinics, and that stuff has to be disposed of. When initially we started, it run about \$35 a month, if you look back. But it's the only game in town. But that's a big part of that Contractual Services.

Councilmember Sutton: Alright, I think you've got my questions.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you, Sam. Appreciate it.

President Winnecke: Any other questions?

Sam Elder: The only other thing on it is the Professional Services. You know, actually, if you look at the statute, we're supposed to pay our attorney all the time but we never have. And they have us pay the attorney now. So that runs into several bucks. And that's the reason for the increase in that.

President Winnecke: Okay, Sam, thank you. Thank you, Gary.

LEGAL AID

President Winnecke: Legal Aid.

Sue Hartig: Good morning. Sue Hartig, I'm the Director of Legal Aid. The accounts that we have increases on, Bond & Insurance, our three support staff are all notaries and some of their bonds will be due next year. Postage, last year our postage was zeroed out, I think, because we hadn't used it the previous year, but we're all caught up. We've run out of postage now, so we'll need that for 2007. Travel, I was appointed to the Indiana Pro Bono Commission and they have at least four meetings in Indianapolis a year, so I've added a little to the Travel budget. Printing, a host of our fliers and posters will need to be reproduced. Yellow Pages, we did not have enough funds this year to pay the full bill, so we used funds from another account. So we wanted to increase that. Hardware and Software, we are hoping to get new computers, the same computers and software and hardware that the court gets. The last time I talked to Tim, he couldn't give me any more of a guestimate as to what that will be. We have six units, six computer units, and two printers. And on the 429 side, we've increased Office Supplies a little bit and the Audit, because the Audit was bid out. We bid it out every three years and the cost of the bid went up.

President Winnecke: Any questions here before we go to United Way page? Its 192.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Sue Hartig: And, I'm sorry, I gave you those increases already. That's where Office Supplies and Audit are shown on the United Way side.

President Winnecke: Susie, I guess I'm a little, am I missing something here? The increase that we've kicked around for a while?

Councilmember Tornatta: 1960.

President Winnecke: Where?

Councilmember Tornatta: 1960.

President Winnecke: Okay. Thank you.

Sue Hartig: Yeah, we separated it.

President Winnecke: Okay, I'm sorry. Thanks.

Councilmember Tornatta: We do have a balance in your account, in the United Way account, is that correct?

Sue Hartig: That's a revolving or non-reverting account, yes, and every year there is a little left, uh-huh.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, the first question to Auditor Fluty. Do we draw from funds out of the United Way account first or the general fund account first? Because there are several issues here that, for instance, salaries and line item 2600 Office Supplies, where they could be in both accounts. Which account do we draw from first?

Bill Fluty: We would draw from the general fund, I believe, first.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, and I guess where I'm looking at is why wouldn't we draw from the supplemental account first and then draw from the General Fund, and

then any reverting funds would go back into our General Fund. Because what's happening here is, they're ending up in this United Way account with funds left over and we pay the bulk of that entire budget anyway. So I don't know why they wouldn't go back into at least our shared city/county.

Bill Fluty: Any funds that are left over in the General Fund would revert back to the General Fund and we would spend out of there, and we can only spend what is budgeted. And then also, in the Legal Aid, you would only spend what is budgeted. Any amounts that weren't spent would actually fall back into the unappropriated in the Legal Aid funds.

President Winnecke: His point, though, is there a mechanism by which –

Bill Fluty: You want to spend the Legal Aid money first so –

President Winnecke: So if there is any excess money, it reverts to the General fund and there's never a balance at the end of – am I right?

Councilmember Tornatta: Oh absolutely.

Sue Hartig: For one thing, United Way is on a March to March year. So I have to have money left at the end of the year so I can get through January, February and March.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, we're appropriating money into funds at that time anyway. We have monies in those funds January, February and March. So I don't think that's much of an issue.

Sue Hartig: If we didn't – for example, if for some reason, we (inaudible) to United Way next year, this money would run us through January, February and March as well because we're on a March to March year rather than a calendar year.

President Winnecke: If you'll hold that thought, we're going to change the tapes.

(Tape changed)

Sue Ann Hartig: They're paid different because there are different rules. You know, the entire audit is paid on the United Way side because United Way requires it. If United Way required us to–

Councilmember Tornatta: I, yeah, and those are very good points and I won't argue those points. I guess what I look at is, I don't believe you should have funds that revert back into anything you have when we pay the majority of the budget, so what we have is, we pay a certain amount, and I don't have that just right at my fingertips, but we pay somewhere in the neighborhood of \$347,000. And I guess what I am saying is, when the United Way pays \$69,000, to have money left over that can be used in that capacity, it should go back to the county/city split, whatever the case is instead of going back into some United Way accounts which they can use at their leisure. Even in the different offices that we have, we try and pull all the money back that we can get and put it in the General Fund for the next available year.

Sue Ann Hartig: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Tornatta: And in this case, I think it should be no different. We can take any of these monies, use all the United Way funds first that are available, any supplemental monies would then start tapping into the county and/or city combined accounts and that would alleviate any type of excess money in your account. I know that's from a county point of view, not necessarily from your point of view possibly or your board's point of view, but I think that might be more fiscally prudent at this time and I would like to bring any outstanding balance that you have in to play this year to take care of any of the accounts, and then move to let those United Way funds be spent first and then the county funds spent second.

President Winnecke: Bill?

Bill Fluty: As the blue claims are being turned in, that is how we're paying. So if she is turning in blue claims that actually revert to the Legal Aid account, then we'll pay those, and then if she is turning in blue claims that hit the General Fund, so it is actually Sue's decision unless you change policy.

Sue Ann Hartig: Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, then that's my question. I would put that up to this Council. Should we change policy and let all reverting funds go back into the General Fund where we can spend them as we see fit in the county, or should we leave them in a selected fund that we can't touch?

President Winnecke: Is that our...Bill, would that be our call if there is a balance in the United Way fund at the end of the year, is it our call that it's non reverting or is it a United Way call?

Bill Fluty: Sue, you do ask them if you do have an appropriated balance, you do come before Council and ask them to appropriate it?

Sue Ann Hartig: Yes.

Bill Fluty: That's correct?

Sue Ann Hartig: Uh-huh.

Bill Fluty: So eventually you do have the call as to where that unappropriated money goes.

Sue Ann Hartig: And if you'll look back, I don't think we've asked for an additional appropriation in quite some time. We use that money if we need a printer or if the copy machine dies or if something happens. So we haven't asked for much of an increase anywhere beyond the salary, you know, three percent because of that.

Councilmember Raben: Just so I understand what Troy's point is, let's always spend United Way's fund dry. Let's don't...I think that is your question.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Does that money get turned back to United Way or if they gave you \$69,000 this year and you didn't spend but \$60,000, do they short you that \$9,000 next year?

Sue Ann Hartig: No, they don't.

Councilmember Tornatta: If they give \$69,000 or whatever their amount is every year, they will not give above that and we've talked about the \$5,000 stipend. They won't give \$74,000 to cover that as I have talked to the head of the United Way, but they will do the shell game and move those funds around.

Councilmember Raben: So what he is suggesting is that we always spend the fund down completely first.

Sue Ann Hartig: We can try to do that more closely.

President Winnecke: Bill?

Bill Fluty: You know, currently, and it's just a projection if everything works as planned, they just have about \$9,000 in unappropriated at this current time.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, and what I would look to do is to use that \$9,000 to take care of some things that would be in the General Fund and take our side down by \$9,000. Use those monies, bleed that dry, and then start fresh at that point. Then any reverting monies would go back to the county.

Bill Fluty: Well, as you look at this budget and make a decision on that, that would affect it if you make cuts in the General Fund. Then you would have to use the unappropriated for those needs so you do that when you're looking at this budget.

Sue Ann Hartig: It's a little different though on the 501(C)3 side. United Way wants agencies to have reserves.

President Winnecke: But we're...in all fairness, we're the, however many United Way agencies that receive funding, I believe we're the only one outside of maybe Evansville ARC that receives funding from county government.

Sue Ann Hartig: CASA.

President Winnecke: And CASA.

Sue Ann Hartig: I think CASA is just a line item in the court's budget.

President Winnecke: Right. So, you know, typically, I understand they want a reserve, but most of the majority of them are not receiving supplemental funding from the county. Any other questions of Sue? We'll see Sue this afternoon at the joint hearing.

Sue Ann Hartig: Uh-huh.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you, Sue.

Sue Ann Hartig: Thank you.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

President Winnecke: Okay, Local Emergency Planning Commission, 182 in your hit parade.

Paul Wagner: Good afternoon now. My name is Paul Wagner and I'm the Treasurer of the LEPC. And I guess I have some good news and that is there are no increases, and the actual total budget is \$2,000 less than last year. That is due to some computer equipment that we're buying actually this year, 2006, and we won't have to next year. My understanding is that this funding comes from the state and federal tax collections from companies that pay a superfund tax for hazardous materials that they either use or make or produce, and that this is a pass through mechanism of that funding. What the LEPC does, you know this is my first time in front, so I don't know how familiar you folks are with the LEPC, but it's a group of emergency management agencies, the local fire and police, and sheriff and sometimes we get state police involved, industry, I represent industry, we all get together and plan for what we might do or prepare for an emergency response of hazardous material should that kind of thing happen. So that is the objective of this group. The majority of this money goes for the administrative part-time assistant and training and education, things like that.

President Winnecke: Any questions for Paul?

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Okay, thanks Paul.

Paul Wagner: Thanks.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

President Winnecke: Last, but not least, Local Drug Free Community.

Linda Schindler: Hi, I'm Linda Schindler, Director of Substance Abuse Council of Vanderburgh County. We're asking for \$160,000 this year which is \$40,000 more than last year due to the fact that counter measure fees have gone up substantially and we have a lot of money in that account. With this extra money we would like to fund more projects in the community through grants.

President Winnecke: Any questions of Linda?

Councilmember Tornatta: Linda, just real quick, what is the mechanism that pays for this particular office? Is it just County General or are there other players?

Linda Schindler: Where the money comes from, you mean?

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh.

Linda Schindler: Counter measure fees through the court system.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. And do you—

Linda Schindler: On all alcohol and drug related charges.

Councilmember Tornatta: And what does that generate in a year? Do you know?

Linda Schindler: About \$200,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: Two-hundred thousand.

Linda Schindler: I think we're up to \$142,000 something right now and just August. That's as of the end of July.

Councilmember Tornatta: And what type of account balance do you have in the fund now?

Linda Schindler: In the Drug Free Communities Fund?

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh.

Linda Schindler: One-hundred and forty-two thousand or something close to that. I don't know the exact figure.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, so you might have...do you have...well, it shows here that you've expended \$130,000.

Linda Schindler: Yeah, that was for 2006.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, so you still have \$142,000 in there as we speak?

Linda Schindler: Yes, collections have been very high this year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and if we granted just what we did last year, it was \$120,000, what programs would you have to cut or could you maintain with it for this year with an outstanding balance of money?

Linda Schindler: We could maintain, but we always get a lot more proposals than we can fund in grants. Because we fund, according to the state mandate, we have to divide it into four categories: treatment intervention, prevention education, law enforcement criminal justice and then discretionary which is our overhead.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Linda Schindler: Does that explain it?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Councilmember Tornatta: In that amount of time, it will have to do.

President Winnecke: Any other questions of Linda? Linda, thank you for your patience. I appreciate that a lot. Okay, we are in recess until 9:00 tomorrow.

(Meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m.)

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 10, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 10th day of August, 2006 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning, and welcome to the continuation of the 2007 Vanderburgh County Council budget hearings.

RECORDERS OFFICE

President Winnecke: We'll begin with the Records Office, page 12 in your books. Good morning, Betty.

Betty Knight Smith: Betty Knight Smith, Recorder. I have something to pass out and my Chief Deputy, Rick Davis, will explain it.

President Winnecke: Hi, Rick.

Rick Davis: Good morning. Again, Betty has introduced me, but my name is Rick Davis. I am the Chief Deputy at the Vanderburgh County Recorder's Office. I am here today with Betty to discuss revenues that have been collected in our office so far, as well as to give you an estimate of how much money our office will contribute toward the General Fund by the end of the year. From January 1 through July 31, 2006, our office has recorded a total of 26,554 documents. Last year, through that same time period, we recorded a total of 23,304 documents, meaning we have recorded an increase of 3,250 documents compared with the same time last year. Ideally we would liked to have seen that increase average out over the entire seven month period, but that was not the case. Old National Bank gave our office a big boost in revenues in January when they submitted 3,000 assignment of mortgages in that one month alone. An assignment of mortgage basically means they sold mortgages to another bank. To put that into perspective, we averaged 3,457 documents per month from February through July and in January we recorded 5,813 documents. Therefore, if you take away that bulk shipment of documents recorded in our office for just one customer, we have recorded almost an identical amount of documents from one year to the next. We, regarding total revenues collected in our office, we are \$72,005 above last year's pace. That major increase in revenues can be credited toward the 3,000 assignments we recorded for Old National Bank in January as well as a new fee that took effect at the beginning of the year. A new law regarding the recording of social security numbers took effect beginning January 1 of this year and it has greatly affected our office in terms of revenues and procedures. The state legislature passed a new law forbidding the recording of social security numbers unless that social security number is required by law to be on the document. Examples of documents that require a social security number include a federal tax lien or a soldier discharge or death certificate. The law also established a new form called County Form 170 and that took effect January 1 of this year. The form was to be attached to every document recorded in our office and costs \$2.00. The revenues from that form have been placed in the Security I.D. Protection Fund which was established with the Vanderburgh County Auditor's Office. The Security I.D. Protection Fund is to be used by the Recorder's Office to purchase, upgrade, implement and maintain software that will redact or obscure social security numbers that have been scanned into our records. We will collect this fee and place the revenues into the Security I.D. Protection Fund until June 30, 2011. As the law reads now, any leftover money in that fund will remain there after that date. That money will remain in order to be used for redaction software.

Beginning July 1, 2011 however, the \$2.00 fee will be deposited into the General Fund, so July 1, 2011 you'll see a bigger increase in the General Fund monies that we give you. Beginning January 1, 2008, to the extent possible, no recorded documents can be disclosed for public inspection until it has been searched by the redacting technology. County Form 170 took some time for title search companies and the lending institutions to get accustomed to, but by around March, just about every document was submitted to our office and had the form attached without any problems. That's when the Governor stepped in. On March 29th he decided to do away with County Form 170. He instead instituted a \$2.00 fee increase effective immediately. County Form 170 is now no longer necessary to record a document. Instead, an affirmation statement basically stating that no social security numbers have been recorded is now required by law to be on every document. Now \$2.00 of each document still goes into the Security I.D. Protection Fund. From January 1 through July 31st of this year, we have collected \$53,296 toward the Security I.D. Protection Fund. We are now in our second year of collecting the State Mortgage Fund fee. Beginning in 2005, a state law went into effect requiring the Recorder's Office to charge an additional \$3.00 fee for each mortgage recorded in our office toward this fund. Fifty cents of the \$3.00 fee goes towards the Recorder's Perpetuation account and the remaining \$2.50 goes to the State Auditor who distributes \$1.25 to the state General Fund and \$1.25 to the Homeowner Protection Unit account. The Homeowner Protection Unit, according to state law, was established to investigate deceptive acts in connection with mortgage lending. The Homeowner Protection Unit also will cooperate with the Indiana Housing Authority in the development and implementation of the Home Ownership Education program established by law. Through July 31st of this year, we have collected \$15,595 for the State Mortgage fund. That is slightly less than last year when we collected \$16,687.50 toward that fund. That brings us to our final three funds. The Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund, which was established by an act of Congress, states that for every deed recorded in our office, \$5.00 must go towards the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund. From January 1 through July 31st of this year, the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund has received \$24,240 compared to \$23,980 during that same time period last year. The Recorder's Perpetuation Fund has collected \$172,984 from the first of January through the end of July this year, up from \$165,419.50 during that same time span last year. Three dollars of every document recorded in our office goes towards this fund. A majority of the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund also comes from the sale of copies made in our office. Through July 31st of this year, we have received \$89,078 in copy revenues compared to \$90,973 during that same time period last year. The Indiana state legislature has set the price of a copy at \$1.00 a page in the County Recorder's Office. It is worth noting that all of our supplies and computer costs are paid for out of the Recorder's Perpetuation account. And now the fund you guys are all interested in, the county General Fund. From January 1 through July 31st of this year, we have collected \$338,925 towards the General Fund. That amount is \$11,977 more than we collected last year when we had collected \$326,948 towards the fund. I would like to remind everyone that all of the revenues that we collect in the Vanderburgh County Recorder's Office are from user fees. If you do not use the services of our office, you have not paid towards any of the funds that I have just mentioned. In fact, as you know, the General Fund pays the salaries of all 11 full-time employees in the Vanderburgh County Recorder's Office at a price of \$414,074 in 2006. We have already returned \$338,925 of that amount to the General Fund. We will easily top that amount by the time December comes around. Last year, for every taxpayer dollar used to fund the County Recorder's Office, we returned \$1.45 to the General Fund. We are easily on our way to being completely self sufficient and not a drain on the taxpayer once

again. Last year we collected a grand total of \$934,267 in user fees, recording 41,005 documents. Our office contributed \$573,509 towards the General Fund last year. Projecting a final tally for this year by our current averages was made a little more challenging by the fact that we had 3,000 extra documents in January and you really don't know if another bank is going to do something like that again. Fifth Third could do that. If our averages from this year hold true through the end of the year, we will record about 42,500 documents. We're projecting we will collect about \$550,000 toward the General Fund this year. We are on pace to top \$1 million in total collected revenues this year which will be the first time since 2003 we have collected more than \$1 million in user fees. Thank you for your time and we would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.

President Winnecke: Thanks, Rick. Does anyone have any questions of Rick or Betty?

Rick Davis. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Rick, and thank you all for your efficient manner and your great collection. We appreciate it. Any questions of the Recorder's budget at all? We're on page 12.

CORONER

President Winnecke: Hearing none, we'll move on. Thank you very much. County Coroner, page 35.

Don Erk: My name is Don Erk. I'm the Vanderburgh County Coroner.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Don. How are you today?

Don Erk: Good morning. How is everybody?

President Winnecke: We're doing great, thank you.

Don Erk: Well, that's wonderful. That's good to hear. I'm here this morning obviously in reference to the budget. I would like to say that I don't have a long speech. I think my budget is pretty well clear. It's very close to what I did last year. I built in approximately a three percent increase in most of the things. Actually just the general inflation that goes along with all the territory. The areas that I do need probably to stay and the increases, and I think the Council is probably aware of it, is obviously the gasoline, is a problem with me. The utility bills is a problem and I would like to see those kept at a level where I can continue on with those. The other thing that I might mention is the Autopsy account itself. Obviously, I've had one doctor to leave the city, and the country as far as that goes. I am using a doctor from Madisonville, Kentucky. He is continuing on at the rate that we have always paid, but on his days off I have to bring somebody down out of Bloomington and he has advised me that he will no longer do them for \$1,000. He is raising his rate \$200 and basically I think that's probably fair because he is traveling approximately three hours each way, that's a total of six hours, to come down here, so he is asking for a \$200 increase, and has increased it \$200, so that will be the reason that some of the autopsy budget will probably go up this coming year.

President Winnecke: Don, is that an all-in fee or do we pay mileage and other expenses?

Don Erk: No, we do not pay mileage. That's a total fee.

President Winnecke: All in, okay. Could you briefly touch on your Office Furniture request?

Don Erk: Well, the Office Furniture request, I would like to use that money and I am planning on using it, a big proportion of it, and the reason it hasn't been used in this year's budget is simply the fact that the doctor, as he was leaving, we had a lot of things that were left over and I did not know what to do with them. Obviously, you don't take them out and put them in the dumpster, so we are kind of stymied as far as reworking the office back there. We need to rework it and use it for part-time deputies. I'm really running short on space, so consequently there hasn't been any money spent out of that budget for this year, but eventually I will try to rework that office back there.

President Winnecke: According to this, we did budget for some office furniture this year.

Don Erk: That is correct, \$3,000.

President Winnecke: Will you spend that this year, do you think?

Don Erk: Yes, I certainly plan on it. Like I say, we're in the process of cleaning out Dr. Heidingsfelder's supplies and boxing them up and putting them in storage. I don't...truthfully, I don't know what he wants done with them. I mean, they're medical books and they're valuable papers.

President Winnecke: Right.

Don Erk: Anyhow, as soon as we get that cleaned up, I plan on buying several pieces of office equipment. Also, the Deputy Coroners, I am going to try to get some work stations for them. I think they use a break room table and I think it would be much more efficient if I could get some small workstation tables and I will probably use it for that.

President Winnecke: Other questions for the Coroner? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Don, how many forensic pathologists are there...I mean, are there none in our community or just none that do this type of work?

Don Erk: There is none in Evansville. The one that I use all the time, full-time, is Dr. LeVaughn. He is out of Madisonville, Kentucky. The next nearest one is in Indianapolis, Indiana or Bedford which is the other one, Dr. James Jacobi. I use him out of Bedford and he comes down and fills in.

Councilmember Tornatta: Because I know we were in a great position because Heidingsfelder has been here for what, 20 years?

Don Erk: A little less than that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Little less than that.

Don Erk: Yes, in that area. He left suddenly. I mean, he come and told me he was leaving the country and that was essentially it. It kind of left me in a lurch, but there is not much that I can do about that. I think he went to the Cayman Islands and he is living down there now.

Councilmember Tornatta: He might be watching us right now.

Don Erk: Well, I'm trying to get him to bring me down there with him, but he won't do it.

Councilmember Tornatta: The other question I had was, if the County Garage and the County Buildings are going to pick up taking care of your lawn and everything around your building, do you have contractual monies in here for those items?

Don Erk: Well, I do. We use a lawn service, but other than that, I do not. As a matter of fact, being you brought it up, I would mention that obviously I had a complaint from City Beautiful. They did not like the fact that the weeds were getting out of hand and truthfully I just don't have the time to go out there and do that kind of thing, so consequently I asked the Sheriff's Department if they would send over the work release and, as a matter of fact, they have been over there the last week and a half taking the dead bushes out. Part of the reason for the dead bushes and things like that, it takes money to keep them up and spray them, and the bag worms got on them and they are beyond repair now. So I am having them taken out and I'm going to try to rework that thing at a reasonable cost if I can. I'm doing that by using the work release as much as I can. Now, you know, I don't know how far I can go with that. I can tell you two days ago they sent two over there and one of them said he got too hot and he wanted to go to the hospital. That's an ongoing problem, but anyhow, they sent him to the hospital so he is back over there today, so we'll see.

Councilmember Tornatta: I talked with Marissa from the Commissioners Office and she did say that they were going to try to make sure you were on a constant schedule in order to get things taken care of and kind of brought up to snuff.

Don Erk: They did come over there and they cut the grass. Like I say, I would be thrilled as long as it is something that is continuously done. The person I use now has done an excellent job. I have no complaints. They're over there and I don't have to call them and remind them or whatever. That's really the key to it because I don't want the grass to get ankle deep or knee high. It's an ongoing problem. It's like a home or anything else, and it's essentially like your house at home. I mean, there are repairs that come up and the lawn needs to be taken care of and there is not really a line item to do that kind of work

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions of Don? Okay, thanks Don.

Don Erk: Thank you. Have a good day.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

President Winnecke: Airport.

Gene Olsen: Good morning. I'm Gene Olsen, I'm the Assistant Airport Manager. I apologize, my boss is in...he's the First Vice President of the Great Lakes Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives and they have their annual conference in Kalamazoo today, and so he had to attend that. I sort of wish he was here. It's been an exciting morning. I don't know if you heard the headlines or not, but I came to work at 3:00 this morning. But things are running smoothly and we've got everything under control with the assistance of our excellent law enforcement agencies here in the city and the county.

Councilmember Tornatta: While you're talking about that, what different things have we done at our regional airport to take care of these security problems?

Gene Olsen: The current issue is liquids on airplanes, so we're having to do some extra screening and TSA is doing a lot of extra screening of passengers and employees to ensure that no liquids get on airplanes. That means if you have a Coke in your hand, you're not going to be allowed to take that through the checkpoint like you used to be able to. Luckily, because of the size and the infrastructure of our airport, we're not seeing any backups. I heard a media report today that Newark was like an hour backup and we're not seeing that. We're able to manage our passenger loads pretty well.

President Winnecke: Gene, if you could just kind of hit the areas beyond the salaries that are an increase from '06 to '07.

Gene Olsen: Sure. Our biggest ones are, of course, payroll because 2007 has 53 Mondays, but our big one is PERF. That went up. We increased our supply budget a little bit and our telephone budget. Both of those kind of at the inflation rate. Utilities we increased just a little bit. We did kind of an energy savings project to try to reduce our energy consumption so the utilities have not hit us as hard as maybe they would have. Probably the nicest thing there was we had a chiller go down this early summer when it was good and hot out, and our building had never been able to keep up with the heating load or the cooling load in the summer time. We put emissivity film on the windows and we had the chiller go out and nobody even complained, so we're doing real well there. We've done small increases in Equipment Repair, and Contractual Services, and Dues & Subscriptions. We also had a loan account. We borrowed money to pay for that energy savings project and, in between the time when we did the project and when we could get the loan finalized, the interest rate changed, so that went up a little bit higher than what we had forecast. Again, all of this is being covered through rates and charges, and rents and charges, that we make to the airlines, so there is no tax money involved in any of our operating budget.

President Winnecke: Any questions of Mr. Olsen? Thank you, Gene.

Gene Olsen: Thank you very much.

President Winnecke: Have a good day.

ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: Okay, Armstrong Assessor. Sandie, is this who you told me is not going to be here? Okay, I'm sorry. Randy is not going to be...he had knee surgery. We'll visit with him at a later time.

CENTER ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: So we'll move on to Center, page 55. Good morning, John.

John Gerard: Good morning. John Gerard, Center Township Assessor. I think if everyone was like us, you wouldn't even have to have three days of hearings. Other than the personnel, there is no change from last year whatsoever. Which is basically, I think, the same thing since about 1994.

John Gerard: Any questions of John?

Councilmember Sutton: John, can you talk a little on the Extra Help line?

John Gerard: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you talk about how and when the use of that will begin to kick in for you guys.

John Gerard: I mean, I need them all the time. I mean we're still one of the fastest growing townships and with that and we keep getting more things added to us with some of the duties from the Assessor's Office now over, you know, have been lapped onto us and with the more screening of sales disclosures that we have to do to make sure that we capture exactly what is sold at the time of that sale. So it's basically, once again, it's no...I know that we were hoping that we could reduce that after this year of trending, but as of right now, I don't see any way that I can reduce it at this time.

Councilmember Sutton: What is the rate that you guys pay?

John Gerard: It's \$8.50. That hasn't changed for years on end either.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other questions? Thanks, John. Have a good day.

GERMAN ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: German, Tim, page 57.

Tim Schaefer: Tim Schaefer, German Township Assessor. I don't think there are any changes on my budget from what I can see except for the increases in the three percent increases and a step increase for my Chief Deputy.

President Winnecke: Got questions or any questions? Alright, Tim, thank you. Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: On your rent, how much more time do you have on that present lease premium?

Tim Schaefer: That's a building on my property.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. You don't expect that to be expiring any time soon?

Tim Schaefer: It really has expired. It needs to go up, yeah, if that is what you're asking.

President Winnecke: And things were going so well, too.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thanks, Royce.

Councilmember Sutton: You need to really work with that landlord.

KNIGHT ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: Okay, Knight, page 59 for those of you following along.

Al Folz: Good morning. Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor. Really haven't had much of a raise on anything. We're asking for a little bit more on Office Supplies. This trending is killing us as far as making copies and putting copies of the pictures with them and such like that, so we are asking for a little bit more as far as Office Supplies is considered. We had the same thing as far as the salaries. We had the Extra Help as \$3,000, but I understand some of this has been moved over. So basically it's about the same.

Councilmember Sutton: Is it \$3,000 or \$30,000?

Al Folz: I beg your pardon?

Councilmember Sutton: We've got \$30,000. You said \$3,000.

Al Folz: Okay. So that's on our General Fund.

President Winnecke: Okay, any questions of Al?

Al Folz: Yes.

Councilmember Abell: It really doesn't have anything to do with your budget, but it does have to do with your office. You have how many employees?

Al Folz: Eight. Eight full-time. Everybody on the Assessor's roll has got eight.

Councilmember Abell: Your phone rings regularly?

Al Folz: I beg your pardon?

Councilmember Abell: Your phone rings regularly?

Al Folz: Yes.

Councilmember Abell: Do you have any trouble with the current phone system in Vanderburgh County?

Al Folz: No, not really.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you.

Al Folz: Maybe you might have a few irate people, but basically they seem to be able to get to us pretty quickly, yes.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you.

Al Folz: You're welcome.

President Winnecke: Other questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: You have on here something about an Office Coordinator?

Al Folz: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: We've talked about that in the past. That would be a full-time...another full-time?

Al Folz: It's another full-time position. This is the same salary that it has been for now. They do not get a three percent raise. The reason I put that on there again--

Councilmember Tornatta: But we haven't had this position yet?

Al Folz: Yes, we had that in the last reassessment.

Councilmember Tornatta: Oh, okay.

Al Folz: Yes, and it won't be long and we'll be starting the general reassessment and that is why I keep putting it on there now because they are a coordinator with my people that's going out, the people you have to hire to go out and check houses and such like that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Al Folz: It's very, very time consuming and especially they have to help lay out the routing so that we can keep track of everybody and then I go out and recheck and such like that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Would this position go away after next year?

Al Folz: After the next reassessment.

Councilmember Tornatta: Which is 2008?

Al Folz: Well, from what I understand it is going to start in 2009 and this gives us a chance to go ahead and start our routing and probably the new tax bills will go out on the 11th, 2011. So after that it just disappears.

Councilmember Sutton: Al?

Al Folz: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Are you guys using digital now? We've had film, Color Film has been in all the budgets, all the Assessor's budgets, for quite some time. Aren't you guys using digital cameras to do your work now?

Al Folz: Oh, yes. Right.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, is that still needed, the Color Film?

Al Folz: This we got...you mean for the color film?

Councilmember Sutton: Uh-huh.

Al Folz: If we...you know, we've talked about it before that it's (inaudible) that we used years ago when we had the old Polaroids and such like that. So actually what this is being able, to be able to take it, and then put them back on to the computers and also the chips that you have to be able to use. We're continuously taking photographs. Well, anyway have anybody come up with a building and regardless of whatever they are putting on it. There could be some plumbing, there could be some electrical or whatever, we still go out and check it because sometimes...and take a picture if there has been any addition. So sometimes we've got homes that we have to go back out and recheck and take more, especially these huge buildings that we're getting now as far as commercial and industrial.

Councilmember Sutton: But with digital you don't really have the need...you don't have the old Polaroid any more?

Al Folz: No, we don't. No we don't. I haven't seen one around the office in I don't know how long.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Al Folz: No, we don't use that.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: So does that mean you don't need the \$1,000 then?

Al Folz: No, no, I didn't say that. I'll give you the Polaroid. I think it's still around. No, that takes care of the chips and things like this.

President Winnecke: The digital equipment

Councilmember Tornatta: Oh, okay.

Al Folz: It's all digital stuff.

Councilmember Tornatta: How about a great line item change. We haven't done that this year. Why don't you—

Al Folz: It seems to confuse people when you change a line item number.

Councilmember Tornatta: Why don't you get with all the other Assessors and come up with a good line item.

Al Folz: Okay. I think we're a little bit different.

President Winnecke: Any other questions? Thank you, Al.

Al Folz: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Have a good day.

PERRY ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: Perry. There's Glen.

Glen Koob: Good morning, Glen Koob, Perry Township Assessor.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Glen.

Glen Koob: Good morning, how are you?

President Winnecke: Good, how are you today?

Glen Koob: Fine.

President Winnecke: Any extraordinary requests?

Glen Koob: Not extraordinary, but I do have a new landlord, a new lease agreement, going into effect January 1, 2007. It's going to raise my rent to \$900. Actually, the new landlord is going to raise it \$25 a year until 2010 and then he is going to raise it \$30. Did I say \$25? Yeah.

President Winnecke: Yeah.

Glen Koob: So next year it is going to be at \$900 and I think I have a little over 1,700 square feet in there.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Glen Koob: And it is handicap accessible. The other thing is the mileage, Travel & Mileage, that I've asked for a \$500 increase in that and that is just because we do go out and take more photos. We have to keep up on our commercial. As soon as it is sold we have to go out and take a photo so that we know what it looks like when we take the photo. What we use photography or Film for is, we buy 3 ½ inch disks to put in our digital camera and then it only holds 26 photos, and then when we come back, we can only use those disks, they don't cost much. We get them from county down here, but we have to use those disks. Probably we can only use them three times and they start messing up the photos. Then after we put them on the disk and take them back to the office and then after we get them loaded into the computer, we put them on CD's so that we can save them, preserve them, and then after we save the disk, so I don't know, I've probably got 150 disks full of...CD's full

of these photos. The other thing we use that Photography Supply for is for batteries for those digital cameras. They're not cheap. So that's just some of the things. And then if we break one of our cameras or someone drops it, hopefully not, but I've had two since we first ordered them, but they're still okay. They're pretty careful with them. Any more questions?

President Winnecke: Other questions? Thank you, Glen, have a good day.

Glen Koob: Thank you. You, too.

PIGEON ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: Pigeon.

Judy Stricker: Good morning, Judy Stricker, Chief Deputy, Pigeon Township Assessor's Office.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Judy, how are you today?

Judy Stricker: All right. I think the only changes in our budget is we are asking for a new deputy and this one will be doing strictly nothing but sales disclosures. This is a full-time position. We are about three months behind now on our sales disclosures. What we do when we get the sales disclosures in from the County Assessor's Office, which is about anywhere from 80 to over 100 a month, we have to send someone out to inspect the building, to take pictures, to send out questionnaires. There is really so much to it and we haven't been able to do it right, the way it should be done, because we really need to get inside the building to see if it has been remodeled. Like, if we have a house assessed for \$40,000 and it sold for \$70,000, we've got to know what happened. Just like I was talking to a friend of mine the other day, she is thinking about buying a house here in Pigeon Township, and I pulled it up on the computer while I was talking to her and I was just asking her certain questions. Well, she probably will no longer be a friend of mine after we add finish to the attic, finish to the basement, but see these are things that we don't know until we get inside. That's why we need this person.

President Winnecke: Would it be helpful if the Council gave you a greater increase in Extra Help and you were able to get caught up versus hiring a full-time person and paying benefits?

Judy Stricker: The problem with Extra Help is you just can't keep somebody, you know, here that long. We had a good person, but with no benefits we couldn't keep her. As a matter of fact, she went back on welfare just so she could get medical attention. That's the problem with part-time. This is a difficult job that needs a person to stick with it to really, you know, learn it.

President Winnecke: Other questions of Judy?

Judy Stricker: And then we also put in for some computers. Right now, we have two monitors and two hard drives down that can't be fixed. So we did put in for some. That doesn't replace all of them, but it does replace some. I was hoping to get some replaced this year and maybe ask for some next year.

President Winnecke: How many are you hoping to buy?

Judy Stricker: Well, about seven. If we can't get all of that, you know, maybe we could get some this time and then add some more for next year.

President Winnecke: And how many computers do you have down?

Judy Stricker: Eight, nine, ten, eleven. We have eleven.

President Winnecke: Eleven that don't—

Judy Stricker: We have twelve and two of them are down.

President Winnecke: Oh, two, I'm sorry.

Judy Stricker: And our part-time people have been able to use the full-time that has been on vacation. We have one girl that has been on sick leave for over eight weeks now.

President Winnecke: Are these the computers that we purchased at reassessment?

Judy Stricker: Yes. I think they're around eight to ten years old and they're getting bad. I mean, some of the others are complaining that...we have to have someone from, what, the GIS to come up and check them all the time. We've got somebody in there all the time checking one or two of them.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you. Other questions? Thank you, Judy. Have a good day.

Judy Stricker: Thank you. You, too.

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SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Bob Harris: Bob Harris, lame duck, Scott Township Assessor, and this is John Habermel, the new guy coming in. This year we split the office. For next year, I have been Trustee/Assessor for 24 years. In January, there will be a Trustee and Assessor in Scott Township. It will go from a part-time position to a full-time position. That's why the increase in the —

President Winnecke: Necessitated by the growth.

Bob Harris: The growth in Scott Township. Last year, only Center Township had more building than Scott. If you add up all the rest of the townships in the county, we almost doubled their building permits.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: How many parcels are now in Scott Township?

Bob Harris: Oh gee, I don't know right offhand. About 4,600, I believe.

Councilmember Tornatta: 4,600. I'm just trying to figure out on a —

Bob Harris: If you look at the commercial growth, you know, we've had all the new industrial places like Graham Packaging, Ameriqua, Shoe Carnival, all the major companies are building out in Scott Township. I added up the building permits in every township except Center, and there was a total of 80 new single-housing dwellings in those other townships. And we had 167 in Scott, so we doubled the amount of new construction, single-family housing.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Could you get back to me on that parcel number?

Bob Harris: Sure.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I have a question of Council. Do we not have something in writing that tells us when someone becomes a full-time Assessor as opposed to part-time? Like is there anything, a benchmark?

Jeff Ahlers: Not that I'm aware of. I mean, I'm not aware of there being anything in writing. I mean, I think it's kind of a rarity. I don't know if there's been any other circumstance, though. Now I don't know if by statute, if there's any difference, but I don't think so. I mean, like with Prosecutor and that, there is a definition of what constitutes a full-time and part-time.

Bob Harris: Back to your questions, I was wrong. I think there's 5,800 and the state law said 6,000 parcels to split the office.

Councilmember Tornatta: The only time I can remember, I guess, this happening was actually when Glen went from part-time, her position went from part-time to full-time. She was a full-time Deputy Assessor and then Harry, my grandfather, was the part-time Assessor, and then that moved up. But how many parcels, I guess, I'd like to know, do you have any idea what the parcel change was?

Glen Koob: Back then?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Glen Koob: It was probably around 9,000, 92 -9,500. Now it's over eleven. What they did, –

Councilmember Tornatta: You'd have to come up.

Glen Koob: Speaking for Perry Township only, Glen Koob, Perry Township Assessor, I was a full-time Chief Deputy, like you said, and then it was actually my mom that was in there. But I kept my, I just changed my salary over to the full-time – you made it full-time. I think we went through the Job Study, or maybe it's just you guys and we didn't – yeah, we did go through the Job Study, I believe. And you just made whatever my Chief Deputy's salary was, my Assessor salary, is how you did it.

President Winnecke: Let Mr. Ahlers research to see what the specific mechanism is to make the change, but I would assume if you're not there, you'd be pretty darn close, as much growth as there is in that township. So Jeff can check on that and get back to us. Other questions? Okay guys, thank you.

Bob Harris: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Have a good day.

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: Union. Not here. Okay.

**COUNTY ASSESSOR
REASSESSMENT/PTABOA
REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR
SALES DISCLOSURE**

President Winnecke: County Assessor, page 59. Good morning, Tammy.

Tammy Elkins: Good morning. Tammy Elkins, Vanderburgh County Assessor. I actually have four different funds here, the General Fund, which I've not asked for any increases besides the salary, no changes. I have two Reassessment funds, the Assessor and the PTABOA, and for the PTABOA, we've requested the same thing that the Council allowed last year. And for the Assessor, we've only had one line item that we're asking for an increase and that is for the 4220 Office Machines. We've asked for \$9,000 for a copy machine. We bought the last copy machine in 2000 and the serviceman has told us that it is on its last legs, and we do make a lot of copies with the work that the board does. So we've called to get some estimates on a new copy machine and that's around the figure that they provided us.

President Winnecke: And that's on the –

Tammy Elkins: In the Reassessment Fund/Assessor. And the Sales Disclosure Fund, our request was the same as what the Council gave us last year. Our overall requests, not including salaries, is actually a decrease, but we just have that one line item that has an increase.

Councilmember Sutton: Can we skip back up a little bit? On your regular budget, I'm on page 156, on Office Machines, what are you requesting specifically, to be purchased?

Tammy Elkins: In our General Fund Assessor budget, the Office Machines, I have that we requested zero.

Councilmember Sutton: No, I'm sorry. It's the Reassessment budget.

Tammy Elkins: Okay, that is the copy machine that I just spoke of.

Councilmember Sutton: Alright. Are you replacing out something or –

Tammy Elkins: Yes.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Tammy, do you not charge for copies at all?

Tammy Elkins: Our office does not charge for copies.

Councilmember Abell: Isn't there a county ordinance regarding that?

Tammy Elkins: I'm not aware of that. I know it hasn't been done for several years, so I would be happy to look at the information.

Councilmember Abell: I believe there is. Mrs. Deig says there is a \$.25 copy charge per sheet.

President Winnecke: We charge a dollar like Betty. I like that.

Councilmember Abell: That's state statute.

President Winnecke: Well, that's alright.

Tammy Elkins: I'll get with Sandie later and maybe get that.

Councilmember Abell: I think if there's a county ordinance in place, we certainly should follow it and then it will help with the offset of having to replace these machines.

Councilmember Tornatta: My question would be, do you have any money in the office?

Tammy Elkins: We don't collect money. The only thing we do is, if we do those large format maps or have data requests, we do charge a fee for that, which is then quietused to the General Fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that going to be a problem?

Tammy Elkins: I think it –

Councilmember Tornatta: If you were to collect a fee, whatever it is, is that going to be a problem to –

Tammy Elkins: I know it was done in the past and I believe the other townships do collect a fee, so I don't think it would be a problem.

Councilmember Abell: It's a county ordinance.

Councilmember Tornatta: We just have to find the right person to be able to collect it if we need to go to another office to pay that fee, Treasurer's Office or whatever. Contractual Services on 157 in the PTABOA, that's the attorney, is that correct?

Tammy Elkins: Its actually a little bit more than that. That also includes our ProVal contract, which is our CAMA system that we use and then the PTABOA attorney, that's correct.

Councilmember Tornatta: And what's the break on that?

Tammy Elkins: I believe the ProVal contract for 2007 is 40,000. We have the attorney, let's see here, okay, we have the attorney that we put in for 10,000 and then we've also used part of that, we have a contract with McCarter & Associates and she offers us some support with our logs that we're required to keep and the data that we have to transmit to the state. She helps us with that type of information.

Councilmember Sutton: So how much did you say it was, 17?

Tammy Elkins: Ten thousand for the PTABOA attorney and 7,000 for McCarter. I think we sign a contract with her annually for 10,000, so that's only a portion of hers and I think the other portion is in another part of the budget.

Councilmember Sutton: And is that an annual contract with McCarter?

Tammy Elkins: Right, for McCarter.

Councilmember Tornatta: So McCarter is 7,000 and there's another part in a budget for her?

Tammy Elkins: For that, yes. And that is in our 3530 in the Reassessment/Assessor, 3,000 of that 5,000 is for McCarter. What page?

President Winnecke: 155.

Tammy Elkins: And then the additional 2,000 in that account goes to –

Councilmember Tornatta: And its mandatory that we have her do that work, we can't do it ourselves?

Tammy Elkins: At this point, I haven't had the support to do that ourselves. And in our office I don't have somebody who has been able to take over the role. So its an annual contract and so far, she's been the one to perform that service for us.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and about, approximately, do we have any type of knowledge on how long, what type of workload she has or...

Tammy Elkins: At this point, I'm not quite sure exactly what her workload will be. I mean, we are becoming more and more self-sufficient, so we have weaned off from the amount that we had paid her in the past, to where we are today. But I think her service to our office has been very valuable.

President Winnecke: Other questions of the Assessor? Tammy, how are things with appeals, generally?

Tammy Elkins: I have a report here and I didn't make copies, but if anybody's interested, I can get that to you. We're doing quite well, actually. For our 2004 appeals, we had about 500. Five hundred and one filed, we have finalized all of those but six. And the reason why those have not been finalized is because they have prior years that had been filed to the state, so we don't want to make a decision and have the state come back and do something different. So we are waiting on anything that has been filed to the state before we act on those. The good news is, out of the 2004 appeals, only seven appealed to the state, so we're working very hard with the taxpayers and the townships to come up with something that the value, where its correct and that people are happy with where they are, the information they've received. We've really worked hard at informing the taxpayer on why and what their assessments are. For 2005, we only had 44 appeals filed, seven are pending and only four filed to the state. We have already received some 2006 appeals, approximately 254. We have not worked any of those because values have not been finalized for 2006. So that is, I think very good news so far. And then for our exemption status, this was a year where all not-for-profit entities had to file to receive their exempt status. And this year we had 1,563 exemptions filed and that's per tax code. And we have been working on those since May. One thing we have

been aggressively looking at is vacant pieces of ground. They are only allowed to have a vacant piece of ground for up to six years. They have to provide information to us in the first three years, their building plans. What are you planning to do with this vacant piece of ground and then they have an additional three years to build on that. So we have been aggressively looking at all the vacant pieces of land that have been owned by the same person since the 70's, the 80's, the 90's. And either trying to get those back on the property rolls or get them to combine those codes to make it one parcel that does carry out the whole exempt purpose of that property. So that's something that's taking us a little bit of time because we are having to get back in touch with the taxpayer, ask them to combine their codes, file a quit claim deed to put those on one parcel, and do all those steps that are required with that. But everything, I think, is looking very good.

President Winnecke: Good. Other questions? Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Could you tell me what this McCarter does? I don't know.

Tammy Elkins: We have our exemption database and our appeals database that she had created for us. And so she gives us support with that when we have to have changes that the state has required us to make because they require a certain data be sent to them. She is the one that would go in and make those changes for us. Its all done in an Access database. We are now also required to send the state data transmissions from our ProVal database, its from our sales disclosure database. We had to go back several years to do this and because she had worked on, when we did the Reassessment, she had worked on creating the Form 11's for the townships, she had those data sets that we were able to go to and get to help build that information back up for the state. And so she's been helping us with that, getting information that the state requires us to have, to the state in the format that they need it.

Councilmember Abell: If you had somebody that could gather the information, the rest of it is just simply computer work?

Tammy Elkins: It's all computer work. Yes.

Councilmember Abell: So if we had a computer company within the county capable of doing that, they could take this over?

Tammy Elkins: Definitely.

Councilmember Abell: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions or comment? Thank you, Tammy. Have a good day.

Tammy Elkins: Thank you.

**CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

President Winnecke: Convention & Visitors Bureau, page 186 in the big book.

David Dunn: Good morning.

President Winnecke: Good morning, David. Morning, Marilee.

Marilee Fowler: Good morning.

David Dunn: My name is David Dunn, I'm a board member on the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau, actually appointed to that position by this Council.

President Winnecke: I think, to me, the only thing that I remember sticking out was the request for Extra Help and the, yeah, maybe explain that.

David Dunn: The Extra Help? We are aggressively trying to grow tourism in Vanderburgh County, as you know. Currently, tourism brings about 400 million dollars a year into Vanderburgh County and we are looking for ways to grow that volume and so its going to be for additional sales staff.

President Winnecke: On a part-time basis, I assume?

David Dunn: No, it would be on a full-time basis.

President Winnecke: Did I misread something?

Councilmember Goebel: 6,700, right?

Marilee Fowler: That particular line item refers to help that we need during the summer months, primarily. A lot of times we'll use university interns or we'll need extra help upstairs in our visitor's center because we have extended hours. In the summer months, we'll stay open until 7:00 every evening, so we usually just need extended help during those summer months when we have our peak number of conventions and meetings and also with the visitors center.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: The research line, just looking at, I think last year we looked at 6,900. We're looking at 41,5 this year.

David Dunn: Right, again, we have an ad hoc committee at the bureau, it's called Destination Evansville Committee, and we've been studying now for two years opportunities for us to bring additional attractions into the community. And so this money is going to further our research towards bringing additional attractions into Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Tornatta: What would go into that line? I mean, I know we're not talking lab coats and beakers and –

David Dunn: No, its for consultants that would be specific to sports marketing, as an example.

President Winnecke: Market research.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. So you guys don't have a consulting line?

Marilee Fowler: No, we don't.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that what this line is turning into?

Marilee Fowler: Yes. We have professional consultants that primarily refers to legal assistants, accounting assistants, but this one has primarily been research and working with consultants for us to look at other opportunities to advance Evansville.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: You guys don't have any of your expenses populated in any of the lines here, is that just a glitch between you guy's office and the Auditor's side? How come you guys don't show any expenses in any of your accounts?

Marilee Fowler: Expenses in our accounts?

Bill Fluty: Their bills don't go through our office. They don't blue claim and we don't pay their bills. So they can provide you with their expenditures.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. That information would be helpful for us to gauge how things are going this year. We've got last year's budgeted amount and we've got what is requested this year, but we don't have anything that shows what is spent up to this point. Can you guys provide that information for us?

Marilee Fowler: Sure.

Councilmember Sutton: The other thing, Special Matching Grants, can you talk about that, you're talking about doubling that from 25,000 to \$50,000 for next year?

David Dunn: We have, for example, last year, we were requested to assist with Burdette Park and we helped to fund, was it 10,000?

Marilee Fowler: Ten thousand.

David Dunn: Ten thousand dollars there, but the reason why we want to increase the Special/Matching Grants is so that we can continue our assistance with agencies like the Reitz Home and the museum, zoo, those attractions that come to us for matching grant assistance for a special need of some kind.

Councilmember Sutton: Have you received any requests for next year or are you just kind of guessing what it may be?

Marilee Fowler: We've received some substantial requests every year. Burdette Park is always at \$10,000, the zoo is usually at \$10,000, so when you look at those two particular entities and we only had \$25,000 in that line item anyway, its kind of difficult then to help new opportunities with some funding. So we thought if we doubled it, that way we'd have the resources to continue to help some of those big attractions with their marketing and promotion efforts, but also to have some funds then to help other entities as well. There's a lot of groups that start a new festival or a new event and that's what we want to be. We want to be seed money to help those events get started and grow, and then as they flourish, we cut back their funding annually. So it will give us the funds to do some of those events, but also maintain some of our big attractions as well.

Councilmember Sutton: You know, I see a lot of what you guys do as a really important part of economic development here locally, but I don't ever really see you guys engaged in those discussions with those groups.

Marilee Fowler: We would love to be at the table. And we, too, agree that we think we are a very important part of economic development for Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, this would be a good time to pipe up and speak your interest in being involved as we are talking about at least two different entities that are being formed because you're selling this area here. Obviously, you get feedback from some of the people inside and outside of our community –

Marilee Fowler: And there are many cases, probably some of our soccer tournaments are the best examples. Those children come to Evansville, but mom and dad bring them. And there are many times that that mom or dad may be a decision maker maybe in the relocation or expansion of a company. And we think this is a great way to showcase Evansville with what a family opportunity can be about, but yet they can see all the other opportunities as well. So we think we're an important component of bringing some of those first initial visits to Evansville.

Councilmember Sutton: What do you think there, Mr. President, about their involvement on some of the economic development?

President Winnecke: I think that's a great idea. I'll make sure that the Commissioners and the Mayor are aware of that.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Marilee Fowler: Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: What type of revenues do you have, are you bringing in, and then what do you have in reserve at this time?

David Dunn: Presently, we're budgeted for 2007 to bring in \$1,267,615 and the majority of that comes from the tax that's imposed on the Innkeepers of Vanderburgh County. There is about \$200,000 a year that comes to us from Casino Aztar. But clearly, the majority of it comes from the tax. We are budgeting a three percent increase. We're projecting a three percent increase in revenue for 2007 over our budgeted amount for 2006. However, we're running at much greater pace than that. 2005, we finished six percent over the prior year and we're running 13% over this same time in '06 compared to '05. So we're clearly running at a greater pace than what we're conservatively forecasting for budget purposes.

Councilmember Tornatta: And you were saying the 1.267 million in revenues plus the 200,000 from Aztar or is that included?

Marilee Fowler: No.

David Dunn: That's included.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Other questions of this or the –

Marilee Fowler: Troy also asked about reserves. The next item on your agenda is the Tourism Capital Development Fund and so that's a restricted fund that, again, one and a half percent of the Innkeeper's tax goes to that reserve fund for debt services that we've acquired. On the side of Convention & Visitors Bureau, I think right now

there's about a \$300,000 reserve, but we've got some major expenses that we're going to have to address this fall. The Pagoda is 11 years since it was completed and nothing has really been majorly done to that building in that time. We need to look at painting inside and out. We need to look at new carpeting, we need to look at some structural things we need to take care of. We're estimating the cost on that is going to probably be at least \$75,000. So it's important that we have a reserve. That building probably is a reason to print money. There's always a problem or just the nature of the building itself. And so its important that we can have a reserve like that to take care of those emergencies as they happen.

President Winnecke: Any other questions of their budget or their Tourism Capital Improvement Fund that she just referenced? Okay, thank you very much..

Marilee Fowler: Thank you.

President Winnecke: At this point, we're going to take a ten minute break and we'll reconvene.

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AREA PLAN

President Winnecke: Okay, we are in the homestretch here. We'll continue with Area Plan Commission, page 77 in the big book.

Brad Mills: Get out your swords, start hacking. Brad Mills, Area Plan Commission.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Brad.

Brad Mills: Morning. Talking about requests for increases, just have a few. Line item 3120, Postage, we're asking for an additional \$500. We've already spent about 80% of our budget for this year and we still have a few months left. Line item 3142, we're asking to have funding to televise our meetings. Tuition & Seminars, we had that cut to zero. I'd like to be able to attend the annual planning conference. I was not able to do that this year, I didn't have the money for it. Also, line item 3520, Repairs & Equipment, we're asking for a \$250 increase, that was 1,000 last year, we've spent over \$500 for plotter repair this year so we had to come up with other funds for that. And we're asking for the intern, which I know we probably won't get. Well, it can't hurt to ask. If you don't ask, you definitely won't get it, but...

President Winnecke: Appreciate your confidence.

Brad Mills: Well, I was told that we're cutting 12 million, I know its got to come from somewhere, so it will probably come from –

President Winnecke: Less and less now!

Councilmember Sutton: Start with that top line on your budget.

Brad Mills: And then Equipment, we're asking for money for a new server that we'll need. We're transferring over from the old VAX system to a new CityView which the Building Commission has implemented, I think, two or three weeks ago. In September, we're going to go live with that. We'll be able to do permitting on-line and things of that nature in the future. But I talked with Mark Rolley and Matt Arvay, and

they are the ones that said that we needed to get that type of server so we can put all of that, plats and things that we receive for building permits. We scan those in and they're PDF files and they're pretty large, as you guys know. And so that's the reason for that. Also, looking for a new computer to go with that because what we have now is probably ten years old. And those were the main items other than the salary increase.

President Winnecke: Brad, I would just make the same observation I made in the joint hearing yesterday, I think its great that you're putting some money in for televising your meetings. I think the more, I mean, I think all of us would attest to the fact that, you know, I think we have pretty positive feedback on that and I think to the extent that local government could be more televised, I think, is great. So I applaud you for that.

Brad Mills: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Brad, where is your server? Is it in your office or is it held in Computer Services?

Brad Mills: Its with the GIS computer services. We don't keep that in our office.

Councilmember Abell: In their cold room? Okay.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Nothing to do with Area Plan. I was just going to make mention that the more people we bring on to this televised program, or to a televised program, we probably need to look at a bulk rate discount.

Brad Mills: That's a good idea.

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I don't know about our own station, but I think we should revisit and see, and maybe even find out other areas that we think we'd like to see on the program or exposed, or however you want to call it. But give people an opportunity to see how government works and in that, if we're able to go and checks some of those things out. And being a TV guy, Lloyd, I think you'd be a great guy to head that up.

President Winnecke: I need one more thing to do.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's exactly right.

President Winnecke: Okay, any other questions of Brad?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah. Brad, your Legal Services line, is something that fluctuates a great deal? You obviously don't know what that's going to be from year to year. The \$40,000 request, I guess that's just – were you just putting that in line with –

Brad Mills: We've had it that way for a number of years. We do return any of those funds back to the General Fund that we don't use, obviously.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Hearing none, we'll move on.

Councilmember Sutton: One last question, the GIS Licensing Fees & Training.

Brad Mills: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that a contractual obligation that has a termination point at some point in time?

Brad Mills: No, its just a continuing fee that we have to pay for all the stuff that we do for all the plats and subdivisions. We have to have that, 85 to 90 percent of that is just updating our fees or renewing our annual fee, is what it is. So its not something that we'll be able to get rid of.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Okay, Brad, thank you.

***SURVEYOR
SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION***

President Winnecke: County Surveyor. Bill.

Bill Jeffers: Good morning.

President Winnecke: How are you today?

Bill Jeffers: Fine. I'm sorry, I'm running back and forth between here and meeting over here with INDOT and Commissioner Nix. We're trying to get INDOT to include a new pipe structure at Green River Road and Morgan because the current pipe structure artificially raises the flood plain by a foot and a half over the five square mile commercial development area east of Green River to the county line causing developers and the county to bring in an extra foot and a half every time you build a road or a building. Over five square miles, that's a lot of – I mean, that's a big impact.

President Winnecke: Well, we'll be brief.

Bill Jeffers: Well, we're almost finished over there. I'm just a little frustrated running back and forth, but that's okay. I'm glad to be here. Nice to see all of you. INDOT is being very cooperative, by the way, and it looks like we're going to get something done in that regard. Let's see, we're talking about the 1060 account, the changes or increases, the first one would be the Chief Deputy. In 2004, 2005, and 2006, we moved that to the Corner Perpetuation Fund basically to help County Council offset the General Fund cost that you otherwise incur. And we had that Chief Deputy over in Corner Perpetuation, however, we ran short in 2005, I believe, it was by about \$10,000 and had to transfer some money to cover that cost. And we project less revenue from the source of the Corner Perpetuation funds which is the recording of deeds, \$5 per deed. In the current development market we see a decrease in recorded deeds. We also need to replenish the Perpetuation Fund to maintain existing equipment that's used to perpetuate section corners and to acquire new equipment for that program. That equipment is extremely expensive, its all GPS, GIS

equipment now days. So we're asking to move the Chief Deputy back into the General Fund for 2007. The next item, Instrument Man, the increase there represents the five year step raise that the employee is entitled to. Farther down, Chain Man, we originally asked for that to be elevated to PAT III, it's under Job Study at the current time. I'm going back in December with a recommendation from some of the Job Study committee members to go to PAT IV, however, its in the budget right now at PAT III, which is a one step raise. That's the reason for that increase. Under Gas & Oil, 2210, we're asking for a thousand dollars. Usually we got by at around 2,000, we're asking for 3,000 next year, anticipating a one/third increase in gas and oil prices. That's just an estimate. Garage & Motor, we're asking for an increase from 1,500 in 2006 to 2,500 in 2007, basically, because since 1981 when I came to the County Surveyor's Office, we've only bought two vehicles. We used surplus vehicles for years. We bought a vehicle, it's a 1991 and we have a 1994 vehicle. At their age and mileage, we're experiencing increased Garage & Motor expenses and that's an estimate of what we think we'll need for next year. Office Supplies, \$200 decrease. I guess I've been going to more conventions and picking up pens and paper at conventions, apparently. Call them junkets if you will, but it pays off.

Councilmember Sutton: Watch out other officeholders, coming to your office.

Bill Jeffers: Yes, I will. Let's see, under 3371, Computer Hardware was zero in 2006. We're asking for 3,000 there. Also, when we get to Perpetuation, we're asking for 6,000. What we're asking for there is, we have a piece of equipment we share with the City Engineer's office and other people use it in the building. Its an old ammonia blueprint machine that came with the building in 1969. Its under hazmat regulations because of the ammonia. You have to have all kinds of safety devices in there. Its about worn out. City Engineer's is going to ask City Council for half the money and we're asking for half the money, and the estimated cost to replace it is somewhere between 10 and 20,000. We'll be replacing it with a digital scanner and plotting/printing device. We think we can use some of our existing plotters and printers along with Area Plan's to offset some of that cost, so right now, we're asking for 3,000 in General Funds, 6,000 over in Corner Perpetuation, for a total of 9,000 for our share.

President Winnecke: Bill, if I could interrupt? The 9,000 represents the county's share of the –

Bill Jeffers: The county's half. We hope to get it down to that or less. I mean, I would like to see it at about 5,000, but we don't know yet. We've been told it will run between 10 and 20,000 total, so our half, we're estimating right now, what do we have, 9,000 in there, but that – you also have to understand that we're also maintaining our other computer hardware out of that same money, which last year it looks like we, or this year, we've spent so far, 2,100 in Perpetuation funds and nothing in General fund. So part of that 9,000 will be spent on computer hardware other than replacing this blueprint machine. Equipment Repair, asking for an additional 500, that's just our equipment is getting older. Dues & Subscriptions, I don't know why I'm asking for a \$300 increase, I've already unsubscribed to every national organization we belong to and we're not paying for any magazines that I know of. I think I've been told that this covers some permits and technical certificates that we have to have. I'll check that with my Chief Deputy, but right now she's saying the cost in 2006 was \$4,200, so she's asking for \$4,300. Let's see, under Corner Perpetuation, I think that's where we're at, again, we're moving the Chief Deputy, after three years we're moving the Chief Deputy back to or we're asking that you move the Chief Deputy back to the General Fund. Instruments, same as 2006.

Computer Hardware, same as 2006, but like I said, a lot of that will be spent on replacing the blueprint machine with a digital scanner. And it looks like every item in Perpetuation, other than the Chief Deputy, is the same as 2006. And if there are any questions, I'm available and the Chief Deputy is over here with INDOT. She can be available.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Bill, in the future, do you foresee the Chief Deputy being moved back to the Perpetuation Fund?

Bill Jeffers: If we're able to acquire the equipment that we need to stay current with our GPS and GIS requirements and corner perpetuation, yes, there may be years we can do that. Hopefully, we can help you in that manner. And hopefully, the real estate market will pick back up to the point that those funds will be replenished more quickly.

Councilmember Tornatta: Now, I think we've got something from the Recorder's office, was that this year's totals for up to date? To date, we're 24,240, is that –

Bill Jeffers: Yes sir. She stays very current. She brings us up something about once a month showing what – so I'm sure what's in front of you is current.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Bill Jeffers: She collects those when she records deeds. She collects \$5 for our perpetuation fund and a certain amount for her perpetuation fund. The state board of accounts tells us how we can spend it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, so you'll be cutting it close this year, for sure.

Bill Jeffers: I think last year we had to come back to you. The Auditor could probably tell you because I think it was around \$10,000, wasn't it, we ran short. It's all depending on the real estate market, how many deeds are recorded.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Bill Jeffers: Hopefully, we'll skinny by this year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Alright, thanks.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I just have a question about computers. Are you going to buy a computer this year? Do you have one that you need to be purchasing? You said the rest of it was various computer stuff.

Bill Jeffers: Well, we thought we were going to buy several, but what we're finding, we bought some in the last year or two, and it seems like, and you may know more about computers than – I'm sure you know more about computers than I do, but it seems like every time we buy one, within six months or a year, it's out of date. So what I'm trying to do is, don't buy them until I absolutely have to. And thank goodness, the GIS has staff that comes up and works real closely with Linda to keep our clunkers going and keep our new stuff current and so we've been able to not

spend the money that you've appropriated until we absolutely have to. And that's why when I asked for 6,000, I think I've only spent 2,200. We have a great GIS department that helps service those and Linda, the Chief Deputy, is very proficient at it herself. Now that's just my feeling on it. Don't buy it until you absolutely have to because as soon as you buy it, six months later its out of date.

Councilmember Abell: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions for Bill? Thanks, Bill. Good luck.

Bill Jeffers: Thank you.

CIRCUIT COURT

President Winnecke: Circuit Court.

Carl Heldt: Morning, Carl Heldt, Circuit Court. Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, I suppose we can start with the Circuit Court budget from the county funds. 1130-1360 is a five year step. 1250-1360, that's a Job Study Committee approved, so that should be a COMOT V, and that's what that's for. 1390-1360 Bailiff, that's a five year step. 1620-1360 Staff Attorney, shows a two year step, but we're changing Staff Attorneys so we'll change that. We have a new Staff Attorney coming on August 21st, and we'll, I guess Karen will work with Sandie to fix that.

President Winnecke: So will that be lower, then?

Carl Heldt: It will be lower, won't it?

Karen Angermeier: Yes.

Carl Heldt: 1630-1360 Probation Officer, that's a 20 year step. 1740-1360 Secretary, you can remove that, I'm not asking for that from the county funds, that's 1740-1360 can be removed. The next page, 3130 Travel/Mileage, we're asking for an additional thousand dollars and the reason is that we ran out of money. Right now, we have from last year's budget, we have \$11.62 left and Judge Kiely and I have to go to Indianapolis in September for a – South Bend for a judicial conference, a three day trip, so we're going to need more and we're asking for another thousand dollars for next year. The next line is law library books, 3260. We're asking for an additional \$4,500 and this is the reason, the inflation rate on the law books for the law library for next year are going to be a minimum of \$9,000. The law library foundation, which, as you know, is the foundation that's supported by lawyers in Evansville, will agree to pay half of that increase, the \$4,500, and ask that the county pay the balance of 4,500. We haven't had a raise in a couple of years for law library books from the county. Also I want to point out, remind the County Council, and this is still true because we keep track of it, that more than half of the people that utilize the law library are non-lawyers, they're citizens from the community. So the lawyers footing half of this inflation rate increase and the county footing the other half, we think, is reasonable and fair. Alright, down to continuing education, 3730, we're asking for an additional thousand dollars. That's really in the same boat as the Travel/Mileage. A lot of the times when we travel, its for continuing education for the lawyers in the office and the judges and so we pay, sometimes pay part of it out of Continuing Education, part of it out of the Travel budget. We have a \$283 left in that and we're going to spend part of that on this trip to South Bend because there's some Continuing Education up there. So we're, year in and year out, I think we're

overspending that, so we're asking for another thousand dollars to just make it realistic. Jurors 3903, Jurors, we're asking to add \$10,000 once again to make it realistic, as what we actually need. We're going to be at 10 to \$13,000 over budget this year on the present budget for 2006, so we're asking to make that coincide with reality which is asking for another \$10,000. That's it on the county part.

President Winnecke: Questions before we move to Adult Supplemental Probation? Okay, page 172.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Carl Heldt: Okay, Adult Probation. 1320-2600 that's a Secretary, that's a five year step. 1330-2600 additional Secretary/Receptionist, change that from the \$28,000 number to \$26,187, and that's because that's going as a COMOT IV instead of a COMOT V per the Job Study Committee. The next line, Probation Typist 1350-2600, raise from 9.40 to \$10.00 an hour. The last raise for this person was 2003 and we think that that's the fair thing to do. The next page, 3130 Travel/Mileage, we're asking for an additional \$3,000. Once again, we run out of funds on that continually and that's all I have on that.

President Winnecke: Any questions of the judge on this budget? Pretty straightforward. Judge, thanks for your time. Have a good day.

VOTERS REGISTRATION

President Winnecke: Voters Registration.

Connie Carrier: Morning.

President Winnecke: Good morning, how are you?

Connie Carrier: Good. How are you?

President Winnecke: Good.

Tony Bushrod: Connie Carrier and Anthony Bushrod, Voter Registration. All of our increases are due to our increased workload and we are doing it with less people. We're doing all of our poll books now, which Computer Services used to do it. We've got new computers and stuff like that from the state and we're responsible for like the toner, the ink cartridges, labels for the scanners and all that good stuff.

President Winnecke: Any questions? Okey dokey.

Connie Carrier: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you very much. Pretty easy, huh?

Tony Bushrod: Yeah.

COUNTY COUNCIL

President Winnecke: Last, but not least, us, page 121.

Councilmember Sutton: County Council.

President Winnecke: Probably one of the biggest items, obviously, is the Insurance. We don't know yet –

Sandie Deig: I think that, as I discussed with Councilman Sutton this morning, I think a minimum of \$750,000 will come off of that, that's a minimum, when we get some more up to date figures.

President Winnecke: And Mr. Sutton and I were in a meeting yesterday with Mr. Flittner from Torian, Hofmann, Dillow & Flittner, and he indicated another three weeks or so before they have all the '07 rates on the Anthem package. They have the Welborn pieces now and it's a very respectable – it's a single digit increase from Welborn.

Councilmember Sutton: Which is a much welcome sight in light of what things have been over the last, probably five years, where we've seen several years of double digit increases on the insurance line item.

President Winnecke: Other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: On the, where is it, Consultant line item? That would be 3460. What are we consulting on?

Sandie Deig: That's Mr. Deisher, the Job Study consultant.

Councilmember Sutton: And we had some brief dialogue and discussion yesterday on 3530 Contractual Services and Contractual Computer and Computer Facilities Management, about where those items will find their home.

Sandie Deig: Councilman Raben instructed me to put the same amounts in our budget that the Commissioners put in theirs.

President Winnecke: And the number, if you didn't get this, on 3870, instead of 2,000,000, it's 1.5 million instead of 2,000,000. You know, that's a great question, I think, over the next ten days we'll figure out where it finds its home.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, either way we go, at least we know that on the sum of the whole budget that we're looking at, that's about, what, 3.2 million dollars that will be subtracted from the total amount that we've got to try to get out of this budget.

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Winnecke? Since we're discussing the computer management, and I did see Mr. Arvay in here. I guess I assumed he was going to stick around. But I was looking at the budget and the Facilities Management budget, which would have been ACS's expenses to us. Between 2004 and 2005, their cost rose \$43,860. Between 2005 and 2006 when ACS was here and also the Arvay/Rolley team, they rose by \$122,414. The requested budget for Facilities Management between 2006 and 2007, next year's request, goes up by \$1,372,600. That's a tremendous increase over what we've seen for Facilities Management, and I have been told numerous times, even before I was on this Council, that going to this particular type of arrangement was going to save us money. And there is no savings here at all. I think we need to keep this computer budget under the Council's jurisdiction, we've saved money this year. People have not spent money that they would have spent because they knew they had to come ask for it and have somebody scrutinize it, and I think that's a good way to handle this. This is such a discretionary amount of money that none of us are technically capable of actually putting a finger

on this thing. We can only assume that we're being told what's definitely needed and we're buying what we have to have. And I think its too much money to allow to just be spent without any justification whatsoever. All of you are aware that I questioned the bill that was sent to us. One of the responses I got to one of my questions was, I don't have to tell you what I spent this for because my budget is under the Water & Sewer Department, and if it's going to be under the Water & Sewer Department, then they ought to pay it all. I am not of a mind to think that just because we're not technically savvy, that we have to allow a person or a group of people or an organization or whatever, to just submit a bill and we automatically pay it. And I'm very concerned about the amount of money that's being spent on Computer Services. I have taken some of those bills to someone who knows a lot more about it than I do, who actually does this for a living and he was also quite concerned that we were spending that kind of money. So I'd just like to put that in as why I think we ought to keep this in the Council's budget.

President Winnecke: Anyone else? I would concur, it's a lot of money and the increase is significant. I don't think there's any arguing that. I guess my only comment would be, I think we probably have saved money because there is the, I don't want to go before Council, but I just hope we don't make it so cumbersome for people that they don't ask for equipment that they need in a timely fashion. I don't want us to become an impediment, I just want us to be a good gatekeeper.

Councilmember Abell: Well, let me just say that when I was an officeholder, it was very easy if I had an account that had some money in it, to move it to another for something else that I wanted. And its pretty simple if everybody comes up here and asks for a computer that they really don't need but we go ahead and budget it, thinking they might need it, and so when they want something else, they just take it out of that computer budget and we transfer it over without looking at it closely. The way we did it last year, if somebody wanted a computer, we took it out of their budget, we put it in the Council budget. And all they really had to do was to come up to Sandie and say the computer is dying, we now need to buy the computer. I think all of us want to keep the equipment in there, but I certainly don't think we want to pad up any accounts that somebody can transfer out of and use for something else.

President Winnecke: I agree. Any other comments or questions? Hearing none, we will – Mr. Sutton, are you getting ready to say something?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I was just going to add that, you know, obviously, we've had a lot of presentations over here the last few days and there's quite a bit more work to be done on our part in beginning to pare down some of these budgets. And the figure, Bill, are you closer to kind of getting us a figure on what we, specifically, I know we've been talking about some real general figures, about what we need to cut, have you got a more specific figure?

Bill Fluty: Some things we're waiting on which affects that number you need to get to, is actually the COIT. It makes up 46% of our miscellaneous revenues. It is supposed to be in here this week, so hopefully, that will help to get us to that firm figure we're looking for. And always, the assessed valuation is a number we're looking for and, of course, that's not going to happen until later this year, so we won't have that information. But I've seen, as you, I've seen the number of 12 million in the paper. I guess we'll look at that until we get these figures. But I think the COIT will be in this week and I'll give you that number as soon as it comes in.

Councilmember Sutton: Any other sources of revenue that you haven't received that you anticipate getting some dollar figures on?

Bill Fluty: No, everything is in place to make a good estimation as soon as I get that COIT number. But that being 46% of our total miscellaneous revenues, that's one we really need. If it goes up a little bit, stays the same, goes down, it actually has an impact on this budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. I had a discussion here in the last couple of days with one of the city legislators about some changes in state law regarding the COIT, on the maximum COIT amount, I don't know if you had heard anything in that regard.

Bill Fluty: I haven't heard anything about the maximum amount of the COIT. You might be talking about the two percent cap?

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: No, you're talking about Circuit Breaker, right? What he's talking about is, at one point, it was brought to the Council that we could raise the COIT a quarter percent and just looking at opportunities to be able to find that window when you can raise a percent or, you know, a quarter percent, or something on the COIT.

Bill Fluty: And I have heard that. What they're looking at, the Circuit Breaker actually, is a law now, –

Councilmember Tornatta: Can you explain that just real quick for those who are listening? Circuit Breaker, real quick.

Bill Fluty: To make it very simple, if your tax bill is \$2,000, and your assessment goes up which forces your tax bill to be \$2,400, it can only be 2%, so that \$400 will show as a deduct because, by law the way its set now, you're only going to pay the \$2,000. So that has a direct affect on your property tax revenue. Its scheduled to come in, I think, for homeowners in 2008 and then it moves on to commercial and so forth. I know the legislators are going to revisit that this next session and take a look at that and see if that is to remain.

Councilmember Sutton: And the inventory tax also is one that is scheduled to go away, so the potential impact on property tax owners, property owners could – well, the burden is going to be shifted. So that's something that we really want to take a look at as well.

Bill Fluty: That's actually for this year, '06 pay '07, so the inventory tax will drop off this year. Now I don't have all the personal property schedules in from the Assessors and I haven't been able to make a comparison of what actual assessed value we did lose.

Councilmember Sutton: We just don't want people to be caught so off guard when they see those increases and know where they've come from. So that's the other reason why I was asking about the adjustments on the COIT, because looking at, like I say, how that may affect us, we might want to look at some adjustments there.

Bill Fluty: And the other thing, the Homestead is going to raise from 35,000 to 45,000, so that should help some of the impact of some of the inventory that we may lose or

the trending which does increase your assessed valuation. So that should be helpful.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Winnecke: I'd like to thank everyone for their hard work, their patience and tenacity this week. I think, really, this is a lengthy week, but the hard work is just now beginning, so anyway, until August 22, we stand in recess.

(Meeting recessed at 10:57 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Marsha Abell

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Curt Wortman

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 22, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 22nd day of August, 2006 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 2007 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?

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Winnecke: Good morning. Today is the day where we will place the budget figures into place with the exception of salaries and benefits. That will be done at our September meeting. The objective today is to go through the budget line by line and my intent is to not create a lot of floor discussion, that is bringing people to the podium. I am fine with having discussion among the Councilmembers. We have a lengthy book to go through. I think its very organized. I would commend all members of the Council. I would comment to those in the audience and for those of you watching at home, this is not, what I think is going to happen is not, I wouldn't characterize as a republican budget or a democrat budget, I would characterize as a fair budget that really will help county government operate as efficiently as we see possible. This is obviously an exercise, we have a limit as to how much we can grow the county budget and I think all members of the Council have been more than participatory in the process. I appreciate everyone's time, energy and patience over the last two and a half weeks. I appreciate the input from the officeholders and department heads who have worked with us in sometimes countless meetings to get to some numbers where we think are fair and equitable. Having said that, I will now turn the floor over to our Finance Chair, Mr. Raben.

**COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY CLERK IV-D**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First we'll go to County Clerk, starting on page one through page two, page three, page four, I'll move that all salaries including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September the 13th meeting. Starting with account 2600, set that in at \$55,000, and account 3603 \$60,000, 4210 zero, and with this I'll include page six, the County Clerk IV-D as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

1010-2600	Office Supplies	55,000.00
1010-3603	Record Storage	60,000.00
1010-4210	Office Furniture	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Page seven, County Auditor, again I'll move that all FICA, PERF & Insurance along with salary lines be set in at the September 13th meeting. Starting with account, page eight, we need to insert an account 2610 Copy Machine Paper in the amount of \$8,000, all other 2 and 3000 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? 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.

1020-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	8,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: County Treasurer, page 10. All FICA, PERF & Insurance along with salary lines will be set in at our September the 13th meeting. Starting with line 1990 Extra Help zero, and we'll move that into Reassessment. Page 11, 3370 zero, 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? Hearing none, 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.

1030-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1030-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY RECORDER

Councilmember Raben: County Recorder, page 12. All salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September 13th, account 1990 Extra Help zero, 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? 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.

1040-1990	Extra Help	0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 14, the Sheriff, through 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, I'll move that all FICA, PERF & Insurance along with salaries, we'll set in September the 13th. Account 1210 \$63,000, 1300 250,000, 1301 20,000, 1520 4,800, 1540 zero, 1990 10,000, 2210 200,000, 2300 zero, 2600 9,000, 2610 3,000, 2650 4,000, 2660 zero, 2770 5,000, 2700 zero, 2760 2,500, page 25, 3310 15,000, 3370 zero, 3520 5,000, 3540 5,000, 3630 500, 3700 zero, 3920 zero, 4230, 4250 and 4290 zero, and we'll establish a line in CCD for those items. Mr. President, I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. I do have a question. On page 24, did I hear you say line 2770 instead of 2670?

Councilmember Raben: As a matter of clarification, 2670 in the amount of 5,000.

President Winnecke: Okay. And, Mr. Wortman, will you amend your second?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, sir.

President Winnecke: Any more discussion or questions?

Councilmember Sutton: And on that 2760, the amount on that again was...?

Councilmember Raben: 2,500.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, if there's no other questions, I could also throw the Jail in with this motion as well.

President Winnecke: Let's just ahead and vote on this. Any other questions or discussion? 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.

1050-1210	College Incentive	63,000.00
1050-1300	Overtime	250,000.00
1050-1301	Civilian Overtime	20,000.00
1050-1520	FTO Incentive	4,800.00
1050-1540	Process Server Vac Coverage	0.00
1050-1990	Extra Help	10,000.00
1050-2210	Gas & Oil	200,000.00
1050-2300	Uniforms	0.00
1050-2600	Office Supplies	9,000.00
1050-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	3,000.00
1050-2650	Canine Corps	4,000.00
1050-2660	Reserves	0.00
1050-2670	Identification	5,000.00
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
1050-3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	500.00
1050-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00
1050-3920	Youth Development	0.00

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1050-4230	Motor Vehicles	0.00
1050-4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	0.00
1050-4290	Vehicle Equipment	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 26, Jail, through 27, 28, 29, into page 30, all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th. At the bottom of page 30, line 1301 \$5,000, page 31, 1530 \$30,000, 1850 \$100,000, 2200 zero, 2240 \$300,000, 2250 zero, 2260 \$500,000, 2300 zero, 2600 zero, 3310 zero, 3520 zero, all other lines 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 Sutton: Mr. Finance Chair, with some of these reductions to what was requested, I think we are fully aware that we will see the Sheriff's Department back here sometime in 2007, and if not restoring, at least making, coming in for requests higher than what we are allocating here. Would that be a correct statement?

Councilmember Raben: While I'd like to say that we certainly want to discourage that as much as possible, on some lines, that may be the case. Some of the lines do reflect some substantial increases over what we've budgeted in the past, as an example, Food, that's \$150,000 more this year than we were able to budget for last year. But again, I certainly like to discourage that as much as possible, but with the understanding that, you know, there may be an occasion when someone has to come before us.

Councilmember Sutton: That's kind of what I was, and particularly the Food and the Medical line items are two things where it's a little difficult for us to know what the expense will be on those items.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, and in that vein, I think that we have to consider, we have 150 more people in that jail at this time. Looking at the past records is going to reflect 329, but 150+ more people in that jail would obviously bump all of those items up. So we might expect that there would be some type of comeback next year.

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.

1051-1301	Civilian Overtime	5,000.00
1051-1530	Shift Differential	30,000.00
1051-1850	Union Overtime	100,000.00
1051-2200	Jail Expense	0.00
1051-2240	Medical	300,000.00
1051-2250	Inmate Assistance	0.00
1051-2260	Food	500,000.00
1051-2300	Uniforms	0.00
1051-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1051-3310	Training	0.00
1051-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next page 33, County Surveyor. All salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September 13th. Page 34, line 3371 zero, all other lines as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Questions or discussion? Hearing none, 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.

1060-3371	Computer Hardware	0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, before you move on, maybe its worth noting for officeholders and department heads who have requested computers that when we are zeroing these out, they will be reinserted in the County Council budget later in the budget process, so just because you hear zero in a computer line item, does not necessarily mean its been zeroed out for you to buy computers for next year. But they will go into the Council budget.

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Next under County Coroner, all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set September the 13th. Starting with line 2210 Gas & Oil \$2,500, 2410 7,000, 2700 2,000, 2720 \$7,000, 2730 1,500, 2740 1,000, 3530 4,500, 3640 35,000, 4210 zero, all other lines 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 Sutton: This budget is another one of those where the amount of expenses is a little difficult for us to predict, but I guess trying to get to a reasonable range, we have to make some parings, some trimmings at some level. So we'll see what happens in 2007. Hopefully, the levels will go down.

President Winnecke: And I would note, this is probably the first time that I've been on Council during this process we've not cut line 3650 during these proceedings, the Autopsy line, leaving that in as it is.

Councilmember Raben: Most of this, as we go through the budget, the items that we know typically come back and get us mid or late year of every year, we've tried to either leave them as is or add a substantial amount of money, like with Gas & Oil and the Utility accounts. And again, to Councilman Winnecke's point, this is probably the first time in my history here that we haven't cut this line. And so, that's a big one. And that should be ample funding.

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.

1070-2210	Gas & Oil	2,500.00
1070-2410	Body Transport	7,000.00
1070-2700	Other Supplies	2,000.00
1070-2720	Lab Supplies	7,000.00
1070-2730	Sanitary Supplies	1,500.00
1070-2740	Chemicals	1,000.00
1070-3530	Contractual Services	4,500.00
1070-3640	Diagnostic Studies	35,000.00
1070-4210	Office Furniture	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the Prosecutor, page 38, through 39, 40, I move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September 13th meeting, all other lines 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)

PROSECUTOR IV-D

PROSECUTOR FEES-CHECK RECOVERY

PROSECUTOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT

PROSECUTOR VICTIMS/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PROSECUTOR STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

PROSECUTOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

PROSECUTOR COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Prosecutor IV-D, starting on page 42. Line item 1300-1081, that's 1300-1081, zero, –

President Winnecke: Page 43.

Councilmember Raben: Line item 1300-1081 zero. All other salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set September the 13th. All other 2, 3 and 4000 accounts as listed and I make that in the –

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, along with that, Mr. President, page 44, Prosecutor Check Recovery, as listed. Page 45, Prosecutor Drug Law Enforcement Program, 3994, the correct amount should be \$132,308. Page 46 as listed. Page 47 as listed. Page 48 as listed. Page 49 as listed. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Now the second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Hearing none, 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.

1081-1300-1081	Enforcement Officer	0.00
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1083-3994	Special/Matching Grants	132,308.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Page 50, County Assessor. All salary lines including FICA,

PERF & Insurance will be set September the 13th. Line item 1972 in the amount of \$2,500, 2600, 2700, 3100 in at zero. Again –

President Winnecke: Are you talking – 3930 instead of 3100?

Councilmember Tornatta: 3130.

Councilmember Raben: 3130, excuse me. Again, those accounts are 2600 zero, 2700 zero, 3130 zero, 3530 \$2,000, 3540 zero, 3700 zero, 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? 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.

1090-1972	Level II Certification	2,500.00
1090-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1090-2700	Other Supplies	0.00
1090-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1090-3530	Contractual Services	2,000.00

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1090-3540	Maintenance Contract	0.00
1090-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS (PTABOA)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, just as a matter of clarification, on page 52, let's go ahead and take a motion on that even though the budget asks for nothing. Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, account 3370 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, as we move through we'll just – I started to say we would take the Reassessment with the regular Assessors, but we didn't do that on the County Assessor, so we will handle Reassessment budgets in one motion later.

ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Armstrong Assessor, page 53. All salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September the 13th meeting. Extra Help zero, 2600 zero, 2700 zero, 3120 zero, 3130 zero, 3140 zero, 3141 zero, 3372

zero, 3540 zero, 3600 zero, 4220 zero. And again, those will be moved to Reassessment budgets. 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? Hearing none, 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.

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
1100-4220	Office Machines	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CENTER ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Center Assessor, page 55. All salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th. Starting with account 1972 2,000, 1990 through 3700 zero, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

1110-1972	Level II Certification	2,000.00
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

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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 ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Page 57. All salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts 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.

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 ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Knight Assessor, page 59. All salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance set in September the 13th. Starting with account 1990 Extra Help in at zero. All 2, 3 and 4000 accounts also 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.

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
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)

PERRY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Page 61, Perry Assessor. All salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th. Starting with 1990 Extra Help zero, all other 2, 3 and 4000 accounts 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.

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.

1140-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1140-2600	Office Supples	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

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PIGEON ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Page 63, Pigeon Assessor. Starting with line 1200-1150 zero, all other salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 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.

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.

1150-1200-1150	Real Estate/Sales Discl. Dep.	0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SCOTT ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Scott Assessor. All salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be adjusted September the 13th. All 2, 3 and 4000 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)

UNION ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Union Assessor, all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th. All 2, 3 and 4000 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)

ELECTION OFFICE ELECTION OFFICE-SPECIAL

Councilmember Raben: Page 68, Election Office. Starting with 1110-1210 \$1,200,

1120-1210 \$22,500, 1130 \$6,000, 1140-1210 \$900, 1150 \$500, 1160 \$10,320, 1170 14,620, 1180 13,760, 1200-1210 \$600, 1210 \$1,500, FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September 13th. Moving down to 2280 \$4,300, 2290 \$150, 2600 \$500, 2700 \$5,000, 3120 \$500, 3130 \$500, 3410 \$10,000, 3420 \$350, 3520 \$250, 3530 \$6,000, 3570 \$1,350, 3600 \$4,500, 3610 \$500, 3630 \$750, 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. Raben, it might be a good idea to explain this particular budget and the rationale.

Councilmember Raben: Well, this budget as proposed is for a county-wide election. Next year will be a city election.

Councilmember Abell: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on).

President Winnecke: Yeah, next year is a city election. We'll be reimbursed by the city.

Councilmember Raben: Right. Along with that, Mr. President, I'd like to amend my motion to also include page 71 and 72 as listed, that's a zero budget, but let's just get it on record.

Councilmember Wortman: And I'll second that.

President Winnecke: Okay, 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: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1210-1110-1210	Board Member	1,200.00
1210-1120-1210	Election Assistant	22,500.00
1210-1130	Absentee Teams	6,000.00
1210-1140-1210	Canvassing Board	900.00
1210-1150	Assistant Canvassing Board	500.00
1210-1160	Election Inspector	10,320.00
1210-1170	Election Judge	14,620.00
1210-1180	Election Clerk	13,760.00
1210-1200-1210	Election Attorney	600.00
1210-1210	Ballot Aids	1,500.00
1210-2280	Precinct Meals	4,300.00
1210-2290	Election Board Meals	150.00
1210-2600	Office Supplies	500.00
1210-2700	Other Supples	5,000.00
1210-3120	Postage/Freight	500.00
1210-3130	Travel/Mileage	500.00
1210-3410	Printing	10,000.00
1210-3420	Legal Advertising	350.00
1210-3520	Equipment Repair	250.00
1210-3530	Contractual Services	6,000.00
1210-3570	Janitorial Service	1,350.00
1210-3600	Rent	4,500.00
1210-3610	Legal Services	500.00
1210-3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	750.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Councilmember Raben: Voter Registration, page 73. All salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September 13th. Starting with 2600 Office Supplies \$2,000, 3410 \$2,500, 3520 \$300, 3620 \$350, 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.

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.

1220-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00
1220-3410	Printing	2,500.00
1220-3520	Equipment Repair	300.00
1220-3620	Copy Machine Lease	350.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Councilmember Raben: Page 75, County Co-Op Extension. All salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th, 1990 Extra Help zero, 2600 \$4,500, 3130 \$6,000, 3200 \$5,000, 4220 \$1,500, 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? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Raben, they were talking about the ability to be able to have those kids come out in their Extra Help budgets during summer camps and to be able to provide services for the 4H Extension out in other areas. Is there an amount that we could put in the Extra Help that would allow them to at least get some type of program started or continue with their programs to be able to fund those areas?

Councilmember Raben: I would certainly consider or entertain an amount, you know, keeping in mind the mission today is to cut somewhere in excess of ten million dollars, so...Mr. President, I'll rescind my motion and include in 1990 \$2,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think that's a start. That's great.

Councilmember Raben: All others as previously stated.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll second the amendment.

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: No.

1230-1990	Extra Help	2,000.00
1230-2600	Office Supplies	4,500.00
1230-3130	Travel/Mileage	6,000.00
1230-3200	Utilities	5,000.00
1230-4220	Office Machines	1,500.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Winnecke opposed)

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, just one housekeeping matter, just to remind everybody, we can, if there's any adjustments that are overlooked today or possibly, you know, someone has a reason to make a change, remember we have to come back in and do this again in September. So okay, moving on to page 77, Area Plan. All salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be adjusted September the 13th. Account line 3310 Training zero, 3520 \$500, page 79, 3611 \$30,000, –

Councilmember Tornatta: 3610.

Councilmember Raben: 3610 \$30,000, 3740 zero, 4250 \$8,500. All other lines as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I think one of the more significant things out of this request that I would like to see more bodies take advantage of, and that's the televising of the Area Plan's meetings. I think that's a very significant step on their part and will allow the public to really get a chance to see what is a very – that's a board that a lot of people have a lot of interest in. The meetings are well attended, and those who aren't able to attend will now get a chance to see government in action. So I'm really happy to see that included in this budget.

President Winnecke: Other comments or questions? 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.

1240-3310	Training	0.00
1240-3520	Equipment Repair	500.00
1240-3610	Legal Services	30,000.00
1240-3740	Intern Program	0.00
1240-4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	8,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRAINAGE BOARD

Councilmember Raben: Drainage Board, all FICA, PERF & Insurance and salary lines will be set in September the 13th, 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.

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: Page 81, Veterans Administration. I'll move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th. 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.

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, page 82, County Commissioners. First, Mr. President, I'll move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th. Account 1990 zero, 2600 \$2,000, 2690 zero, page 83, line 3000 \$842,000, line 3030 \$279,000, 3040 15,820, line 3100 the correct figure is 179,871, line 3115 zero. Page 84, line 3140 \$210,000, 3210 Emergency Management, the correct figure is 171,858, line 3280 \$100, 3314 zero, 3420 \$20,000. Page 85, account 3500 the correct figure is 41,807, 3531 zero, and let me offer a brief explanation on that. Later we're going to approve the Riverboat budget, which these items will be paid out of that, on line 3531. 3612 the correct figure is 56,956, 3750 the correct figure is 129,171, 3760 \$20,000, 3850 the correct figure is \$463,064, 3860 zero. Page 86, 3870 zero, 3890 zero, 3931 \$20,000, 4220 \$500, 4231 \$100,000, 4433 zero. All other 2, 3 and 4000 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.

1300-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1300-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00
1300-2690	Demolition Fund	0.00
1300-3000	Bond & Insurance	842,000.00
1300-3030	E.A.R.C.	279,000.00
1300-3040	Soil & Water	15,820.00
1300-3100	Animal Control	179,871.00
1300-3115	Cy/Co. Economic Dev. Coalition	0.00
1300-3140	Telephone	210,000.00
1300-3210	Emergency Management	171,858.00
1300-3280	Exam. Of Records/Audit	100.00
1300-3314	GIS Contractual	0.00
1300-3420	Legal Advertising	20,000.00
1300-3500	Human Relations	41,807.00
1300-3531	VISION-e	0.00
1300-3612	Legal Contractual	56,956.00
1300-3750	Purchasing Department	129,171.00
1300-3760	Occu-Med	20,000.00
1300-3850	Building Commission	463,064.00
1300-3860	Contractual Computer	0.00
1300-3870	Computer Facility Mgmt.	0.00

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1300-3890	Central Dispatch	0.00
1300-3931	Youth Services	20,000.00
1300-4220	Office Machines	500.00
1300-4231	Transportation Service	100,000.00
1300-4433	SW Indiana Disaster Resistant	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 87, Weights & Measures. Mr. President, I'll move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September 13th. Page 88, starting with 3310 \$100, 3580 \$900, 4250 \$1,000, all other 2, 3 and 4000 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.

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.

1302-3310	Training	100.00
1302-3580	Vehicle Repair	900.00
1302-4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: And, Mr. Raben, we're going to change the tape.

(Tape changed)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Page 89, Public Defender. I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th. Starting on page 91 with account 3310 \$3,000, 3600 the correct amount is \$40,821, 3943 \$10,000, 3947 \$40,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 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.

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.

1303-3310	Training	3,000.00
1303-3600	Rent	40,821.00
1303-3943	Pauper Expense	10,000.00
1303-3947	Pauper Transcripts	40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 93, Superintendent of County Buildings. I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September 13th meeting. Page 94, 3530 \$10,000, 3550 zero. 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.

1310-3530	Contractual Services	10,000.00
1310-3550	Repairs to Buildings & Grounds	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Circuit Court, page 95. Again, I'll move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th, account 1740-1360 zero, all other 2, 3, and 4000 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.

1360-1740-1360	Secretary	0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Community Corrections, page 99. I'll move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September 13th meeting, 1850 \$40,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: 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.

1361-1850	Union Overtime	40,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Page 103. Move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September the 13th final meeting. Moving down to 1821-1370, that's 1821-1370, Computer Network Specialist zero, 1990 zero, 2600 \$22,000, 3050 Patient/Inmate Care the correct amount will be set in at \$506,500, then let's insert a line 3052 YCC Operation, that's for the Youth Care Center, \$1,493,500, and that again is account 3052. 3250 \$25,000, 3520 \$12,500, 3903 \$50,000, 3942 \$500, 4210 zero, 4220 zero. And again, I think if everyone recalls, on the last item, Office Machines, we've asked Judge Dietsch to file an appropriation this year for their needs there. 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.

1370-1821-1370	Computer Network Specialist	0.00
1370-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1370-2600	Office Supplies	22,000.00
1370-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	506,500.00
1370-3052	YCC Operating Cost	1,493,500.00
1370-3250	Law Books	25,000.00
1370-3520	Equipment Repair	12,500.00
1370-3903	Petit Jurors	50,000.00
1370-3942	Judge Pro Tem	500.00
1370-4210	Office Furniture	0.00
1370-4220	Office Machines	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICES SUPERIOR DRUG COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, page 110 Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services. All salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th, all 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed. Moving into page 112, Superior Drug Court, again, all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th, all other lines as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Hearing none, 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)

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Raben: Page 113, The Centre. All salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th. Account 3537 should be set in at \$170,000, account 3955 should be set in at \$618,553. 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. Raben, on 3955, the correct number is 618,553?

Councilmember Raben: 853 -- 618,853.

President Winnecke: Everyone get that? 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.

1440-3537	Centre Mgmt. Fee & Incentive	170,000.00
1440-3955	Operating Loss & Mgmt. Fee	618,853.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Burdette Park, page 115. Line 1180-1450 \$450,000, line 1190-1450 \$50,000, all other salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th. Moving down on page 116 starting with account 2210 \$14,000, 2220 \$2,000, 2310 \$8,000, 2600 \$2,500, page 117, 3200 \$130,000, 3440 \$15,000, 3590 \$45,000, 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: 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.

1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	450,000.00
1450-1190-1450	Security	50,000.00
1450-2210	Gas & Oil	14,000.00
1450-2220	Tires & Tubes	2,000.00
1450-2310	Laundry & Cleaning	8,000.00
1450-2600	Office Supplies	2,500.00
1450-3200	Utilities	130,000.00
1450-3440	Advertising	15,000.00
1450-3590	Pool Operation	45,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID

Councilmember Raben: Legal Aid, page 119. All salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th. Moving down to 3130 \$500, 3371 zero, 3372 zero, 3410 \$1,000, 3450 \$1,500. All other 2, 3 and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

1460-3130	Travel/Mileage	500.00
1460-3371	Computer Hardware	0.00
1460-3372	Computer Software	0.00
1460-3410	Printing	1,000.00
1460-3450	Yellow Pages	1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: County Council, page 121. Move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th. Account 2610 zero, 3370 \$16,000, 3371 \$8,000, 3372 \$4,000, 3461 \$300,000, 3530 zero, page 123 3860 the correct figure is \$722,316, 3870 \$1,000,000. All other 2, 3 and 4000 accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: 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.

1480-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	0.00
1480-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt.)	16,000.00
1480-3371	Computer Hardware	8,000.00
1480-3372	Computer Software	4,000.00
1480-3461	Court Technology	300,000.00
1480-3530	Contractual Services	0.00
1480-3860	Contractual Computer	722,316.00
1480-3870	Computer Facility Management	1,000,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RIVERBOAT

Councilmember Raben: Page 124, Riverboat. Mr. President, I'll move this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Questions or discussion? Just as a reminder, this is where we intend to pay for the two economic development initiatives, the four-county coalition and the new city-county economic development operation. Yes, Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I have some reservations about moving the money into the local development group, that amount of money. I'd like to see that set in at \$50,000 for a salary and house that person in an office here in the building rather than set up an entire new department. I think that's growing government and I don't see any reason for doing that because we would still have someone who would handle our local development, he would just have to be housed here in this building, using secretarial service. And I did walk by DMD's office the other day and saw that they list economic development as one of their jobs. I think that would be a perfect location for him rather than setting up a whole new office. And I think to take Vision-e money and put it into the quad-county one and not give any of it to our local people is not correct because that was Vanderburgh County money to begin with.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll consider that between now and September. How is that?

President Winnecke: In the meantime, there is a motion on the floor. 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)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 126, County Highway. I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be adjusted at our September the 13th meeting. On page 129 starting with 2220 \$40,000, 2230 \$60,000, 2530 \$80,000, 2550 \$30,000, 2580 \$100,000, 3140 \$6,000, page 131, 3370 \$500, 3610 \$3,000, 3630 \$10,000, 3760 \$1,000 and I would like to insert a line 4416 to be called University Parkway in the amount of \$707,500. And I would like to deposit the Major Moves funds that are coming to us in that line.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Could you clarify line 3370, please?

Councilmember Raben: 3370 \$5,000.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Hearing none, 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.

2010-2220	Tires & Tubes	40,000.00
2010-2230	Garage & Motor	60,000.00
2010-2530	Bituminous Materials	80,000.00
2010-2550	Sand & Gravel	30,000.00
2010-2580	Calcium & Chloride	100,000.00
2010-3140	Telephone	6,000.00
2010-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	5,000.00
2010-3610	Legal Services	3,000.00
2010-3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	10,000.00
2010-3760	Occu/Med	1,000.00
2010-4416	University Parkway	707,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Page 132, Cum Bridge.

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, Councilman Raben, you made mention earlier on that Major Moves money, if you could maybe give a little, kind of explain that a little bit for those who may not understand what you are talking about.

Councilmember Raben: We'll have two installments, we'll receive one in October this year and one October of next year. We'll deposit the second installment in October of 2007. But this will help us begin phase two of the University Parkway project. This will be used for land acquisitions, you know, possibly a local match, if there's any left we can use the balance for our local match for the actual project, the paving and whatnot.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Okay, continue.

Councilmember Raben: Cum Bridge. I'll move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance with the exception of 1260-2030, that line be set in at zero, 1270-2030 zero, 1750 \$7,000, 1930 zero, and all other salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th. Moving into 2000 accounts, account 2000 \$100,000, 2210 \$20,000, 2230 \$70,000, 2300 \$3,600, 2600 \$2,000, 3130 \$2,000, 3140 \$2,500, 3310 \$3,000, 3520 \$50,000, 3550 zero, 3610 \$2,000, 3930 \$150,000, we need to insert a line 4122 and the line will read Repairs to Buildings and Grounds (Should be Buildings & Equipment) \$70,000, 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 Sutton: What was that number, the added line, what's the number on that?

Councilmember Raben: 4122.

Councilmember Goebel: What's the description?

Councilmember Raben: Repairs to Buildings & Grounds.

Councilmember Tornatta: And do we know what that is in reference to, that amount of money?

Councilmember Raben: Well, if you recall, they talked about a couple of different things out there, but one was building a shed to park trucks under cover. The other was if they do something on future office space or more space. But this particular fund here is more for the shed, for covering trucks.

President Winnecke: Other 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 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.

2030-1260-2030	Laborer	0.00
2030-1270-2030	Operator	0.00
2030-1750	Clothing Allowance	7,000.00
2030-1930	Unemployment	0.00
2030-2000	Materials	100,000.00
2030-2210	Gas & Oil	20,000.00
2030-2230	Garage & Motor	70,000.00
2030-2300	Uniforms	3,600.00
2030-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00
2030-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00
2030-3140	Telephone	2,500.00
2030-3310	Training	3,000.00
2030-3520	Equipment Repair	50,000.00
2030-3550	Repair to Building & Grounds	0.00
2030-3610	Legal Services	2,000.00
2030-3930	Other Contractual	150,000.00
2030-4122	Buildings & Equipment	70,000.00

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

CCD/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 139, this is the County Commissioners/CCD fund. Starting with 1300-3538 \$100,000, 1300-3996 the correct figure is \$603,355, 1300-4122 \$50,000, 1300-4130 zero, 1300-4230 \$250,000, 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? 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.

2031-1300-3538	Old Courthouse Contractual	100,000.00
2031-1300-3996	Loan Agreement	603,355.00
2031-1300-4122	Buildings & Equipment	50,000.00
2031-1300-4130	Park & Playground	0.00
2031-1300-4230	Motor Vehicles	250,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

Councilmember Raben: Page 141.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Chair?

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I just wanted to clear something up and real quickly, in the Cum Bridge, so we don't get too far off of that, do we not have 3550, was that not Repairs to Buildings & Grounds and we --

Councilmember Raben: This is just to identify those funds as being used for the shed. The other line --

Councilmember Tornatta: Are we going to have two Building & Grounds -- maybe we should rename it.

Bill Fluty: We just changed it to a capital improvement line.

Councilmember Tornatta: Oh, we took it from a -- okay.

Councilmember Raben: The other line could be a catchall, this kind of identifies it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

FAMILY & CHILDREN
CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, let's move on to Division of Family & Children, a lot of corrections here. Account 30090 the correct figure is \$327,338, 32500 \$1,700,000, 32510 is \$1,365,000, 32520 is \$7,050,300, 32530 \$25,250, 32540 is \$2,980,475, 32550 is \$258,550, 32560 is \$5,000, 32600 is \$3,941,245, 32700 is \$15,500, 32920 is 2,000, should be a total for this budget of \$17,670,663, Mr. President, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, one more time on line 32600?

Councilmember Raben: 32600? \$3,941,245.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: And, Mr. President, I'd like to amend my motion to include the Children's Psychiatric Center budget on page 142 in the amount of \$145,000.

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

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Before we vote, we might have a five dollar discrepancy on a number and we're going to check it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President, we could correct that at the September 13th, I mean, if its...

President Winnecke: Do you want to amend your motion?

Councilmember Raben: I can amend my motion, Mr. President, for account 32600, we need to insert five more dollars, so its \$3,941,250.

Councilmember Wortman: And I'll amend my second.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote now.

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.

2042-30090	Child Welfare Service	327,338.00
2042-32500	Out of Home Placements-Foster	1,700,000.00
2042-32510	Out of Home Placements-Ther	1,365,000.00
2042-32520	Out of Home Placements-Insti.	7,050,300.00
2042-32530	Independent Living for Wards	25,250.00
2042-32540	Preservation Services	2,980,475.00
2042-32550	Misc. Cost of Wards	258,550.00
2042-32560	MRO	5,000.00
2042-32600	Adoption Services	3,941,250.00
2042-32700	Foster Parent Insurance	15,500.00
2042-32920	Interest on Temporary Loan	2,000.00

2045-32926	Other Services & Charges	145,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: Next, Health Department. I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance with the exception of account 1180-2130 should be set in at zero. Again, all other salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th. Along with that 1650-2130 zero, account 2210 \$7,500, 2430 \$1,000, 2600 \$7,500, 2721 \$54,000, 2840 \$100, 3130 \$17,500, 3310 \$2,500, 3440 \$800, 3510 \$20,000, 3530 \$7,000, 3790 \$30,000, 3930 \$15,000, 4220 5,000, and 4230 zero, all other lines 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.

2130-1180-2130	Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	0.00
2130-1650-2130	Environmental Health Specialist	0.00
2130-2210	Gas & Oil	7,500.00
2130-2430	Promotional, Inc.	1,000.00
2130-2600	Office Supplies	7,500.00
2130-2721	Laboratory	54,000.00
2130-2840	Recording Fees	100.00
2130-3130	Travel/Mileage	17,500.00
2130-3310	Training	2,500.00
2130-3440	Advertising	800.00
2130-3510	Other Operating	20,000.00
2130-3530	Contractual Services	7,000.00
2130-3790	Professional Services	30,000.00
2130-3930	Other Contractual	15,000.00
2130-4220	Office Machines	5,000.00
2130-4230	Motor Vehicles	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 149, Airport Authority. I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Local Roads & Streets. Move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th, 2530 \$900,000, 2550 \$70,000, 3481 Traffic Department, the correct figure is \$184,754.

President Winnecke: One more time.

Councilmember Raben: 184,754.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: 3630 zero, 3820 \$50,000, 3830 \$55,000, 3930 \$500,000, 4310 175,000, 4741 zero, and again, that's the line that we inserted in the Highway budget for University Parkway. All other 2, 3, and 4000 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 Sutton: Mr. Finance Chair, on line 4310 we had some discussion about this paver situation that was presented to us a couple of weeks ago, what is this \$175,000 that is being proposed to go into this line to be used for?

Councilmember Raben: That is the amount less the paver. If they need to buy the paver, they've got an unappropriated balance they can use this year if they need to replace that paver.

Councilmember Sutton: I agree.

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.

2160-2530	Bituminous Materials	900,000.00
2160-2550	Sand & Gravel	70,000.00
2160-3481	Traffic Department	184,754.00
2160-3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	0.00

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2160-3820	Tractor & Truck Repair	50,000.00
2160-3830	Road Equipment Repair	55,000.00
2160-3930	Other Contractual	500,000.00
2160-4310	Road Equipment	175,000.00
2160-4741	Eichoff-Koressel Rd.	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR MAPS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, now I'm going to move into the Auditor Reassessment...Surveyor Maps first, page 153. I'll move that this budget be approved as 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: On Reassessment budgets, if its okay with the rest of the board we could take these all together or we can break them up singly. How would you prefer to do that, Mr. President?

President Winnecke: They're a little different in that some already have amounts in them and others do not, so I think we would be better served if we took them individually.

Councilmember Raben: Give me one moment. Okay, Mr. President, first under County Auditor, page 154, I move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September the 13th meeting. Line 1020-2700 \$3,000, 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? 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.

2490-1020-2700	Other Supplies	3,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Next under Treasurer/Reassessment, there is not a page in the book for Treasurer/Reassessment, but everyone was given a sheet that includes two lines, account 1900 in the amount of \$153, its account 1900 in the amount of \$53, and 1990 in the amount of \$2,000.

Councilmember Sutton: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me?

Councilmember Sutton: Is that –

Councilmember Raben: \$153.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that a motion?

Councilmember Raben: That's a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: 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.

2490-1030-1900	FICA	153.00
2490-1030-1990	Extra Help	2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 155, County Assessor. I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September 13th meeting. Starting with Extra Help, 1090-1990 \$5,000, 1090-2600 Office Supplies \$2,000, 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? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, Mr. Raben, we talked about 1090-3530 taking that back to 3,000, was there any other thought on that line item?

Councilmember Raben: No, but I think, let me go back to the regular budget. I think that line item would be for –

President Winnecke: Which line item?

Councilmember Tornatta: 1090-3530. Is that – okay. You put line 3700 in the regular budget into that line item, is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: What I did was cut 3530 to 2,000, cut it by 3,000 in the regular budget.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, but that gave that line item 7,000 and we were cutting it to 2,000 in total.

Councilmember Raben: I would entertain a number if someone wants to change that number.

Councilmember Tornatta: I would suggest that we put that number in at 3,000. I think that would –

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I will amend my motion for 1090-3530, the correct amount should be \$3,000. This is in the Reassessment budget page 155.

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

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Bill Fluty: Just a minute. Is this Contractual Services?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Bill Fluty: And that's 3530? And the request is \$57,000?

Councilmember Raben: No, its 5,000.

Bill Fluty: I must be off one, I'm sorry. I'm back on track now, okay.

President Winnecke: Okay, 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.

2490-1090-1990	Extra Help	5,000.00
2490-1090-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00
2490-1090-3530	Contractual Services	3,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 157, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September 13th meeting. Starting with 1091-1990 Extra Help \$3,000, 1091-3530 \$48,000, 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? 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.

2490-1091-1990	Extra Help	3,000.00
2490-1091-3530	Contractual Services	48,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Armstrong Assessor, I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance to be set in at our September the 13th meeting. 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.

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 we will stop there and change the tape probably one last time for the day.

(Tape changed)

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, you may continue.

REASSESSMENT/CENTER ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I believe we're on Center Township Assessor. First I'll move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be set in September the 13th. Starting with account 1990, excuse me 1110-1990 \$20,000, account 2600 \$3,500, 2610 \$2,000, 2710 \$500, 3130 \$3,500, 3380 \$1,500, 3410 \$2,500, 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.

2490-1110-1990	Extra Help	20,000.00
2490-1110-2600	Office Supplies	3,500.00
2490-1110-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	2,000.00
2490-1110-2710	Color Film	500.00

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2490-1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	3,500.00
2490-1110-3380	Photography/Blue Prints	1,500.00
2490-1110-3410	Printing	2,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/GERMAN ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, German Township, I'll move that this be approved as 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Page 164, Knight/Reassessment. I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance to be set in on September the 13th with the exception of account 1130-1120 zero, moving down to Extra Help 1990 \$25,000, 2710 \$500, page 165, 1130-3520 \$1,000, 1130-3540 \$1,000, 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. 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.

2490-1130-1120	Office Coordinator	0.00
2490-1130-1990	Extra Help	25,000.00
2490-1130-2710	Color Film	500.00
2490-1130-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00
2490-1130-3540	Maintenance Contract	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PERRY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Perry Township Assessor/Reassessment. Again, I'll move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance be set in September the 13th. Extra Help 1990 \$18,000, 3130 Travel/Mileage \$1,500, 3520 \$1,000, 3700 \$500, all other accounts as 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.

2490-1140-1990	Extra Help	18,000.00
2490-1140-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,500.00
2490-1140-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00
2490-1140-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Page 168, Pigeon Township/Reassessment. Again, same motion, all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in September the 13th, 1990 Extra Help \$25,000, 3371 \$5,000, 3372 \$1,200, 3520 \$1,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as 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.

2490-1150-1990	Extra Help	25,000.00
2490-1150-3371	Computer Hardware	5,000.00
2490-1150-3372	Computer Software	1,200.00
2490-1150-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/SCOTT ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Scott Township/Reassessment, page 169. All salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at September the 13th. Extra Help 1990 \$15,000, starting with 1160-2600 \$2,000, 2700 \$1,500, 3120 \$1,000, 3130 \$1,250, 3141 \$750, 3371 \$3,000, 3372 \$1,000, 3410 \$1,500, 3520 \$1,000, 3600 \$6,000, 4220 \$3,000, 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? 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.

2490-1160-1990	Extra Help	15,000.00
2490-1160-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00
2490-1160-2700	Other Supplies	1,500.00
2490-1160-3120	Postage/Freight	1,000.00
2490-1160-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,250.00
2490-1160-3141	Communications	750.00
2490-1160-3371	Computer Hardware	3,000.00
2490-1160-3372	Computer Software	1,000.00
2490-1160-3410	Printing	1,500.00
2490-1160-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00
2490-1160-3600	Rent	6,000.00
2490-1160-4220	Office Machines	3,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/UNION ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Union Township/Reassessment. I move that this budget be approved as 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION
SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION
PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION
SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION
SHERIFF/VCC MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER
SHERIFF/MISDEMEANOR HOUSING
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION
LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 172, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation through 173, 174, into page 175 Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, through 176, 177 Prosecutor Pre-Trial Division, into 178 Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund, 179 Sheriff VCC/Misdemeanor Offender, 180 Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, into 182 Local Emergency Planning, 183 Local Drug Free Community, I'll move that those budgets be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Abell: I just have a question, 2600, the Secretary/Receptionist.

Councilmember Raben: Where is that, which budget?

Councilmember Abell: Page 172. Are you going to deal with that on the 13th? Didn't the Judge tell us to take that down to 26,187?

Councilmember Raben: We'll set that in in September.

Councilmember Abell: Okay.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: On the line number 1850 Union Overtime (Inaudible – microphone not turned on).

President Winnecke: Page 180, line 1850, Union Overtime, page 180.

Councilmember Goebel: I had a note somewhere.

Councilmember Raben: I don't have any note beside that.

President Winnecke: I don't have a note beside that either.

Councilmember Sutton: I had a note, its something about a contract that is required for them to have it at this amount.

Councilmember Raben: We're setting it in at the requested amount.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, uh-huh.

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)

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Page 184, 911 Emergency Service. Starting at 3890, the correct figure should be \$994,114, 994,114, 3893 zero. All other accounts as 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.

3290-3890	Central Dispatch	994,114.00
3290-3893	Reverse 911	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SALES DISCLOSURE FEES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 185, Disclosure Fees. I'll move that this be approved as 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 186 Convention & Visitors Commission. I move all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set in at our September the 13th meeting, starting with 1990 \$3,000, at the bottom of page 188, 3994 \$40,000.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, what line was that?

Councilmember Raben: 3994, 40,000, all other accounts as listed. Page 189, Tourism Capital Improvement Fund, 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.

3570-1990	Extra Help	3,000.00
3570-3994	Special/Matching Grants	40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Convention Centre Operating Fund, page 190, Mr. President, I'll move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember 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)

JAIL BOND BOND ISSUE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next we have two bond accounts, budgets, that I'm going to take as one. Page 191, this is for the Jail debt service, the bond issue, Mr. President, I'll move that it be approved as listed on page 194.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Hearing none, 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)

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last is United Way, page 192. I'll move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be adjusted September the 13th. 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, that pretty much concludes matters today. With these cuts, I don't have the exact correct figures because we took a little bit here and added a little bit there, we should be in the area of 10.5 million dollars, which going in seemed like an extremely difficult task, a very tall order, but as you said in your opening statements today, this really is a collective effort. I mean, it's a seven member budget and I know as Finance Chairman, having the six of you around, sure makes it an easy task, so thanks to everyone and we'll see you in September.

President Winnecke: Any other questions? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, we seem like we come to this point every year and don't really know how we're going to get to a certain number that's given to us and we do have to work on the cutting but it has truly, again, been an easy year to go talk to not only officeholders but to work with the Councilmen, and Mr. Raben, you did an outstanding job putting in the time. If I called somebody, you had already been there or you were going to meet with one of those officeholders. So it was very pleasant to know that everything seemed to be in good hands and I commend the minority side for sticking to it and coming up with those good ideas to give to Mr. Raben and the majority. That made it very compatible, got to where we needed to be, we think. We're able to give three percent raises to our employees like we promised and I think when it comes down, we've really been tight on our funds and done what we've been elected to do. So, thanks to all.

President Winnecke: Any other comments or questions? Again, just to kind of put a period at the end of the sentence, to reiterate, thank you, everyone, for your hard work. Everyone has put in a lot of hours and going along with what Mr. Tornatta

said, Councilman Raben really has led the charge and always does when he's the Finance Chair. This is a very lengthy process, its very time consuming, but again, everyone played a significant role. Thank you for your time. And at this time, I would entertain –

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, could I, real quick before you entertain a motion, there is also some other individuals here, Sarah Nunn, Sandie Deig, our Council Executive Assistant and her assistant, along with the Auditor's Office, its always quite helpful this time of year and very good with gathering information, so thanks to you folks, as well.

President Winnecke: Good point, they are great assets to us. At this time, I would entertain a motion to recess until September 13th.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Winnecke: And we are in recess.

(The meeting was recessed at 10:44 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 13, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 13th day of September in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the September 13th meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll 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 in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AUGUST 2, 2006 REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 8, 9, & 10TH BUDGET MEETING AUGUST 22, 2006 BUDGET MEETING

President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our August 2nd meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: 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)

President Winnecke: Okay, at this time, I'll turn the floor over to our – Oh, I'm sorry. At this time I would also entertain – these are amended? A motion to approve our amended minutes from our August –

Councilmember Sutton: Amended?

Bill Fluty: These are budget hearing minutes.

President Winnecke: Okay, at this time I would entertain a motion to approve our minutes from the August 8th, 9th & 10th budget meeting – and the 22nd.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: And 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)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Winnecke: At this time I would turn the floor over to Mr. Raben, our Finance Chair.

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. First, the County Treasurer, for a total request of \$5,831, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Hearing none, 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.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-3410	Printing	5,130.00	5,130.00
1030-1900	FICA	393.00	393.00
1030-1910	PERF	308.00	308.00
Total		5,831.00	5,831.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Circuit Court, 1360-3903 in the amount of \$13,000, 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.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-3903	Petit Jurors	13,000.00	13,000.00
Total		13,000.00	13,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I was a little slow. On that request there, now this was to pay through the third quarter. Are we anticipating another request coming to us on this Petit Jurors? Is this going to carry us through the balance of the year?

Karen Angermeier: Karen Angermeier, Circuit Court. The fourth quarter isn't paid until next year.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time?

Karen Angermeier: The fourth quarter jury fee will not be paid until January.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, gotcha. Thank you.

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Court 1370-1821-1370 Network Specialist, the amount should be \$13,708, 1370-1822-1370 the amount is \$9,721, FICA \$1,793, PERF \$1,582, 1370-3530 zero, 1370-4220 Office Machines 45,000, for a total of \$71,804. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1821-1370	Computer Court Network Specialist	0.00	13,708.00
1370-1822-1370	Court Tech. Service Specialist	0.00	9,721.00
1370-1900	FICA	0.00	1,793.00
1370-1910	PERF	0.00	1,582.00
1370-3530	Contractual Services	31,250.00	0.00
1370-4220	Office Machines	45,000.00	45,000.00
Total		76,250.00	71,804.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Circuit Court Supplemental, 2600-1900 and 2600-1980, for a total of \$19,400. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Hearing none, 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.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1900	FICA	1,400.00	1,400.00
2600-1980	Other Pay	18,000.00	18,000.00
Total		19,400.00	19,400.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**CLERK
CIRCUIT COURT
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (LATE)**

**SURVEYOR
LOCAL ROADS & STREETS
FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES
PUBLIC DEFENDER (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under Transfers, Mr. President, I'll move that for – excuse me – Local Roads & Streets has been withdrawn, so I move that be set in at zero. All other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussions on the transfers? Hearing none, 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.

CLERK **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1010-1150-1010	Asst. Chief Deputy	964.00	964.00
To: 1010-1310-1010	Counter Clerk/Misd.	964.00	964.00

SURVEYOR **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1060-1130-1060	Party Chief	509.00	509.00
To: 1060-1200-1060	Chain Man	509.00	509.00

CIRCUIT COURT **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1360-3723	Psychological Eval.	600.00	600.00
To: 1360-3730	Continuing Education	600.00	600.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2160-2230	Garage & Motor	20,000.00	0.00
To: 2160-4122	Buildings & Equipment	20,000.00	0.00

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

From: 2030-4735	Stockwell Rd. Culvert	40,000.00	40,000.00
To: 2030-4355	St. George Rd. Bridge	40,000.00	40,000.00

FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2042-32550	Misc. Cost of Wards	125,000.00	125,000.00
To: 2042-30090	Child Welfare Services	125,000.00	125,000.00

LATE TRANSFERS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1300-3020	Southwestern Mental Health	28,552.00	28,552.00
To: 1300-4231	Transportation Services	28,552.00	28,552.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1303-1970	Temporary Replacement	15,280.00	15,280.00
To: 1303-1290-1303	Public Defender	7,640.00	7,640.00
1303-1180-1303	Public Defender	7,640.00	7,640.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under Salary Ordinance Amendments, under Circuit Court, I move that we amend salary line 2600-1980 as transfer previously approved. Under County Clerk, salary line 1010-1310 Counter Clerk/Misdemeanor as the transfer we previously approved. This employee is a COMOT IV/Step 6 with an annual salary of \$31,507. Surveyor, salary line 1060-1200 Chain Man as the transfer previously approved. This current employee is a PAT II/Step 3 with an annual salary of \$27,657. Public Defender, amend salary line 1303-1180 and 1303-1290 as the transfers previously approved. Employees listed in the above line numbers have been assigned to a death penalty case. The employees will be paid at their current rate at \$18.1923 per hour unless working on the death penalty case. While working on the death penalty case, the attorneys will receive an additional \$77.8077 per hour from account 2910, which is their cash card. Also move approval of paying an Investigator in line item 1303-1790 an additional 18.8738 per hour while working on the death penalty case. The additional funds per hour will be paid from account 2910 cash card account. Health Department, amend salary ordinance adding line 2157-1140 Indiana Childhood Lead Poison Prevention Grant. The current employee is a Med Tech Supervisor with an annual salary of \$38,182. Superior Court, amend salary ordinance as previously approved, which is salary line 1370-1821 Court Network Specialist at a 2006 annual salary of \$54,832 and amend salary ordinance adding line 1370-1822 Court Technical Service Specialist at a 2006 annual salary of \$38,881. The salaries to be effective and prorated from October 2nd, 2006. That concludes the amendments, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second to the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT TO MWB/E BOARD

President Winnecke: Okay, I believe under new business, before we get to the one new business item that's on the agenda, the Council does have an appointment to the MWB/E board. Our previous appointment has left. I have spoken with Michele Howell from the Indiana Business Diversity Council, and she has agreed to serve on that board, so at this time I appoint Michele Howell to serve as the Council's appointment to the MWB/E.

PREMIS CONSULTING GROUP CONTRACT

President Winnecke: Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Thank you, Mr. President. I thought Mr. Arvay was going to be here, but I don't see him here, so I'll just try to wing this myself. There was a contract signed by the Vanderburgh County Commissioners with Premis. It's the company that did the evaluation and actually wrote the RFP for bidding out the computer services contract. And they have submitted a bill and Ms. Deig called me because I'm the IT board's representative. This was unappropriated. They did not have the funds in place for this so we need to do something. It has to be paid. Its – how much, Sandie? Is it \$10,000? I thought it was \$30,000. There's two contracts, one of them was to write the RFP, the other is to actually help with the interviewing and awarding of the contract to a company. Anyway, our part of it is about \$10,000 and I guess its something that needs to be paid. I just – we wanted Mr. Arvay here – I think there's some – hopefully, we have cleared up with the Commissioners the problem with signing contracts without money in place. That was the whole purpose of having Mr. Arvay here, but I relayed it to him last week.

President Winnecke: Well, I spoke to him this morning, he, I know he intended to be here but perhaps the discussion from the previous meeting has...

Councilmember Sutton: This contract was initiated by who?

Councilmember Abell: Well, it was initiated by the Commissioners. We have enough money in our computer budget that the Council holds to pay this bill. But we didn't – that wasn't part of how we got that money. We didn't say at the beginning of the year, we're going to budget \$10,000 for this. They assumed at that

point that they had the freedom to spend that money out of our account. I think now they understand that they don't have that freedom. They assumed there was money in place because it was in our budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, now you're the messenger, so I'm not going to pull out a pistol and shoot you.

Councilmember Abell: Yeah, I am just the messenger.

Councilmember Sutton: But clearly, this is not just an item where we are just going to tap them on their wrist for stepping outside of the – this isn't the county policy, this is a state law that you cannot enter into a contract without the money in place and set forth for that contract to be paid. So to come to us, you know, secondhand, and say, okay, now can you pay this, I mean, that is, like I said, state law just does not provide them to be able to do that. And I hope they are very clear and understand that that is a violation of state law. Now this contract, help me also to understand, too, in terms of the RFP that was put together for this, didn't the RFP indicate what the cost was going to be, you know, prior to them proceeding forward?

Councilmember Abell: You'd have to ask them. I don't know.

Councilmember Sutton: So, even if, the RFP should have clearly indicated what the contract provisions were going to be, cost, timing, all that other stuff, equipment, supplies. That just concerns me that they would proceed. And I would just hope that this is not an ongoing issue or pattern that we need to come and bail out the Commissioners on matters like this. And they're the contract approving and writing body, so we shouldn't have to come back and try to cover tracks here.

President Winnecke: I don't know this to be fact, but my suspicion is that they probably thought that since there was money in a budget, they had the money in place. I don't think it was an attempt to circumvent anyone, I think it was probably maybe naive on their part, but I think they just believed since there was money in a budget, it was there to spend, I believe, is the issue. They have since been made aware of our position.

Councilmember Sutton: How much do we have in that line item, Sandie?

Sandie Deig: I couldn't tell you right now. I could get it and come back.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, if you're asking for ten, I want to make sure we've got ample funds.

Sandie Deig: You've got ample.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell, are you making a motion that we accept this?

Councilmember Abell: I think I just need to approve the payment of it, and because it was done this way, I just didn't want to do it without –

President Winnecke: So is that in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Abell: Do we need a motion? Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Further discussion or questions? Everyone in favor, raise your right hand. All those who oppose, raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Any other business to come before Council? I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

President Winnecke: We are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 13th day of September, 2006 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 continuation of our 2007 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?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Winnecke: Okay, this is our final budget hearing of 2006 for the year 2007, and the purpose today is to complete the adoption of our budget and establish salaries and all employee benefits, and also recommend to the state what would be a proposed tax rate. Today the Chair will only recognize Councilmembers until after the Finance Chair has completed his duties. And before I turn it over to Mr. Raben, I would offer, each of the Councilmembers has a letter from Commissioner Bill Nix regarding a withdrawal of a transfer request for our meeting at 10:30, but an addition to a line item that we'll consider later and that will be in Exhibit B of the things we will consider in a few minutes. So having said that, I would now turn it over – and I would enter this into the record – and I would now turn it over to Mr. Raben to begin our festivities.

**APPROVAL OF 2007 SALARY ORDINANCE AND SALARIES FOR
FULL-TIME VANDERBURGH COUNTY, AIRPORT AND
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU EMPLOYEES**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First I'll move that all full-time county employees receive a three percent raise for year 2007 as listed in the 2007 Salary Ordinance. All salaries are in accordance with the county Salary Ordinance. All Airport employees and Convention & Visitors employees will also receive a three percent raise for year 2007. All salary rates as listed in the 2007 Salary Ordinance. I'd like to move that we make the Salary Ordinance part of the record. All FICA and PERF will be adjusted accordingly. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Any questions or discussion? 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF EXHIBITS A THROUGH H

Councilmember Raben: Okay I move that Exhibits A through H be approved as listed in the 2007 Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussions on Exhibits A through H?

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, catch me up.

Sandie Deig: Its in the back of your Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, back on track.

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)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF LIST A CORRECTED POSITION TITLES AND SALARIES</p>

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now I ask all Councilmembers to go to List A, and this is a listing of salary and position title changes from the budget book and I move that we approve List A and make it part of the record as well.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF LIST B ADDITIONAL CUTS/ADDITIONS/CHANGES</p>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next, all Councilmembers have been given a list of additional and/or cuts or additions to the budget, that is List B. I can take this in one motion or if anyone would like to single out a line, I would be happy to entertain that.

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Raben, I would like to single out line item 1480-3870 Computer Facility Management at \$850,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, if we can, let's exclude that line from the motion. All other, as listed. And that is my motion.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, its line item 1480-3870?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

President Winnecke: Okay. So the motion on the floor is to accept List B with the exception of line 1480-3870. We have a motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, since we have brought up that we're having List B, Exhibit B, which is the Commissioners letter, I'd appreciate if that was read into the record.

President Winnecke: The letter?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

President Winnecke: I'd be happy to:

"Dear Councilmember Winnecke: (this is dated September 13th, 2006)

Please accept this letter as notice to withdraw our transfer request of \$20,000 in line item 2160-2230. (That's on the agenda for our 10:30 meeting).

I'm formally requesting an appropriation of \$90,000 to line item 4122, Repairs to Grounds, from the Cum Bridge Fund. This will consolidate costs for the equipment storage and training/lunch facility. This project will be bid out and will follow State

guidelines in regards to the bid process.

It is my understanding that there has previously been discussion regarding moving Weights and Measures from their current location to a location at or near the County Highway Department. This Commission will not move Weights and Measures from their current location.

Sincerely,

Bill Nix
Vice President"

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion? 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.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

1480-3870 COMPUTER FACILITY MANAGEMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move that line item, under County Council, line item 1480-3870 to be set in at \$850,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

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

Councilmember Abell: I have read the contract that, the portion of it in the MRC contract that refers to the courts. It is very vague in the support that they intend to give to the courts, that MRC will give to the courts. And, in fact, it appears to me that it does more to protect MRC than it does to help the county. And I'm not happy with giving MRC \$850,000 when they have, under service level exceptions, all but said that they will give no support to the Vanderburgh County courts. They've indicated that its, if, and, on occasion. I wouldn't be comfortable with this unless we got some change in writing. And I would be comfortable with it if this contract were definitely subject to our funding. But it doesn't say in here that it's subject to the County Council funding in this document. And without it being subject to our funding, and I think that we set it in at 850, they can sign a contract and we're stuck with it. And I'm not happy with that.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'm going to make a recommendation here. You know, today is our last opportunity to set in an amount for a future contract. I think we need to, its been noted on record, I do feel that we need the caveat at the end of the contract which states, subject to County Council's final approval. And along with that, I think we need to take the opportunity, and I'll be glad to work with Councilwoman Abell and try to get those changes in the contract before the Commissioners sign off on it. Along with, again, the caveat that its subject to County Council's final approval. But again, this is our last opportunity here today to do this. So I'm going to recommend that we do that and in hopes that we'll make those changes. And again, it is in our budget. Even without it, in the contract, we do have final say. So, and I am certainly in agreement with everything you are saying. I mean, I agree 100%, that we need more security for the courts than what I believe that contract calls for.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Is Matt Arvay, do we have anybody here from computer services or from that office?

Councilmember Abell: I requested that he be here. I sent him an email.

President Winnecke: He's going to be here for the 10:30 meeting to talk about the Premis contract.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, he was invited to this meeting, and was told that it was of utmost importance that he be here to answer questions.

Councilmember Raben: One thing about it, though, he does not sign this contract. So –

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, Mark, he was instructed to tell Mr. Rolley to be here as well, because he is the one that's on the contract. There are certainly questions that we want to address. And it was a phone call yesterday that solidified it for me that we were not going to receive certain services in the courts, and to me, that's not acceptable. They make up at least 50% of all the work that's done in the county. And to say that we're not going to service the courts for one reason or another, I think we all have ideas of what the reasons are. That's not going to be acceptable, and at that case, if they're only doing 50% of the work, we should only allocate them 50% of the funds.

Councilmember Raben: I think we're all saying the same thing. And again, today is our last day to set anything in. This is in our budget, we do have a say on what's spent out of this line item. So I think we're a little more comfortable than we are in most situations where contracts are signed or awarded, you know, that are paid out of line items outside of our budget. We do have, one way or the other, we do have the final say here on this matter.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and that will be established in the contract? I mean, as long as that language gets in, obviously, I understand that they're going to have to come back with blue claims and tap into the County Council's fund because we did put it in our account. That is our safeguard. But at the same time, we have to have assurance that that's understood from the Commissioners who are not here today and from those who are going to administer that contract and sign that contract. So I think that's quite a delicate issue and I don't want the back and forth that I think we're about ready to see.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Will this public statement serve as our guarantee that we'll have control and we could cut back on certain funding later when they do request it, if they don't serve the courts in the way we deem necessary?

Councilmember Raben: I may need to turn this over to our legal counsel, but its my understanding, I guess, technically, we can meet with them and offer our concerns. Technically, they can go ahead and sign the contract they want to sign. But, I guess, at that point, that's where the fight begins. So is that an accurate statement?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I don't know that we can go so far as to say, because we say it, it guarantees it. Obviously, it notifies of our intent that this is what the funding is for and that this Council is not agreeing to the terms of the proposed contract as written. And that, you know, this is a public meeting, so the contracting party and the Commissioners are placed on notice of this Council's position, that its not assenting to release those funds until those issues are worked out. So, I mean, I think that puts you on some footing to work out those details. But I wouldn't go so far as to say anything is guaranteed. Ultimately, that may be for the court system if it ends up there or someplace to decide that issue.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is there an opportunity to make a resolution or write a letter from the Council saying what our position is?

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Raben, I think we should take this 850,000 that's in 3870 Computer Facility Management and move it over to 3860, which is Contractual Computer, which is the County Council's sole account. And then if they want to sign a contract, they'll have to come ask us to transfer it back into their Facilities Management.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, they can't sign a contract without money in place.

Councilmember Abell: Well, you know, just because they've been negligent in getting their work done, doesn't mean its an emergency on our part.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I think the Commissioners should consider us prior to

signing the contract. And I think if we go on record with that, I will not go along with them until they consult all the Councilmembers before they sign this contract. Period. Thank you.

President Winnecke: I think maybe the idea of drafting a letter in writing and pointing out specifically what the concerns are that have been outlined here can be done and delivered to the Commissioners by mid-day today, I'm sure could be done.

Councilmember Tornatta: If you don't mind, I'd like to talk to somebody, have somebody from the courts, just to ask a few questions on services. If that's Judge Knight, if you're the spokesperson?

Doug Knight: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: What concerns would you have with the contract that's written today?

Doug Knight: Well, I'm the judge that represents the court system in technology matters. I learned only Friday noon from the Chief Information Officer, Mr. Arvay, that Rolley and Associates will not support the court concerning its sum, I think he said 300 and some odd desk tops, there are closer to 500, but none of our printers, none of our email, none of the servers and other matters, the help desk. We could not function as a court system if that comes to pass, if they do not provide that service. We will not be able to properly function as a court system. It had always been my understanding that there would be no reduction in service levels to the court as a result of any action that had been taken earlier by this body or any other body. And to just learn this Friday afternoon is disturbing to me. If I may, I'd like to follow up on Councilmember Abell's statement. I think that would very well protect the court if that was in the form of a motion passed by this body. I didn't mean to deviate, but I am very much concerned. And we do account for approximately 50% of the work being done in information technology in terms of desk tops and printers and so on. And to think that a county based technology service would omit one of the largest clients to the county is near – well, its unthinkable.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, in looking at the contract, we had a million dollars that was proposed to Rolley and Associates for the contract. We took two employees out with their benefits, which roughly totalled \$150,000, and put those in the Superior Court budget, which was just approved. In doing that, we dropped that contract back \$150,000 because the county is picking up that portion. So the county has still got a million dollars in the process. Yet, now services are cut when we just took payroll away. Is that how you understand the process?

Doug Knight: I do. That's what I think happened, exactly. I don't think it should. The numbers don't even add up. It seems to me that what resulted from your action was about a ten or fifteen percent reduction in MRC's contract, and their response to you is that they're reducing services approximately 50%. That math is bad.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, could I – I mean, I'm very comfortable with setting the account number that I've read in, in at zero. We can do as suggested, put it in the other account. I think, you know, again, I think they pretty much serve as one in the same. But if it makes Councilman Abell more comfortable and some of the rest of us, let's do that. And we'll work it from the other angles that we've

discussed earlier.

Councilmember Abell: It would make me more comfortable. I would like to point out to all the Councilmen here that Mr. Fluty and Mrs. Deig and I sat in the meeting with Mark Rolley and Matt Arvay and Ted Ziemer, and this is not at all what came out of that meeting. What came out of that meeting was that Rolley and Associates or MRC, would not be fined, would not get any financial sanctions if levels weren't met at the court. But never, ever was there a comment made that there would be no service given to the courts. It was just that we would not financially penalize them for not making certain service levels, which we can do with other departments. This has been changed since that meeting and that agreement was made verbally. And Mr. Ziemer is in Italy and, obviously, Mr. Arvay and Mr. Rolley don't want to be here. And so you're just looking at the three of us who sat there. But I can guarantee you, this verbiage that's in this contract is not at all what was agreed to at that meeting.

President Winnecke: So is your motion to – what is your motion, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'd like to amend my motion. We got the point of discussion, so there was a second, –

Councilmember Wortman: That's me.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'd like to amend my motion to set in 1480-3870 at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Raben: We have (Inaudible) on that motion first, and then I'll make another motion.

President Winnecke: I understand. Any other discussion? I just wanted to make sure you were done. Okay, 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)

1480-3860 CONTRACTUAL COMPUTER

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, because we weren't prepared to make this additional motion today, I want to double-check the figure that I had for 3860, where we're going to place this 850, so we set in the proper total, okay? Let me get some verification on that and we'll come right back to it. Okay, Mr. President, I'm going to set a new motion, under the County Council's budget, under account 3860 Contractual Computer, the new amount will be \$1,572,316.

President Winnecke: One more time?

Councilmember Raben: 1,572,316.

President Winnecke: That's in line 35--

Councilmember Raben: 3860.

President Winnecke: 3860, alright.

Councilmember Wortman: Is that a motion?

Councilmember Raben: That is a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Okay, there's a motion and a second to make line 3860 \$1,572,316. Questions or discussion? Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I have a question of Mr. Arvay. Mr. Arvay, when we were in the meeting in the room next door last week, with Mr. Fluty and Mrs. Deig and yourself, Mr. Rolley, and Mr. Ziemer, the agreement that we came to was that MRC would continue to do their work to support the courts, but we would not give them any financial sanctions if they didn't meet service levels.

Matt Arvay: Right, and nothing has changed on the contract that Ted sent out. I think there's been a misunderstanding. It's a best effort basis, MRC would help the courts on a best effort basis. No service level expectations, and it's the same language that Ted sent out last Friday. Nothing has changed.

Councilmember Abell: Well, the language that was sent out last Friday is not what we agreed on, though. We agreed that there would be no financial sanctions against them. We never agreed that they would not support the court and we certainly didn't agree that there would be no email service or be no help desk support. We are not, this Councilman is not in any position to cut the umbilical cord between this Council and that court system. And that's certainly what this contract seems to do.

Matt Arvay: My understanding was that everybody saw this language and was okay with it –

(Inaudible – Portions of the remaining transcript are inaudible due to audio system failure).

Matt Arvay: Ted Ziemer.

(Inaudible)

Matt Arvay: So if something's changed since Ted left last Friday, I'm not aware.

Councilmember Abell: Something's changed.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, Matt, I think that we've been discussing, and I think it's been clear, and I think you have a great idea what the court's concerns are, and what their needs are. Now as the CIO, I hope you're in a position where you accept what those needs and concerns are, and that we can facilitate progress to getting those needs met.

Matt Arvay: Absolutely.

Councilmember Tornatta: And I guess what my problem is, is I'm hearing a lot of backing up about how we're not going to be able to meet some of those needs because of a financial transfer from this Rolley budget to the Superior Court budget. And, I guess, that's just not acceptable at this time in the signing of this contract. If these needs can be met and we can assure the courts that they're going to have all the same things that everybody else has, then that's one thing. I don't know if, because taking payroll out of Mark Rolley's line item, that that's necessarily going to be an end-all, do-all of this contract.

Matt Arvay: So the language that has been sent out last Friday is not acceptable at this point? That's –

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, of course, I didn't get the language at all. But that's sometimes how this game is played. But at the same time, I'm just saying, it's been established that there are needs that need to be met. And as the CIO, that's your job.

Matt Arvay: I agree.

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, you have to do that, then we have to convey that to other people.

Matt Arvay: When there's duplicate systems out there and you add up the amount of computers and servers and it comes down to a per unit cost that a service provider is responsible to apply those services on, there comes a breaking point when money continues to be pulled back from that service provider, but the expectations are still there. So we thought we had a middle ground here with this language saying that we would still support them, they would request on things that they can't do, that they would request of the CIO and we would potentially suspend service levels for the rest of the enterprise that he is contractually obligated to

perform, to assist the courts. But this would go in front of ITAC unless its an emergency. In an emergency, we'd put resources on it right away.

Councilmember Tornatta: The two gentlemen that are crossing over from what was the enterprise to what will be a Superior Court line item, they're very familiar with how to run the enterprise system, correct?

Matt Arvay: The court system.

Councilmember Tornatta: The court system. But they have worked on the enterprise as well?

Matt Arvay: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, so this would not be a great departure from what they've done already, so it should be a pretty even flow from MRC to these two gentlemen that would be running the courts and making, at least at this point in time, the courts feel more comfortable with the situation of the change, because this is a pretty substantial change that we're trying to make. But at the same time, with those guys knowing what's going on and with them being so familiar with the system, that should be just the even blend. There shouldn't be a whole lot of money spent in between either training these guys or trying to get them to learn a new service. They already know what's going on. So then why would the service from MRC not be complete on over to the county courts?

Matt Arvay: I can't speak for the service provider. Maybe we need to -- and he is in the house, maybe we could bring him up here. When the money was reduced, there was an agreement on this language for a best effort basis to help the courts. Not saying that they will not help the court, but there has to be a process in place so they don't go directly to the vendor, when the vendor is liable financially for other aspects of the enterprise. That's all we're trying to establish here.

President Winnecke: Excuse me, Matt. I would stop you right there because that's not what the agreement says and I'll just read it to you. It says,

"As it pertains to the Vanderburgh County Courts, MRC is not funded to support and will not have any support role or responsibility including its hardware and software systems."

So the contract says one thing, you're saying something else.

Matt Arvay: Well, but it goes back here on it that there will be times when we have to work together to accomplish a common goal or project.

President Winnecke: I understand that but it says, it will not support or have any support role or responsibility. That scares the courts and, frankly, it scares this Council. I think what we thought was the spirit of the agreement, I think people were generally comfortable with. But what you're saying and what is in writing are two different things.

Matt Arvay: Well again, this is language that Ted approved, the city approved. If something needs to be changed, there is a suggestion, you're saying to remove that, any support role but still have -- will not have responsibility including its hardware and software systems...

Councilmember Raben: Can I ask a few questions? As an example, when the courts call the help desk, will they have the same opportunities that every other county office has?

Matt Arvay: They want Steve Compton to be there first.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Steve is covered up. Will the courts have the same opportunities that other county offices have?

Matt Arvay: Then they would need to call and ask for additional support.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and they'll be –

Councilmember Tornatta: And will that be an extra charge?

Matt Arvay: No, in this case.

Councilmember Tornatta: But otherwise, as its written, it would be.

Matt Arvay: I mean, they said that with the CIO approval, they would help them. And what we've tried to do there is just not have the courts go directly to the vendor.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, what about –

Matt Arvay: They'd have to go to the city/county office and then we could run this through ITAC, but if its an emergency situation, then, of course, (Inaudible).

Councilmember Raben: What about email? Will the courts be privy to the same upgrades and same services in regards to email that other county offices have?

Matt Arvay: Well, the difference right now is there is duplicate systems out there, two email systems. We have an enterprise email system that MRC is responsible for. If we're going to make them responsible for the duplicate system (Inaudible). The Sheriff currently has their own email system and they support that solely (Inaudible). Now we get into that gray area – are we going to move forward with a separate system or are we going to work toward an enterprise system?

Councilmember Tornatta: And do we have a comment or a question from the courts? Because I would like, while we're here, let's all just open up from the same hymnal.

President Winnecke: Judge Trockman?

Wayne Trockman: Wayne Trockman, Vanderburgh Superior Court Judge. Mr. President, the court shares the same concern that I think most of the, well, all of the Council has already reiterated today. And it seems that, Matt, you're (Inaudible). You're willing, you're able, and want to work with us and you do have a good relationship (Inaudible) but the language is wrong, as you said, Mr. President. And if we could just simply (Inaudible) that language, so there isn't a misunderstanding six months, a year down the road, then (Inaudible) we go back to the spirit of the meeting (Inaudible) and get that spirit in writing, and that's what I would like to suggest (Inaudible) so there is no misunderstanding (Inaudible). I don't hear Matt saying, we're not going to make our best efforts to attempt to help the court, but that language could cause someone else to (Inaudible). And obviously, that's the concern.

Councilmember Raben: Matt is simply going to administer the contract that's signed. So I think everybody is saying here, they want the right contract signed.

Councilmember Tornatta: I understand, but was there not, Matt, did you kind of facilitate the writing of the contract?

Matt Arvay: Yeah, but that last piece was put in after that money was removed (Inaudible).

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, but I guess, we bring you here because you're a big wheeler in this process and you're the top dog in the process. And being that guy, and the guy that kind of constructed the contract, and works very closely, and has a good relationship with the contractor, it is very important that you're on the same page with these guys. Even though you're not doing it, you do administer a lot of that contract.

Matt Arvay: I agree, and I'll just make the comment that, again, I worked really close with Ted Ziemer, who had sent this language out before he went on (Inaudible). We had heard nothing negative until (Inaudible). So again, the spirit is there on both sides. If the language does not read appropriately, (Inaudible) propose something differently, (Inaudible).

President Winnecke: Let me, we could beat this horse for a long time here, but I think its pretty much dead. I have a couple of suggestions. One, to Mr. Raben's earlier point, we do need to put a number in place today, otherwise, we do run the risk of really critically hurting the entire enterprise and I don't think that's anyone's intent today. I would suggest that we do pass Mr. Raben's motion, but I would also suggest we pass a resolution that we not fund this contract until its worded the way (Inaudible) proper language that this body accepts. And I think we could probably get the right parties together in the coming hours to get that done so the Commissioners can approve a contract tomorrow.

Matt Arvay: Can you pass it approving, (Inaudible) contingency of approve (Inaudible) proper language (Inaudible). If this does not pass on Thursday, (Inaudible) we're really in jeopardy of not being able to get a contract signed.

President Winnecke: I think I said the same thing. We need to pass a number today, but for this Council's protection and at least our ability to sleep better now, I think we need to pass a resolution, I think, –

Councilmember Tornatta: I think we just voted that, did we not, that 1.5 million dollars?

Councilmember Abell: Yeah.

President Winnecke: We haven't voted.

Councilmember Abell: That's the motion that's on the floor.

President Winnecke: It's the motion on the floor.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: What I'm saying is, we approve that and then we pass a

secondary resolution that we wouldn't fund the contract until there's proper language that we are comfortable with. If that (Inaudible). And then after this meeting today, we need to get together and fix the language so that the courts are comfortable with it, the Council is comfortable with it, you're comfortable with it, and the Commissioners are comfortable with it.

Councilmember Abell: But I'd like to take a moment because Mr. Arvay wasn't here, you do not have this money available in Facility Management. You need to understand that. We took it out of there. We zeroed that out. We are moving it over into our Computer Contractual account. So if you're asked tomorrow if the money is in place, I think your answer may have to be no, unless you hear otherwise, because its not in Facility Management.

President Winnecke: Its certainly budgeted, –

Councilmember Abell: Budgeted, but not in Facility Management.

President Winnecke: Okay, I'm going to have Judge Knight say something and then we're going to move on. I think we've –

Doug Knight: Thank you. I'll be very brief. I just had a question. I assume we're dealing with 2007 issues and that we're not going to lose (Inaudible) help desk or any other support next week or October or November or December, that's my assumption.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I don't think time will allow for a formal written document because we're not all going to be back together between now and tomorrow. I think, and I'll be happy to make it or Marsha or yourself, someone else can make it, but I think we're going to need to pass a resolution on the floor today but not a formal document.

President Winnecke: I (Inaudible).

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Winnecke: The current motion on the floor is to pass an appropriation of \$1,572,316 in the County Council's budget, line item 3860. There is a motion and a second, and we've had 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>RESOLUTION STATING COUNTY COUNCIL'S POSITION ON FUNDING COMPUTER FACILITY MANAGEMENT CONTRACT</p>

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, this is a time when I wish our legal counsel could make this motion for me. I'd like to make a resolution on the floor stating that it is this Council's desire to make amendments to the pending contract that is more palatable, offers more securities for the courts which are the major players in county, in regards to their IT needs and security issues. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Mr. Ahlers, would you like to comment?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, do you want to include in that motion that it's the intention of Council not to fund any contract with the language, at least specifically on page 48, that is not modified to the Council's satisfaction, that there would be no funding or funding in place for the contract?

Councilmember Raben: I would like to amend my motion to also include that at the end of the contract, that it state that subject to County Council's final approval.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll go along with that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Maybe if we could do this: we recess at the end of this meeting. We recess, sit down, write something out that's going to be exactly what we want so we're not trying to do this on the fly. Come back right before our Council meeting, finalize this meeting, start our Council meeting.

Councilmember Raben: I think we probably said everything we need to say right there.

President Winnecke: I mean, I'm comfortable with a resolution, I –

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that talking about transferring funds over into that – we'll have to transfer the funds over to the other account so that we can –

President Winnecke: We've already done that.

Councilmember Tornatta: No, we'll have to transfer the 1.5 million dollars back into Facility Management because that's where the budget side is. They have to have money in place in order to write this contract. And right now, they don't. We zeroed it out. So we're going to have to transfer funds over in there before tomorrow to do this. So the resolution has to also include the transfer of funds over into that account.

President Winnecke: Legally, the money is budgeted –

Councilmember Tornatta: It has to be set in place.

Councilmember Raben: I don't know that within that contract, that they identify any single line item. I think the fact that we're budgeting the funds in place as a matter of record, I think we're okay there.

President Winnecke: We're talking 2007. We can make that transfer January 1, so we don't have to do that today or tomorrow.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Raben, what was that last stipulation?

Councilmember Raben: As many contracts in the past, and still do read, subject to County Council's final approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, now wouldn't that be obvious? I mean, they can't enter into an agreement, any contract, without proper funds?

Councilmember Raben: Right, and when we make the transfer, if next month or November or December or whenever we make the transfer for whatever amount the contract is signed for, that, in essence, is your final approval. Now without making that transfer, we've not given final approval.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I'm just wanting us to be careful with our language, not to, the language construed as if we are the ones actually signing off on the contract or approving the contract per se, because that's not our role.

Councilmember Raben: A lot of contracts, I don't have any with me, but they used to read and I assume they still do, but even as far as like contract negotiations, as an example, the teamsters, those contracts in the past have always read, subject to County Council's approval. So, I mean, that verbiage is out there with a lot of contracts within the county.

President Winnecke: We're going to change the tape here. Hold on one second.

(Tape Changed)

President Winnecke: We have a motion to pass a resolution on the floor, we have a second. Any other discussion on that? 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: I'm sure glad we got this solved. I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE BUDGET FOR 2007

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I've almost forgot where I'm at here.

President Winnecke: Don't go far.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Councilmembers have been given a copy of the final insurance data. I move that the County Council approve the 2007 insurance budget as listed. These figures represent the County's share of three current health plans, with the total employee contribution of eight percent. The figures are for full-time county employees and does not include insurance for Superior Court Magistrates. I'd like to make this part of the record and that is my motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

President Winnecke: I think she has stepped out of the room.

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)

APPROVAL OF ALL OTHER 2, 3 AND 4000 ACCOUNTS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President, I'll move that all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts for the 2007 budget be adopted as previously approved for the following: 911 Emergency Services, Airport Authority, Area Plan Commission, Armstrong Assessor, Armstrong Assessor/Reassessment, Auditor, Auditor/Reassessment, Bond Issue, Burdette Park, Center Assessor, Center Assessor/Reassessment, Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services, Circuit Court, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Convention Center Operating Fund, Coroner, County Treasurer, County Treasurer/Reassessment, County Assessor, County Assessor/Reassessment, County Recorder, County Clerk, County Clerk IV-D, County Commissioners, County Commissioners/CCD, County Council, County Highway, County Co-Op Extension, County Surveyor, Cum Bridge, Department of Child Services, Drainage Board, Drug and Alcohol Deferral, Election Office, German Assessor, German Assessor/Reassessment, Health Department, Jail, Jail Bond, Knight Assessor, Knight Assessor/Reassessment, Legal Aid, Legal Aid/United Way, Local Drug Free Community, Local Emergency Planning Commission, Local Roads & Streets, Perry Assessor, Perry Reassessment, Pigeon Assessor, Pigeon Reassessment, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals/Reassessment, Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D, Prosecutor Adult Protective Services, Prosecutor Fees/Check Recovery, Prosecutor Drug Law Enforcement Program, Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion, Prosecutor Stop Domestic Violence, Prosecutor Victims Witness Assistance Program, Public Defender Commission, Riverboat, Sales Disclosure, Scott Assessor, Scott Reassessment, Sheriff, Sheriff/Community Corrections, Sheriff/Misdemeanor Housing, 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 Fund, The Centre, Tourism Capital Improvement, Union Assessor, Union Assessor/Reassessment, Veterans Administration, Voters Registration, Weights & Measures, and I can read that backwards if needed. 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: Well, I just wanted to make one comment before I vote and that is, first off, I appreciate all the officeholders who have for the last few years kind of, in layman's terms, sucked it up. Have administered their monies about as well as anybody could administer monies. I mean, we have seen a cutback on the use of some services that the county provides to our officeholders with a higher output of services to the Vanderburgh County citizens. And, I mean, we sit up here and sometimes don't know how its done, but we have a goal that we have to meet and that is to make sure that we give as little amount of raise into the tax rate as possible. So I commend all the employees of Vanderburgh County. I think that its really been outstanding to see the work that's been done with the amount of funding that we've been able to give you. So, we appreciate what you do and how you do it, and then as far as the budget, I think we've made our concerns from the minority side on some of the concerns and there is no reason to hold up the budget, so I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: We did receive one additional item, too, that we didn't make note of that I did ask for during our budget hearings and John Stoll did provide for us a list of prioritized bridge and culvert projects for '07. Just in light of the discussion that we had, that was very important so that we can kind of see what that direction is because there is a lot of dollars that come out of that particular budget. I echo Councilman Tornatta's accolades for all of those folk who have been involved with the budget process. It has gone extremely well. I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'd also like to thank everyone for being so open and working together, I think, in a bipartisan way for the benefit of the county. And, James, I do have some pain reliever for you after this meeting is over, so I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Thank you. I vote yes. In fact, we still have two more items we need to address, but yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

ADOPTION OF COUNTY TAX RATES AND LEVIES
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I move that the County Council set the tax rate

as deemed appropriate by the Indiana State Tax Commissioners following a review of our 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 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)

ADOPTION OF CUMULATIVE BRIDGE TAX RATE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President, I move that we set the Cum Bridge tax rate at three cents per hundred assessed valuation. I make that in the form of a motion.

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 & STREETS FUND</p>
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Councilmember Raben: And last, I move that we set one million dollars in COIT into Local Roads & Streets.

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)

Councilmember Raben: And, Mr. President, before I turn the floor back over to you, I would like to say thanks, once again, to everyone here at this very large round table right now. Again, this is, you guys make the budget process very easy when you're serving as the Finance Chairman because everybody takes an extremely active role in this budget process and has been great to work with. I think we've made as many compromises as we can make to throw together the strong healthy budget that should fully fund most, if not all, departments within the county. And again, thanks to everyone including Sarah Nunn, our secretary, Sandie, our Executive Assistant, Auditor Fluty and his assistant, Teri, they've really been helpful with this whole process. One last housekeeping matter, today, after today, our cuts are 10,444,452. So we're at about ten and a half million dollars. So that puts us at a little over – it puts it at about 58.6 for the overall county budget. So that's a lot of cuts. And again, great job to everybody, and thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Fluty, do you know what percentage that is, raised from last year?

Bill Fluty: I can get that to you before –

Councilmember Tornatta: Somewhere around four percent? Is that where –

Councilmember Raben: It will be close.

Councilmember Tornatta: And we have a three percent pay raise in there, so, I mean, just for those of you who pay attention to how much raise you have in your taxes, that's about as low as you can get and still keep things rolling along here. So somewhere around four percent. So when you see your tax bills go out, your County Council is working for you.

President Winnecke: Anyone else? I'd like to wrap up, again, thanking everyone. This has been a true team effort. I appreciate everyone's hard work, patience and tenacity. Again, thank you to Sandie and Sarah, Bill and your staff, Teri, everyone has contributed a lot of hours and I do appreciate it. And with that, our 2007 Vanderburgh County Council budget hearings stand adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 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
OCTOBER 4, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of October in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the October 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 stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Winnecke: Before we begin, I think most of us know that we're working today without one of our colleagues. Councilman Curt Wortman is hospitalized at St. Mary's. I'm sure, I know based on the discussions and emails and phone calls, that's he is in everyone's thoughts and prayers and I ask that you continue to keep Curt in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery. Having said that, let's press on.

<p style="text-align:center">APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2006 FINAL BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2006 REGULAR MEETING</p>

President Winnecke: At this point I will entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our September 13th meetings.

Councilmember Sutton: 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: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SHERIFF

President Winnecke: Okay, at this time, we'll turn the floor over to the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben, to consider our appropriation requests for the month. And I would remind those who are watching at home, these are requests that we heard last month. And I would remind everyone to speak directly into the microphone, especially those at the podium. I'm told that a number of us, myself included, were excluded from some of the recordings last week. So with that, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda under the Sheriff is 1050-2210 in the amount of 31,000, 1050-2230 in the amount of 18,000. I'll address College Incentive and Overtime with the transfers, for a total of \$49,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, could you repeat? I'm sorry, which line items?

Councilmember Raben: 1050-2210 and 1050-2230.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you. There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: And 2230 is the 18,000?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: 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
1050-2210	Gas & Oil	31,000.00	31,000.00
1050-1971	Accrued Payments	29,000.00	0.00
1050-2230	Garage & Motor	18,000.00	18,000.00
1050-1210	College Incentive	5,000.00	0.00
1050-1300	Overtime	17,000.00	0.00
Total		100,000.00	49,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Next, under Jail, 1051-2240 Medical in the amount of 71,000, I'll move approval.

President Winnecke: There's a motion -

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Now 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: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2240	Medical	71,000.00	71,000.00
Total		71,000.00	71,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Coroner, 1070-3640 15,0000 and 1070-3650 Autopsies in the amount of 50,000, for a total request of 65,000. I'll move approval.

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: (Inaudible)

Teri Lukeman: Actually, I think the problem is there can only be four microphones on at a time, and Mr. Tornatta, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Winnecke, you already have yours on.

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Thank you. President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-3640	Diagnostic Studies	15,000.00	15,000.00
1070-3650	Autopsies	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total		65,000.00	65,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Tornatta: Can we get a full rules disclosure on these deals?

President Winnecke: At least its not a computer.

Councilmember Sutton: Maybe we can get an extension on the rule here and get six microphones on at least at the same time, instead of four.

President Winnecke: Remember, I have the priority switch.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Scott Township Assessor, 1160-3605 Moving Expenses in the amount of 1,200. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Councilmember Abell: Is this Moving Expense, like, to move? Isn't he in his house? What's this – I don't know what this is.

Councilmember Raben: This is to move from, right now, the Scott Township Assessor and the Trustee are the same office. You know, now that its being split, all the Assessor's records and equipment and what have you, has to move to a new location.

Councilmember Abell: He's not going to move from there to another location then in January? Because I know he's looking at other space. Are we going to move him twice or is this just for one move?

Councilmember Raben: You'll be moving him once as far as I understand.

President Winnecke: Okay, 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.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1160-3605	Moving Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00
Total		1,200.00	1,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Burdette Park, 1450-1180-1450 Other Employees for 25,000, 1450-1190-1450 2,000, 1450-1900 FICA 2,066, for a total of 29,066. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: 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: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	25,000.00	25,000.00
1450-1190-1450	Security	2,000.00	2,000.00
1450-1900	FICA	2,066.00	2,066.00
Total		29,066.00	29,066.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Cum Bridge 2030-4335 in the amount of 85,000, I'll move approval.

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

Councilmember Abell: 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: I'm going to vote yes on this but I just want to, as I indicated last week, just want to make sure we are very careful in looking at overages on these kind of projects and keep a close eye on this. 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
2030-4335	Kuebler Rd. Br. #1160	85,000.00	85,000.00
Total		85,000.00	85,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Local Roads & Streets, 2160-4310 Road Equipment in the amount of 250,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, at our meeting last week we asked Mr. Duckworth if he could prepare some information for us. We were discussing the leasing option rather than just buying straight out. You did provide some – could you kind of walk through that information for us, because obviously, everyone doesn't have the benefit of getting the information that you provided for us, but we can get a better understanding of our options.

Mike Duckworth: Sure. Thank you, President Winnecke and members of the Council. I provided to you as early as I could due to the fact that the companies that were requested to submit didn't get it to me until rather late. So yesterday I had it delivered to your offices or places of work or home. We had looked at the possibility of leasing a paver. The estimated cost, \$250,000, and the question that you posed to me was in kind of polling these, some of these companies that provided this equipment or tries to sell this equipment, whether or not, what percentage of the lease would go toward purchase. And I did that and I provided to you copies from – I basically sent out a questionnaire regarding the type of equipment needed, the lease amount, request of what would go toward the purchase and the delivery time estimates. And all three companies submitted, indicated that 100% of the lease price would be applied toward the purchase if we chose to go that way. And the delivery time estimated, ranged somewhere between 30 and 60 days. I don't know that leasing it at this time would be that advantageous other than the fact that my goal here was to try to, number one, get ahead of the new year increases in some of this equipment, and secondly, to actually get it physically here on our property and ready to go for next paving season, because as I talked to these companies, they indicated that the beginning of the year, it usually takes longer to get this kind of equipment because you have the paving companies and other municipalities and those kind of groups ordering them. So this is kind of a shot for us to get in there and get it in here quick, and be ready for next year.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, Mike, do you think, is there anymore paving that can be done this year or do you shut it down at a certain time or if the weather permits?

Mike Duckworth: Well, we are finishing up now. We've got approximately – we've got one road, major roadway, that was on the paving list to complete and that's Hogue Road. And they actually started today. There are a couple of major projects going out there, so the availability of mix has been kind of hit and miss. Rudolph, for instance, will tell you that they'll go all the way up to December depending upon the need. So we've got some smaller patch jobs that we need to do. And to be very honest with you, the existing paver, I believe, can – you know, we're kind of keeping to together the best we can, but we've not had any major problems with it and it appears to be okay to help us finish out this year's paving.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess what I'm looking at is if, I did see in here that you had somebody who could deliver in two weeks. If we were able to kind of facilitate getting that going and then we add a six month period before we actually had to put all the money down, that might be an option to –

Mike Duckworth: That would be an option. I would tell you that after this process, I have to go through the complete bid process again. Now that information is ready to be submitted to purchasing to put the bid documents and the specs out and everything. But that's going to be a two or three week period, even though it would be a lease to purchase. We still have to go through the regular bidding process because of the amount.

Councilmember Tornatta: Then as a spec, can you put in a period of time?

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: So in that case, if you could say, and we would like it for two weeks after the bids have been taken in, and maybe that then would allow us to –

Mike Duckworth: We can sure do that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thanks.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Mike, are these – I received your packet and thank you. Are these different bids you're going to be taking pretty comparable machines and prices? Or is one clearly ahead as far as –

Mike Duckworth: No, I think they're pretty comparable from – I mean, there's paving companies that use– the three that have submitted, and I don't know that there may be more and there may not be, but the three that have submitted their information to us have sold pavers to paving companies as well as municipalities throughout this region. So we give kind of a menu of the items that are particular for our needs for county roads and they all seemed to feel like they could meet those requirements as well as having – what they'll tell you is, well, we can get one to you in two weeks now because we have one. But if we sell that tomorrow, that may go to 30 or 60 days because they kind of have them built according to the specs that they have.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, but there's no real sense of urgency on your part to get the paver at this time except just to try to beat the price increase?

Mike Duckworth: Beat the price increase and get ahead of the first of the year onslaught of orders that these companies will get.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Duckworth, but you could, I mean, you could conceivably, about price increases, you could conceivably put your order in now and say I don't want it until next February or March.

Mike Duckworth: Well, I think the law, and I think Mr. Fluty will tell you, and one of the things that we've run into with other pieces of equipment to purchase, before I can accept a bid, that money has to be in place in the budget, in the line item. So I can't order a piece of equipment and say I'll pay you in '07 without it being '07 and that money actually being in the account.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, and that's the reason I discussed the possibility of that lease option.

Mike Duckworth: You could lease it from now up to the first of the year, go through the bidding process, and then '07 have the money available and pay the balance on it.

Councilmember Sutton: And then you've already locked in your price, I guess, conceivably.

Mike Duckworth: Yes, that's exactly the scenario. And by leasing it, we would have the piece of equipment. That gets us the head start that we're – its really a Council decision on whether or not you want to spend the whole amount now or lease it up until the first of the year and then spend the remaining amount.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess, frankly, on my part, I really don't want to spend \$250,000 right now. I'd prefer to stretch that out if we could because we've got some Patient/Inmate in there, we've got some more bills probably coming in on that side, and I guess I'm a little cautious about our unappropriated balance.

Mike Duckworth: And this allows us to do that. Yes. I think you're right.

Councilmember Sutton: So, I recognize we've gotten a lot of wear and tear out of this piece of equipment over and above what might normally be expected to be on its life span, but just want to be cautious of just balancing what we have on hand to what we need there in your department. So likely, if this comes up the way its proposed, I'm probably going to vote against it and only because I'd like to see us look at the other options.

Mike Duckworth: Well, I guess the other question I would have is, the money in the account that this is in, I don't know that it could be used for anything else.

Councilmember Raben: This is in Local Roads and Streets, so we can't use it for anything outside of –

Councilmember Tornatta: Maybe we could encumber the money into next year.

Councilmember Sutton: Carry over the balance.

Councilmember Raben: Frankly, I think if we have an opportunity and we know the funds are available today, let's get the money set aside whether we lease it or buy it outright really doesn't matter at this point. But we know the funds are available and it probably makes even more sense today to allocate the funds because with a lease, we may be looking at a two or three or four or five year lease. Again –

Mike Duckworth: I don't think you can lease this over six months in this kind of a situation. But I think you're right to the point of where, because its in an account that you can't use it for anything else, if you have the money available, it might be

advantageous to go ahead and do it and secure the piece of equipment.

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, we can make interest on the money, pay the lease as it goes, and then end up a little bit farther ahead than if we pay it right now. So, I mean, we could spread it out and from what I read, the opportunity to have six months to hold \$250,000 would be to our benefit. Once we start paving, heck, we'll be into paving season before we'll actually have to shell out the end amount of the money. So I mean, and that's way in 2007, somewhere around May. So at that point, I think it's a great opportunity and option. And really, we won't start that six month clock until probably December.

Mike Duckworth: That's right.

Councilmember Sutton: And if we can go that way I'd feel a lot more comfortable with it. The other question that we brought up, too, was you brought up, there's two different varieties on this particular piece of equipment, one that adds about 20 or \$30,000 on to the price. What did you find out on that information that we asked?

Mike Duckworth: Well, its somewhere between 15 and 20,000 and its called front end assist. I spoke with the mechanics that work on these pieces of equipment and I spoke to a couple different paving companies and basically, they suggested, their recommendation was, if we're going to go ahead and spend this money at this time, that it would be a feature that we probably should add to it because of the terrain that we pave. There have been a couple of times that, and I know this is a much older piece of equipment, that we struggled to get it up a few hills because of the weight that it carried. And, you know, it's the same question of whether or not you want to buy a four-wheel drive or a two-wheel drive or a front-wheel drive. I mean, those are questions that I depend upon the mechanics that work on the pieces of equipment and these other companies that deal with this on a regular basis, their recommendation, and I guess my recommendation to the Council is for us to go ahead and spend that extra money to ensure that we have the type of equipment that we need.

Councilmember Sutton: That's all the questions I have about this concern, just if we can look at that lease option and then just getting it outlaid in 2007, then I'm fine with it, otherwise.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: So to make it clear, your plan now is, if we appropriate the money by December, to have the machine ordered and then go on the lease payment for –

Mike Duckworth: Well, there's one of two ways we can go. I do have current money in my lease equipment account that could carry – I'm estimating that the lease is going to be about \$10,000 a month. I have enough to carry me through the rest of this year to lease it and then I would suggest that at some point in time, when that lease would run out, that the remainder of that be carried over to pay it in '07.

President Winnecke: It seems to me what probably the necessary thing to do is approve the full amount today and encumber that because we won't have an approved budget for '07 until, as we all know, sometime into the, late into the first quarter.

Mike Duckworth: That will go into the account this year and that will allow me, by law, to go ahead and enter into the bids and put the specs out and so on and so forth.

Councilmember Goebel: Will the excess money then, that we've appropriated today, fall back or will it stay in the lease account?

President Winnecke: We could encumber that into that line item.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, but how much do you have in the line item right now?

Mike Duckworth: I'm thinking, there was originally 60,000, I believe, allocated and I believe we're somewhere between 45 and 50,000 in that account at this point in time.

Councilmember Sutton: And this is the only piece of equipment that you're intending on buying, so conceivably, we –

Mike Duckworth: Well, this isn't in an account that I can purchase out of. This is an account that I, for instance, you know, leasing equipment, that kind of thing. So it would be germane to what I need to do, which would allow me to use money out of that account.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, what I am saying is, you don't have any other plans for that account?

Mike Duckworth: No, not at this time.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: Could we not lower the amount and include your current line item, lower the amount we're going to appropriate today and so it adds up to 250, we're okay?

Mike Duckworth: I would recommend, you could drop it to 210, I think 40,000 very comfortably, which might leave me 2 or 3,000 in case I need to rent a small piece of equipment for the rest of the year for something. And by combining the two, I think we can get the job done.

Councilmember Goebel: That seems reasonable.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'm going to amend my motion for 2160-4310 Road Equipment to \$210,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell made the initial second. Would you be amendable to that?

Councilmember Abell: Yes, I'll change my second.

President Winnecke: Okay, so now the motion is for line item 2160-4310 in the amount of \$210,000. Any other questions or discussion on this line?

Mike Duckworth: Just one last thing. I'll need to get with Mr. Fluty to make sure that – do I need to put in for a transfer now for the 40,000 or are you going to put it all in one account? Sorry I don't understand. Forty thousand from the lease, should we just go ahead and enter into a lease agreement with that money and then for the balance to be paid out of the 210 account? I mean, I don't really understand the process there.

President Winnecke: Well, the initial, if I understand it correctly, you're going to make the initial payments from your lease line. This money will be, when its needed, will be used to purchase.

Mike Duckworth: Right. So I guess that would be two different P. O.'s, is that right?

Bill Fluty: Yes.

Mike Duckworth: Okay, I understand.

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: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4310	Road Equipment	250,000.00	210,000.00
Total		250,000.00	210,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Duckworth.

SHERIFF/MISDEMEANOR HOUSING

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, total request of 8,487, 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: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF/MISDEMEANOR HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2780-1920	Insurance	7,500.00	7,500.00
2780-1900	FICA	574.00	574.00
2780-1910	PERF	413.00	413.00
Total		8,487.00	8,487.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Legal Aid/United Way in the amount of 8,056, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: 8,756, I believe, is the correct –

Councilmember Raben: 8,756.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I did have an additional question for Sue, please. Sue, I apologize, its been a busy week, so I haven't been able to get in touch with you, but on the Miscellaneous, could you just explain that line item?

Sue Hartig: Sure, there are things that we have to purchase with United Way funds, say paying for a luncheon, sending flowers, buying our share of the decorations for the annual meeting that really don't fit under any other line item, (Inaudible).

President Winnecke: Sue, could you step closer to the microphone?

Sue Hartig: Oh, I'm sorry.

President Winnecke: Or maybe pull it down a little further? There you go. Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and I guess it shows a balance of about 100 in that line item?

Sue Hartig: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and do you anticipate from now to the end of the year that you'll spend \$6,500?

Sue Hartig: Probably not.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you have a better idea of an amount you might spend other than \$6,500?

Sue Hartig: What are you wanting to move –

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm just saying, looking at the amount we budgeted was a little over \$2,300 and I just noticed in that account that we've been somewhere around between 2 and \$3,000 that we've spent out of that account.

Sue Hartig: Right. Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: And to put \$9,000 in that account just seems like its maybe going overboard in lieu of some of the things that we've talked about, how the money rolls and what role its going to play in the county budget as well. So I guess I didn't know if there was an amount that would work, whether a thousand dollars would get you by to the end of the year.

Sue Hartig: I'm sure it probably will but then we have to put the rest of it somewhere, so it is appropriated.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, as we've talked, the rest of that money essentially would go into a – be drawn first out of the county and then at that time, that money would be depleted –

Sue Hartig: Right, but we can't draw it unless its appropriated.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, we would take that money first – we'd use those

funds first is what I'm getting at. Those would be the first funds we'd use before we'd use county dollars. We've kind of done it backwards. We use county dollars first and then use United Way, that's why you have a balance right now.

Sue Hartig: Well, I think we discussed that. We can't necessarily use one or the other first. For example, you asked last week what the balance was. Currently, before the appropriation, our balance is \$23,000 in the United Way account for the rest of the year, \$20,000 of that is salary that will be drawn out every other week.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, so you'll be left with 3? Is that where you're going?

Sue Hartig: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Tornatta: How did we end up with 6,500 then?

Sue Hartig: Well, the three is what is already appropriated. What is in the –

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, so today, let's just look at it today and we'll iron all this out. I'll talk with Auditor Fluty and we'll get this all ironed out so we know exactly where things stand. And like I said, I apologize about this week, its been a busy one. But would \$1,000 get you by for the year? If you need some more, we'll come back and address that.

Sue Hartig: Sure, but then we need to appropriate the remaining balance so all of our funds are appropriated and they're not just sitting there in that account.

Councilmember Tornatta: And I think we can do that before the end of the year. That will be available.

Sue Hartig: So you want me to come back with another appropriation?

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't know if we'll need to. We'll discuss that with the Auditor and come back and see what we need.

Sue Hartig: I think its an easier accounting procedure if the money is appropriated so we know –

Councilmember Tornatta: It doesn't have to be appropriated. Its hung over year after year after year as it is. That's why you've got an accumulated balance. And what I'm saying is, instead of you having an accumulated balance, the county needs to accumulate a balance in the county general fund. So we're –

Sue Hartig: This is United Way money, this can't go in –

Councilmember Tornatta: That United Way money is money that was put in there and instead of using the United Way portion, we use the county first, which allowed money in the United Way fund to hang out over here.

Sue Hartig: We don't use the county money first. We use some of each all the way through the year.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm not going to argue about this. I'm just telling you, we talked about this. We're discussing that in these terms, there are duplicate line items in both budgets, okay? And we have used county's first before we have used

some of the line items out of the United Way. So in retrospect, we look at using more of the United Way first because the county general rolls into our general fund. Yours sits in a fund out there in la-la land, and we want to try and get away from that, and try and bring everything into the county general. That's what I'm going for.

Sue Hartig: The United Way funds can never be in the county general fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: And I'll be happy to explain and we can go over it with the Auditor on exactly how this can function. I am absolutely not trying to start anything, I'm just telling you that in the past, that fund has built up and I do not want it to build up on that side. It should come back into the county general if at all possible.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? The current motion on the floor is to approve the request of \$8,756. Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: This money stays in the United Way if its not spent?

Sue Hartig: Yes sir, the United Way account. That's pursuant to the inter-local operating agreement that was passed some years ago.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I agree with Councilmember Tornatta's logic, that the money should be spent possibly out of United Way first for your funding and then come to the county general. However, this seemed to be agreed upon last week and if you clear it through Mr. Fluty, and we have how you spent the money, I guess that will be okay for this particular item, so I will vote yes this time.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I guess before I say yes or no here, the question still comes back to if the United Way carries a balance over of \$20,000 from 2006 into 2007. I think the question that Councilman Tornatta is trying to make, can we reduce our general fund by the same like dollar amount?

Bill Fluty: Well, any unspent or unappropriated United Way fund money would just roll over into her cash balance, and you will always take her cash balance into consideration when you do your funding, which will be in your budget cycle. So you'll look at that each time. You will look at her cash balance and you'll look at her request for her general fund. And obviously, if the United Way fund has a cash balance, then you can reduce your general fund, and I think that's what you're speaking to now. And then the option, the money doesn't have to be appropriated

this year. Of course, it needs to be appropriated if you need to spend it, but it doesn't need to be appropriated this year because it will just fall into your cash balance and be available for next year's budget cycle. So if you have a need, surely it needs to be appropriated now.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. With that being said, considering that we've budgeted just over \$2,300 this year and that's probably about the norm, that's probably what it's been in the past, I'll vote no.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: I'll vote yes. It's 3-3, so it does not pass.

(Motion fails 3-3/Councilmembers Tornatta, Sutton & Raben opposed.)

Councilmember Tornatta: I'd like to make a motion to allow \$1,000 in the account of 4290-3990.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Winnecke: Would you repeat the line item, please?

Councilmember Tornatta: 4290-3990 for \$1,000.

President Winnecke: Any questions or discussion on that? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: One quick question, did you consider anything on Travel/Mileage?

Councilmember Tornatta: Oh, I'm sorry. And Travel/Mileage would stay the same 4290-3130 for \$2,200, 4290-3990 for \$1,000, for a total of \$3,200.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

President Winnecke: Okay, is everyone clear on what the motion is? Further 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.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,200.00	2,200.00
4290-3990	Miscellaneous	6,556.00	1,000.00
Total		8,756.00	3,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Sue Hartig: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Sue.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Auditor, we have a transfer request in the amount of \$3,500, 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 Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-1290-1020	Transfer Clerk	3,500.00	3,500.00
To: 1020-1990	Extra Help	3,500.00	3,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SHERIFF JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, other transfers, the Sheriff, I will move that 1050-1130-0099 in the amount of \$7,000, 1050-1130-0209 in the amount of \$5,000, 1050-1130-0231 in the amount of 3,000, 1050-1130-0011 in the amount of 4,000, 1050-1130-0055 in the amount of 3,000, be transferred into account 1050-1210 College Incentive in the amount of \$5,000 and 1050-1300 Overtime of 17,000. Along with that, I will go ahead and include the Jail. Move that we transfer from 1051-1130-0352 to account 1051-1130-0364 in the amount of \$125. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Raben, I didn't – I had a difficult time following you on that transfer there. Could you repeat that on that Sheriff?

Councilmember Raben: I certainly will and I think everybody understands what's going on there, but we approved appropriations that offset some of these transfers in the beginning of the meeting. And the same goes with the Jail, we approved the \$71,000 Medical, so that's why the other transfers aren't going through. But the transfers that I'm making a motion to approve are 1050-1130-0099 in the amount of 7,000, 1050-1130-0209 in the amount of 5,000, 1050-1130-0231 in the amount of 3,000, 1050-1130-0011 in the amount of 4,000, 1050-1130-0055 in the amount of 3,000, those amounts be transferred into 1050-2210 in the amount of \$5,000, and 1050-1300 in the amount of 17,000. And then on Jail –

Teri Lukeman: Excuse me, that's 1210.

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, 1050-1210 and 1050-1300. Okay, on the Jail side, 1051-1130-0352 in the amount of \$125, transferred into account 1051-1130-0364 in the amount of \$125. Everyone clear?

Councilmember Tornatta: Got it.

President Winnecke: Questions or –

Councilmember Sutton: I'll just get the notes after the meeting.

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.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:			
1050-1130-0036	Deputy Sheriff	26,000.00	0.00
1050-1130-0076	Deputy Sheriff	5,000.00	0.00
1050-1130-0056	Deputy Sheriff	29,000.00	0.00
1050-1130-0094	Deputy Sheriff	11,000.00	0.00
1050-1130-0099	Deputy Sheriff	7,000.00	7,000.00
1050-1130-0209	Clerk-Typist	5,000.00	5,000.00
1050-1130-0216	Post Command Receptionist	7,000.00	0.00
1050-1130-0231	Post Command Receptionist	3,000.00	3,000.00
1050-1130-0011	Sergeant	4,000.00	4,000.00
1050-1130-0055	Deputy Sheriff	3,000.00	3,000.00
1050-4230	Motor Vehicles	11,760.00	0.00
To:			
1050-2210	Gas & Oil	42,760.00	0.00
1050-1971	Accrued Payments	29,000.00	0.00
1050-2230	Garage & Motor	18,000.00	0.00
1050-1210	College Incentive	5,000.00	5,000.00
1050-1300	Overtime	17,000.00	17,000.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0352	Detention Officer	125.00	125.00
1051-1130-0308	Detention Officer	8,000.00	0.00
1051-1130-0314	Detention Officer	3,000.00	0.00
1051-1130-0321	Detention Officer	14,000.00	0.00
1051-1130-0322	Detention Officer	8,000.00	0.00
1051-1130-0325	Detention Officer	5,000.00	0.00
1051-1130-0335	Detention Officer	3,000.00	0.00
1051-1130-0337	Detention Officer	4,000.00	0.00
1051-1130-0338	Clerk-Typist	6,000.00	0.00
1051-1130-0346	Detention Officer	2,000.00	0.00
1051-1130-0361	Detention Officer	3,000.00	0.00
1051-1130-0368	Jail Clerk	4,000.00	0.00
1051-1130-0370	Jail Clerk	2,000.00	0.00
1051-1130-0407	Emergency Med Tech	4,000.00	0.00
1051-1130-0408	Emergency Med Tech	5,000.00	0.00
To: 1051-1130-0364	Detention Officer Supervisor	125.00	125.00
1051-2240	Medical	71,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AREA PLAN COMMISSION
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
UNION ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: And, Mr. President, I will move that all other transfers be approved as listed.

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: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1240-2810	Drafting Paper	2,275.00	2,275.00
To: 1240-2230	Garage & Motor	1,425.00	1,425.00
1240-3120	Postage/Freight	850.00	850.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2130-3000	Bond & Insurance	19,000.00	19,000.00
To: 2130-2210	Gas & Oil	3,500.00	3,500.00
2130-2241	Institutional/Medical	10,000.00	10,000.00
2130-3580	Vehicle Repair	3,000.00	3,000.00
2130-2420	Mosquito Control	2,500.00	2,500.00

REASSESSMENT/UNION ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1170-2600	Office Supplies	200.00	200.00
2490-1170-3540	Maintenance Contract	201.00	201.00
2490-1170-3410	Printing	233.00	233.00
From: 2490-1170-3140	Telephone	634.00	634.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

SHERIFF
AUDITOR

BURDETTE PARK
JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Next we'll move on to the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance. First, I'll move under Sheriff, we amend salary line 1050-1300 Overtime as previously adopted, 1050-1210 College Incentive as previously adopted. Under

Burdette, I move that we amend salary line 1450-1180 Other Employees as previously adopted. Under County Auditor, line 1020-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. Under Jail, I move that we amend salary line 1051-0364 Detention Officer Supervisor as previously approved. The current employee's hire date is September 29th, 1997, with an annual salary of \$36,068. And under County Clerk/Election Office, amend salary ordinance to allow one lead person in the Election Office to be paid at a rate of \$10 per hour. And that's all I've got, Mr. President. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Abell: Mr. Raben, I'd like to vote separately on the County Clerk/Election Office, please.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I will remove from my initial motion the County Clerk's amendment in the Election Office.

President Winnecke: Okay, would someone like to make a second then on the motion that excludes the County Clerk?

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Okay, 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)

Teri Lukeman: And may I change the tape?

President Winnecke: Yes, we will change the tape.

(Tape changed)

President Winnecke: Okay, Mr. Raben.

CLERK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the last amendment would be County Clerk/Election Office, amend Salary Ordinance to allow one lead person in the Election Office to be paid at a rate of \$10 per hour. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Councilmember Abell: I disagree with this for two reasons. One is, the person who is supposed to be the lead person in that office is supposed to be the person who is paid to be the Assistant Chief Deputy of Elections. And that's a position that we even considered getting rid of at one time. And one year, that person doesn't work in the office at all. So always, the Assistant Chief Deputy has been the one who has been the lead person in that office. You don't need two leads. And besides that, this is a split political office with equal number of Democrats and Republicans, and if you give \$10 to one person, you're going to be giving it to one political party, and I disagree with that, also. I think that that's an unfair advantage. And the other thing is, is that it makes it extremely hard when that person is gone to ask someone to do that job when they're not getting paid to do it. The person who is in charge is the Assistant Chief Deputy of Elections and when she's not available, the County Clerk should take over. So I don't think this is a necessary expenditure.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you, Marsha, and I agree, if you've been in that side of things before, so I'll vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Ditto. No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: No.

(Motion fails 0-6/Councilmembers Tornatta, Sutton, Abell, Goebel, Raben & Winnecke opposed)

FILING DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

President Winnecke: Okay, two last pieces of business before us. One, our filing deadline for the November 1st meeting is October 12th.

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF THE ENHANCED
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FEE
NO. CO.R.-10-06-020**

President Winnecke: Also, you have before you a resolution. If you'll recall, back in the beginning of the year, this body voted on a four to three vote to increase the monthly 911 fee to \$.95. We have not decided how to allocate the funds. The resolution that is presented before you is a proposal to distribute the funds as such. If the county, meaning Vanderburgh County, would retain 35 cents, which we presently retain, 25 cents would be allocated to the city of Evansville, and 35 cents will be allocated to fund capital improvements at the Central Dispatch Center. Its also noted in here for clarification, the county receives the wireless monies that come in. That would remain the same. Presently, this is funded two-thirds one-third. Two-thirds by the city, one-third by the county. So at this time, Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Would you please talk about the relationship with the city and their approval and maybe what your conversation with the Mayor has been over this process?

President Winnecke: Off and on over the last several months, literally since last January, we've had discussions with various members of the Central Dispatch Board. I sit on that board along with Commissioner Musgrave. They do have – Central Dispatch has a laundry list of capital improvements that it needs to move forward on which is one of the reasons I am bringing this to the floor today because it does need to make plans. You know, there's a lot of talk about how to distribute this. I think the city is comfortable with this. The good news, I think, from both the city and county's perspective is, that we both enjoy relief by setting aside money for capital improvement. In past years, we'd have to dig into that fund which we would also pay for, pays for our share of the funding of it for capital improvements. This sets aside, you know, what will be in the neighborhood of over 400,000 a year to fund capital improvements. The city is pleased with it because they enjoy the same relief in terms of future capital expenditures and clearly would appreciate the 25 cents that they have never received. In fact, in my opinion, we fund one-third and they fund two-thirds of it, we still get the lion's share of the 911 fee, so that's –

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I'd offer a motion to accept the resolution as it has been structured and presented before us. And I think you've already elaborated upon some of the key features with this. The county's position does not change in terms of the income that is received and then as well, the future planning requirements with the equipment are well taken care of, so I make a motion that we approve it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Do we have other discussion or questions? Mr. Goebel, and then we'll come around.

Councilmember Goebel: And this will allow Vanderburgh County taxpayers to have no increase, is that correct? Property tax increase, I mean, and it will also allow

Vanderburgh County residents who live within the city to have maybe a little bit of relief from property tax increase, is that your understanding?

President Winnecke: Theoretically, if you are talking about the city of Evansville, theoretically, the city of Evansville would spend less property tax money to fund its two-thirds share of the operation. That is correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, I think it's a good resolution then.

Councilmember Raben: I needed to clarify a few numbers. First, it'd like to address Councilman Goebel's first question. No, this resolution would not offer any further relief on the property tax side. In fact, the county's share of 911 is almost 995,000. This fund annually, at the rate of 35 cents, generates 335,000 for the county, so the property tax is picking up the balance of that, approximately 600,000. I am not supportive of this resolution for the simple matter that I'm elected on the county board, not the City Council. And my favoritism goes towards County Council and County residents. So I think that the split should maybe be looked at differently. I think its very important that we look at improving things that are at the center. I know we went through a lengthy production on the capital improvements that are needed and I think that what was prepared was approximately – was it \$10,000,000 in capital? So 400,000 really doesn't get you very far. So I would like this board to consider upping the capital instead of 35 cents, to possibly 50, and throwing another 15 cents into the county's portion.

President Winnecke: Just one thought. Actually, the county does enjoy 3 to 400,000 in revenue from the wireless funds that come, that are channeled through the state, so the balance is not 600,000 from the general fund.

Councilmember Raben: But it's a tax that belongs within the county. Potāto, potāto – a tax is a tax. It belongs to the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Sutton: The city is in the county. And so when we kind of look at how it should be distributed and which governing body should get, you know, for the last several years, the county has gotten 35 cents off of this particular levy here. Our position really has not changed, but I think what we are attempting to do is, equitably across the board, since this is a joint city/county office, is ensuring that the cost that we have, that they're being offset. The accounts that the city has, attempting to offset that, so I don't see it as only trying to protect one body as opposed to the other. I see it, on the whole, we're trying to be equitable and then preserve for good planning purposes when we look at the capital improvement side.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, but at the rate of 400,000, if there's \$10,000,000 in improvements, by the time you begin making the improvements, before you're finished, the initial ones are going to need to be improved upon again. I think this whole thing was created based on the need, the sense of urgency for updating and upgrading equipment and what have you at the center. So, you know, I think if that was what our true interest was when we increased the tax, and believe me, there's a lot of taxpayers that aren't happy about the increased phone tax, so I think if our real intent for increasing that tax was to make improvements at the center, at it was stated that it wasn't about offsetting the city's budget, then we need to allocate more funds for what we told the taxpayers was the reason we were increasing the tax.

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, I think one of the reasons we're trying to upgrade that tax was – or fee, Mr. Raben, fee – was to make sure that we offset the running of that institution as opposed to putting more tax dollars into it. And I think you're

finding that across the counties, across other states, that they're trying to get away from more property tax based issues and try and move it more into fee based issues where the fees are actually taking care of an office. And I think that, a pie in the sky would be, we would try to get the fee put at a level much like we do in certain other offices and areas that it would cover the running and the feasibility of that office. But the one thing that I don't want to see is the county get hit with, to come out of the pocket, 6 - 8, a million dollars in order to take care of something that drastically needs to be improved at that center. And so, possibly by setting some monies back, by only making a small disparity and hitting our county taxpayers in a small way, we will prevent it from being hit in a big way if we have to do something large on a capital scale.

Councilmember Raben: And that's my point, I don't think we're putting, again, we sold this to the public, to the taxpayers that we were increasing this fee because of all the capital improvement projects. I don't think it was ever conveyed to them that we were also going to use it to offset the city's budget. So, again, I don't think we're putting enough in for capital improvements. We said that's why we were increasing the fee, we need to, at least make it worthwhile, we need to throw more money at what we said we were doing. And by the same token, I think we need to throw a little bit on the county side.

Councilmember Tornatta: But the other issue in this was we wanted to make sure that we had the city in the fold because the city can always not opt to work with the county on this issue, and I think right now, we have two groups that have negotiated a fee by which they can live with. And at that point, we have the city actually assisting us with some issues on this particular fund where we might not have if we say, okay, we're taking all the dollars and the people inside the city have to pay double tax for this type of fee. You know, Royce said, we want to try and make it equitable across the board and I think by, in talking with the Mayor and talking with the City Council Finance Chair, that was very much in their eyes, they think that they are giving some, we know that we're giving some, but in turn, we are trying to spread it out as much as possible. And I think we're still getting the wireless, we end up in a pretty nice situation. And probably not too far from where we've been in the past.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel, and then we'll come back around.

Councilmember Goebel: I think we discussed it earlier, but for every land-based line in the county, its going to be a \$7.80 a year increase, is that correct, for the 911 fee? I think everyone is in agreement that how necessary 911 must be funded, and this is not going to increase property taxes for anyone in Vanderburgh County. So I think we're going to have the funds in place and maybe the major projects of the 911 center won't be all funded at once, but we can phase those in, I would think, with 400,000 a year. So I still think it's a good program or a good idea.

President Winnecke: Jim, did you want to say anything else?

Councilmember Raben: No, again, I want to make sure my point is clear. I think we're under funding the capital side and again, I think we owe it to the people, this is how we sold it. We didn't sell it that we were doing anything other than making capital improvements. So I think we need to re-distribute these funds, reallocate them other than what's on this resolution.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell, did you have a comment?

Councilmember Abell: I have a question. If a business has 20 lines that come in, do

they pay 20 times that?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Abell: Okay. Thanks.

President Winnecke: Anyone else? Roll call vote please. Just for clarification, that's already, that vote was made, to your point, the increase was already approved. Just for clarification.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I vote yes for this fee allocation.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Raben opposed)

President Winnecke: Any other business to come before us? Oh, and if everyone would sign the resolution before they leave. And again, to keep Mr. Wortman in your thoughts and prayers. And we'll stand adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 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
NOVEMBER 1, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 1st day of November in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the November 1st meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll dispense with the traditional attendance roll call and I'd ask that our Recording Secretary note for the record that Councilmembers Tornatta, Sutton, Abell, Goebel, Raben and Winnecke are present. Saturday marked the passing of our colleague and friend, Curt Wortman. As a special tribute to Curt, who was widely recognized as either the Mayor of Darmstadt or the Ambassador of Darmstadt, we have a special guest with us today to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Joining us is 17 year old Eagle Scout, Eric Schmitt. Eric is from Boy Scout Troop 350 from Scott Township. Eric, would you please approach the podium and lead us in Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Winnecke: Thank you, Eric. Curt was a faithful and energetic public servant for 28 years. He possessed a genuine zeal for lean budgets. His conservative nature was no put-on, and he usually didn't mind razing those of us who didn't always buy into his point of view. His pencil was always sharp and his wit always sharper. Curt was naturally good natured and easily made friends of Republicans and Democrats alike. In fact, he frequently bragged about being the president of this body one year when the Democrats had the majority. And he was quick to remind many of us about the really tough times in funding county government before the days of riverboat income, option income tax revenue and food and beverage tax. I know that Curt counted among his army of friends, many of you who are here this morning. He relished coming to this building either for Area Plan Commission or County Council. He had a special passion for the County Highway Garage and the dedicated workers there. He enjoyed occasional political sparring and didn't mind showing his independence from time to time. He truly did embrace public service. At this time, I'd like to – is Commissioner Musgrave here? Yes, thank you, Cheryl. At this time, I'd like to introduce Commission President Cheryl Musgrave who has a special recognition for Curt.

Cheryl Musgrave: Thank you, President Winnecke. I have a proclamation.

Whereas Curt Wortman served seven consecutive terms as a Vanderburgh County Councilman, an event unprecedented in recent history, and

Whereas Curt Wortman gave nearly three decades of his life to serving the citizens of Vanderburgh County by providing leadership in government, and

Whereas Curt Wortman represented his constituents and the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County well and to the best of his ability, and

Whereas Curt Wortman contributed to the nation through his service in the U.S. Air Force and the community through his involvement in many organizations, and

Whereas Curt Wortman passed away on Saturday, October 28th, 2006,

Therefore, in honor of this dedicated public servant, Wednesday, November 1st, 2006 is herewith proclaimed as Curt Wortman Day in Vanderburgh County, Indiana.

And I will be presenting this to the Commission for all three signatures at our next meeting in a couple of weeks, but I wanted to share this with you here today.

President Winnecke: Thank you very much. We appreciate the gesture. Also joining us this morning is Bill Phelps, a longtime friend of Curt's, who asked that he be allowed to say a few words on behalf of our departed friend.

Bill Phelps: Thank you, President Winnecke and all the Councilmembers. It's a pleasure for me to be here and I should say, to start with, its nice of the Courier to tell what a good group you are. Curt and I were very close friends, as those of you that went to the funeral yesterday knew. I was one of his golfing buddies. We played golf once or more a week and I learned a lot about Curt. I've been a neighbor and a friend for over 50 years. I lived right across the road from Curt and we went to the same church, we belonged to a lot of the same organizations, and so forth. But during our golfing days, his closeness with the money was a very big thing. We had to stop almost every hole that had a lake for him to look for balls. He normally would just hold everything up for that and when his cell phone rang. His cell phone was very important to him. He ran his business on his cell phone and he also did a lot of county work on his cell phone. I can tell you when someone called him about county business, we had to just stop and wait until he got ready to leave again and then we'd play on. But in all the things he did, I want to tell you one thing about Curt, he was always ready for budget time. His closeness with the money was very important to him. So I can tell you, golf came second when it came to budget time. Normally, we played around 8 o'clock in the morning, but on budget time, if you arranged your meetings in the afternoon or morning or whatever, if they were in the morning, we played at 2 in the afternoon. He would never shirk his duty as a County Councilman. He loved his work and he thought Council work was very important to the county. And I think that's where he got his coined name, taxpayer's friend. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Phelps. The city of Evansville and Vanderburgh County have greatly benefitted from Curt's service because, above all, he loved his community. Before we get to the business at hand today, I think its appropriate that we observe a moment of silence for a committed and principled public servant.

(A moment of silence was observed in honor of Councilmember Wortman)

President Winnecke: Thank you.

<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OCTOBER 4, 2006</p>
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President Winnecke: At this time, I would consider a motion to approve the minutes from our October 4th meeting.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

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 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

CLERK

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

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda, under County Clerk, 1010-2600 Office Supplies in the amount of \$15,000; 1010-3603 Record Storage for \$25,000, for a total request of \$40,000. 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: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-2600	Office Supplies	15,000.00	15,000.00
1010-3603	Record Storage	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total		40,000.00	40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Treasurer, 1030-3610 Legal Service \$3,500, I will 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: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-3610	Legal Services	3,500.00	3,500.00
Total		3,500.00	3,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Sheriff, 1050-2230 Garage & Motors \$25,000, 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 Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2230	Garage & Motors	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total		25,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Under Jail, 1051-2240 Medical \$24,500, 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: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2240	Medical	24,500.00	24,500.00
Total		24,500.00	24,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Burdette Park 1450-3200 Utilities for \$25,000, 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: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-3200	Utilities	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total		25,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Council, we have a request for Accrued Payments in the amount of 26,510, FICA 2,029, Sheriff’s Retirement 1,856, and Consultant for \$4,300, for a total request of 34,695. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1971	Accrued Payments	26,510.00	26,510.00
1480-1900	FICA	2,029.00	2,029.00
1480-1911	Sheriff's Retirement	1,856.00	1,856.00
1480-3460	Consultant	4,300.00	4,300.00
Total		34,695.00	34,695.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

Councilmember Raben: Local Drug Free Community, for a total request of \$40,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

President Winnecke: Yes.

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

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Councilmember Raben: Convention & Visitors Bureau, 3570-3550 Repairs to Buildings and Grounds for a total of \$50,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Councilmember Raben: Just one quick comment, Mr. President. I had requested last week some information on what these funds were being spent on and I want to thank Marilee for supplying that information.

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.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3570-3550	Repairs to Bldg. & Grounds	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total		50,000.00	50,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUESTS

**SHERIFF
JAIL**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under General Fund repeals, we have the Sheriff and the Jail, the Sheriff in the amount of \$30,510; under Jail, for a total of \$49,500. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0019	Lieutenant	9,400.00	9,400.00
1050-1130-0056	Deputy Sheriff	21,110.00	21,110.00
Total		30,510.00	30,510.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1130-0301	Detention Officer	1,400.00	1,400.00
1051-1130-0316	Detention Officer	300.00	300.00
1051-1130-0324	Detention Officer	1,000.00	1,000.00

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1051-1130-0328	Detention Officer	1,000.00	1,000.00
1051-1130-0335	Detention Officer	3,100.00	3,100.00
1051-1130-0337	Detention Officer	4,000.00	4,000.00
1051-1130-0346	Detention Officer	2,300.00	2,300.00
1051-1130-0352	Detention Officer	1,700.00	1,700.00
1051-1130-0353	Detention Officer	1,900.00	1,900.00
1051-1130-0354	Detention Officer	1,700.00	1,700.00
1051-1130-0355	Detention Officer	1,700.00	1,700.00
1051-1130-0356	Detention Officer	1,700.00	1,700.00
1051-1130-0357	Detention Officer	1,700.00	1,700.00
1051-1130-0358	Detention Officer	2,200.00	2,200.00
1051-1130-0359	Detention Officer	1,700.00	1,700.00
1051-1130-0360	Detention Officer	1,700.00	1,700.00
1051-1130-0361	Detention Officer	2,900.00	2,900.00
1051-1130-0362	Detention Officer	2,700.00	2,700.00
1051-1130-0368	Jail Clerk	4,500.00	4,500.00
1051-1130-0370	Jail Clerk	2,600.00	2,600.00
1051-1130-0403	Nurse	3,100.00	3,100.00
1051-1130-0407	EMT	4,600.00	4,600.00
Total		49,500.00	49,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

- CLERK**
JAIL
CIRCUIT COURT
LOCAL ROADS & STREETS
CIRCUIT CT. SUPPLEMENTAL
THE CENTRE (LATE)

SHERIFF
ASSESSOR
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
REASSESS./PIGEON ASSESSOR
SUPERIOR COURT (LATE)
SUPERIOR CT. SUPPLEMENT (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Under Transfers, first County Clerk, we have one correction, the bottom account should be 1010-1500-1010, and it should read Collection Clerk/Misdemeanor, and if you'll turn to page four, at the bottom under Assessor account 1090-1180-1090 Network Supervisor is where we're going to start. The first three accounts are correct, but the last account 1090-1972 Level II Certification, the correct amount is \$67, for a total transfer of \$6,143. Page five under Local Roads & Streets, –

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, could you go back and repeat that please?

Councilmember Raben: It was actually one correction on that. It's the bottom line

1090-1972, the correct amount is \$67.

President Winnecke: And are you reducing one of the previous lines by a like amount?

Councilmember Raben: No, I did not. I can take that off of Office Supplies.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Is that okay if we take it off of Office Supplies?

President Winnecke: That's fine.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let me get this figured.

Councilmember Sutton: You just need to take 183 off of that.

Councilmember Raben: Take 183 off of that.

President Winnecke: Off of Office Supplies. Has someone done that math already?

Councilmember Raben: \$1,957.

Councilmember Sutton: I've got \$1,857.

Councilmember Raben: Let's go with 1,857.

President Winnecke: Its that new math.

Councilmember Sutton: And you're the – which chair are you?

Councilmember Raben: Again, the correction is 1090-1972 Level II Certification for \$67.

President Winnecke: Jim, can you turn your microphone on?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and then let's move to page five, Local Roads & Streets, the first account 2160-2230 Garage & Motors, the correct figure is \$13,000, which means you also change 2160-4310, Road Equipment in the amount of 13,000. That's the only corrections for the transfers and at this time I'm going to move that we approve all transfers with the corrections that's been stated as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: 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: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1150-1010	Asst. Chief Deputy/Misd.	655.00	655.00
To: 1010-1430-1010	M/T License Susp. Order Book Clerk	335.00	335.00
1010-1500-1010	Collection Clerk/Misd.	320.00	320.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0006	Lieutenant	1,400.00	1,400.00
1050-1130-0011	Sergeant	800.00	800.00
1050-1130-0036	Deputy Sheriff	27,000.00	27,000.00
1050-1130-0040	Deputy Sheriff	4,800.00	4,800.00
1050-1130-0055	Deputy Sheriff	300.00	300.00
1050-1130-0056	Deputy Sheriff	8,200.00	8,200.00
1050-1130-0076	Deputy Sheriff	5,300.00	5,300.00
1050-1130-0094	Deputy Sheriff	22,800.00	22,800.00
1050-1130-0099	Deputy Sheriff	400.00	400.00
1050-1130-0207	Clerk Typist	1,000.00	1,000.00
1050-1130-0209	Clerk Typist	1,400.00	1,400.00
1050-1130-0213	Process Server	500.00	500.00
1050-1130-0214	Process Server	2,500.00	2,500.00
1050-1130-0215	Property Mgmt. Clerk	2,800.00	2,800.00
1050-1130-0216	Post Command Receptionist	600.00	600.00
1050-1130-0230	Court Screener	1,700.00	1,700.00

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1050-1130-0231	Post Command Receptionist	500.00	500.00
To: 1050-1300	Overtime	82,000.00	82,000.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0306	Detention Officer	7,300.00	7,300.00
1051-1130-0308	Detention Officer	8,600.00	8,600.00
1051-1130-0314	Detention Officer	5,600.00	5,600.00
1051-1130-0321	Detention Officer	14,900.00	14,900.00
1051-1130-0322	Detention Officer	8,500.00	8,500.00
1051-1130-0325	Detention Officer	5,700.00	5,700.00
1051-1130-0338	Clerk-Typist	6,800.00	6,800.00
1051-1130-0408	EMT	5,600.00	5,600.00
To: 1051-1850	Union Overtime	63,000.00	63,000.00

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1090-3530	Contractual Services	2,911.00	2,911.00
1090-2700	Other Supplies	1,375.00	1,375.00
1090-2600	Office Supplies	2,040.00	1,857.00
To: 1090-1180-1090	Network Supervisor	5,316.00	5,316.00
1090-1900	FICA	426.00	426.00
1090-1910	PERF	334.00	334.00
1090-1972	Level II Certification	250.00	67.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	600.00	600.00
1360-3723	Psych. Evaluations	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 1360-3944	Special Reporter	1,600.00	1,600.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-2000	Materials	42,000.00	42,000.00
To: 2030-4250	Misc. Equipment	42,000.00	42,000.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2160-2230	Garage & Motor	13,000.00	13,000.00
To: 2160-4310	Road Equipment	13,000.00	13,000.00

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

From: 2490-1150-3372	Computer Software	2,500.00	2,500.00
2490-1150-3520	Equipment Repair	550.00	550.00
2490-1150-3410	Printing	1,800.00	1,800.00
2490-1150-2820	Red & Blue Books	400.00	400.00
To: 2490-1150-3371	Computer Hardware	3,850.00	3,850.00
2490-1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	400.00	400.00
2490-1150-2600	Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00

CIRCUIT COURT
SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2600-3620	Copy Machine Lease	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 2600-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00	2,000.00

LATE TRANSFERS

SUPERIOR COURT **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1370-3720	Lab Test	1,000.00	1,000.00
1370-1410-1370	Probation Officer	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 1370-1990	Extra Help	1,000.00	1,000.00
1370-1440-1370	Probation Officer	1,000.00	1,000.00

THE CENTRE **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1440-3955	Operating Loss & Management Fee	21,150.00	21,150.00
To: 1440-1850	Union Overtime	15,000.00	15,000.00
1440-1910	PERF	5,000.00	5,000.00
1440-1900	FICA	1,150.00	1,150.00

**SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL
ADULT PROBATION****REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 2620-3930	Other Contractual	344.00	344.00
To: 2620-1910	PERF	344.00	344.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

Councilmember Raben: Next we have amendments to the Salary Ordinance. First under County Council, I move that we amend salary line 1480-1971 Accrued Payments as previously approved. Under County Clerk, salary line 1010-1430 M/T License Suspension Order Book Clerk as transfer previously approved. The current employee is a COMOT IV, Step 4 with an annual salary of \$29,230. I also move that we amend salary line 1010-1500 Collection Clerk/Misdemeanor as transfer previously approved. This current employee is a COMOT IV, Step 3 with an annual salary of \$27,898. Under Sheriff, I move that we amend salary line 1050-1300 Overtime as previously approved. Under Jail, salary line 1051-1850 Union Overtime as previously approved. Under County Assessor, salary line 1090-1180 Network Supervisor as previously approved. This will be for an employee filing the position as a PAT IV, Step 2 with an annual salary of \$33,543. Salary line 1090-1972 Level II Certification as previously approved, and set in at \$67. This will be payment for a period of 11-13 through 12/31 of '06. Superior Court salary line 1370-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. Salary line 1370-1440 Probation Officer as previously approved. Under The Centre, salary line 1440-1850 Union Overtime as previously approved. Under Prosecutor, amend salary ordinance allowing Adult Protective Services to pay a part-time Investigator at the rate of \$16 per hour. The funds for this account are from the state grant. And that's all I have, Mr. President, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, in that motion that you just did, was there something included from the – because we had an item in our packet from the Prosecuting Attorney's office, regarding this part time? Was that in there?

Councilmember Raben: That was made in the amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Alright.

President Winnecke: Any other business to come before us at this time?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, did you want to make any mention of those health care changes?

President Winnecke: Go right ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: I'll make mention of it. Councilman Winnecke and Commissioner Musgrave and Gary Heck from the Health Department – there's one other person who was involved with discussions that we had about trying to find some more effective and efficient ways regarding the county's health insurance as the cost continues to rise each year. And the committee has met over the last oh, three months or so, looking at some options with our carrier on that, and came back with what we felt like were some really good options and those should have been communicated out to all county employees this week with, rather than a three tier, but with a four-tier program, which will benefit a lot of employees reducing some of their out-of-pocket costs for those who don't have, maybe those who aren't in the mode that I'm in right now, with larger families and all. But also, its really a net savings to the county. The last estimates that we had received on that, that the savings was going to be somewhere in between 120,000 to \$350,000, which is a tremendous savings to the county. And that goes back into, back to the county and to the property taxpayers pockets, rather than being spent on that, just with some real efficiencies there. So great work on Councilman Winnecke's side and the other committee members who were involved with that in bringing savings back to the county, but also benefits back to the county with the health plan options that were offered. So right now, there is, I guess we're in the open enrollment period, so please take advantage of the opportunity to really look over the changes that have been made to the county health insurance.

President Winnecke: Thank you. And also, we need to throw an accolade to Tony Flittner, of Torian Hofmann Dillow & Flittner, who was very instrumental and turned around a lot of information in short order. Any other business to come before us? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I think we ought to recognize that Judge Carl Heldt, who

has used the Supplemental Adult Probation user fees and has used those very wisely to run some of the things in the judicial side of the branch, has brought us \$100,000 in the user fees to put back in the county general fund toward computer information and technology personnel. So any time an officeholder brings that type of money, I think we ought to recognize them for doing a good job and also for helping to save a little tax dollars. Thanks.

President Winnecke: Great point. That was a point that was agreed to during the budget hearings and its great to see that memo today. Any other business or points of discussion before we adjourn? Hearing none, we stand adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Marsha Abell

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Tom Shetler

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2006**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th day of December in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the December 6 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll begin with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton		X
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Abell	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 NOVEMBER 1, 2006

President Winnecke: Before we get to the business at hand, I'd like to welcome Councilman Shetler who begins his first meeting with us today. Welcome. Mr. Tornatta will be – he has one more meeting with us, our Personnel & Finance Committee meeting for January will be next week, so that will be his last meeting. Anyway, at this time I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our November 1st meeting.

Councilmember Abell: 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 Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I think perhaps I should abstain since I wasn't a part of the meeting.

President Winnecke: Okay, that's fine.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion approved 5-0/Councilmember Shetler abstained from vote)

TRANSFER REQUEST

JAIL PROJECT

President Winnecke: Okay, at this time we'll begin with the appropriation ordinance and appropriation requests, and turn it over to Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. Do you wish to move on to the sally port project? Do you want to hear the presentation first or –

President Winnecke: Yes, that would be great.

Councilmember Raben: Before I make a motion?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Bill Nix: Good morning. I appreciate everybody's time this morning. Hopefully, we won't take up but just a few minutes. I'm Bill Nix, County Commissioner. With me this morning is Judge Heldt and Judge Pigman, from the Sheriff's Department, Major Wedding, Lieutenant Klaser and Sergeant Martin. And let me just give you a brief overview and then we'll get into just a small presentation. About six months ago, Dave Rector and myself sat down and met. We talked about some different things: one is the old jail space and future plans for that along with how we would handle transporting and holding inmates from the jail. And presently, we're using cells 21, 22 and 23. Over the last, like I say, six months, we've talked about a lot of different possibilities, scenarios and that. We have hired a consultant or actually an engineering firm to look at and actually put together specifications for the demolition of the old jail which would include all the cells and basically just gut the area out for build down. After a meeting with the judges and I think James Raben, Councilman Raben, was in a few of the meetings early on, there was some discussion about either utilizing cells 21, 22 and 23 or possibly building a new holding facility over adjacent to the court building and then abandoning the idea of using these holding cells at all. We've tossed this back and forth. We've looked at it and it's just not feasible that we can see to use the existing facility under the circumstances with some security issues. So I'm going to turn this over to Sergeant Martin, he's got a small presentation and then I think Major Wedding will say a few things and Dave

Rector has got a few comments then.

Dave Wedding: Good morning. I'm Dave Wedding. I'm a major with the Sheriff's office assigned as a jail commander since July 2004. Each of you has a pack of information that basically shows the last seven days, how many inmates have been in custody and then we'll talk about how many inmates we transport to and from court. In the month of October, we transported 1,219 people from the Vanderburgh County jail to our courts. In the month of November, we transported 1,014 inmates to court as well. Taking the holidays in November and just kind of figuring it out, its about 53 inmates per day, on average, is about what we're bringing from the jail to court each day. Included in that, now we're going to add inmates that are taken into custody from the courts each day, quite often somebody comes in and the judge places them into our custody, so we're bringing back probably six or eight more each day. We're doing video arraignments at the jail as everybody knows, and each month those numbers are rising. We started in July with about 192 people attending a video arraignment, and in November we did 337 inmates. I think everyone here knows that the arrest numbers are not going down. We're probably bringing in 11,000 plus people per year. The issues we have is basically loading and unloading inmates in an unsecured area which we feel is not safe for our employees. Its not safe for the inmates. Presently we're unloading in an area that is now occupied by the Evansville Police Department. When we left the jail back in January this year, the Evansville Police Department took over the existing administrative offices of the Sheriff's office. When we pull our buses in and vans, quite often, members of the EPD vehicles are coming in and out of their office areas. They have parking spaces there, we have foot and vehicular traffic in and out which causes problems with our deputies as we unload inmates. Its safety issues and Sergeant Martin will show you some still photos and video of just what we're talking about. At any time, a person can come up and they see the deputies unloading prisoners, they may have questions of how to get to a court or a building in the Civic Center and walk right up on our deputies while they are trying to unload prisoners. We feel that's kind of a time when we need to be in a sterile environment and we have inmates that are in for serious charges. Most recently, Tom Schiro, and he's been given a 40 year sentence in Circuit Court for some rapes and this is a gentleman that thought he was going to be seeing the light of day next year. And now he's spending some more time in jail in prison. This can be dangerous because he may think, you know, I'm going to try to escape. I'm going to try to get somebody from the outside to help me escape. We have a fairly consistent pattern bringing inmates to the Vanderburgh County courts because they start pretty much the same time every day in the mornings and afternoons, so there is a pattern there. If a person thought, hey, I'm going to ambush the Sheriff's office today when they unload the bus, there's plenty of areas there to hide that are just unsecured and we can't do anything about that given the present state. From the EPD standpoint, not that that's a huge issue, but when we're loading and unloading, we certainly block their access in and out of their own facility. We don't want them pulling in and getting out while we've got a large bus, you know, a bus that transports 40 inmates. Along with that bus, we usually bring at least one or two vans that might transport an additional ten people per vehicle. Another issue, we would like to think that we would have our inmates unloaded in close proximity to the courts. Presently when we unload, we have to walk through what used to be the old booking area of the Evansville Police Department. The inmates are shuffled up into the second floor of the old jail. At that point, they are unhandcuffed and sent across the bridge and then staged over in the courts building. The room over in the court's building is a little bit less to be desired with the number of inmates we put in there. And I would think with today's standards we probably wouldn't be allowed to hold as many inmates as we do in that particular holding area. So it takes a little bit of extra time unloading the inmates and then

shuffling them all the way across the bridge to court and then repeating the process as they leave the building. In inclement weather, the inmates are coming on and off the bus and in the vans and everyone knows in Evansville we have snow and ice conditions. The inmates are stepping out of a bus and there's a little bit of distance between the steps and the pavement, we feel there is always a chance of an inmate slipping and hurting themselves and/or a deputy sheriff even slipping and falling as well during this process. The area designed by the Building Authority would allow better separation for inmates once they're over in court. Quite often, we have inmates here to testify against another inmate that's charged with a crime. When this happens, it creates a little bit of a problem for our staff trying to figure out where we're going to put four or five inmates that have to be separated throughout a trial or hearings. The design Dave Rector showed us, it would give us ample space to keep inmates separated during and before trials. Probably one of the most important features with the enclosed sally port is when we pull in, you'd have a door close, and just like our sally port at the jail, the inmates, should they get out and think they're going to escape, there's nowhere to go. Right now, and you're going to see on the video that Sergeant Martin shows, as the inmates get out, they're going to look and walk out and they can see open air. They can see areas that, if they chose to take off and run, we would have trouble keeping up with all of them. And once again, we are under a time constraint because the judges, they want their inmates in court. So we're trying to get a lot of inmates in a short period of time. And once again, with the jail located there it is, the court is located down here, and we're going to have this problem you know for quite some time. What we're trying to do is get a sally port that the bus and our vans can pull in, we secure the area, it becomes sterile and then the inmates are unloaded and they're in close proximity to the holding cells before they go into court. We know, if you look at your sheets here, that we probably average maybe 492 people in custody per day and these numbers are not going down, they're staying pretty constant and that's been just about the case since we opened the jail in January. We were holding about 330 inmates in the old Vanderburgh County jail. Once we opened up, we went to the various Sheriff's offices around the state and picked up an additional 130. So once we occupied the building and got our inmates we were at about 460 at that time in early February. That's about all for my presentation. And basically, you know, we're here for the safety, security and the efficiency of our office moving inmates. And everyone knows that's a very volatile time for all of us. Anybody have any questions of me?

President Winnecke: I think it would be good if we got to see the presentation, then we might double back and ask some questions. Thank you. Appreciate it.

Jim Martin: Good morning, my name is Sergeant Jim Martin. I'm with the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's office, Sheriff's Deputy. It's a pleasure actually to be with you today to be a part of this presentation. Over the last couple of years I have been involved with Mr. Rector in renovating and providing some security information to them of the existing courthouse. And it's a project that I've enjoyed doing. I've liked seeing the changes that we've had and this is just another step in the security issues that we have to deal with. As Major Wedding stated, the three things that we want to deal with today are issues regarding the security, safety and efficiency of the movement of inmates to and from the confinement center into the Vanderburgh County courts. It's a function that we do, you know, five days out of the week. Its, as Major Wedding said, it's a factor that is a pattern that we're going to continue to see and the citizens of Vanderburgh County certainly know what actions that we take to get these inmates down here. Currently some of the pictures that you're going to see, this is a picture taken yesterday morning, about a half hour, forty -five minutes before the bus even arrived, and you can see that some of the parking spaces are not filled yet. These are the spaces that the Evansville Police Department are

currently using. And as you see throughout the transition of the slides through this presentation, that it starts to become congested, especially at the time that we are unloading the prisoners. Certainly when we're loading them up before the noon hour to come back, you know, this is the Civic Center, it is the Police Department, its an area of business for a lot of employees, so, you know, this is the area that we're talking about. It certainly is an open area that you'll notice on the video that inmates take account of. Our options that we have right now, we have the prisoner vans that we use and they simply back up to the door. That doesn't seem like that much of a space, but it still is certainly an open area that inmates are exposed to potential escape routes. The other option that we have is the 40 passenger prisoner bus. It certainly is a tight squeeze coming in. Any vehicles as you can see in this next slide that would not be pulled up all the way, is a factor for the drivers of that bus, for the deputies that are bringing those prisoners. And we have to constantly make sure that area is open and accessible for that bus to come into. And as you can see that the overhang, although the bus, you know, pulls up right next to it, we certainly don't want to impede any of the structural features of that sally port, the pillars that support that flooring. Its probably about a 20 or 30 foot distance between the exit of the bus to the door to the old booking lobby area. This is how the prisoners come off every day and this picture doesn't adequately show what the issues that we're talking about, but you can see, you know, we would be to the east of that driveway area, that is open area straight to the back of the courthouse to the post office, across the street from the federal court building. You know, these are things that we have to take in account, you know, to the west what would be behind this picture from the angle that I took it, another open area out to Martin Luther King Boulevard. Its open areas that on a bright sunny day, you can't help but look and see that day of light, that, you know, would provide an avenue for a prisoner should they choose to use it or if they bring the fight to us and we have to defend ourselves in this kind of environment, we are exposed to whatever comes at us. This is currently where we have to park the bus, although its not an issue of public safety, its certainly parked legally, it could be considered an eyesore, it's a vehicle parked on the street, but this bus is exposed to the public during the hours that courts are running. We don't keep an armed guard on the bus at all hours. The bus is certainly susceptible to any sort of ill intent that someone wanted to come and inflict on that. With the enclosed sally port, that bus would stay inside the entire time and keep that a sterile environment. You know, we do security checks, we sweep the bus before we load and unload prisoners. It would be a lot more calming if we didn't have to move that from a sterile environment. And again, from the point that I had mentioned earlier where they're looking at that daylight, this is the angle that those inmates are seeing as they leave that bus. That's a pretty good view. The entrance coming in is guarded by some certain barriers of walls and the line of sight to daylight isn't near as promoted as it is right here. This is the view that they have coming off that bus. Where you see the van in the picture, that's where the bus would have unloaded, so again, its just a different angle for you to see how much space, you know, that sally port has served us well for the last 30 - 40 years, but now its more of a hindrance to us as we unload and load prisoners. Before I go into the next slide, I'm going to show a video. Again, yesterday, we just shot video so you have kind of a bird's eye view of what takes place on the loading and unloading of prisoners. And it will give you a good idea of what the prisoner might be looking at. And I want you to pay particular attention when the inmates are coming off the bus, watch their face movement. To the average citizen, it might not be that big of a deal, but to law enforcement, its one of the first things I'd point out reviewing the video, is every time that inmate comes off the bus, they're looking left and right. To me, that's a problem because they're seeing what our situation is and, you know, potentially forming a plan. Maybe not for today, maybe not for tomorrow, or even next week, but the more that they come down to court and it could be five, six or more times, they're formulating a plan.

We've stopped escape plans before. You know, we get information from other inmates and we go do a shakedown of their cell and we see layouts of a dentist's office, layouts of where bushes are surrounding the court area. So we know that they do this because we've seen it in the past. **(Video begins)** You can see there as the vans or bus are pulling in, its certainly a radius that the bus has to take to make that turn. Its sufficiently trained and go through the D.O.T. bus requirements to be able to operate the bus, but its still, they take a couple of deep breaths before they pull that bus in. We kind of use that van as a gauntlet to bring those prisoners in. The van is not always there. If we have just one busload, we might not utilize the vans, but when it is, it serves as a gauntlet for us that we use that to our advantage. As we see, you know, the bus pulls up, there are two exits on that bus, the front one is for the driver only. The inmates are separated by a secure gate halfway between the bus that we can separate inmates if we have to, if we have to separate based on their gender. This particular day yesterday, the van was used for the transport of the females because we didn't have a normal break for the bus. The bus had 40 passengers on it yesterday, so we took over 40 prisoners to court just yesterday. They take the prisoners off about ten at a time, we have two deputies on the bus and then the deputies that are in the van, that assist us from the court security that come and help, you know, we might have two or three deputies taking ten prisoners at a time handcuffed and shackled. And when you see when we change, we'll actually follow the inmates in and you kind of see what kind of area that we have to deal with. And notice in the background, obviously you see some of the officers that were a part of this, but these are Evansville Police Officers coming to work. We can't shut down what they do down, certainly we've had people come in before that have no business being in that area, you know, the "DO NOT ENTER" or "AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY" signs, there are signs and people do come in there. They pull in thinking it's the post office, looking for the drop boxes, you know, even yesterday, the officers were coming up, you know, what are you guys doing? We're doing the same thing we do every other day. Police vehicles are trying to utilize their parking spots. And watch these faces as they come off, they're looking left, they look right. To me, that's an issue. I want to know what they're thinking about. Are they noticing the people that are milling around? Are they thinking, okay, how many cars do they have in that location this particular day? And then they follow down this hallway waiting for instructions. You know, we still utilize the elevator when its operable, the old jail elevator. And again, take 10-15 prisoners up before we get to the holding facility and cells 21, 22 and 23. The time spent right here is waiting for the officers to secure their weapon so they can be safe going into the sterile location. We've been fortunate, the inmates have, you know, they understand what we expect from them and staying in an orderly line and certainly staying quiet when we've asked them to. But we all know that it just takes one to get the others going and in a potentially dangerous situation. This is still the old booking lobby from the Police Department where we utilize that elevator. And again, you know, two or three trips, four trips sometimes, before we get all the prisoners up there. And when you have two or three transportation officers making that transfer in stages, it takes some time. You might think, well, just start earlier, when we're dealing with issues of feeding the inmates their breakfast in the morning. For all I care, we'd come down here at 2:00 in the morning if we could logistically do that. Again, prisoners coming off and you'll see basically the same thing you've already seen. In preparing for this we looked at some studies, one done by the national institute of justice, they sponsored an assessment from the national Sheriff's Association for the current state of what transporting prisoners would take place. Their study included three surveys that found that safety of the personnel, transporting those officers, were of the most concern. And through this day they called for enhanced facility structure features. You know, that's what we're talking about today. You know, so the prisoners transport can become a safe environment for everyone involved. Also another study

done by the National Center for State Court said that architectural needs protect not only the safety of the people doing the transport, but those who also use the buildings themselves, the Civic Center employees, those who frequent the court or work in the court, those who park in the parking lot behind the courts, these are all people that we're trying to prevent injury or problems for themselves. Through these architectural advancements, we will be able to make a more secure environment and enhance, in essence, our court security. Some of the additional standards that the Nation Center for State Court said was to secure the vehicular sally port and use central and court floor level holding. That's some of the things, you know, we certainly used those cells when we were in residency at the old jail and had no problems. We certainly moved them over there on a constant basis. But now its added area that we have to walk in. We can do it a lot more efficient and a lot better and have better movement for the courts and for the judicial staff if we have a more centralized location attached to the courthouse itself, have the quick and safe delivery as the study called for. You saw this in the video, this is the enclosed area that the prisoners have to go up to the elevator in. It's a small elevator. We take 10 - 15 prisoners to one or two deputies. You know, that's not a very good ratio. Yes, they're handcuffed, yes, they're belly chained, but again, you know, we've been very lucky. You don't know what could happen and that's what we're trying to prevent. After you come off of the elevator, you step off and to the left, this is just to give you an idea of what barriers we have to go around, what hidden corners that we have to look for, and the amount of personnel that we have to move them to all of these areas. And finally, this is the hall of 21, 22 and 23. These are the cells that we used when we were in residence of the old jail, the majority of the court, the inmates going to court the next day, utilized. So, you know, it was great for then but now, again, its not, and that's the bridge that leads down to the courthouse. The plan that the Building Authority has come up with, we basically are unloading the bus into some holding cells directly attached to the courthouse, they can go straight up to Circuit Court, to Misdemeanor Court, or straight to the holding cells in the new Division II renovated courtroom. A study in New Hampshire in 2005 reviewed that they had some issues with their security problems as well and they requested the study to help make improvements as they saw necessary. Some of these were, that the courthouse built at that time are not up to the standards of what we would expect of security today. And I think September 11th showed all of us that we were susceptible to terrorist acts or acts from outside. And certainly our courthouse, you know, opened in 1969, was not built for security in mind, it was built for the openness and for the feeling of accessibility to the courthouse. Unfortunately, 2006 is not 1969, things have changed and we have to be more security conscious and try to prevent acts of misconduct within our own courthouse so we can, you know, have some sort of sense of normalcy into our court process. Another issue was prisoners being walked through public areas, even through some judge's chambers. We, fortunately, haven't had to go through the judge's chambers but we've certainly had to go by their chambers. I think Judge Pigman can certainly attest that there's many a times that he had to go to the old Division II courtroom and there would be prisoners coming through that hall. Ms. Abell, I know when you were in the Clerk's office we would bring inmates down the hall to small claims and we don't like that, that was a necessity, it was the lesser of the evils that we had to pertain to. You know, and there are still times that we would have to go to small claims now, but we've been able to cut those down through the renovations of the courthouse and this would just assist us in that. We certainly want to prevent these areas. Some of the courts in New Hampshire didn't have adequate holding cells. Through our renovations, we're doing an excellent job and making sure that the numbers that we have are in compliance with state and federal guidelines. And we talked about judges having to pass the litigants on the way to the courtroom. We've been able to cut that down substantially. Surveillance in the courthouses, that's one of the first

projects that Mr. Rector and I had the privilege of doing in the courthouse, we certainly updated the security features there, this is just another step in our process of making it safer now. Multiple points of entry and exit, our courthouse certainly does have that. The one thing that is of pertinence today is the lack of the secure vehicular sally port and, you know, hopefully through this presentation, we'll be able to see the need for that. You saw the outside pictures from earlier, this is one of the, an article from Kingston, Tennessee that happened in 2005. A former prison nurse had gone to her husband's hearing where he had pled guilty in a case for burglary, and as soon as he had pled guilty, the nurse and an accomplice ran outside to where they were loading the prisoners. The prisoner in this case was a Mr. Hyatte, and Hyatte yelled for his wife to shoot them. The wife shot the deputies or the officers that were getting the inmates onto the bus, killing one officer and then also allowing her husband to escape. This was in 2005. We've certainly seen cases in Indiana courts since, gosh, within the last 10-15 years of violence that can occur in the courthouse. We certainly have an opportunity right now to prevent this from happening in our own community. Could what we just saw in that newspaper article from Tennessee occur here? We certainly have the area that it would be possible. That alone should make people think about whether there's a need for an enclosed sally port. I don't have to look to New Hampshire for studies. The Supreme Court of Indiana in 1994 had the management committee meeting submit recommendations for courthouse security. It was made pursuant to Administrative Rule IV-B. The court accepted and approved the guidelines and priorities for the State of Indiana and that was signed by the Honorable Randall Shepherd. So as of today, and it was revised just this year, the standards remain the same for what they call for these guidelines, and the guidelines include similar to what we see in New Hampshire, eliminate weapons from court related facilities, installing duress alarms, installing bullet resistant barrier in areas of high risk, securing windows and doors, improving the parking security, control public access to private work areas, pedestrian circulation to and from court, vaults, safes, the public address system, and secure sally port areas for prisoner transport, holding cells for prisoners to and from court. This list, we've done every one of them except those last two. We've improved the security in the courthouse. We've done our best to prevent acts of misconduct upon the officers, the public, the inmates, the staff, those that frequent this building here, except for those last two, and this is the natural progression to ensure the safety of all those involved in this process. Basically, what we can go from this to a secured area. That's what we're asking for today is that we provide our community with a safe means to get prisoners to and from court, that they make a safer sterile environment for our officers, for our inmates, for our court staff. This was the design that was accepted by the judiciary. We've worked with them for over a year. This was not a project we jumped into quickly. We wanted to see how the transition to the new confinement center would work. This was purposely not constructed right away because we didn't want to waste the taxpayers' money and time and energy on a project that we didn't know would work. We know now that this project will work and it's a necessity for our community. I welcome any questions that you might have or Mr. Rector can speak to the construction site. I also have Judge Pigman and Judge Heldt here who are in support of this enclosed sally port.

President Winnecke: I have questions, I don't know who, if someone else would like to begin. First, thank you. Your presentation was unusually thorough for someone coming before this body and I applaud you for your efforts and Major Wedding's efforts. I guess notwithstanding the detailed security concerns that you've outlined, my biggest concern about this project is, this is not my recollection of how this was going to play out once the new jail opened. A lot of people didn't like the fact the new jail was going to go there, and obviously, this is no reflection of you, but this is just kind of a head-scratcher to me. My recollection is that the way this thing was

teed up initially was, that we'd be able to use the existing facilities for the transportation of prisoners to courts. And now we're into this new facility less than a year and we have a request for a half million dollars or whatever to change it. And that's just kind of a personal rub I have against this project right now. That's not to say I might not support it or a version of it but –

Jim Martin: Well, I just appreciate that fact, you know, just making you think about it, then I've done my job here today. I'll let Mr. Rector deal with numbers. I think what the problem was is, when they found what it would cost to renovate and update the old facility, that this was actually cheaper. But I'll let them speak to that. I don't have figures.

President Winnecke: And I guess, to me, it just kind of, you know, not long ago the courts building parking lot was renovated, added a number of spots then. That all started after the construction of the new jail. I don't have the specific time line, but there's kind of a lack of vision here that I think is ultimately going to cost taxpayers more money. At the end of the day is it the safest thing to do? It may be. I don't know that but I think it confirms to a lot of people that the location for the new jail is probably not ideal. But I'm off my soapbox now. Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, all great points, I mean, I think that those are – when you look at how it was presented and what types of things, some of these things weren't brought out, but the one thing that I think that we do have to address is this issue and it is a security issue and I talked to Chief Deputy Eric Williams as early as last year about just some things that I had heard, just a problem with the fact that you have too many open spaces. And any time you are transporting these individuals, you have to have a secure environment and, you know, we throw a lot of different ideas around, but obviously, this idea plays out a lot better. Now whether this architecture is the best way to do it, obviously, that's what the consultants think and there we are. Probably not the least expensive way to do the process, but looking at how the bus is going to turn in, obviously, the worst thing you can have is a reverse button on that bus. Never do you want to see that bus go in reverse. And so in that instance, what we have is not what we should have in the future for safety. And not only for the prisoners escape but for our Deputies. What I've looked at is the amount of deputies that are on that bus controlling that many prisoners, they have to be specialized, they have to be trained, and they do a wonderful job, no incidents up to this point. But if there is an incident, two deputies on the bus, forty inmates on the bus if something happens, then we have a big issue and I don't want to see that in my county. Therefore, I think we do have to address this problem as soon as possible.

President Winnecke: Anybody else?

Councilmember Raben: I have a question. I may need help from Dave with this one as well. Number one, the 582,000, does that also include demolition of the crosswalk? Will that be needed any longer?

Dave Rector: Dave Rector, Building Authority. Actually, what you see is we'll cut a portion of that crosswalk, the bridge off, and tie it into the stair tower. You all have some floor plans, smaller versions in front of you and if you see that bridge is tying into the stair tower where then the buses coming into the sally port on through to the holding cells and straight up those stairs so the bridge will not be totally demolished and would still be available for use.

Councilmember Raben: And I had another just pretty basic or simple question, but

as we looked at the initial videos, we saw the smaller van that the, along with the bigger bus, now how will the smaller van where you have quantities that are greater than 40 inmates, how will that unload?

Jim Martin: The current design, we can fit two vans into that enclosed sally port side by side. Typically, as you saw, it was a lot closer in the video from yesterday morning. Typically, the van will leave first and then would be out of the area. The current design would not allow for a van and the bus in there. But the vans would be done prior to. It would deal with any separation issues that we have to deal with or some of the inmates you saw, depending on the color of their jumpsuits, you know, suicidal subjects or high risk inmates, we would take them in a separate, either in a squad car themselves depending on their risk or in the vans and be out of that area and clear that area prior to the bus getting in. And the bus would stay in there for the duration of the court hearing. Those vans are also used for medical runs, small transports to and from court that day. I think that answered your question. We would still utilize them but they wouldn't be in the sally port.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I think you've answered it. I guess that was the question, would they fit in there as well when the bigger bus is in there?

Jim Martin: Not when the bus is in there, no.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, obviously, public safety is paramount. The safety of everyone that works here, happens to be in the Civic Center Complex is paramount and safety for our law enforcement also. And I echo Mr. Winnecke's sentiment that perhaps the comprehensive plan was a little bit short, that this should have been included when the jail was constructed because its probably a problem that many thought about while that jail was going up. So it's a shame that we're addressing it now. Do you foresee a lessening of security forces if we do invest and put the sally port here? Will we need more security, less security? Long term, I'm talking about, as far as expenses to the people of Vanderburgh County?

Jim Martin: I'm not prepared, that's beyond my realm of responsibilities to comment on what that would entail. My scope of this was to try to educate on what some of the security issues might be through some of the education that I've had in dealing with the courthouse. I couldn't comment on future manpower issues.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, it seems like there would be a lot less area and openness, so perhaps –

Jim Martin: Certainly, it would be a much better area to operate within, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Winnecke: We'll change the tape and then we'll continue the discussion.

(Tape changed)

President Winnecke: Okay, anyone else over here? Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: I have some questions for Mr. Rector.

Dave Rector: Excuse me, before we proceed, Judge, I know you have to – did you want to say anything before –

Judge Pigman: I'd be willing to answer any questions you might have.

Dave Rector: I just didn't want you to –

President Winnecke: Maybe just before you leave, I think the Major or the Sergeant, one, mentioned the judiciary support of this project. Maybe you could talk about that before you leave. I know Judge Heldt is here also.

Robert Pigman: Judge Robert Pigman, and Carl was with us on this. The Sheriff brought this idea to us originally. I first recall at the time we were engaged in the renovation project for the new courtrooms that you funded for us and supported us on and the original design was a little different than this and we were not comfortable with that. We thought it affected unfavorably the aesthetic value of the building and we thought it was important to help preserve that as best we could. But then they brought this design which is, in our opinion, much better, much more effective and I think will help to some extent. Security is an ongoing problem in the courts. Last night at 7:30, a jury in a case I was presiding over delivered a verdict against an inmate of the Vanderburgh County jail who was convicted of carrying a shank, a metal weapon about this long, that he had sharpened into a point and it was a pretty hideous looking thing. The evidence showed that he probably had that for at least a month. The evidence also showed he was able to get other contraband into his cell. These guys are pretty ingenious in the way they think of ways to violate the law. And also in another case that I personally presided over, an inmate who was awaiting a verdict on a murder case, secured upon his person, a metal piece of a razor that he had removed and hid that in his shirt. And now, fortunately, the security forces were tipped before he got to court and they stopped him and surveilled him. And we've also had problems in our Division II courtroom. On at least one occasion, someone had entered the courtroom sometime during the day despite the fact that we keep them locked. You know, mistakes happen. Someone had entered the courtroom and taped underneath the seats where the prisoners sit, on that particular occasion, I think it was a package of cigarettes. It was some object that could not be used as a weapon but, obviously, they had gained access to our courtroom and had taped contraband there. So in my particular situation, my chambers sit outside the Division II courtroom, which is the old Division II courtroom, and our security situation is infinitely better now that we've got the new setup. But the time that I was there, I mean, I have had people arrested in my chambers. There have been fights in the hallway immediately outside my courtroom. On several occasions, deputies have had to fight with inmates there in that area right outside my front door because the inmates were either assaulting the deputies or were trying to escape. So it was a pretty lively area there by my chambers because I was right outside the courtroom. So I think security is a problem. I think its also important to note that many of the people who come to our building don't do so voluntarily. I mean, they're not here because they want to be here. They're here because we're compelling them to be here and so I think that certainly we should have a safe environment for workers and people who want to use it. But we also should keep in mind that a lot of people who come here are required to be here. And Mr. Rector and Eric Williams were sort of the lead on this particular project and they laid it out for us and asked for our support and we gave them our support. We think this is a way that we can enhance the security of our operation and make it a little bit more efficient. If you've got any questions, I'll be glad to answer them before I need to leave.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Just a general question, but I would think most people would assume that the most secure place in our community would be with the courts and the jails, but I don't know if anyone has done any studies historically, but the case you illustrated earlier of the courtroom shooting is – do you know, Judge Pigman, do most of the incidents for violence or breaks, or inmates try to break out, happen in courtroom facilities or in transport?

Robert Pigman: That I don't know, Mike. I really don't know the answer to that. I do know that when people ask me about the courthouse, I say the neighborhood is great, it's the neighbors that are the problem. And the problem you have is, many of the felons that are brought to court are not violent. But some are. And some are unstable. And the difficulty lies in being able to tell which ones are and which ones aren't. And so it's virtually impossible to make that judgement so you have to assume that the potential there is for everyone who is brought there on a serious crime is capable of something. But to your specific question, I don't know where most of those incidents occur. I'm just familiar with the things that I know from anecdotal experience have happened in my particular courtroom, and I'm one of seven who would handle felony cases.

Councilmember Goebel: So from a judge's perspective, this is always a concern, the safety?

Robert Pigman: Absolutely. Absolutely. I mean, it's a – you're foolish nowadays if you don't make security a priority.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, well, one instance would be one far too many, so thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: You were talking about the aesthetic value of the building, by looking at this, you are – how do we look at actually taking that corridor out and is there a way that you can move between those buildings at that point or is that just dead space at that area?

Dave Rector: Are you speaking from the –

Robert Pigman: And unless there's other questions, I need to be somewhere.

President Winnecke: Alright, thank you, Judge.

Robert Pigman: Thank you.

Dave Rector: Judge, do you also have to –

Carl Heldt: I want to say something.

Dave Rector: Yeah, I'd like to make sure you guys get a chance to –

President Winnecke: Let's do this. Let's let Judge Heldt speak and –

Carl Heldt: First of all, Dave, that's just a cross section. That's corridor is not going to come out, right? I mean, that – he showed –

Dave Rector: Yeah, the bridge –

Carl Heldt: He showed the bridge cut off.

Dave Rector: It ties into the new building stairwell.

Carl Heldt: Okay, are you going to cut the bridge off?

Dave Rector: It reties back into.

Carl Heldt: Okay, my question, are you going to cut the bridge off right there?

Dave Rector: No.

Carl Heldt: That's just the way its shown?

Dave Rector: Yeah.

Carl Heldt: Its still going to (inaudible)

Dave Rector: Yes. Oh, its just cut off, it was just a matter of putting it on the drawing.

Carl Heldt: Okay, so you're not going to remove the bridge?

Dave Rector: No.

Carl Heldt: You're just going to cut some of it off to put the new thing in?

Dave Rector: Exactly.

Carl Heldt: Okay. Carl Heldt, Circuit Court. Mr. Chairman, when they first approached us with this, I was against it. I felt, now wait a minute, just use the old jail, don't put some building next to the courthouse, and use the old jail. And the more they talked to me, and I think Mr. Rector, one of the things he was talking about is the unsatisfactory nature of using the second floor of the old jail and the fact that if they were ever going to put anything up there, that they have this setup up there next to whatever else they're going to put on the second floor really detracts from what they can use the second floor for. Is that – will you address that? Okay. He said its just really a bad setup up there and for one thing is, you can't use it for other county needs if they ever want to do that, and I assume they will. The county won't want to leave an empty second floor up there. So that was the one thing and then the Sheriff, who is in charge of our security and who we trust to secure us, convinced me anyway that the security issues are real. And so I was against it at first but they convinced me that it was the thing to do, so that's why I'm in support of it, for those two things.

President Winnecke: That's what I needed to hear from you, thank you. Okay, any other questions of Judge Heldt? Okay, we're going to get to Mrs. Abell's questions and then we'll circle back, because we interrupted her.

Dave Rector: Could I perhaps make a comment before we get started? I feel like our responsibility in the Building Authority is to meet our leaseholders needs. If they identify something, we try to do that and assist with it. The expansion of the parking lot was one, Area Plan Commission renovation, Water Department renovation, whatever the need is, if they identify that, I think its our responsibility to try to assist

with that. Early on, Chief Williams thought perhaps we could use the old jail. We said we'd try doing that before we did this. As they continued to use it and as we looked at the demolition of the old jail and then space planning purposes for county and city offices to move into, it became more and more evident that this was the better approach. This is actually probably the twelfth iteration of getting to this point. Our position, the Building Authority, whether we do this or not really doesn't matter to the Building Authority. We're trying to meet your needs, the county's needs, the city's needs. These gentlemen also came before our board and made a very similar presentation and convinced our board that this need is real and we would try to meet that. One of the things to consider, too, in the construction of the new is in the demolition of the old, as we got into that. As you might imagine, all the plumbing is tied together, all the electrical is tied together. Everything is integral to that. The air handling system on the second floor of the jail actually handles the first floor and the basement of the safety building. The air handling system on the third floor of the jail handles the second floor and the third floor. So we can't, without totally removing them from there at some point, we can't do this jail renovation project for the city and county. With them in a new building, we can totally gut that then, make all that square feet available for city/county use for whatever offices that we determine during the space planning. So I just kind of wanted to explain how we had gotten to this point and I'll be happy then to answer your questions and I'm sorry to have delayed yours for so long.

President Winnecke: Ms. Abell, go ahead.

Councilmember Abell: My first question was actually the one that Mr. Tornatta was going to ask. Does this building take up the entire space between the parking wall for the city vehicles and the county building?

Dave Rector: No, it doesn't. If you can see right there, we have left an opening so you can still come through the city parking lot and then, in fact, we're considering cutting another opening at the end if you want to go back out and circle around to the courts. I don't know if I walk away from this – you have a floor plan in front of you that I think shows that.

Councilmember Abell: Well, we've got a floor plan but I'm not sure that it definitely shows that there's a – an area it looks like to me, there's not an area big enough for a dog to walk through much less a person. And we have employees and I think we have to be considerate of our employees being able to get through here.

Dave Rector: We do have a walkway that goes beside this new structure that (Inaudible – comments made away from the microphone).

Councilmember Abell: Okay, and how big will this area be? Two car widths? One car width?

Dave Rector: The dimensions of the building, I think, – I always walk away from this -- were about 18 feet wide, the sally port building itself, so we'll have adequate space then for a walkway alongside of it and then cutting through.

Councilmember Abell: Will that be well lit? You know, I worked down here for eight years, I actually worked down here longer than that, and I know that back parking lot, many times at night its not locked, it gets dark at 5:00, employees are walking back there and I had mostly female employees, 50 of them walk back there in the dark. Is this going to be lit, because if this is going to be dark, I think its more dangerous to put that in there than it is –

Dave Rector: It obviously would be lit accordingly and much better than what the old 1969 lighting was that was put in the parking lots.

Councilmember Abell: So it would be safe at 5:00 when its dark for people to walk down the side of this building that's pretty well enclosed and secluded and you don't think anybody would be hurt.

Dave Rector: It will be well lit, let me answer that. I don't know if it will be safe, but it will be well lit.

Councilmember Abell: I don't like buildings that close together with small areas between them. The other question I have is, in looking at the video, I saw the EPD officers coming and going in that which was I consider to be the northern entrance to that building. There is an eastern entrance which goes into where the Sheriff's, the current Sheriff would have slept if he had been here during the night. Its not utilized any longer for that, of course. Why can't they be using that? Why would they have to use the same one the prisoners are going in? Why can't they use that eastern entrance off of the east parking lot?

Dave Rector: I think you're asking me to address something on the habits of the EPD officers that I'm not prepared to do. Is there another available entrance? Yes.

Councilmember Abell: Yeah, I thought there was. Why can't we just put an iron gate around the current sally port? I guess, you know, I will be up front with you, I am not in favor of spending over a half million dollars on top of what we've already spent on the jail because we have other departments in this building that need money, too, and I don't think we can continue to just keep funneling money behind what I consider to have been a bad project to begin with. But why can't we just put iron gates around that area that they open to come in, they close it behind the bus, I mean, I was the Clerk of the Court here for eight years and the only people I ever saw escape jumped out of the windows from the courtroom and having a sally port is not going to take care of that problem. And its not going to take care of fights outside the judge's chambers and its not going to take care of any of those kind of problems. I never had an opportunity to be aware of anyone that escaped while they were being transported. The ones that escaped weren't being transported. I also know that having looked at all the statistics for eights years as a Clerk, and I'm not addressing this to you, I'm actually addressing this to everyone, our opportunities here to have hardened criminals are pretty slim. Most of our people that we have coming to court are not going to try to break away because they're in the worst trouble they've ever been in now, and all they want is to get out of trouble and they know that the way to get out of it is not to try to escape. So this isn't Pendleton, this is a county jail with county violators and I think to think that everyone that comes to this courtroom has a gun hidden on his body or a knife or if going to try to escape is really overplaying something that isn't necessarily true. And again, I'm not addressing that to you.

Dave Rector: I understand. I'll let Sergeant Martin address that for you. As I said, we've gone through, this is literally the twelfth iteration of how and what we can do. And we looked at just enclosing a fenced-in area for a sally port, we looked at reusing the space, we looked at just unloading the bus with a connecting corridor right in front of the building. This was the arrangement and the layout that the judges and the Sheriff's department felt best met their needs. But I'll let Sergeant Martin discuss your option.

Jim Martin: Have there been attempts to escape when they're in police custody?

They absolutely have. Do you read about them in the paper every day? Absolutely not. There were cases when we resided in the old jail, prisoners would get out of a squad car whether it would be kicking out the window, take off running in handcuffs down the street. I'm not surprised that no one has heard of it. You don't hear about it. We capture them, we charge them with it, we take them to court. Mr. Goebel's question about has there been other instances, part of that Indiana Supreme Court case that I cited, cites a case in '87 in Noblesville where a bomb was placed outside of a courtroom, a case where, I believe it was Elkhart, where a subject walked into a courtroom with a loaded rifle, those didn't play in the need for a vehicular sally port. There certainly are cases and, Ms. Abell, I know you know how many weapons that we've taken from the screening, you're right, that's not going to do anything about the sally port. But certainly we do have hardened criminals in Vanderburgh County. We certainly don't have them at the rate that bigger municipalities would, but we have rapists, we have murderers. I'm glad we don't have any more than we do. I don't want to see them any more than anyone else, but we have to think about the safety. Handcuffing experts, defensive tactic experts will tell you that the number one time that you're ever going to have a problem with an inmate is when you have to lay hands on them when you're putting them in handcuffs, whether you're taking shackles off or handcuffs off. Whenever you have to go hands-on with an inmate or a person you suspected of a crime or being arrested, that's when you're most at risk. As a motor patrol officer on the road, I took a deep sigh of relief when I finally got into a secured area inside of a building because I don't know what's going on in the backseat behind me 100% of the time. I would lie if I told you I'm watching them through the rearview mirror the entire time. You can't. I've had windows kicked out, I've had people take off running after being placed in handcuffs. You know, it is scary, you know, transporting even the smallest misdemeanor because you're absolutely correct, they're scared to death and it's that flight or fight response that they have to give, you don't know what they're going to do. We've been very, very lucky. Gosh, I hope we never do have someone have an act of violence outside our courthouse. It scares me to death. But the point is that we could at any given time. I think I answered your question about other crimes within Indiana aspects. We certainly have had them. We've been fortunate not to have major ones here and I hope that I've answered some of the other questions that relates to when the chance of escape would be.

Dave Rector: I think Ms. Abell's direct question was, why couldn't this be gated off in that area.

Jim Martin: Thank you. The question to the gated off was simply still dealing with the part of contraband. It would be an open area and until its totally enclosed, you know, if someone, currently, the way, and I'll call it the west entrance. It is the northern corner of the building, but there's a barrier wall and there's about a one-foot opening that, you know, someone with training or knowledge of cover and concealment could have a muzzle of a weapon around that corner and you would never see their body. That would not be fixed by an iron gate or a fence. I don't like the fenced in enclosures. I talked to a major municipality neighbor of Atlanta, Georgia I met at a court security conference at one time and asked him to send me anything you have on sally ports. And they were forced, their sheriff's office, to build a sally port constructed out of the heaviest duty chain length fence that you could have and they still have contraband passed in and out and they have to be cognizant of what's going on around the fence now as well as – you know, and that's the same issue we're dealing with here. We're trying to pay attention to what's going on behind us, to the left of us, to the right and front, inmates coming down off the bus, how many do we have, do we have enough to go up yet? We're still open to, you know, until it is totally enclosed, its not a sterile, safe environment, and a gate simply won't do

it. A fenced in sally port won't do it. We're still dealing with issues. They put the plastic slats in the chain length fence to try to obscure view but they're only as good as a plastic strip going through a chain length fence.

President Winnecke: Mr. Goebel and then we'll come back around.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you. I don't think anyone doubts the job and the responsibility that the Sheriff and the Police Department have for our safety and I guess the harm's way you put yourselves in, so we do appreciate that. And the sally port is similar to the unloading dock at the new jail, correct, where its enclosed?

Jim Martin: Much smaller scale. It does have holding cells in it. You can drive the bus in it, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: I guess my question for Mr. Rector is, if this proposal is before us and the existing old jail that has to be I guess demolished and then rebuilt, is going to be a factor upon where we hold the prisoners, is that correct? Is there a master plan for the use of the old existing jail that might be incorporated with this?

Dave Rector: We are working on a master plan now and have a consultant. And if you recall a couple years, maybe four years ago now, I guess, there was a survey done of all county offices identifying their ideal needs, if they needed to expand. We're going to go back and interview and upgrade that. With that we'll work on space planning for that old jail space and getting back with the officeholders and elected officials, so the answer here, is there a plan now? A proposed, but no, there is nothing set at all, but yes, that's being considered. To do that, we need to know if they're going to be out of that space or not. Is the space 21, 2 and 3 going to be available for us to plan office use in or is that going to remain for holding cells that we can't use? That's why its important to know at this point at least for planning purposes, is that space available or not?

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Dave, a quick question. If the county, if we're funding the new construction, the improvement here, what type of agreement will we work under with the Building Authority? Will we pay the Building Authority a maintenance fee and cleaning and what have you?

Dave Rector: I guess that's a legal question, but I would assume we'd probably still operate underneath the square footage occupancy and it would just be additional square footage. Now, keep in mind, too, as we develop space plans in the old jail, probably the county's commitments are going to be less because the city, with the county's approval, would like to take over some of that space. So you won't be paying for some of the space in the old jail that you currently are.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so there would not be any discount on the square footage fee, since we're out the funds to –

Dave Rector: I've lowered the budget for 2007 for the third year in a row. I hope that helps.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, you did and thank you for that. Mr. President, I know we've discussed this at length.

President Winnecke: Actually, I have two quick questions that I think would help

everyone. One, – and they're both for David, or three quick questions. How is parking affected?

Dave Rector: We will lose, in this scenario, we would lose five places that I would have to reassign. I believe those spaces can be easily used in the parking lot on the other side of the wall. If you remember, we've moved 24 detectives out to sector offices, those places were previously used by the detectives and I've told Chief Hale that those are areas that we would look at replacing the five that we would lose.

President Winnecke: So the parking that would be affected is on the inside of the barrier wall?

Dave Rector: No, its on the outside. Its on the strip – do you know where Bennie parks the orange truck? Those five right along there.

President Winnecke: The second question, what kind of time line for construction are you talking about?

Dave Rector: According to when we started, but I think what we've got is a six month construction period and we've got a couple month design period. So we'd be this time next year if we got started at the first of the year.

President Winnecke: And my last question may be more of a combination of you and Sergeant Martin, and this gets back to my very first spiel about sort of the bigger picture down the road, and Councilman Tornatta made a good point earlier about putting a bus like that in reverse is probably not an ideal situation, what's the next shoe to drop or is there another shoe to drop on this project three, four, five, six years down the road? What are we looking at big-picture wise?

Dave Rector: As I said, I think our obligation is to try to meet the needs identified by our leaseholders. Can we all foresee the future? No. Can we plan? Yes. I think we can debate all day long whether that jail should or should not be there, but it is, and we're dealing with that. Is this the best plan at this point? We think this is the best location for that, the best way to handle this. Are there other opinions? I'm sure there are. This is where we've gotten to and identified that we feel like this is going to meet long-term needs. The Sheriff and Chief have both said those additional holding cells should meet long-term needs with the way they see one, increased arrests, but two, with the video arraignments. So I'm answering the feedback I've got. I think, yes, its going to meet relatively long-term needs. But, Sergeant, I think you'd better...

Jim Martin: I think Mr. Rector has spoken well enough, I mean, we can't foresee the future. We certainly will always want to look at security and necessary upgrades. He is correct, the video arraignment is going very well. I think that they are trying to work with the judiciary to increase that, and all that does is lessen the number of inmates that have to come, but it still doesn't negate the fact that we need a secure area to unload them. There will always be someone that has to come to court. There are certain by state statute rules of inmate appearances. I mean, there will be some that have to come at all times. You know, we can plan for the worst, hope for the best, and the future will be what it is, but we'll try to make it as safe as possible.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you very much. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I guess in an effort to move along

because we have discussed this. I think everybody has a good sense of where they're going with this and, in fact, I think Mr. Rector has made himself available after the meeting for anybody that wants to do a walkthrough. At this point, it would be my intent, Mr. President, to defer this matter until January and take final action then. That would be my motion.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Other questions or more discussion?

Councilmember Shetler: I do want to bring up one question and you do have an opportunity to look at this later, but we talked about that reversing, it looks like we can pull in one way but we're going to have to back out?

Dave Rector: You would be backing out.

Councilmember Shetler: And this is where I think I have the biggest problem is the logistics of this.

Dave Rector: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Councilmember Shetler: Right, so its not a through –

Dave Rector: (Inaudible) It was a long process getting an agreement with the Sheriff Department's needs, the Judges' requests, to get to something that everybody agreed to. And I think you can all tell that these guys take this very serious. I think this is a heck of a presentation by them. They're serious about their need, the Judges' commitment to it. So they put a lot of thought into this before they got to this point.

Councilmember Shetler: I understand. I guess that's where my two biggest questions that I have is that I happen to agree with a lot of what's been said in that I believe we need a sterile environment. I'm concerned about those vehicles sitting on the road while the prisoners are inside and they're unsecured apparently, from what I understand, and I have real concerns on that. And at the same time, we are not accommodating enough room there for the vans to be kept in a secure environment while the bus is there. I don't know if, in a case of, Mr. Schiro was mentioned, an inmate like prisoner Schiro that is somebody that is that hardened of a criminal, and a real threat and danger that we're concerned about, do we bring him down privately or does he go on the bus with the other 39 people? And if he comes down privately, do we secure that particular vehicle as well and, you know, how do we take care of, you know, so we've got a variety of prisoners here and I hope we're not treating them all totally the same.

Dave Rector: I think the Sheriff's Department can best answer that, but probably, as with any building that was designed and built in 1969, its not the best use today. This building has served us well, but times have changed in the last 37 years and I think that's what we're seeing in the security issues.

Councilmember Shetler: So I guess what I'm coming down to is this, I know it's a half a million dollars and it's a lot of money, but I would rather spend a half a million dollars or \$700,000 today correctly so that you don't come back in two years and say, you know, that plan didn't work as well as we thought. We are backing out, we're going out on the street there and stuff, and if we've got those kind of problems and issues, I don't want to deal with those in two or three years. I'd rather do it...

Dave Rector: I think my answer to that is, I think that we have. We tried to plan for the need that they've identified for us and I trust that their need addresses the future for what they think is going to meet their necessities then.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thanks.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta, one quick question.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, back to my question a half hour ago, what I would like to do is, obviously, we're going to have some time, and I agree with the deferral process, we're getting to see some of this for the first time, but I really want to challenge everybody to start thinking about the future needs of these buildings, and what we're going to do for the future if there are any additions or any other issues that we're going to develop outside of the security plan. Do we need to maintain that concrete wall that runs all the way down? Should we address it at that time? Is that going to be a security issue just for the people that, Ms. Abell brought up a great question that I had, any corridors, especially small corridors, seems like they're a bad idea. So do we take out that wall? Can we get some more spaces in that case? I just want to review some of these issues before we get a concrete pattern on this idea because if there are other ideas that we can have where we tear down walls, make spaces or if we're going to totally use some of those areas for other things, then maybe we ought to address it at this time.

Dave Rector: And I will also make myself available to any and all of you at any time that's convenient to you to address any of these questions you may continue to have as you review it.

President Winnecke: Okay, there is a motion, thank you, everyone. I appreciate your patience and I appreciate especially the Sheriff's Department who did a great job as a couple of us had mentioned. There is a motion on the floor to defer this to next month and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 3660-4110	Land	17,426.00	Deferred
3660-4193	Community Corrections	531,751.00	Deferred
3660-4321	Road Construction	32,563.00	Deferred
To: 3660-4195	Court Sally Port	581,740.00	Deferred

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: We will consider this next month. Thank you very much.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Scott Township Assessor, we have Rent in the amount of \$8,000, 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 Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1160-3600	Rent	8,000.00	8,000.00
Total		8,000.00	8,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under County Commissioners, 1300-3610 Legal Services in the amount of \$23,000. There was a question raised last week as to whether there were funds available in other accounts to transfer. After review by the Commissioners and I know our Executive Assistant, Sandie, worked with them yesterday again on this, most of their accounts are all but depleted. There really isn't funds to transfer at this point so I'll move approval of that request in the amount of \$23,000, 1300-3131 zero, 1300-3551 zero, for a total of 23,000, 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 Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3610	Legal Services	23,000.00	23,000.00
1300-3131	Area Plan Per Diem	500.00	0.00
1300-3551	Veterans Coliseum Repair	230,000.00	0.00
Total		253,500.00	23,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Next, under Superior Court, 1370-3050 Patient & Inmate in the amount of 300,000. Again, last week there was some discussion whether or not that amount could be drastically changed. There was some confusion as to what bills were actually due. The bills that we actually looked at last week, I think, took us through October. This 300,000 is what they need with their outstanding bills for November and so I'll move for 300,000.

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 Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	300,000.00	300,000.00
Total		300,000.00	300,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Raben: Under The Centre, 1440-3955 in the amount of \$140,000.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second for \$140,000. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm just curious how you came to that number?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first there was some discussion on this last week, too, I think, raised by Councilman Sutton. This fee is after the week of our budget hearings last year. This was part of the new contract negotiated late last year. The fee, the contract actually states \$140,000 plus, okay. We don't really have an exact figure on how much above \$140,000 may be paid out. So, in fact, the study done by Gaither's agency requested that we try to limit it to the 140, so I'm basing it off of that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Somebody from The Centre is here if – I saw him out there, if you could just address this, have an opportunity to hear that.

Darren Stearns: Yes, Darren Stearns, Assistant General Manager at The Centre for SMG. That's true, the base management fee was the 140,000, but with the past contract, there was also food service management fees that we could not collect until we knew what we had raised in December, which means they were paid in January, and that's where they were coming up with the additional funds.

Councilmember Raben: So we're making up for food bills from January of this –

Darren Stearns: Well, from December of last year because we would have to get the figures in, in which case we couldn't do that until January and then the reason we were doing it now is so we can clean it all up for this new contract where it will be just the base 140.

Councilmember Raben: And those food bills are in the amount of \$30,000?

Darren Stearns: Well, I guess, that's at least a portion of that from what I understood as far as the commission part of that. But that's where they were coming up with the 170, was some of those fees that were -- in December, of course, we couldn't pay those until we actually had the total amount of the food service fees in. And the 140 is correct, is the base management fee for this year.

Councilmember Raben: Isn't that a continuing cycle, though? Won't you have December bills of this year that you won't pay until January?

Darren Stearns: Well, we won't have the food service management fee because its not going to all be in a lump sum of the 140 base management fee from what I understand. Before there was a base management fee and there was a food service cost management fee.

Councilmember Tornatta: And do you expect any type of monies – are you going to ask for any monies from the Council in December for any food management? Any food fees?

Darren Stearns: No, this will be it. The food service fees, the way I understand it with the new contract, its all one together. There was a base management fee and then there was the food services from when the support service had it, but that's all been taken care of and in the new contract there is just the base management fee, which we have in the budget for next year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, but in the past, we have been, we have kind of been the one that gives the food money for the food, is that correct? Just buying of the food in general? Or how are those funds doing for this year?

Darren Stearns: No, this is – this is all we would need, yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Normally, we get hit for about a 60 to \$150,000 food bill in December, so if this is all that there is, I think we're in pretty good shape.

Councilmember Raben: And this bill that we're looking at from December of '05 –

President Winnecke: Jim, can you hold that thought? We need to change the tape real quick.

(Tape Changed)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I think I'm clear on where we're going with this. I would like to amend my motion to state in the amount of 170,000.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Abell, do you amend your second?

Councilmember Abell: I will amend my second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Don't come back in December. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-3955	Operating Loss & Mgmt. Fee	170,000.00	170,000.00
Total		170,000.00	170,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Darren Stearns: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Council, in the amount of \$57,097, 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 Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1971	Accrued Payments	47,223.00	47,223.00
1480-1900	FICA	3,613.00	3,613.00
1480-1910	PERF	553.00	553.00
1480-1911	Sheriff's Retirement	2,733.00	2,733.00
1480-3460	Consultant	2,975.00	2,975.00
Total		57,097.00	57,097.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

RIVERBOAT

Councilmember Raben: Riverboat, 1490-3551 Repairs to the Coliseum roof in the amount of \$230,000, 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 Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1490-3551	Repairs to Coliseum	230,000.00	230,000.00
Total		230,000.00	230,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, 2600-3510 Other Operating in the amount of \$100,000. Everybody remembers what this relates back to the IT personnel for the courts where Circuit Court had agreed to give us this \$100,000, so this is them following up with their commitment and I certainly appreciate that and I move for 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 Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-3510	Other Operating	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total		100,000.00	100,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, transfers, County Auditor in the amount of 2,759, 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 Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-3530	Contractual Services	2,759.00	2,759.00
To: 1020-4210	Office Furniture	2,759.00	2,759.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: County Coroner, \$5,350, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

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

Councilmember Tornatta: I do have a quick question and that is, Don Erk and Annie Groves are in the room, I've got a question on, are you supposed to potentially get some money for computers from another source?

Don Erk: Don Erk, Vanderburgh County Coroner. The answer is no, the state had a grant, I assume that's what you were talking about yesterday. That grant didn't cost anything, it was for one laptop computer. They're going to smaller communities that do not have computers.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and the only reason I bring that up, Vicky was here at the Commissioners' office and she said that now they think they're changing their story, so that's why I'm just curious on –

Don Erk: Well, I don't know what will transpire on that. It's a federal grant through the state so that the Coroner's office throughout the state will be on the same software and it was approved for all 92 counties, have to participate. To be honest with you, I'm not that hep on being involved in it, but it's a 92 county thing and either you get involved or you don't.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1070-2230	Garage & Motor	300.00	300.00
1070-2700	Other Supplies	1,600.00	1,600.00
1070-2710	Color Film	150.00	150.00
1070-3160	Radio/Pagers	400.00	400.00
1070-3310	Training	1,400.00	1,400.00
1070-3540	Maintenance Contract	1,500.00	1,500.00
To: 1070-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	5,350.00	5,350.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
ELECTION OFFICE
CIRCUIT COURT**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to lump a few together, Center Township Assessor in the amount of \$300, Knight Township Assessor in the amount of \$4,000, the Election Office in the amount of \$3,000, Circuit Court in the amount of \$1,100. I'll stop there, 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 Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1110-1140-1110	Residential Real Estate Deputy	300.00	300.00
To: 1110-1190-1110	Asst. Real Estate Deputy	300.00	300.00

KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1130-1140-1130	First Deputy/Office Coordinator	4,000.00	4,000.00
To: 1130-1990	Extra Help	4,000.00	4,000.00

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1210-3410	Printing	3,000.00	3,000.00
To: 1210-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
1210-3420	Legal Advertising	1,000.00	1,000.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-2600	Office Supplies	500.00	500.00
1360-3520	Equipment Repair	600.00	600.00
To: 1360-2270	Jury Meals/Lodging	500.00	500.00
1360-3944	Special Reporter	600.00	600.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Center Township/Reassessment, Mr. President, at this time I'm going to move that this be set in at zero until we, with the understanding that I am quite aware of the constraints within that office and how tight that office is, but until we do have a better feel, a better sense from where we're going with additional space within this building, I think we need to allow, if it takes us another 60 days to find that out, we need to allow for that before we spend

20,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Mr. Gerard?
Good morning.

John Gerard: Thank you, John Gerard, Center Township Assessor. I just have a question on that, seeing that this isn't an appropriation, this is just a transfer of funds, so if you wait the 60 days, those funds are no longer going to be available. So I don't mind doing that as long as you're going to be, the Council is going to be open then for a \$20,000 appropriation.

Councilmember Raben: I would be open for that, if –

President Winnecke: Or we could encumber the funds, too.

Councilmember Raben: Well, not without a P.O. we can't.

Bill Fluty: They would revert back into the cash of the Reassessment Fund and still be available to spend next year, so its not a problem.

John Gerard: I'm fine with that then, thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESS./CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1110-2600	Office Supplies	3,000.00	0.00

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2490-1110-2610	Copy Machine Supply	2,000.00	0.00
2490-1110-2710	Color Film	700.00	0.00
2490-1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	5,000.00	0.00
2490-1110-3310	Training	4,000.00	0.00
2490-1110-3380	Photography/Blue Prints	3,000.00	0.00
2490-1110-3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	1,000.00	0.00
2490-1110-3410	Printing	1,000.00	0.00
To: 2490-1110-4200	Office Furniture	19,700.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
REASSESSMENT/PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY HIGHWAY**

Councilmember Raben: Knight Township Reassessment in the amount of \$1,000, with that I'm going to include Perry Township Assessor, and with those we also have three late transfers, under County Highway in the amount of \$12,768, County Council in the amount of \$19,692 and under County Highway, we have a transfer in the amount of \$12,768, but with that we do need to for a matter of record, we need to break down that transfer for the account in which those funds go into. So let me read this for the record: County Highway 2010-2550 Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$12,768 transferred into account 2010-1971 Accrued Payments in the amount of \$10,875, FICA in the amount of \$832, PERF in the amount of \$1,061, for a total transfer of \$12,768. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Abell: Second.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, Jim, if you would go over the Accrued Payments. I think you ended up saying \$12,875.

President Winnecke: That's the total from Sand & Gravel and the Accrued Payments is \$10,875.

Councilmember Raben: We're transferring out of Sand & Gravel in the amount of 12,768 into Accrued Payments 10,875, FICA \$832, and PERF \$1,061.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Did you say Commissioners? Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESS./KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1130-3310	Training	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 2490-1130-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00

REASSESS./PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1140-3310	Training	500.00	500.00
2490-1140-3380	Photo./Blue Prints	149.00	149.00
2490-1140-3410	Printing	912.00	912.00
To: 2490-1140-3130	Travel/Mileage	500.00	500.00
2490-1140-2600	Office Supplies	711.00	711.00
2490-1140-3520	Equipment Repair	350.00	350.00

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3120	Postage/Freight	1,700.00	1,700.00
To: 1300-3490	YMCA	1,700.00	1,700.00

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-1920	Insurance	19,692.00	19,692.00

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To: 1480-1971	Accrued Payments	17,213.00	17,213.00
1480-1900	FICA	1,317.00	1,317.00
1480-1910	PERF	1,162.00	1,162.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY

REQUESTED

APPROVED

From: 2010-2550	Sand & Gravel	12,768.00	12,768.00
To: 2010-1971	Accrued Payments	12,768.00	10,875.00
2010-1900	FICA	832.00	832.00
2010-1910	PERF	1,061.00	1,061.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last under Amendments to the Salary Ordinance, first, under County Council salary line 1480-1971 Accrued Payments as previously adopted, salary line 1480-1971 Accrued Payments as the transfer previously adopted. Center Township Assessor, I move we amend salary line 1110-1190 Assistant Real Estate Deputy as transfer previously approved. The current employee is a COMOT III/Step 1. Due to a buyout, this line was short \$300. Knight Township Assessor, line 1130-1140 Extra Help as transfer previously approved. County Highway, line 2010-1971 Accrued Payments as previously approved. Under the Sheriff, amend salary line 1050-0094 Deputy Sheriff as transfer previously approved. Under Jail, we have position title change, I move that we amend the salary ordinance as follows: Detention Officers, the name will change to Confinement Officers. Detention Officer Supervisor to Confinement Officer Supervisor. Under Community Corrections, I move for these following changes, Correction Officers names changed to Confinement Officers. Correction Officer Supervisors name changed to Correction Officer Supervisor...that's the same. Okay, the title change also includes Detention Officers listed in 2780, Jail Misdemeanor Housing title changed to those as well, will be Confinement Officer. Under Jail, amend the 2007 Salary Ordinance as follows: account 1051-0368 Jail Clerk which is a COMOT V/Step 1 with a salary of \$27,771, 1051-0369 Jail Clerk COMOT V/Step 1 with an annual salary of \$27,771, 1051-0370 Jail Clerk COMOT V/Step 1 with an annual salary of \$27,771. Any employee or employees in the above salary lines would receive the appropriate step increases. And I'll move up to Community Corrections, where it states Correction Officer Supervisors, the name should be Confinement Officer Supervisors.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Raben.

TAX PHASE-IN COMPLIANCE

President Winnecke: Rob? Thank you for your patience this morning.

Rob Schaefer: Sure. It was a long one. Rob Schaefer, Department of Metropolitan Development. Annually, we have to look at the tax abatements and the company has to fill out what's called a CF-1 which is a compliance form. So I prepared a spreadsheet and I hope that everyone has that, that shows each company that currently has a tax abatement, the real estate investment that they projected on the application, the actual on the compliance form, and then for equipment the same, and then job creation is the same. So if anyone has any questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'd just like to make mention that we look at the real estate investments of the companies that have come into town and overall, 102% compliance with what they've estimated. So for those who don't believe in the process of the tax phase-in – and you used abatement and we've got to talk about that.

Rob Schaefer: That's wrong. Its hard to break.

Councilmember Tornatta: And can we change it on this schedule? Get the abatement off of this schedule and put phase-in?

Rob Schaefer: Yeah.

Councilmember Tornatta: But of our companies who have come in here, roughly \$40,000,000, what they proposed, a little under 40,000,000, they've actually done a little over \$40,000,000 worth of investment into the real estate property. As far as equipment, we have to work on that a little bit but some \$70,000,000 worth of improvements in investment and equipment, and on job creations, we've seen

somewhere in the, we were told there was going to be about 2,300 jobs. There ends up being close to 2,700 jobs, so 117% of what the estimates are. So for people who don't understand or don't realize what we do in an investment community and to try and bring business and jobs and employment to this area, we're seeing a nice little stream of jobs. And looking at this model, it looks like that is since 1994. Some of them with a big push of them within the last four or five years. So we've seen a lot of jobs come, a lot of investment, and I think that that's the most significant point of this document. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions of Rob or comments? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: How many more years does Graham Packaging have?

Rob Schaefer: They had a ten year and it started in 2002, so they still have at least five years.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Rob Schaefer: And I did want to mention about Graham, I know we've talked about Graham every year, last year, they had 42 jobs and this year its gone up to – what do they have, 50? So they're getting closer.

President Winnecke: Yeah, just for a reminder, and for those watching at home, that was a situation where their primary customer did not live up to the promises they made when they moved here, so they have, I think, made a good faith effort to increase their employment to the best of their ability.

Rob Schaefer: Right, they have scrambled to find other markets.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Rob. Appreciate it.

DECEMBER PERSONNEL & FINANCE MEETING

President Winnecke: Just a couple of other housekeeping reminders. A reminder that our Personnel & Finance committee meeting for January will be next week, the 13th.

RESOLUTION TO APPEAL FOR PROPERTY TAX SHORTFALL

President Winnecke: Also, we need to pass a resolution today to appeal for a property tax shortfall. This is in accordance with House Bill 1001, we need to take the action at today's meeting to appeal for the shortfall. You may recall we took this action, a similar action last year to protect our budget. This amount is estimated over the actual number which will be determined after collection figures are received from the Treasurer and our settlement is actually completed. This information is then sent along to the Department of Local Government Finance before the end of the year. And you have the resolution – does everyone have a copy of the resolution? Oh, I have the copy of the resolution, so at this time I would entertain a motion to approve such a resolution.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes, and don't forget to sign it before you leave.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Teri Lukeman: You'll need to make a motion to approve the CF-1's, the statement of benefits.

President Winnecke: Okay, I'm sorry. We forgot –

Rob Schaefer: If you could just make a motion that all the phase-ins that are listed have substantially complied with their application.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Rob. We forgot to do that. I would entertain a motion to such effect.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

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 Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: Oh, Mrs. Deig reminds me to remind everyone to turn in their conflict of interest forms to Sandie and Sarah as quickly as possible. Any other questions for members of Council? Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Can I just say thank you to everyone who has asked this year? Our son got home from Iraq. He is safely in Germany. Thank you.

President Winnecke: That is good news. That is the best news I've heard today. Mr. Gerard, one last comment?

John Gerard: Yes, thank you. John Gerard, Center Township Assessor. I know that some of you may be going over to the jail and inspecting that, I'd just like to extend an invitation for you to come down to the Center Assessor's office so I could explain to you or you see the actual conditions my people are working in right now and I can explain what our plan was and for making better use of that space and giving them some extra work space. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thanks, John. If there's no other business to come before us, we stand adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.)

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