

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd day of January in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Auditor, Bill Fluty.

Bill Fluty: Welcome to the County Council 2007 meeting. Madam Secretary, may I have a roll call?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Abell	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	

Bill Fluty: Please join me for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

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

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I nominate Marsha Abell.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

Bill Fluty: Madam Secretary, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Abell?

Councilmember Abell: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Bill Fluty: Thank you. I will now turn it over to President Abell.

President Abell: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your support.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

President Abell: I will entertain a motion for the nomination for Vice President.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I'll move we nominate Lloyd Winnecke.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

President Abell: Our next order of business is to appoint the County Council Attorney and with the consent of the Council, we would like to reappoint Mr. Jeff Ahlers, seated to my right. I think we need a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Abell: Thank you and congratulations, Jeff. Enjoy having you on board for another year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DECEMBER 6, 2006

President Abell: I will entertain a motion for approval of the minutes of the December 6, 2006 meeting.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENTS OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AND FINANCE CHAIRMEN

President Abell: And I skipped over the appointments of the Committee Chairmen. For the Personnel Committee, the Chairman for 2007 will be Tom Shetler if he so agrees to serve, and the Finance Chairman will be our previous Finance Chairman who has done such an outstanding job, Mr. James Raben.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Abell: And, James, its time for the appropriation ordinance and I'll turn the podium over to you.

RECORDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. First on the agenda is County Recorder in the amount of \$9,850, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Can we have a roll call vote please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

RECORDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1040-1990	Extra Help	9,150.00	9,150.00
1040-1900	FICA	700.00	700.00
Total		9,850.00	9,850.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I might, because we do have a new member here that was not privy to any of the dialogue from last week, if you want to stop us at any point to call someone to the podium or if you'd like for me to call each and every one up, normally we don't do that at this meeting but, again, for the sake of explanation, stop me at any point, okay? County Assessor in the amount of \$5,595, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1140-1090	Inheritance Tax Deputy	4,889.00	4,889.00
1090-1900	FICA	375.00	375.00
1090-1910	PERF	331.00	331.00
Total		5,595.00	5,595.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Area Plan Commission, 429, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-1110-1240	Executive Director	374.00	374.00
1240-1900	FICA	29.00	29.00
1240-1910	PERF	26.00	26.00
Total		429.00	429.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Next, under Public Defender in the amount of \$18,341, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-1870-1303	Participant Advocate	12,000.00	12,000.00
1303-1620-1303	Chief Public Defender	4,031.00	4,031.00
1303-1900	FICA	1,227.00	1,227.00
1303-1910	PERF	1,083.00	1,083.00
Total		18,341.00	18,341.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Circuit Court in the amount of \$19,768, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1240-1360	Probation Officer	17,279.00	17,279.00
1360-1900	FICA	1,322.00	1,322.00
1360-1910	PERF	1,167.00	1,167.00
Total		19,768.00	19,768.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Superior Court in the amount of \$19,768, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1250-1370	Court Reporter	17,279.00	17,279.00
1370-1900	FICA	1,322.00	1,322.00
1370-1910	PERF	1,167.00	1,167.00
Total		19,768.00	19,768.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Health Department in the amount of \$825, I will move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2130-1140-2130	Registered Nurse	720.00	720.00
2130-1900	FICA	56.00	56.00
2130-1910	PERF	49.00	49.00
Total		825.00	825.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation in the amount of \$1,523, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1350-2600	Probation Typist	1,414.00	1,414.00
2600-1900	FICA	109.00	109.00
Total		1,523.00	1,523.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUESTS

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Council, under Repeals in the amount of \$500, I will move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1210-1480	Meeting Allowance	500.00	500.00
Total		500.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
SUPERIOR COURT
DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE
PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under transfers, I'll move that we approve Scott Township in the amount of 1,967, Superior Court in the amount of \$1,781, and Drug & Alcohol Deferral in the amount of 3,095.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Councilmember Sutton: Did you, that last one, that late transfer?

Councilmember Raben: Oh yes, excuse me. And Public Defender Agency in the amount of \$8,960.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President?

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I do want to have a little bit of discussion on the Public Defender late request. David, could you come up and address that please?

David Bunner: David Bunner with the Public Defender's Office.

Councilmember Winnecke: We just got this today or I'm seeing it for the first time today, could you explain briefly what this entails?

David Bunner: (Inaudible – podium microphone turned off)

President Abell: Excuse me, Mr. Bunner, would you turn your microphone on?

David Bunner: Again, this is an attorney that's on Family Medical Leave. That attorney will continue receiving, upon payment by him, the insurance and so on. And this moves the salary over to the replacement account or the temporary account for the new attorney.

Councilmember Winnecke: And the line from which we're moving funds is vacant now?

David Bunner: We're moving the 8,960 from that staff attorney's salary account.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I'm with you.

Councilmember Sutton: Is this going to be the full – oh, here. Are you anticipating the full twelve weeks on this leave?

David Bunner: We are. This anticipates the full twelve weeks, yes. If the other attorney came back then obviously we'd have to come back in and make any correction on that. But we're not anticipating that.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions of Mr. Bunner? Mr. Raben, did you want to restate this? We had some confusion up here about the amounts. Can you restate the transfers?

Councilmember Raben: I certainly can. I'll move that we approve Scott Township Assessor in the amount of 1,967, Superior Court 1,781, Drug & Alcohol Deferral in the amount of 3,095, and Public Defender Agency in the amount of 8,960.

President Abell: And did we have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Lloyd seconded the first three but didn't second the last.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll amend my second to include the Public Defender.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Winnecke. We'll have a roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1160-3600	Rent	1,967.00	1,967.00
To: 1160-2700	Other Supplies	1,967.00	1,967.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-1760-1370	Clerical Assistant Secretary	1,781.00	1,781.00
To: 1370-1401-1370	Probation Officer/Juvenile	1,781.00	1,781.00

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1371-3770	Treatment Cost	3,095.00	3,095.00
To: 1371-1970	Temporary Replacement	2,875.00	2,875.00
1371-1900	FICA	220.00	220.00

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1303-1640-1303	Public Defender	8,960.00	8,960.00
To: 1303-1970	Temp. Replacement	8,960.00	8,960.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last under the amendments to the Salary Ordinance, we have quite a few today. First under Recorder, I move that we amend salary line 1040-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. County Assessor, amend salary line 1090-1140 Inheritance Tax Appraiser as previously adopted. The current employee is a PAT III/Step 7 with an annual salary of \$43,122. Area Plan Commission, amend salary line 1240-1110 Executive Director as previously approved, setting the 2007 salary in at 12,823. Public Defender salary line 1303-1620 Chief Public Defender as previously approved. The 2007 Public Defender salary is 105,940. I also move we set 1303-1870 Participant Advocate in the amount of 12,000 as previously approved. Circuit Court, amend salary line 1360-1240 Probation Officer as previously approved. The current employee is a PAT V/Step 7 with an annual salary of 54,212. Superior Court, amend salary line 1370-1250 Court Reporter as previously approved. The current employee is a PAT V/Step 7 with an annual salary of 54,212. Health Department, amend salary line 2030-1140 Registered Nurse as previously approved. The salary will be set in at 40,048. Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation salary line 2600-1350 Probation Typist as previously approved. The 2007 part-time salary will be 16,650. County Council, amend salary ordinance line 1480-1210 Meeting Allowance, deleting the \$500. Superior Court, line 1370-1401 Probation Officer/Juvenile as transfer previously approved. The current employee is a PAT V/Step 2 with an annual salary of 38,714. Drug & Alcohol Deferral, amend salary line 1371-1970 Temporary Replacement as the transfer previously approved. Public Defender, line 1303-1970 Temporary Replacement as previously approved. Also, under the Airport Authority, amend salary line 1100-2140, should be 2,258,444, 1900 FICA 189,428, 1910 PERF 212,833, for a total of 2,883,434. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Any further discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I might add that, along with the Airport Authority, they are going to drop the Training Director position for 2007 and add a Finance Manager position. That's what the need is for that amendment.

President Abell: Further discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF 2007 AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE
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President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Raben. We have no old business scheduled. Under new business, I think we just dealt with the Evansville Vanderburgh Airport Authority's request for the salaries. Anything additional that, Mr. Farmer, did you want to address this Council? Okay, thank you. Okay, we need to have approval of the 2007 amended salary ordinance. I've been advised that the office just got that late yesterday so there may be some amendments made to it, but we will approve it today as we've had it given to us, if I can entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Can I have a roll call vote?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT OF LIAISONS

President Abell: Mrs. Deig, have you passed out the appointments? You just did? You have the appointments of the County Council for the year 2007. There is one possible correction, on Central Dispatch we may change that. That was put in late and that may change at the next meeting and we will advise you of that.

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

President Abell: The appointment of the Personnel Administration Committee, I think you have that, has been passed out to you also. Is that correct, Mrs. Deig? They have a copy of that, also.

APPOINTMENT TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION

President Abell: We need to make an appointment to the Area Plan Commission, yet.

Jeff Ahlers: Alcoholic Beverage.

President Abell: We made our Alcoholic Beverage Commission – oh, we're making that today. That's right, that's one we have to vote on today. Last year, Bettye Lou Jerrel served as the appointment to the ABC board and I'd move for a motion to have her extend that for one more year.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Abell: Could we have a roll call vote?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Now are we dealing with the whole list or just going individually down the list? How are we --

President Abell: Do we do them all? Some of them didn't expire. The rest of them are just appointments, the ABC is a vote.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, alright. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

OTHER COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

President Abell: And you have the other appointments on this that have been sent out.

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to, the reason I made mention of that, I know in one particular case on the M/WBE Utilization Board, Ellis Redd has indicated that he wants to come off of that, that he doesn't want to be reappointed for 2007, so we'll need to fill that vacancy there. And I think there has been some discussions about a potential addition in his slot there.

President Abell: Do you know of someone who is interested in serving on that board?

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know them personally. Lloyd had some discussion, maybe it's a name we can bring back for our next meeting because it escapes me.

Councilmember Winnecke: And we can bring that up next month.

President Abell: But it is his desire to go off?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Abell: Okay. If everyone will make that correction, we will make that appointment the next meeting as well as the couple others that we have vacant.

APPROVAL OF 2007 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING DATES
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President Abell: You should have been given a copy of the Council meeting dates for 2007. Has this got the correction for the budget hearings on it? We made a slight change in the budget hearings. If you'll note, they're about a week later. We had a conflict with one of our members, our Finance Chairman, so its important that he be there, so we have made that change. I hope that doesn't cause anyone else any problems. And I think we have to vote on that, don't we, Sandie?

Sandie Deig: You can.

President Abell: Oh, we don't have to. If anyone has a problem with it, they can let me know. Any other business anyone else has? I've got a couple of housekeeping duties to take care of. We did get a note from the family of Curt Wortman regarding our flowers that we sent to the funeral and I think all of you are probably aware, Mr. Wortman's wife has since passed away, also. I also would like to take this opportunity for every one of us to welcome Donna Leader to the County Council. I am certainly thrilled to have her on here. I've worked with Donna on other projects and other boards and find her to be a strong community leader, and I think she will be a great asset to this Council. So welcome aboard. Is there any further business to come before this County Council?

Councilmember Raben: We might recognize, there's a new officeholder, Jonathan Weaver in the –

President Abell: That's correct. Mr. Weaver, do you want to stand up and let us see what you look like? Our new County Assessor. We also have our new County Commissioner here, but I think we all know Mr. Tornatta. He's been with us a long time. I'll entertain a motion –

Councilmember Sutton: One item –

President Abell: Sorry, Mr. Sutton, go ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: At our meeting last month we had a rather lengthy discussion about the sally port and the additions and changes to the area there to accommodate bringing in and transporting the prisoners. When are we anticipating having that particular item back before us for consideration?

President Abell: Mr. Raben, are you the Sheriff's liaison?

Councilmember Raben: I am, yes.

President Abell: Are you going to discuss the sally port with them before we bring it back before the Council?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, absolutely, yeah. There will be much more dialogue.

President Abell: It appears it will be a while, Mr. Sutton. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

President Abell: We're adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Marsha Abell

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Tom Shetler

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Donna Leader

Recorded and transcribed by Teri Lukeman

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 31, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met for a special meeting this 31st day of January in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 8:21 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President, Marsha Abell.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton		X
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke		X
President Abell	X	

President Abell: I’d like to call the special meeting of the County Council to order. The purpose of this meeting was to hear an emergency transfer for the Treasurer’s Office, but the Treasurer has withdrawn that request and I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1030-1270-1030	Tax/Sheriff’s Sale Coordinator	13,715.00	Withdrawn
To: 1030-1970	Temporary Replacement	13,715.00	Withdrawn

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Abell: We’re adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Marsha Abell

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Tom Shetler

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of February in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President, Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the February 7th meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Could we have the roll call please?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	
President Abell	X	

President Abell: Would you stand and, Councilman Goebel, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 3, 2007</p>

President Abell: Move for approval of the minutes of the January 3rd meeting.

Councilmember Leader: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Abell: Before we get started, I'd like to call attention to the Councilmen, the agenda looks a little different today and we're going to try this for a little while and see how this goes. We're trying to separate the business from the two meetings. It's a little confusing to some of the people that attend our meetings as to what we're doing, so there's a code at the bottom that tells you the blue denotes the County Council meeting and the red denotes the Personnel & Finance meeting. And now for the appropriation ordinance, I'll turn the meeting over to Councilman Raben.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Madam President. First on the agenda today is the County Treasurer, there's quite a few requests, the total is \$33,771, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Any discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-1230-1030	Escrow & Quality Control Admin.	2,409.00	2,409.00
1030-1250-1030	Garnishment Clerk	2,286.00	2,286.00
1030-1260-1030	Surplus Refund/Liquor	2,395.00	2,395.00
1030-1270-1030	Tax & Sheriff Sales Coordinator	2,395.00	2,395.00
1030-1300-1030	Bankruptcy & Website Admin.	2,529.00	2,529.00
1030-1160-1030	First Dep/Acct Admin.	6,888.00	6,888.00
1030-1170-1030	Investments/Innkeep. Tax Bookkeeper	1,697.00	1,697.00
1030-1180-1030	Funds/Inheritance Tax Bookkeeper	1,836.00	1,836.00
1030-1190-1030	Head Cashier/Bank Coordinator	1,618.00	1,618.00
1030-1200-1030	Delinquent Tax Collect	2,516.00	2,516.00
1030-1220-1030	Information Specialist	2,950.00	2,950.00
1030-1900	FICA	2,259.00	2,259.00
1030-1910	PERF	1,993.00	1,993.00
Total		33,771.00	33,771.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF
JAIL
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (TWO REQUESTS)

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, under Sheriff, we have a request for College Incentive and FICA along with Sheriff’s Retirement for a total of \$2,867. Along with that I’ll also take the Jail, the first line should read 1051-1130-1980 and should read Other Pay, all other lines as they are listed and I’ll move approval on that as well for a total of \$1,309.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Councilmember Goebel: Could you repeat that?

Councilmember Raben: I certainly can: 1051-1130-1980, that should read Other

Pay. Madam President, along with that motion let's go ahead and take Community Corrections since that's within their budget as well, and turn to page three, Community Corrections in the amount of 14,385. And the next Community Corrections line we have a similar situation, the correct account should be 1361-1980 Other Pay, and that request is \$440. Again, that line is 1361-1980 Other Pay.

President Abell: Councilman Leader, will you change that second?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1210-1050	College Incentive	2,500.00	2,500.00
1050-1900	FICA	192.00	192.00
1050-1911	Sheriff's Retirement	175.00	175.00
Total		2,867.00	2,867.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1980	Other Pay	1,114.00	1,114.00
1051-1900	FICA	86.00	86.00

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1051-1910	PERF	109.00	109.00
Total		1,309.00	1,309.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1120-1361	Community Service Coordinator	12,574.00	12,574.00
1361-1900	FICA	962.00	962.00
1361-1910	PERF	849.00	849.00
Total		14,385.00	14,385.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1980	Other Pay	374.00	374.00
1361-1900	FICA	29.00	29.00
1361-1910	PERF	37.00	37.00
Total		440.00	440.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, County Surveyor in the amount of 4,425, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1060-1200-1060	Chain Man	3,867.00	3,867.00
1060-1900	FICA	296.00	296.00
1060-1910	PERF	262.00	262.00
Total		4,425.00	4,425.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER (FOUR REQUESTS)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Public Defender, the first item, which is 1303-1810-1303, Juvenile Court Public Defender, I’m going to move that this request be deferred. The next request 1303-1820-1303 Administrative Assistant also be deferred. I’ll move that we approve 1303-1801-1303 Public Defender in the amount of \$15,788. And last, 1303-3053 Juvenile Contractual Services, I’ll move that that be deferred and we’ll circle the wagons and come back to this our first meeting in March.

Councilmember Winnecke: I’ll make a second to get it on the floor.

President Abell: Discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: What’s the plan and the purpose behind tabling or deferring?

Councilmember Raben: I could turn this to the President, but its my understanding that our Juvenile Court Judge would like to set up a meeting with myself, our President, and Steve Owen and David Bunner to discuss this request and how it may or may not affect the court system.

Councilmember Winnecke: Steve or David? Just to make sure I understand, the reason why we’re here, not the reason we’re here today, but the reason this issue is before us today is really one of compliance. What does the delay of a month do to our being in compliance or non-compliance with the state?

Steve Owens: We are directed to respond to their letter by March the 12th, so I think probably given, if this is deferred until the March Council meeting, I’ll contact the Commission, tell them that we have a plan in motion that we are going to hopefully vote on the funding for that plan in March. It will have no immediate effect on our eligibility for reimbursement, it just has a delaying effect on what we can tell them we’re going to do. It shortens the time that we have to put it together. I mean, that was the idea of bringing it in, in February. So the target goal was April 1st, so we would be running, I don’t know exactly when the Council’s meeting in March is, but it would give us roughly three weeks to assemble it and get it ready to go.

Councilmember Winnecke: I believe, in one of the many discussions, I thought you said this last week, that you’ve met with the Judge on this issue before, correct?

Steve Owens: We met with the Judge early on and I’ve had some email contact

with him as well as telephone conversations. I just spoke to him again this morning. My understanding of his concerns is regarding the, I guess the precedent, if you will, of reducing somewhat the salaries of some of the existing people and the contract positions not having benefits. He is concerned and has expressed that concern before about the ability to find qualified people to work that court, so its not simply just bringing recent law school graduates in. I don't know that that particular concern is well founded because the people we have in there are the same people he's been using. But he has some questions about this idea about the benefits and the contracts and that's, frankly, the first time I'd heard about it was this morning.

Councilmember Winnecke: But your opinion, I mean, based on the fact that you do this, this is what you do every day, you feel like this is a viable plan, not only for fair and equitable representation of those in need of the services, but also to get us in compliance with the state?

Steve Owens: This is the first step to the plan to bring us into compliance. And its not the best of all worlds, obviously. I mean, part-timers would love to have the benefits, but given the cost of the benefits, it was one of the proposals we came up with where we could start bringing us into compliance in Juvenile Court without greatly increasing the cost to the county.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Owens. Anyone else have any questions about this?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes. Just real quickly, and you are comfortable with the proposal that it will be a working situation for your office as far as giving proper defense?

Steve Owens: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: And you think that this will also be accepted by the Public Defender's Commission?

Steve Owens: I've already met with the Public Defender Commission and ran this plan by them and they've already given us tentative acceptance. Obviously, I couldn't commit to whether we were going to do it or not until I knew whether the funding is in place. They're agreeable with the proposal that we have presented.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Abell: If you'll stay, Mr. Owen, maybe I could expound a little bit. I did actually speak to Judge Niemeier and the issue that he's concerned about is that if the people that work Juvenile do not have benefits, but yet the other part-time Public Defenders do have benefits, that as soon as there is an opening for a part-time Public Defender in Superior or Circuit Court, the Juveniles would want to move up there to be able to pick up the health insurance. And consequently, he thinks he would be left with people just continually using his office to step up to something else. And that's his major concern, which I didn't get to talk to him until this week, which is why we are so late getting this done. He actually went in, talked to Mrs. Deig, and I returned his call. Thank you, Mr. Owen....I'm sorry, that's all, Mr. Raben. Transfers?

Councilmember Raben: We need to call for the –

President Abell: I'm sorry, we have to vote on that. We got waylaid. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-1810-1303	Juvenile Ct. Public Defender	44,365.00	Deferred
1303-1900	FICA	3,394.00	Deferred
1303-1910	PERF	2,995.00	Deferred
Total		50,754.00	Deferred

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-1820-1303	Administrative Assist.	27,192.00	Deferred
1303-1900	FICA	2,081.00	Deferred
1303-1910	PERF	1,836.00	Deferred
Total		31,109.00	Deferred

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-1801-1303	Public Defender	13,800.00	13,800.00
1303-1900	FICA	1,056.00	1,056.00
1303-1910	PERF	932.00	932.00
Total		15,788.00	15,788.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-3053	Juvenile Contractual Services	90,000.00	Deferred
Total		90,000.00	Deferred

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, under Circuit Court, Administrative Assistant, FICA and PERF in the amount of 5,629, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1320-1360	Administrative Assistant	4,919.00	4,919.00
1360-1900	FICA	377.00	377.00
1360-1910	PERF	333.00	333.00
Total		5,629.00	5,629.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUESTS

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we do have a Repeal, that has been withdrawn. We'll come back to that next month.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-1730-1303	Public Defender	24,939.00	Withdrawn
1303-1840-1303	Deputy Public Defender Juvenile Court	24,939.00	Withdrawn
1303-1850-1303	Deputy Public Defender Juvenile Court	24,939.00	Withdrawn
1303-1900	FICA	8,724.00	Withdrawn
1303-1910	PERF	5,050.00	Withdrawn
Total		88,591.00	Withdrawn

TRANSFER REQUESTS

- CLERK
- CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
- SUPERIOR COURT (LATE)
- SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Under Transfers, Madam President, I'll move that all transfers be approved as listed.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1310-1010	M/T Calendar	2,798.00	2,798.00
To: 1010-1430-1010	M/T License Susp/ Order Book Clerk	1,372.00	1,372.00
1010-1500-1010	Senior Clerk M/T	1,426.00	1,426.00

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1110-1120-1110	Chief Deputy	1,500.00	1,500.00
To: 1110-1190-1110	Assistant Real Estate Deputy	1,500.00	1,500.00

SUPERIOR COURT

REQUESTED

APPROVED

From: 1370-3980	Trans. Child & Misc.	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1370-1990	Extra Help	2,000.00	2,000.00

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING

REQUESTED

APPROVED

From: 2780-1301	Civilian Overtime	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 2780-1850	Union Overtime	1,000.00	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: I'll allow for her to pass out our salary amendments. Its four pages, I'm not going to read them this morning, but simply ask that they be entered in to be made part of the minutes. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Leader: I'll second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

President Abell: There is no old business. Under New Business, we have some appointments, I'll read those. To the Job Study, the COMOT position is Elizabeth Wilson, who is an employee in the Clerk's Office. The appointment for Area Plan from the Council is Councilman Tom Shetler. The appointment to the M/WBE board is Stephanie Roland, and the appointment to the PTABOA is Dirck Stahl. And we're now ready for the agreement from the Vanderburgh County Commissioners, the Vanderburgh County Council, Eric Williams, the Sheriff of Vanderburgh County. Does everyone have a copy of that?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible—microphone not turned on)

President Abell: Would you like to pass it out? You don't have it? Sarah is going to give it to them? Okay, Sarah will give those to you at the end of this...

**ORDINANCE APPROVING ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE
FROM THE STATE OF INDIANA**

President Abell: Is Ms. Musgrave here? Did you want to address the Council regarding the Ordinance Approving the Acquisition of Real Estate From the State of Indiana?

Cheryl Musgrave: Good morning. Thank you for allowing the Commissioners to bring this to the Council's agenda. This is a request to purchase some wooded acreage that the state presently owns and has owned for some time. The state has offered many parcels that they own around the state for sale and they contacted me last July to let me know that these two parcels would be part of their divestiture of state owned property. We looked into the matter and think that we could use this property for some purposes but we haven't made any decisions. We have considered letting it be a nature area or perhaps part of a trail system, but no decisions have been made on that pending, you know, perhaps setting up a committee, bringing in people from all of our recreational facilities to give voice as to what they might want to do with this piece of property. The state had an appraisal done on this property. There are two parcels and their appraisal came back with a value of \$50,000. That was far more than the Commissioners wanted to pay and, in fact, we asked the state to give us this property at no charge. They came back with another offer of \$15,000. We again expressed our desire to have this property simply turned over to the county for these recreational uses, which I have just discussed with you, that would benefit the entire public, and they have come back with what they're terming a final offer at \$10,000. That cost for the, I think its 73 acres, I've given you documents that outline the total acreage, is very low and I think it is reasonable. You should note that these two parcels are wooded, that they flood regularly, they are on the east side of Highway 41, just north of Waterworks Road. So you could call them almost the last parcels in Vanderburgh County and in the state of Indiana before you would hit Kentucky. No one does anything there now. You could never build on these parcels, their deeds are restricted, so there is nothing that we could do to, you know, we couldn't put a salt barn there, for example, for the County Highway garage if somebody had an idea to do that. I believe that they will have to be left in a natural state. Now I understand that discussions among Councilmembers would like for this matter to be delayed for a month while we explore a phase one environmental to be certain that there are no issues that we would be dealing with there, and I'm fully supportive

of getting a phase one. I had originally thought that this was a resolution and I had originally asked some of you if you would just go ahead and pass the resolution and we would come back with this phase one report, but your attorney informs me that its an ordinance, which would mean changes to the language that's in front of you so I wanted to say that we're more than happy to delay this while we get a phase one, but I can't guarantee that we could get that done inside a month. We would probably need a little bit more time. So I understand that there's a possibility, no one has been able to reach the state, that they could indemnify us from any environmental, but I gather that its your desire that you have us perform the phase one so that we know for sure that we're not taking on something that we don't want to deal with later. So this is the request from the Commissioners. We have money in our budget to cover this but should you wish that we come before you with an appropriation, we would be more than happy to do that as well. The purchase price, again, is \$10,000 for just under 73 acres of wooded land, which would be, the exploration would be, how can we use this to benefit our recreational options here in the county.

Councilmember Goebel: Commissioner Musgrave, for how long is this offer to us from the State of Indiana? Is there a deadline?

Cheryl Musgrave: My understanding is that no deadline has been expressed to us. I do know that the state wants to proceed on getting all of this land that they can no longer use off their books. But no one has expressed a deadline about this particular piece of property.

Councilmember Goebel: There probably aren't any other buyers in the market for this property either, are there?

Cheryl Musgrave: I would hope not and I tried to imagine what other kind of buyer would want a piece of land that you can't develop and the thoughts that I had were that its wooded, and you could certainly go in and clear, cut the land and sell the trees, something which I think would be a shame and that's one of the reasons why I'd like to have the county have ownership of this property because it is in a, I think, in an environmental area, there close to the river where its more beneficial to have it wooded than not.

Councilmember Goebel: Is there a chance we can wait the state out and maybe they will just deed it to us at no cost?

Cheryl Musgrave: I'd love to do that but, and I welcome your participation, I can give you the names and numbers of all the folks. I even had our county lobbyist work on this for us. I guess the last step would be to directly approach the governor, but lobbyists are telling me, wait until you have a matter that's worth more than \$10,000 before you approach the governor. So on that advice, I did not do that. But if you would like me to, I can certainly go ahead and do that.

President Abell: Councilman Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Commissioner Musgrave, you and I had a chance to talk about this. And in all likelihood, to get the proper environmental study done on this property, its probably going to take longer than a month to get that done. I think it is a prudent step to make sure that that particular parcel is clear and free of any potential liability issues that we could have come back on us.

Cheryl Musgrave: Certainly.

Councilmember Sutton: Now you had mentioned in our discussions that you wanted to form a committee that would look at some possible uses. I would encourage you to go ahead and bring that committee together in case the environmental comes out clean, then you've already got at least a plan of action of how you would like to use that property because from our standpoint, you know, getting a really good course of direction or some idea of how it would be used after the environmental, if it does come up clean, would be very helpful for us as well. So proceed forward with that. The parcel, I guess, sits a little lower than, well, not a little, quite a bit lower than US 41, so its down there pretty good and the access is pretty limited, so I'm not sure all of what may, what possible uses you may have for it, but at least the committee could give us some idea of how it could be used.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay, I was thinking of asking some folks from Wesselman Woods, from Burdette, even Audubon in Kentucky, since this piece of land is very close to the woods that they have over there, so they're familiar with that ecosystem, and I know I had some other notes of folks that might be beneficial on this and I'd certainly welcome your input for candidates for this committee.

President Abell: Commissioner Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I guess the thought that I had is that, since we have a city/county park commission or board, have we run this by them to see if it fits into their master plan or ideas of what they're looking for the community in the way of recreational activities?

Cheryl Musgrave: No, I hadn't done that because I hadn't taken the step that Councilman Sutton has just suggested, which is to bring the committee in, but having representation from the parks board would certainly be wise.

Councilmember Shetler: And I thought maybe that might be an appropriate place for them to even purchase out of that department rather than coming out of the Commissioners. You know, I don't know how you're planning on paying for it at this point in time, but it did seem like a –

Cheryl Musgrave: I can suggest that but, you know, I understand that they're dealing with swimming pools and so forth, and that \$10,000 might be a hurdle that they don't want to cross. But I can certainly ask that question.

President Abell: Anyone else? Commissioner, we'll defer this and I'll look to your direction when you want to put this back in front of this body based on your investigation, I guess, if that works out okay.

Cheryl Musgrave: Alright. And I'll keep in touch with you in case any other kind of option like the indemnification is workable as well. Okay? Thank you.

President Abell: I'm going to skip back to the agreement. I'm concerned, Councilman Leader, have you seen this agreement? It's the agreement for the Sheriff's Department? It was in the January packet, but I'm not sure that – I'm not sure that she got a January packet because – okay.

Councilmember Leader: Would you like to refresh my memory? I'm sure I read it, I read everything.

President Abell: Let's pass this copy over to her and then we'll skip on and we'll come back to it. Thank you.

AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES AS COUNTY COUNCIL ATTORNEY
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President Abell: We'll go down to the County Council Attorney contract. I know all of you got a copy of that. This is just bringing our counsel, Mr. Ahlers, in line with the Commissioner's counsel and also the city counsel, on their hourly fee. And Mr. Ahlers does very few things outside of his standard contract fee, but we wanted to make them all consistent and if you've read that, I would entertain a motion to accept that contract.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, possibly while Ms. Leader is looking at that, you might like to go ahead and talk about the prescription drug program.

Councilmember Sutton: Sure. A couple of months ago, a few of us began some discussions about a program that was brought to our attention by our County Treasurer, Z Tuley. And myself, Commissioner Tornatta, Councilman Goebel, Z Tuley and Gary Heck met and talked about this program called, its an Rx program through an organization called Caremark, or its actually administered through NACo, National Association of Counties. This program is offered in nine other counties and essentially what it is, it's a prescription drug discount program and the discounts can be as much as 20% on prescription drugs that are not covered by insurance. In kind of meeting and discussing that, organize it, put it together, brought it before the Commissioners and they approved the contract for that the latter part of last month. And we are anticipating that this program will be up and rolling in April here in Vanderburgh County. This program itself is aimed at senior citizens and for those that are uninsured, but anyone in the county, Vanderburgh County, can use this program. All they will need to get is the prescription discount card. The name of the program is Vanderburgh County Rx. Now this prescription drug discount program, its not insurance, and it's available to all. But it will allow individuals to also use this discount card for pet prescriptions as well and in addition, if they have a mail order system tied with this and you're able to get even greater than 20% savings on prescription drugs through this program. Now we've identified several distribution points where these cards are going to be available. The primary distribution point will be through our Health Department, but the cards will also be available in the Trustees offices, the various Township Trustees offices, the County Treasurer's offices, we've got one financial institution that's going to distribute the cards. We've got the Community Action Program of Evansville and several other distribution points that will make these cards available to residents throughout the county. Now this card will allow people to use it at any of the chain pharmacies and then some of our independent pharmacies that we've got out there and anyone in the family can use it. You can have just one card for the family or you can have several cards depending on what your use is or what your need might be. I'll come back, I guess, here in April when everything is up and rolling. There will be a big announcement, but I wanted to make sure everyone knew about this program because I think its pretty exciting to allow this type of thing to happen here in Vanderburgh County and get, especially as the cost of medication and health care has risen, this is something that we can do in response, that Vanderburgh County can do to help offset some of those expenses. Now the other probably key thing with this, you were probably thinking as a body, from the Vanderburgh County standpoint, there is no cost to the county to provide this program. All we will need to do is organize the program which is what we're doing and deliver the program to county residents. So I wanted to bring that to your attention, exciting program, Vanderburgh County Rx. Information about this program is on the county's website, so if you go into Vanderburgh County's website, you can plug in, there's a Power Point presentation there, it gives you a step-by-step, how the program works.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Sutton, that's very encouraging. We'll revisit that then in April.

COMPENSATION AGREEMENT IN LIEU OF STATUTORY FEES BETWEEN ERIC WILLIAMS, AS SHERIFF OF VANDERBURGH COUNTY, AND THE COUNTY OF VANDERBURGH
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President Abell: I would like to go back now to the agreement between the Sheriff's department and the county or the Sheriff and the county regarding the management. I think all of you got in your packets two different agreements and we'll vote on them separately. Mr. Ahlers and I discussed this. First we'll vote on the one that is titled

the Compensation Agreement In Lieu of Statutory Fees Between Eric Williams, As Sheriff of Vanderburgh County, and the County of Vanderburgh. And I'll ask for a motion to accept that and a second, and then we'll put it on the floor.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Anyone have any questions or comments? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF VANDERBURGH COUNTY, THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL AND ERIC WILLIAMS, THE SHERIFF OF VANDERBURGH COUNTY FOR SERVICES RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM</p>
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President Abell: The next one is entitled an agreement and I'd like a motion to accept that and a second, and then we'll vote on it.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Any discussion? Questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VECTREN ENERGY PROGRAM

President Abell: And the final thing on our agenda under new business, Mr. Sutton, would you like to take over for the Vectren?

Councilmember Sutton: I think Jeff Whiteside is here from Vectren, outstanding programs that they've got coming up and in line with just our relationship with public and private sectors, thought it would be a great idea to bring Jeff up to talk about some of their exciting things that they are doing, especially in light of the increases in energy costs, they had a way in which they are trying to address that issue, and I'll turn it over to Jeff to talk about their programs.

Jeff Whiteside: Madam President and Councilmembers, good morning. Its really a new day for us at Vectren, given some regulatory changes that happened near the end of last year and I think you, hopefully, have begun to see some changes in how we relate to the public and the education programs that we're providing to them. What I want to do here this morning is just take four or five minutes, give you sort of a high level overview and I'd be happy to answer any questions that you might have. But actually, I am here as a result of sending out about 1,500 letters throughout the state of Indiana to organizations such as this, rotaries, chambers, etcetera, in an effort to get this out on a face-to-face basis. Regulation that governs our business was created when the cost of the commodity was just pennies. And as you all know

very well, back in the Katrina Hurricane season, the cost of that commodity now peaked out at about \$15 per unit. Historically, prior to 2000, that cost was about \$2.50. And so what its done, because of simple supply and demand issues, is it shifted a fairly unreasonable burden to our customers. We purchased the commodity on behalf of the customer and passed that commodity through on a dollar for dollar basis. We do not make any profit on the commodity itself. And so what we've done is worked with regulators to sort of decouple our opportunity for a profit and to recover our cost from volume. And so we call that the Conservation Connection. And I won't dwell on the regulatory side of things. What I want to spend my time on today is indicating what it really means to our customers and the programs that we have in place. It really brings our business objectives in line with the customers objectives and that is to drive down their bill as low as we can get it. Seventy-five to eighty percent of the customer's bill goes to pay for that commodity and that's the part of the bill that we want to enable the customer to be able to manage more effectively than what they have historically. That pretty much highlights the first slide. If you'll go to the slide entitled Indiana Program Portfolio, we have about four key elements that we're embarking upon. We'll have aggressive rebate programs that you hopefully have received some bill inserts on and have seen some television commercials about. We have online tools for those that have Internet access. We have a call center now dedicated to this function and we have begun to mobilize about 1,800 employees to change the way they think and the way they behave when they interact with our customers. On the next and final slide, we have begun that public education process. A week from this Thursday you should see a free-standing insert in your newspaper and it really is your ten tips to energy conservation and additional details about rebate programs. That will go to about 400,000 subscribers across the state of Indiana. That is supplemented by the television, as I mentioned, radio, media and our bill inserts, as well as a speakers bureau. Those rebates became effective December the first and can either be obtained through our call center or online. The audit tool that I mentioned enables our customers to go online, tie directly to their account information and plug in data like, if I bought a high-efficiency furnace, how much would it save me? If I replaced windows, how much would it save me? How much would it save me if I installed a high efficiency hot water heater? And we have rebate programs on many of those items that you've probably seen. The primary focus is a set-back thermostat, it's a \$20 rebate. If you walk into a big box hardware store, they run about \$20 when they're on sale. So we've tried to enable customers at all levels to take advantage of a way to drive their energy bill lower. Finally, in addition to the Conservation Connection call center, we've met with about 1,200 of our 1,800 employees to say it's a new day in how we relate with the customer. Our service men are equipped with little truck pads so when they go into a house and they see a round thermostat, they peel off a truck pad and say here's a way that you can drive your energy cost lower. We made about 500,000 service calls in the state of Indiana last year. We received about three million telephone calls here in Evansville from our customers, the majority of which are in Indiana, and now we have a way to tell them how they can lower their bill more effectively and aggressively manage their bills. So that's just a very quick snap-shot on the program that we've launched, how we hope to enable the customer to drive down their overall bill and really impact that 75 to 80 percent of the commodity cost, and how our interests are in line with our customers. Madam President, if there's time allowing, I'd be happy to field any questions.

President Abell: Anyone have any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: You mentioned that you have rebates that are available, can you talk about how much those rebates are worth and what they're for?

Jeff Whiteside: Sure, to move from a regular furnace to a high-efficiency furnace, the incremental cost to do that is about \$500. Our rebate to help encourage a customer to do that, to cover that incremental cost is \$250. The Department of Energy indicates that one out of every four furnaces is over 20 years old and for us in the State of Indiana, that means about 570,000 furnaces, just to give you a sense of what the potential change out could be. Its not enough to incent someone to change their furnace, but if they were going to make that change, it enables them to get to that next level. I talked a little bit about the thermostat rebate, there's a hot water rebate for a high efficiency hot water heater of \$50 and a high efficiency washer and dryer of \$150. There are also programs for commercial buildings, not-for-profits, and government entities as well.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Abell: Anyone else have any questions? I have a question.

Jeff Whiteside: Yes, ma'am?

President Abell: What if you've already done it? What if you've already gone to an energy efficient washer and dryer, for instance?

Jeff Whiteside: Yeah, in terms of what it means for you because of the rebate program? Yeah, the rebate programs were effective December the 1st, and so if that purchase took place prior to, it doesn't qualify, unfortunately.

President Abell: But if you bought one last week, you can apply?

Jeff Whiteside: Absolutely.

President Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, I would just applaud you for trying to hit so many touch points. It's a tough task and a great message to communicate and I applaud you for trying to hit on all those touch points.

Jeff Whiteside: Thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions? Mr. Ahlers just pointed out something, he just put a hot water heater in, didn't know if it was high efficiency. Would it say on the appliance if its high efficiency?

Jeff Whiteside: It should and if you have a question, call our call center and they can answer that for you. Its in your handout.

Councilmember Winnecke: A couple of us have an idea of what Mr. Ahlers might have bought.

Councilmember Sutton: Just on that conservation side, just real interesting, I had gone into one of the, as you guys referred to, one of the big box hardware stores, bought a, rather than, I went to the flourescent lights, screw in, and they use, I guess, a whole lot less energy than regular light bulbs. If you bought a pack of these, essentially, the rebate was the same as the cost of the bulbs, so basically, they were giving away these bulbs for free.

Jeff Whiteside: This is a natural gas program. I would tell you that we are in the very

early stages of thinking about electric conservation as well. Thank you for your time this morning.

President Abell: Thank you. Does anyone else have any business they'd like to bring before the Council?

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President? Just a quick comment and I apologize, seeing the folks from the Health Department. I read a quick draft of a letter that Gary is going to prepare to send out, just a little update of the dental clinic. After its first six months of operation from, it opened if you'll remember, the 26th of June. But through the end of the year, they treated 832 patients and provided over 1,400 services in that time. Ninety-one percent of those folks had no dental insurance and none of them had medical insurance, so its really touching a portion of the community that we wanted it to do, so congratulations to Gary and Sam for overseeing that. And you'll be hearing more about that as they prepare their report.

President Abell: Thank you, Councilman. Anyone else? I'll accept a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved and I guess we had the seconder look in our eyes.

President Abell: We're adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Marsha Abell

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Tom Shetler

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of March in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President, Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the March 7th, 2007 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We apologize for the delay. We'd like everyone to please stand and I'd like to ask Councilman Shetler to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: Could we have the roll call please?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	
President Abell	X	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JANUARY 31 AND FEBRUARY 7, 2007**

President Abell: I'll entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 31st, 2007.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: All in favor say aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Abell: Opposed?

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Abell: Could I have a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the February 7th, 2007 meeting?

Councilmember Leader: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: All in favor say aye.

All Councilmembers: Aye.

President Abell: Opposed?

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Abell: Thank you. Its time for the appropriation ordinance and I'll turn that over to our Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

SHERIFF (TWO REQUESTS)

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, Madam President. First on the agenda today, under Sheriff, 1050-2680 Weapons in the amount of \$45,000, 1050-2700 Other Supplies \$6,000, 1050-3530 Contractual, I'm going to move that we set that in at zero, and we'll come back with this as we address how we may approach this county wide, for a total appropriation request of \$51,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2680	Weapons	45,000.00	45,000.00
1050-2700	Other Supplies	6,000.00	6,000.00
1050-3530	Contractual Services	45,000.00	0.00
Total		96,000.00	51,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Next, under Sheriff 1050-1540 and 1050-2760 for a total of \$7,500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1540	Process Server Vacation Coverage	5,000.00	5,000.00
1050-2760	Court Security	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total		7,500.00	7,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR
PROSECUTOR IV-D

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under Prosecutor, 1080-1450-1080 Investigator, 1080-1900 FICA, 1080-1910 PERF, for a total of \$5,706. This is an existing employee that was transferred in. What was budgeted was a lower rate. And we have the same thing on Prosecutor IV-D under 1081-1290-1081 through FICA and PERF, for a total of \$3,183. I'll move approval of both requests.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1450-1080	Investigator	4,987.00	4,987.00
1080-1900	FICA	382.00	382.00
1080-1910	PERF	337.00	337.00
Total		5,706.00	5,706.00

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1081-1290-1081	Enforcement Officer	2,782.00	2,782.00

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1081-1900	FICA	213.00	213.00
1081-1910	PERF	188.00	188.00
Total		3,183.00	3,183.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Councilmember Raben: Weights & Measures, 1302-1140-1302 and FICA along with PERF for a total of \$2,915, I will move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Excuse me, Councilmember Raben, what was the total on that?

Councilmember Raben: The total – we need to correct the PERF, I should have made mention of that. PERF should be \$172, for a total of \$2,915.

Teri Lukeman: Thank you.

President Abell: Could we have the seconder –

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll amend my second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1302-1140-1302	Secretary	2,548.00	2,548.00
1302-1900	FICA	195.00	195.00
1302-1910	PERF	178.00	172.00
Total		2,921.00	2,915.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER (THREE REQUESTS)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next we have three requests for Public Defender. The first request, Juvenile Court Public Defender, with FICA and PERF, for a total of 50,754; Administrative Assistant, with FICA and PERF, for a total of \$31,109. Next, the account 1303-3053 Juvenile Contractual Services, the request was for 90,000, that should be set in at zero. Deputy Public Defender, the correct amount should be 24,939, FICA 1,908, PERF 1,684, for a total of 28,531, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Councilmember Sutton: Before we –

President Abell: Sorry, Mr. Sutton, go ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: Since we did make some pretty significant changes on that, Jim, on that last area, when we initially had the, under Contractual Services, that line, now we've changed that account. There's been, obviously, a lot of discussion with others in the court area along with the Public Defender, if we can maybe give a little bit of explanation on what we were doing there.

Councilmember Raben: I might ask that Steve Owens step forward.

Steve Owens: (Inaudible)

President Abell: Mr. Owens, would you please turn your microphone on?

Steve Owens: Is it on now? What we've done was, we withdrew or basically changed the request for the contractual public defenders under the amended proposal as we presented it at the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting, is we're going to maintain the three part-time PD's that are down there and this would add a fourth part-timer to handle the civil juvenile cases. And then the other positions will be taking over the juvenile delinquency and some support staff.

Councilmember Sutton: The questions that was posed was, those that are in the position now on that juvenile side, whether they would be on the same par with the other part-time individuals regarding benefits?

Steve Owens: That is correct. And the fourth person that we have budgeted or we're asking for approval will have that same benefit package.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions of Mr. Owens? Thank you. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-1830-1303	Juvenile Ct. Public Defender	44,365.00	44,365.00
1303-1900	FICA	3,394.00	3,394.00
1303-1910	PERF	2,995.00	2,995.00
Total		50,754.00	50,754.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-1820-1303	Administrative Assist.	27,192.00	27,192.00
1303-1900	FICA	2,081.00	2,081.00
1303-1910	PERF	1,836.00	1,836.00
Total		31,109.00	31,109.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-3053	Juvenile Contractual Services	90,000.00	0.00

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1303-1810-1303	Dep. Public Defender	0.00	24,939.00
1303-1900	FICA	0.00	1,908.00
1303-1910	PERF	0.00	1,684.00
Total		90,000.00	28,531.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Burdette Park, Madam President, I'm going to move at this time that this request be deferred or set in at zero, and I'd like to come back and readdress this issue next month.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	40,000.00	0.00
1450-1190-1450	Security	1,000.00	0.00
1450-1900	FICA	3,137.00	0.00
Total		44,137.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's it for the General Fund, now we'll move into Cum Bridge. We have University Parkway in the amount of \$58,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Councilmember Sutton: I had a couple questions on that.

President Abell: Sorry, Mr. Sutton, I didn't see your light come on. Go ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: You're rolling fast today. Is John Stoll or one of the Commissioners here? Okay. Good morning, John.

John Stoll: Good morning.

Councilmember Sutton: John, on the University Parkway segments here, I know there's been some prior discussions or ongoing discussions about funding that project. Can you tell us maybe specifically on these two requests here, where that puts us and where these are actually located?

John Stoll: This request, I should say these requests for the Road & Street and the Bridge money would provide the final design plans for the section from Marx Road to Diamond Avenue. Right now, Bernardin Lochmueller is under contract to only provide final plans up to Marx Road. Right now, we don't have all the funding secured to get everything built up to Diamond Avenue, but before we can ever get commitments on INDOT's end, we'll have to have final plans done, all the right-of-ways secured before we can get firm commitments on the construction...construction funding, I should say. So basically, by proceeding with the design now, this would allow us to at least be ready when we can come up – when INDOT will come up with the funds available to build the remainder of it. We've got a pretty good idea as far as the available funds needed to finish the section up to Marx Road. Its from Marx to Diamond is where it gets a little sketchy.

Councilmember Sutton: What's our funding gap on that Marx to Diamond portion of this project?

John Stoll: If I remember right, based on the preliminary estimates, it was in the neighborhood of 2.3 million. Those were preliminary estimates, too, that were based upon the figures from the public hearing that was held last summer and we have been seeing some significant cost increases on all construction projects, so that gap could be greater, it might be pretty accurate. Its just too early to tell as of yet.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, this is a project that has drawn a great deal of interest and its an important project for the community and obviously, we don't want to see a project that we get partially done and are unable to complete it, so – and I know the Commissioners are obviously looking for any sources possible to try to find, to fund this. But if there is a way that you can keep us posted or some

things that we can do on the Council side to try to keep this process moving along so that we don't end up with a project where we are unable to finish it. Now the design portion of this, how long do you anticipate that this will –

John Stoll: I don't remember off the top of my head exactly how long the consultant estimated that would take. Since they've already set the preliminary alignment and they've started some of the environmental process, I'm making a ballpark guess, I would say around a year or so, they should have it all wrapped up. But I can update you on that when we get to the point where we're actually getting a signed contract.

Councilmember Sutton: You know, one of the other questions, too, is at the major intersections, the concerns about just from a safety standpoint and the flow of traffic in making those overpasses as opposed to grade level intersections, how much additional does that add to the project by looking at some overpasses as opposed to grade level?

John Stoll: It would be millions. Back in, I believe it was 2004, is when the Lynch and 1-64 Interchange was opened up, and the construction cost on that was about seven and a half million. So, and that was a partial cloverleaf design which was a little more expensive than a, probably a diamond-type interchange would be what would be feasible out on University Parkway, but I'd still say per interchange, you'd be looking at five to ten million dollars in construction costs alone, excluding the right-of-way. And given the fact that there are some houses up close to all those at grade intersections, the right-of-way cost would probably be pretty substantial too, because you'd have to relocate a number of people. Based on the traffic numbers, the interchanges weren't warranted at any of the intersections, so that's why they were designed the way they were. Basically, they would be through, University Parkway would be through traffic and then the side streets would stop. The next step, although nobody would want to hear it would be installation of traffic signals, and then once those became in effect, then the next step beyond that would be the construction of an interchange.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

John Stoll: You're welcome.

President Abell: Any other questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4422	University Pkwy. Bridges 2210 & 2211	58,000.00	58,000.00
Total		58,000.00	58,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Local Roads & Streets, University Parkway in the amount of 170,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4423	University Parkway Phase 3	170,000.00	170,000.00
Total		170,000.00	170,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under Reassessment Funds, first we have under Auditor, Extra Help and FICA in the amount of \$10,765, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1020-1990	Extra Help	10,000.00	10,000.00
2490-1020-1900	FICA	765.00	765.00
Total		10,765.00	10,765.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Reassessment/County Assessor we have a request on Contractual in the amount of \$120,000. I saw the Assessor was in the audience. If I can, Madam President, he and I played phone tag for the last couple of days and I did have a question or two on this line.

Jonathon Weaver: Good morning, Council.

Councilmember Raben: Good morning. The first question is, how far will this \$120,000, will this take you through the whole process? This is for commercial and industrial trending, is that correct?

Jonathan Weaver: Correct, commercial and industrial trending, we're going to do residential ourselves, the townships will. So we're just asking for help. There's some concerns, this past process, we had three different categories where it was hard to get it accomplished. So I guess the biggest complaints and worries with the township is time and the know-how of how to do commercial. And we really would like to learn how to do it so we can eventually do it, because I feel like, as Assessors, we should be able to do our job.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I mean, this isn't, don't get me wrong, this isn't an unusual request. I mean, we've paid to have trending for commercial and industrial in the past but I was just curious, I don't recall spending maybe quite this much. So this will be, probably, the only appropriation we'll see to complete the commercial trending, is that...

Jonathan Weaver: Last year's price, I believe, was 127,900, so –

Councilmember Raben: Is that what it was?

Jonathan Weaver: So it is pricey. Can we beat it down? I don't know, I'd like to try to. You know, personally, I don't know if its worth that much, but I'm just taking the steps to get permission first, I guess.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, I think they're necessary steps. Okay, that's the only questions I have.

Jonathan Weaver: Great. Thanks.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel? Wait a minute, Mr. Weaver. I think there's more questions.

Councilmember Goebel: This will be an annual request?

Jonathan Weaver: We hope not. Last year, I guess maybe that was brought up, too, townships still don't feel that confident. The problem is we just don't have as many sales in commercial and industrial, so its tough to learn it. The townships really don't have time to do field investigations. We're probably going to have about 4 to 5,000 appeals here coming up in the next couple of months, so there'll be a mountain of that to accomplish. You know, we'd like to get this done by July 1st, so there's extra pressure there. And, you know, we want to learn. I want to learn, I want to be hands-on, and I want to know what's going on, so we hope not.

Councilmember Goebel: We appreciate that, but I thought two years ago when we made a similar appropriation, we were told then that we would be capable of handling our own assessment.

Jonathan Weaver: We're doing residential. I wasn't here two years ago. You know, I'm just listening to the concerns of the township assessors.

Councilmember Winnecke: Jonathon, who will do the trending work on the commercial side?

Jonathan Weaver: I don't know yet. Last year we had Appraisal Research do it. The two people that worked for Appraisal Research left and started their own company.

Councilmember Winnecke: Are they local?

Jonathan Weaver: No. I have three people in mind, three different companies, so at this point I don't know who is going to do it.

Councilmember Winnecke: Are any of them local?

Jonathan Weaver: I am leaning toward one who has done Warrick County and they were on time, it was done correctly, and yeah, they live in Newburgh.

Councilmember Winnecke: For commercial trending, does it make sense to have local knowledge?

Jonathan Weaver: Probably. But I guess there's no local company that does trending as far as I know. Of course, we're going to, I guess, bid it out and we'll find out, but...

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

President Abell: No other questions from the Councilmen?

Councilmember Shetler: Marsha?

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: You mentioned that you would like to get the Assessors trained in doing this, but are we taking any steps towards that? I mean, in this Contractual money, will we be training our people in any way or taking that next step?

Jonathan Weaver: Well, the contract hasn't been set yet, but, you know, I would – yeah, I like to be hands-on. I like to know what's going on, and, you know, personally, I'd like to be part of that process and I'm sure I can get the townships to do that.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright. Thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions? Mr. Weaver, I have a question. Does the state not offer any training for Assessors? I know we pay some Assessors extra money for different levels that they acquire. Not having been an Assessor, I don't

know what those levels entail, but do they not offer any training for this commercial trending?

Jonathan Weaver: Well, we have that huge book. You know, they do offer a level I and a level II certification. You know, the complaint, just, you know, not to call anybody out, but I guess the knowledge isn't there with some of the townships to assess. They don't know how to do a T J Maxx or a Whirlpool or a Berry Plastics. So that's what they need to learn.

President Abell: Yeah, I think we'd all agree that they need to learn so that we won't be spending this kind of money. I don't think we're going to recoup this in taxes. Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: Is this money already set in in the Reassessment fund, so its not actually going to raise taxes at all, right?

President Abell: I think that's -- yes, its not coming out of tax money, no.

Jonathan Weaver: Is that it?

President Abell: Any other questions? Thank you, Mr. Weaver. Mr. Raben, I don't think, did you put that in the form of a motion? I don't think we had a second.

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

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: No.

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1090-3530	Contractual Services	120,000.00	120,000.00
Total		120,000.00	120,000.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Goebel and Abell opposed)

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Surveyor, we have PERF – it's the Corner Perpetuation Fund, in the amount of \$660, I move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2650-1910	PERF	660.00	660.00
Total		660.00	660.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING

Councilmember Raben: Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, we have a request for

Civilian Overtime in the amount of 5,000 and Union Overtime in the amount of 5,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2780-1301	Civilian Overtime	5,000.00	5,000.00
2780-1850	Union Overtime	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUEST

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: The Public Defender, the request for repeal has been withdrawn, I'll move that that be set in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-1730-1303	Public Defender	24,939.00	0.00
1303-1840-1303	Deputy Public Defender Juvenile Ct.	24,939.00	0.00
1303-1850-1303	Deputy Public Defender Juvenile Ct.	24,939.00	0.00
1303-1900	FICA	8,724.00	0.00
1303-1910	PERF	5,050.00	0.00
Total		88,591.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN
REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR
DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL (LATE)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
LOCAL ROADS & STREETS
SUPERIOR COURT (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Madam President, I'm going to move that we take all the transfers as listed including the two late transfers, one for Superior Court and one for Drug and Alcohol Deferral. I move that we accept it as listed.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1361-1250-1361	Confinement Officer	6,910.00	6,910.00
To: 1361-1140-1361	Clerk	1,860.00	1,860.00
1361-1150-1361	Clerk	1,950.00	1,950.00
1361-1180-1361	Clerk	1,860.00	1,860.00
1361-1220-1361	Conf. Officer	1,240.00	1,240.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4376	Green River Road Bridge #710	150,000.00	150,000.00
To: 2030-4355	St. George Road Bridge #112	150,000.00	150,000.00

DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2042-32510	Out of Home Place- ments/Therapeutic	1,365,000.00	1,365,000.00
To: 2042-32500	Out of Home Place- ments/Foster Care	1,365,000.00	1,365,000.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2160-4328	Mt. Pleasant Road	4,500.00	4,500.00
To: 2160-3130	Travel/Mileage	4,500.00	4,500.00

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2490-1090-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 2490-1090-3141	Communications	1,000.00	1,000.00

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS**SUPERIOR COURT REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 1370-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	800.00	800.00
To: 1370-3054	Juvenile Home Detention	800.00	800.00

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 1371-1140-1371	Secretary/Bookkeeper	8,000.00	8,000.00
To: 1371-1970	Temporary Replacement	8,000.00	8,000.00

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

Councilmember Raben: And last, Madam President, we have the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Our Executive Assistant just passed around all the amendments, its quite lengthy. If you would, please turn to page two, under Burdette, and cross that out. That was not approved today. And I'll move that we accept pages one through four and be entered into the minutes. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ORDINANCE APPROVING ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE FROM THE STATE OF INDIANA

President Abell: Under Old Business, you will note that we have the Ordinance Approving the Acquisition of Real Estate, we are still waiting, I think, for some information on that. So we will keep it on the agenda so that it can come to vote when you have that ready for us, Commissioner President.

BKD CONTRACT (JOB STUDY CONSULTANT)
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President Abell: Under New Business, we have the BKD contract. I think everyone has seen it. I certainly hope you have. We've been looking at it several times. Mr. Ahlers has worked with BKD on this contract to make sure the wording is correct and I understand this is fine, the final? So I would entertain a motion to approve.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Councilmember Sutton: Question.

President Abell: I'm sorry, Mr. Sutton, go ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: On page three of this, there is a clause that, it's the third paragraph from the bottom, and that is the termination of services. And what is indicated for here is asking for a 90 day advance notice if either party decides they wanted to go their separate ways on this and I guess when I'm comparing that up to a clause earlier where in that first paragraph, same page, where if they aren't paid within 30 days, they could suspend or terminate services and so forth. Ninety days just seems to be – seems like thirty days would be adequate as opposed to ninety. Or do I have a different one?

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. Sutton, there should be on your desk, the latest version. That was one of the things that I had them change was, instead of a ninety day notice, it's a thirty day termination notice. And then the other thing that we had them take out is in the first draft there was a couple of paragraphs asking the county to indemnify them for any mistakes or errors, and I had them remove that. So those things have been corrected.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, good.

Jeff Ahlers: But you have a good eye.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I've got an old copy here. So I just wanted to make sure we were consistent there. It just seems like that would be fair to the county, that that would be in line with the other parts of the contract.

President Abell: Any other questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU RESOLUTION ON PENDING LEGISLATION RAISING THE INNKEEPERS TAX</p>
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President Abell: Next is the Convention & Visitors Bureau resolution on pending legislation raising the room tax and I see Marilee is here. Would you want to address this?

Marilee Fowler: Good morning. I'm Marilee Fowler with the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau. And as you know, last summer we conducted a sports study to analyze the facilities that we currently have and what we need to do to either improve them, build new, so that we can attract more sports championship tournaments. Now when we do this, it's a win-win, because all of our children get to enjoy these on a day to day basis but it also is a great opportunity to bring these tournaments to Evansville. And we've certainly seen that success with Goebel Soccer Complex. So the hoteliers passed a resolution to support raising their industry tax to make this happen, that we'd have the money to do this. So we're asking your support to do that same thing, to support the legislation that would help us raise the Innkeepers Tax by two percent which would be dedicated to our Tourism Capital Development, which is a fund that only goes to brick and mortar projects, that would give us the resources to build some new sports facilities. We'd probably be starting with baseball and softball fields. So I ask for your support today.

President Abell: Would anyone like to ask any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: I'd just like to make a comment. I think your work and the hoteliers to bring this about for our community, its definitely a very positive step in the right direction, wholesome activity and makes Evansville a more attractive place, and I don't see how we can do anything but say yes to this. Thank you, Marilee.

Marilee Fowler: Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Have we been given a copy of the legislation that's –

Marilee Fowler: The way the resolution we've presented is, the way it was written, it was very simple, it was just to increase the Vanderburgh County Innkeepers Tax by two percent, which would go to Tourism Capital Development, which then, in turn, would go to build these sports facilities. Its House Bill 1263. As it happens in Indianapolis, this has gotten very complicated because several other communities wanted to amend our bill to add an increase in their Innkeepers Tax as well. And unfortunately, that bill did not get read because of that, so at this point in time, we're working with our Indianapolis constituent to see if they can amend a bill either another House Bill or a Senate Bill, to see if we can get that legislation in there. So its gotten very complicated, but we're still positive in hoping that this can get passed in this session. But it was a very simple bill.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I guess my concern, and I addressed it in our meeting, is that we remain the authority for which distributes those taxes and how they're split and what they're dedicated toward. So, I mean, I'll support this resolution so long as the language within the bill hasn't changed substantially or has any impact on our control of those funds.

Marilee Fowler: Correct, that's exactly how it will be worded, its very simple, and you will be the deciding group that will make that vote, when we finally get the money in

place and determine that we will build these sports complexes. We will be back to you for that support.

President Abell: Any other questions? Did you meet with everyone? Did everyone have the opportunity to review everything?

Marilee Fowler: Yes.

President Abell: Okay, so everyone knows everything that's on the table. I'd just like to say, as I told you in our meeting, I have not always been in favor of some of the things that we've done here in Evansville, but I'm always in favor of things for children, and I think this is a great project and I commend you for your work on it. Thank you.

Marilee Fowler: We feel very strongly about that also.

President Abell: We need to take a vote in support of this resolution and I would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Leader: I so move.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

MUSEUM BOARD APPOINTMENT

President Abell: Next, the Museum Board appointment, Lisa Foster has agreed to serve on the Museum Board for us this year. And we still need an appointment for the West Side Home Improvement. I am hoping Mr. Raben can come up with some ideas for an appointment for that. Since I don't live on the west side, I don't know a lot of people on the west side.

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX PHASE IN
FOR THE VANDERBURGH INDUSTRIAL PARK, LOT 10
CREATIVE PRESS, INC.**

President Abell: And that takes us to the preliminary resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council Declaring an Economic Revitalization Area for Tax Phase In for the Vanderburgh Industrial Park, Lot 10, Creative Press, Inc. And as the audience should know, we had extensive discussion on this last week and we welcome the parties back to our meeting this morning. Welcome, gentlemen.

Phillip Enoch: Good morning. I'm Phillip Enoch, this is Todd Wahl, the controller, Creative Press. We met with the finance committee, as you guys well know, and our business is being relocated much like that of Brake Supply. We're here to answer any questions you might have.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions? I would like to comment that I did request from you or your attorney last week, an estimation of what the property tax impact is regarding this, and thank you for providing me with these. I'd like to share them with the Council, that their current taxes, if they stayed where they are would be substantially less than what their taxes are going to be at the end of a ten-year period with this new increase. In fact, over the ten-year period, they will pay probably another \$75,000. So I appreciate those figures. Thank you so much. And if no one else has any questions, I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Can I ask what we're actually moving on? Are we moving on the length of ...

President Abell: Just a moment. It is the same as...

Jeff Ahlers: What she is referring to is on paragraph four, the latest version that should be on your desk should have March 31, 2009. I think the prior one said 2008, is that correct?

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

President Abell: Would you come to the microphone please and clarify that for our record? Thank you.

Rob Schaefer: The resolution did say December 31st, '08, and it was changed to March 31st, '09. And that is not the length of deduction, that is the amount of time that that parcel is considered an economic revitalization area. You do need to determine the number of years for the personal property and real estate length of deduction.

Jeff Ahlers: Do that on confirming or now?

Rob Schaefer: You can do it now. There's a blank on the preliminary resolution.

Jeff Ahlers: I just didn't know if you wanted two separate votes. Okay, is everybody clear?

Councilmember Raben: No, I don't know that I am. So this vote is for...

Jeff Ahlers: To declare it an economic revitalization zone, and the only point was that Sandie wanted to clarify and make sure everybody understood they had the latest version that had the date of March 31, 2009 as opposed to the prior one, was the initial comment. Secondly, what you'll have to do is, after voting on this, then you'll need to set in the number of years.

President Abell: That's in section five of this.

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Abell: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: Where were we in the voting? Do we want to start over, or is everybody clear?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Abell: And now I'd like for someone to set in the years that they would like to have this. Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, I would move that we set in the personal property phase-in for nine years and the real property for ten years as recommended in the scoring guideline.

President Abell: Is there a second to that?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: That was nine years on the real property?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, there's only one place on section five that needs to be set in.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, that's what I was looking at here, you just have one –

Jeff Ahlers: Does Rob need to comment on that? Just make sure everybody is clear what they're voting on?

Rob Schaefer: Right, section five lists real estate improvements and acquisition of equipment, but there is only one line. That can easily be changed to two lines and make the real property length ten and the personal property nine, if you want to, or if you want to make both ten...its whatever you want to do. It scored ten for real property and nine for equipment.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, we should be consistent with our scoring so that we don't have any problems later on down the road with that.

Councilmember Winnecke: So just for clarification, my motion was nine years on personal property and ten years on the real property.

Councilmember Sutton: Who was the seconder on that?

Teri Lukeman: I think Tom was the seconder.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Abell: Just one moment. Do you need that signed? Can we...

Teri Lukeman: This actually is just signed by the Council president, so if you have Mr. Schaefer amend that, then he can get it to you for your signature.

President Abell: Mr. Schaefer, can you amend it and get it to me for signature then?

Rob Schaefer: Yes.

President Abell: Okay. Thank you. Is there any other business to come before the County Council?

Councilmember Shetler: Madam Chair? I'd like to check to see, on everyone's calendar if April the 25th would work. I'd like to try to set up the Personnel Study Committee on a more regular basis if we can. And I was hoping to do this on a quarterly basis, but time has kind of gotten away a little bit here and then you've got Easter, and then there's a few other things going, and April the 25th appears to be the earliest date possible at this moment, so I'd like to do that following our regular Personnel & Finance Committee meeting. If that's not a problem.

President Abell: That's fine. Sandie, would you notify the people that need to know?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

President Abell: If there's no further business, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn. I think Mr. Raben moved.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry, before we adjourn, there is one small thing, Madam President. There is a local church around here that is Line Street Church of Christ, they are adding a new education and recreation facility onto their existing building, and they had written me a letter asking if in some way or form, if the Council could write a letter of commendation or just recognizing that commitment to the community. And what I'd like to do, if I could prepare that and if we could have some signatures on that maybe from yourself and maybe myself as well, on that letter that recognizes what they've done in terms of adding value with youth programming to the community. They've got a big conference that's coming in and they wanted to make sure that the public officials were duly recognized in that, so I just wanted to bring that

to your attention.

President Abell: Where is this church and what are they – can you give us a little information about it?

Councilmember Sutton: The name of the church is Line Street Church of Christ. Their pastor has been here about three years, and done a phenomenal job with adding, like I said, just the number of programs there to really help youth kind of get on track and they're going to have an after school tutoring program as a result of having this new addition onto it. And they just felt like it would be a good thing to have the community as a part of it, and along with elected officials supporting what they're doing. And they're not asking for any dollars, just merely a letter of support.

President Abell: I think that would be a great idea. If you'll prepare that, we'll do that.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, well thank you.

President Abell: Now could we have another motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Abell: We're adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of April, 2007 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council Vice President, Lloyd Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Good morning and welcome to the April 4th meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll begin with attendance roll call, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	
President Abell		X

Councilmember Winnecke: And I would note for the record that Councilwoman Abell is out of town with her husband who is having surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they go through that. Would you please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2007**

Councilmember Winnecke: At this time I would consider a motion to approve the minutes of our March 7th meeting.

Councilmember Leader: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SHERIFF (TWO REQUESTS)

Councilmember Winnecke: At this time, we'll turn the floor over to our Finance Chair, Mr. Raben, and for those of you who are viewing at home or in the audience and don't normally visit with us, these are requests that came before us at our meeting last week. We entertained a lot of the questions and the debate on those last week, so if there's no discussion, we're assuming that we have the information we need to

make the vote. So with that caveat, I'll turn the floor over to our Finance Chair, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. First on the agenda today is two requests for the Sheriff's Department. If you look at your newly revised agenda, the Sheriff has prepared transfers for these amounts, so I move that both requests under Sheriff be set in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: And, Mr. Raben, for the record, this is the line item 1050-1130-0235?

Councilmember Raben: Down through 1050-1951 and then the next items, 1050-1130-0005 down through 1050-1130-0227.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thanks for the clarification. There is a motion, is there a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: There is a second by Mr. Shetler. Any questions or discussion on this issue? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0235	Investigative Trans. Clerk	18,350.00	0.00
1050-1900	FICA	1,404.00	0.00
1050-1910	PERF	1,790.00	0.00

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1050-1920	Insurance	9,014.00	0.00
1050-1951	Civilian Teamsters Education	76.00	0.00
Total		30,634.00	0.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0005	Captain	3,224.00	0.00
1050-1130-0001	Chief	146.00	0.00
1050-1130-0006	Lieutenant	24.00	0.00
1050-1130-0010	Sergeant	26.00	0.00
1050-1130-0216	Post Command Receptionist	1,644.00	0.00
1050-1130-0227	Major	849.00	0.00
Total		5,913.00	0.00

(Motion carried 4-2/Councilmembers Sutton & Leader opposed)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Next, under Jail, Miscellaneous Equipment in the amount of \$109,912 and Inmate Medical in the amount of \$500,000, for a total of 609,912, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Actually, I have a question on that. On the Miscellaneous Equipment, we were checking with the Building Authority or did you learn something else?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, and Councilman Shetler checked with the Commissioners as well, there is no funds available in their budget.

Councilmember Winnecke: But we're still waiting on the Building Authority, right?

Councilmember Raben: No, its my understanding that the Building Authority doesn't have the funds as well.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Have we exhausted all other avenues to fund the video equipment or ...

Councilmember Shetler: There is a little bit, I think, out of that building fund, but its very, very small. Its down to almost nil, but there is some. I didn't want to be misleading in that there was nothing left. There is a little bit and I don't recall what that balance was, but it was a very small figure. So its not enough to tackle this. Its not even enough for fifty percent of it. So I'm talking about the equipment, itself. So I think it was much less than \$50,000, is my understanding.

Councilmember Sutton: In our discussion last week, I don't know if we had our budget sheets at that time. Now that we have those, under the Jail Project budget, we've got 3.1 there, almost 3.2. Did we give some discussion or some consideration from that budget for this particular request? In particular on the Miscellaneous Equipment, not necessarily the Medical, but the Equipment?

Councilmember Raben: I mean, I can voice my opinion on that. I had high hopes of saving that and utilizing it at some point for a rainy day fund or something much bigger. I hate to start pulling from it little by little, and someday it won't be available when we need it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess I made that suggestion in light of this is in relation to some of the technology, the inner workings of just our whole process of changing over to our process of how we handle inmates now even with the new jail. I thought that might be a viable, and I know we're still very early in the year, and I guess that's maybe why I'm beginning to wonder, you know, what requests we'll have coming down the pike down the road. We don't know what those will be but being that we hadn't expressed any other plans for that jail project fund, with the exception of that, we talked about the sally port and the whole extension over on to this building, in between the court's building, and then we haven't gotten the final figures, we haven't had a discussion back on that again, and I would anticipate that it will be coming pretty soon. Other than that, I'm not aware of any other projects that we've earmarked for, for this fund.

Councilmember Raben: No specific projects other than there are projects out there that, particularly road projects that at some point, that that line might be very helpful for, such as completing University Parkway. And then, again, I don't know what all the Commissioners have in mind, but I think it would be in our best interests to safeguard that line until we actually have to pull from it because there are a lot of major projects that, at some point, that could be very useful for.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Its my understanding that the arraignment is on this end in the courtroom, is that correct? And things are pretty well set in the jail. It just seems like we left the meeting that maybe there was another way we could raise the money to help pay for part of it, and if there's \$50,000 available from the Building Authority, could we not use part of that to help fund the video arraignment or can we go one courtroom at a time? I'm looking for suggestions.

Councilmember Winnecke: I exchanged voice mails with Mr. Rector from the Building Authority yesterday on this issue. We did not connect. I stopped in his office this morning and his assistant said it was her impression that there was some discussion on the Building Authority, they were looking into that as to whether they will have a role in funding these or not. That was at 8:15 this morning. So my personal preference is that we defer this specific line item for a month so we can just nail down that question and whether the 50,000 or however much is left from the jail bond would be a viable means to fund this request. But that would be my personal preference.

Councilmember Raben: We have a motion on the floor, I can simply amend the motion. Is that –

Councilmember Shetler: I'll withdraw my second.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll withdraw my motion and I'll move that we set 1051-4250 in at zero, 1051-2240 in at \$500,000.

Councilmember Winnecke: There's a motion and is there a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second from Mr. Goebel. Any further questions or discussion? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: This means we will revisit this next month, correct?

Councilmember Winnecke: Correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Because there's an obvious need to have the video arraignment.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Any other questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-4250	Misc. Equipment	109,912.00	0.00
1051-2240	Inmate Medical	500,000.00	500,000.00
Total		609,912.00	500,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Jail 1051-1130-0319 in the amount of \$18, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Motion and a second, questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1130-0319	Confinement Officer	18.00	18.00
Total		18.00	18.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Union Township Assessor, we did have some discussion on this last week. The request is in the amount of \$4,576. And I know some of us have had dialogue with Mr. Steinkamp, the Assessor in Union Township, and most of us agree that there is a need to make some adjustment there. But in saying that, there is also a need to probably make some, or at least look into all part-time Township Assessors, so at this point, I'm going to move that we set this in at zero and address this between now and budgets.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1170-1110-1170	Union Assessor	4,000.00	0.00
1170-1900	FICA	306.00	0.00
1170-1910	PERF	270.00	0.00
Total		4,576.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Superintendent of County Buildings, for a total of \$245, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Motion and a second, questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

SUPT. OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-1120-1310	Carpenter	208.00	208.00
1310-1900	FICA	16.00	16.00
1310-1910	PERF	21.00	21.00
Total		245.00	245.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Court, Juvenile Home Detention in the amount of 9,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Motion and a second, questions or discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT

REQUESTED

APPROVED

1370-3054	Juvenile Home Detention	9,000.00	9,000.00
Total		9,000.00	9,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Next, Burdette Park, the request is for 44,137. Everyone recalls there was quite a bit of discussion that's happened on this as well. The request was for a 50 cent per hour increase for all part-time employees at Burdette Park. Mr. President, I would recommend that we set a 25 cent an hour pay increase. I would also like to see us set that in at zero. We can bring this back next month because along with this, we need to make amendments to each salary line in the salary ordinance, and its quite lengthy and again, we'll need to address that next month.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, so the motion is to set this in at zero for today?

Councilmember Raben: And the recommendation of a 25 cent per hour increase.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, and is there a second to that to get it on the floor?

Councilmember Sutton: I'll second it.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second by Mr. Sutton. Now discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Twenty-five cents? What are we using as kind of our baseline to come up with that figure?

Councilmember Raben: Again, there was some discussion last week that full-time employees last year received about 33 cents an hour, and its just, again, an issue of fairness. And its simply my recommendation, if someone else has another plan, let's hear it.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm not, I'm just wondering where we – and I guess since we've got people at different levels, I don't know what the lowest pay might be out there, and what that will raise them up to, and then the highest that's in this particular request, where that will actually put them.

Councilmember Raben: Manager Steve Craig is walking forward.

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette. The lowest paid one is our Concessions, and we start them out at \$5.65 an hour.

Councilmember Sutton: And the highest in this particular request would be...?

Steve Craig: I think the night watchman is 7.25, my part-time night watchman, and that would be the highest part-time or maybe it might be the nurse up at Day Camp, I think its 9.25. I'd have to get my sheet out, which...On my concessions and that, its 5.65 and then the Day Camp Nurse can make up to 10, but she's not paid that, we start them out at less than that, and then they get their 15 cent raise as the

years go on. So that would be the highest, is the nurse. But that's one person that works the Day Camp for two months in the summer.

Councilmember Raben: So the nurse that we have today is being paid, what?

Steve Craig: I think last year she was paid 9.75.

Councilmember Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I think its good that we postpone it until next month because by then the state general assembly should have a pretty good indicator of what the minimum wage rule – and will that come into effect probably in July?

Councilmember Sutton: Usually its like July 1.

Councilmember Goebel: So we should all have a clear picture then of what we're going to be mandated to do also.

Steve Craig: At least announce it by then, even if it isn't enacted yet.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Shetler: Let me ask on the timing of this, Steve, is this going to – because I know that there's a lot of college kids out looking right now and college gets out May 10, from May the 5th to the 10th, and these people are going to be trying to land jobs, is this good to delay this? Is this going to put you in a hurt here or is the intent, Jim, to say that we are going to go with a quarter, but we've got to wait and find out so that he can give word to these people, anyway?

Councilmember Raben: Well, when we do set this quarter in officially, we need to make amendments to the salary ordinance and, Steve, how many people are we talking about here?

Steve Craig: Probably 150 to 200.

Councilmember Raben: So, see, that's quite a project and we have to have what they're making today and make the adjustments so that's nothing you're going to do today.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, yeah, and my point is, would we be giving him permission today, though, to be able to at least notify prospects that we're going to be going to a quarter raise, its going to 7.90 instead of 7.65, for example.

Councilmember Raben: We can be, although we've not taken official action. We can give you kind of an unofficial heads-up and I don't even know how we do that, and make it unofficial, but –

Councilmember Sutton: I don't think we could tell someone who – I don't think we can tell someone they're going to get a raise that hasn't actually been approved. I mean, you may tell them that we anticipate that the Council will act on increasing the rate of pay on this, but this is what the rate of pay is today when you are hired.

Councilmember Shetler: Could we not reword the motion to actually approve it subject to getting the table, so that would give him the authority to at least let them – I'm afraid, I mean, this is a very competitive world out here right now with the young people. I'm afraid you're going to lose some of that talent to other people. And if we wait until whatever the next meeting is, 3rd, 5th of May, then I think we're going to have some, its going to put him in a bind here, given the season starting about that same time. And I think that there's a way around it, and I understand what you're saying, Jim, and I agree with you that we can't put all that table together here today, but I think there's a way of giving approval for the rate subject to that table being placed together at the next meeting and then approving that.

Councilmember Raben: I might ask our Counsel, would voting on a simple resolution with the intent, kind of what Tom is saying, does that do it if we make a motion to that effect?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, yeah, you can certainly do that. I mean, I guess the difference is, and I mean, whatever you want to empower Steve to, I suppose, tell people. But, I mean, ultimately, it still comes down to the fact that, you know, by law, until its in the Salary Ordinance, I mean, its not final until then. But, I mean, in terms of, if you want to give them the authority to or if you want a resolution that shows that's the case, then you could certainly do that. But, I'm just saying that's not the official act of putting the money in place, as you know.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Steve, would you be comfortable, when you go through your hiring, informing them that its almost a hundred percent that you're going to get a pay raise?

Steve Craig: We're going through interviews right now and we've already had (inaudible – comments not made at the microphone). I have no problems telling them that they may get a raise. (Inaudible) A lot of them rely on this money for school (Inaudible).

Councilmember Winnecke: Steve, the \$40,000 in there, what kind of equation did you use to get to that number?

Steve Craig: I took all the hours that they worked last year (Inaudible).

Councilmember Raben: The money part really isn't the issue today. There are several hundreds of thousands put in that line already, for Burdette Park, so we can address the money issue as needed, when needed. You know, hopefully, maybe we won't even need to, depending on the, you know, its quite possible you could have a rainy season and we're not going to spend what we've already budgeted. So lets don't concern ourselves with the actual funding part of it. To move this thing along, I'll make a motion in support of a 25 percent – oh, 25 cent per hour raise that this Council will address at our meeting in May. Is that –

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, you're amending your first motion –

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to amend my motion, but first I'm going to withdraw my first motion. My new motion is a resolution in support of a 25 cent per hour raise for part-time employees at Burdette Park, that this Council will address in May.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Sutton, you had the original second.

Councilmember Sutton: And I, again, second that motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion. Is everyone clear?
Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Winnecke: Now, Mr. Raben, I think we need to, for the record, make a vote to set this appropriation in at zero for the time being.

Councilmember Raben: I'll do that. I will move that we set the Burdette request in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: Motion, is there a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Further discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	40,000.00	0.00
1450-1190-1450	Security	1,000.00	0.00
1450-1900	FICA	3,137.00	0.00
Total		44,137.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Armstrong Township Assessor, under Reassessment Funds, in the amount of \$400, I move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Motion and a second, questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

ARMSTRONG TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1100-3141	Communications	400.00	400.00
Total		400.00	400.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Knight Township Assessor in the amount of 5,383, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Motion and a second, questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

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

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we have a request under Pigeon Township Assessor for Computer Hardware and Software in the amount of 17,872. I'm going to move that at this time we set this in at zero. I have had discussion with Matt Arvey, our

Chief Information Officer as well as Jonathan Weaver, our County Assessor, and its my understanding there's a meeting that will take place next week in regards to assessing all the needs for computers and for the township offices. And with the opportunity to buy these all on a state contract price, lumping it all together. So, again, I'm going to move that we set this in at zero.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Motion and a second, questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1150-3371	Computer Hardware	10,260.00	0.00
2490-1150-3372	Computer Software	7,612.00	0.00
Total		17,872.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Union Township Assessor, line 2490-1170-3370 Computers, zero. All other requests as listed, for a total of \$4,570, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you. Motion and a second, questions or discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

UNION TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1170-1990	Extra Help	3,500.00	3,500.00
2490-1170-1900	FICA	270.00	270.00
2490-1170-3130	Travel/Mileage	300.00	300.00
2490-1170-3410	Printing	200.00	200.00
2490-1170-3140	Telephone	300.00	300.00
2490-1170-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	3,500.00	0.00
Total		8,070.00	4,570.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: The Public Defender has been withdrawn, so I'll move that it be set in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: Is there a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1303-1640-1303	Deputy Public Defender	598.00	0.00
To: 1303-1970	Temporary Replacement	598.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LATE TRANSFERS

SHERIFF (THREE REQUESTS)

Councilmember Raben: Late Transfers. We have three requests from the Sheriff’s Department. The first one that starts with 1050-1130-0012 in the amount of 19,213, I’ll move approval. The second one that begins with 1050-1130-0114, I’ll move that we approve that one as well. Moving down to the third Sheriff transfer, the first line 1050-1130-0057, the correct amount is \$1,844. Its listed as \$10,858. The correct figure is \$1,844. Moving down to Insurance, 1050-1920 should be set in at zero, for a total transfer of \$24,844. I’ll stop there and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: There’s a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0012	Lieutenant	3,574.00	3,574.00
1050-1130-0019	Lieutenant	6,780.00	6,780.00
1050-1130-0094	Deputy Sheriff	8,859.00	8,859.00
To: 1050-1130-0002	Major	19,213.00	19,213.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0114	Major	1,000.00	1,000.00
1050-1130-0018	Sergeant	1,689.00	1,689.00
To: 1050-1130-0001	Chief Deputy	146.00	146.00
1050-1130-0006	Lieutenant	24.00	24.00
1050-1130-0010	Sergeant	26.00	26.00
1050-1130-0216	Post Command Receptionist	1,644.00	1,644.00
1050-1130-0227	Major	849.00	849.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0057	Deputy Sheriff	10,858.00	1,844.00
1050-1130-0074	Deputy Sheriff	13,000.00	13,000.00
1050-1130-0090	Deputy Sheriff	10,000.00	10,000.00
To: 1050-1130-0005	Captain	3,224.00	3,224.00
1050-1130-0235	Investigative Trans. Clerk	18,350.00	18,350.00
1050-1900	FICA	1,404.00	1,404.00

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1050-1910	PERF	1,790.00	1,790.00
1050-1920	Insurance	9,014.00	0.00
1050-1951	Civilian Teamsters Ed.	76.00	76.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: And last, Superior Court. The correct figure is 248,917, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Motion and a second, questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-3052	YCC Operating Cost	373,375.00	248,917.00
To: 1370-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	373,375.00	248,917.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, on that last one, I do want to bring up one point. We'll probably have to come back to this line later with the hopes of possibly being able to transfer more out of this line. If not, we'll probably have to make an additional appropriation. But Judge Dietsch says that there are several outstanding bills and that this probably isn't going to get us through, so I'm just serving notice so everyone is aware that this will come back.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Salary Ordinance amendments, Sandie Deig has passed around a four-page list of salary amendments. I'm going to move that they be entered into the record and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Motion and a second, questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Raben. Old Business is actually being deferred again. We're back down to New Business.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION
AREA FOR REAL PROPERTY AND ACQUISITION OF MANUFACTURING
EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT VANDERBURGH INDUSTRIAL PARK, LOT 10
CREATIVE PRESS, INC.**

Councilmember Winnecke: At this point, if there is anyone in the audience that would like to speak to the tax phase-in request for Creative Press, now would be the appropriate time. If not, I would consider a motion to confirm the previous resolution for a nine year tax phase-in on equipment and a ten year tax phase-in on real property, which was passed last month.

Councilmember Leader: I so move.

Councilmember Raben: And I second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, that is done, thank you.

WEST SIDE IMPROVEMENT APPOINTMENT
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Councilmember Winnecke: West Side Improvement, that's a deferment also.

TROY TORNATTA

Councilmember Winnecke: I understand Commissioner Tornatta had a comment to make to the Council. Just couldn't stay away, could you?

Troy Tornatta: Troy Tornatta, County Commissioner. I'd just like to make a, just a notice to the Councilmen that there is a final paving list of about 22 miles that we plan on looking to pave. There is also a concrete list that we're working on right now, so if anybody wants to address any of those lists or talk about any subdivisions of which you have constituents, then please do check over at the Commissioners Office and Marissa would give you a list. I believe Mike Duckworth has a list if for some reason no one is in the office. I still would like to make a plea to have a Council person at the department head meetings. Those are normally at 2:30 before any Commissioner's meeting on a Tuesday. If we could divide it out amongst the Councilmen that we would have a person represented in that meeting maybe on a monthly basis or if you want to split it up weekly, it makes no matter, but I would like to see some participation from the County Council in that meeting. I think it would

be very good to get the dialogue going back and forth. You would have some type of idea of the things that were going on and we do need that to make sure that both bodies have an awareness of what each other's doing. And sometimes it doesn't get across no matter how many memos you send. The last thing I'd like to bring up is, before your next meeting we will have started the Vanderburgh County Rx, the prescription drug discount program. We're looking to launch it probably the week of the 23rd of April, so just so the Councilmen are aware of what's going on. We are trying to, obviously, this is a plan to try to bring some discounts to some of those people who can't afford their drug care and we'll have it implemented and working through the health department of several other entities. We will have that brought out. And all that will be made available to all of the Councilmembers. But I just kind of wanted to give you a heads up. We will be doing that before your next meeting as opposed to rolling it out this meeting or at your next meeting. So if there's any questions, I'll be happy to entertain. Other than that, thanks for having me up.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, any other business to come before the Council? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I wanted to make note in our packet that there is an invitation that we received from the Board of Directors from the Evansville Rescue Mission announcing the grand opening of the Youth Care Center expansion and renovation. That's going to be on Thursday, April 19th at 11:00. So since we just had an appropriation just a few minutes ago, just thought it might be of note that the Youth Care Center expansion is becoming a reality.

Councilmember Winnecke: Good point. Any other business? I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: We are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Marsha Abell

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Tom Shetler

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 2, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of May, 2007 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President, Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the May 2nd, 2007 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Attendance roll call, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	
President Abell	X	

President Abell: Councilman Winnecke, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES APRIL 4, 2007
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President Abell: I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4th meeting.

Councilmember Leader: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Abell: Appropriation Ordinance, I'll turn the meeting over to our Finance Chairman, Councilman Raben.

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. First on the agenda this morning is the Sheriff, Rent 1050-3600. Madam President, I'm going to move that we set this in at \$10,292 and I can explain after the motion is –

President Abell: Is that \$10,292?

Councilmember Raben: 292.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, basically, what this is, this will pay, what is in our budget today is through June. This will make up July's rent. Myself, Councilmember Leader and Bill Nix have a meeting Friday and we're going to, again, make another attempt to renegotiate the rate. So hopefully, we'll come back in July for the reduced rate for the balance of the year.

President Abell: Any questions or comments? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-3600	Rent	61,750.00	10,292.00
Total		61,750.00	10,292.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Jail, 1051-4250 Miscellaneous Equipment, I'm going to move that be set in at \$40,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Questions? Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Goebel: (Inaudible)

President Abell: I didn't see you, Councilman.

Councilmember Goebel: I was just curious as to how we came up with that figure.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, there is some new – and we might call the Sheriff to the podium, but there is some new equipment that this amount, along with some funds that he's wanting to throw into the project, we might be able to get the entire project done for less.

Eric Williams: Sheriff Eric Williams. Basically, a couple of things are occurring. The pricing that we presented was based on the technology that's in place now in the existing courtroom. We're exploring some different technology that would use some of our existing infrastructure a little more efficiently, which would probably drive that price down a little bit. On top of that we've got a little bit of money left over from the money that we set aside out of the jail commissary account for the original jail project and we think that would probably be a good use of that, to push that over into this project to get it completed. So that's about \$20,000.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you, Sheriff, that's about \$69,000 or 70,000 that's saved. Thank you very much.

President Abell: I'm sorry. Councilman. Any other questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-4250	Miscellaneous Equip.	109,912.00	40,000.00
Total		109,912.00	40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Armstrong Township Assessor in the amount of 1,145, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1100-1972	Level II Certification	1,000.00	1,000.00
1100-1900	FICA	77.00	77.00
1100-1910	PERF	68.00	68.00
Total		1,145.00	1,145.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Councilmember Raben: Weights & Measures, 1302-3580 Vehicle Repair in the amount of \$1,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1302-3580	Vehicle Repair	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		1,000.00	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Public Defender, 1303-3948 in the amount of \$250,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-3948	Death Penalty	250,000.00	250,000.00
Total		250,000.00	250,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Superior Court, 1370-3050 Patient/Inmate Care in the amount of 500,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	500,000.00	500,000.00
Total		500,000.00	500,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Burdette Park, Accrued Payments in the amount of, including FICA & PERF in the amount of 16,142, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1971	Accrued Payments	14,109.00	14,109.00
1450-1900	FICA	1,080.00	1,080.00
1450-1910	PERF	953.00	953.00
Total		16,142.00	16,142.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**ELECTION OFFICE
PUBLIC DEFENDER (LATE)
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (LATE)**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER (TWO)
SUPERIOR COURT (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and Madam President, if everyone is okay with it I'd like to make a motion that we accept all transfers including the late transfer for Cum Bridge as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1210-3410	Printing	3,000.00	3,000.00
To: 1210-3120	Postage/Freight	3,000.00	3,000.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1303-1290-1303	Public Defender	19,488.00	19,488.00
1303-1180-1303	Public Defender	19,488.00	19,488.00
To: 1303-1970	Temporary Replacement	38,976.00	38,976.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1303-1970	Temporary Replacement	149.00	149.00
To: 1303-1640-1303	Public Defender	149.00	149.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1303-1750-1303	Secretary	3,125.00	3,125.00
1303-1970	Temp. Replacement	3,125.00	3,125.00

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

From: 1370-2600	Office Supplies	1,752.00	1,752.00
To: 1370-4210	Office Furniture	1,752.00	1,752.00

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

From: 2030-4341	Koressel Rd. Bridge	1,200.00	1,200.00
To: 2030-4331	Schmuck Rd. Culvert	1,200.00	1,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last is the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. I'm going to move that, everyone is, Sandie Deig is passing around a copy of the amendments to everyone. Its quite lengthy because of Burdette's salary adjustments for the part-time pay increases that were granted last month. So I'm going to move that these be entered into the minutes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Questions or discussion? Would everyone like to have just a few minutes to look this over? Has everyone had enough time? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**ORDINANCE APPROVING ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE FROM THE
STATE OF INDIANA**

President Abell: Under Old Business, we have an Ordinance Approving the Acquisition of Real Estate From the State of Indiana. That is not going to be heard. We keep that on the agenda waiting for environmental issues to be settled before we'll vote on that.

**RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING
AN ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX
COUNCIL AMENDING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR
HOMESTEADS FOR 2008 AND CASTING THE VOTES OF THE COUNTY
COUNCIL ON SAID ORDINANCE
CO.R-05-07-003**

President Abell: Under New Business, before we get to the resolution regarding the tax, Mr. Ahlers has offered to explain the way that we can vote on the ordinance, one reading or two readings based on the resolution, and I'll turn the microphone over to him.

Jeff Ahlers: Typically, an ordinance requires two readings but you're allowed to pass a motion that, if it passes unanimously, that today would be the first and final reading of the ordinance to cast the votes for the homestead ordinance. So if someone wants to make a motion before we make the motions to pass the resolution and ordinance, that upon unanimous approval, this would be the first and final reading of those two documents, you may do so.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam Chair, at this time I would move that we would make, we would consider this would be the – how did you say it? The first and only reading?

Jeff Ahlers: The first and final reading upon unanimous passage of the resolution and ordinance for the homestead.

Councilmember Winnecke: I move that.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: We have a second. And we'll have a roll call vote on that.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Abell: Now we'll do a little redundant work, we'll be voting on The Resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council Approving an Ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council Amending the Percentage Credit Allowed for Homesteads for 2008 and Casting the Votes of the County Council on Said Ordinance. This is resolution CO.R-05-07-003, I need a motion.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL AMENDING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2008</p>

President Abell: And now we vote on the Ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council Amending the Percentage Credit Allowed for the Homestead. I need a motion.

Councilmember Leader: So moved.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>CONSIDERATION OF SALARIES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR THE PROPOSED 2008 BUDGETS</p>
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President Abell: Next on our agenda is the consideration of salaries for county

employees for the proposed 2008 budget. As we all know, its time for the department heads to start working on the budgets, and they need to know a percentage that they should be working with for salary increases. Could I hear the pleasure of this Council? Does anyone have any comments about where you want to see that set in?

Councilmember Sutton: Madam Chair, I know this is an area of a lot of attention and discussion, especially in this building, but I think we've tried to, as a Council, be very prudent over the years and based on what we can see coming down the road with our expenses and revenue. I would recommend and, of course, we can have some discussion, obviously, but I would recommend that we make a suggested level for our department heads at three percent for a salary increase for next year.

President Abell: Any other comments from anyone regarding the three percent? Three percent is what we standardly go with. I think everyone in the county, all the employees, realize we will do all we can to get them a salary increase. We have to also be aware of all of our expenses as Mr. Sutton pointed out and I think with the recent property tax increases, the public is going to be concerned with what we do also. So we will ask the department heads, Ms. Deig, if you would advise the department heads to work with three percent for right now until we get into the budgets.

Councilmember Sutton: Madam Chair, I think you did phrase that just absolutely correctly. That doesn't mean that we are going to guarantee any particular percent, but it gives us a baseline of where we can start and gives the basic framework for our department heads to work around. But, you know, we're going to work as hard as we can to do what we can. The county employees do work very hard and we want to be able to do what we can to make sure that they get an increase. But, again, we'll just have to factor in several things.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Sutton.

PIGEON CREEK GREENWAY PASSAGE ORDINANCE
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President Abell: The Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Ordinance, we've had it for a while. I think you've all had an opportunity to read it. I need a motion for that to come before this Council.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll move that we adopt it as presented.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Abell: Questions and comments? Now this is the first reading, so this will still have to come back next month for the final reading of this ordinance, but if anyone has any questions or comments, this would be the time to do that. Well, then, I guess I will because I do have some comments on it. I sat on the Parks Foundation Board for many years and elected to get off of the Parks Foundation Board when I accepted public office because I thought that it was too closely connected for someone who was elected to also sit on a board that did advising in any way to a government agency. And that government agency at that time was that we advised the Parks Foundation, held the money for the Greenway Passage Board. In reading this ordinance, I have many concerns about it. On page one, for instance, the definition of the Pigeon Creek Greenway is a linear passage, pedestrian bikeway or trail created by the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County. I have discussed this with the County Attorney, Mr. Ziemer, and I've also discussed it with the

president of the County Commissioners, Ms. Musgrave. I think that is a very shallow description of what this greenway is. I am concerned as to what can be considered part of the greenway. I would ask my fellow Councilmen to think about the greenway is not defined as to where it is. And I am seriously concerned about public money being spent on private property. And if some of this greenway is run toward an area of private property, how much money are we going to spend to improve someone's private property that they may in turn take back. These are public funds and I've never thought that public funds, and all of you know that because I voted against an ordinance last year regarding spending public money on private property, and I'm still against it. And I'm very concerned that this doesn't set forth that it cannot be spent on anything other than public property unless there is a limit to the amount of money that can be spent, and that the people who have the private property are granting us that easement with that knowledge that it is just an easement, and we're not going to spend millions, and I do think millions is not an unfair comment, on private property. I also have a question about, on page two, the membership of this board is a seven member board from the city and a six member board from the county. And I don't think that it should ever be one agency have control over the other. I'm concerned that the county will not be able to have any discussion regarding this and on page three, it indicates that the money raised from the greenway is administered by the Parks Department under the policies and practices of the city. If the money is administered by the Parks Department under the policies and practices of the city, I don't like to see the county give any money to it, because we obviously don't get to say that its under our practices and our policies. With that said, is there anyone else that would like to make any comments or questions? We'll vote on it next time? We'll vote on this ordinance next month.

Jeff Ahlers: No, you vote on it now.

President Abell: That's what I thought. I thought we would vote on it now, but then Mr. Ahlers and I were crossing signals. We'll vote on it now, but we vote on it again next month for second reading. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Before I vote, I did want to ask a question of our Chair regarding some of your concerns. The last concern that you talked about in terms of the control of the dollars, is there a particular, I mean, is there a formula or a suggestion that maybe you might have in mind in that regard of what might be the more appropriate way with handling this particular, this board?

President Abell: I like the way that we're now handling the IT board. They have the ability to spend some monies that are just, they don't have to come before this body for every little thing they want to spend, but I think there should be a limit at which they cannot just spend the money, that they should have to come before an elected body because these people are all appointed people and I think an elected body, elected by the people, because this is the people's greenway, should be the ones who make this decision. I would look to a limit at which they can make a discretionary payment without coming before the elected body. And again, it indicates in this ordinance that the people on the board can be elected officeholders and I just think that that's not good practice to – we keep putting the same people on the same boards, making the same decisions, and the same mistakes. And I'd like to see this board made up of nothing but citizens of Evansville and Vanderburgh County who are concerned about this. And then they would not be an elected board so, since its public money, I think an elected board should be the ones who make the final decision on how its spent, not an appointed board.

Councilmember Sutton: And so that then comes to a point of where a decision needs to be made on funds either received or funds that they are going to spend, but in between the city and the county, how would, what are you suggesting of how they would come to some, arrive at some decision of how those funds would be allocated or spent?

Councilmember Abell: Well, I think its fair to say that the county really gets the short end of the stick on all of this because we don't get any say in the city, but yet, most of us who live in the county, do live in the city also. So I would think that the City Council should have a vote on how these things go and that the County Council – and if they wanted to do that by another board, a small executive board made up of elected officials with an even number from the city and an even number from the county, I would not be opposed to that. I am just opposed to a group of people making decisions with public money, who are not elected officials in the capacity at which they're making those decisions.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Ahlers, this resolution that we have here, is this the final action that would be taken on this with the vote today?

Jeff Ahlers: No, today is just the first reading, so, I mean, there could be amendments made before the second reading or it can be, you know, you can vote no either today if a majority votes no, or on the second reading, it does not pass. And then, of course, at that time you can go back with the city representatives or whoever else is a party to this ordinance and work out new terms and bring it back again. So there is several different mechanisms that can occur. My understanding is, I think that this has already been passed by the Commissioners and the city, so quite frankly, probably if you're wanting to make changes, you would probably have to vote it down and then go back to them. Because, in other words, if you make amendments to it and they haven't passed it, it isn't, you know, because it's a joint ordinance. If it was just our ordinance, it would be fairly simple, we would just amend it between readings and you would re-pass it. But given that there's other official bodies that are involved with the Commissioners and the City Council passing it, I mean, I think to make changes, you would probably need to vote it down and then go to them and say, we want these changes, and then work something out and then have everybody re-pass it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess I'm on the clock right now, I guess, in terms of my vote, but I think what I prefer to do is I'm going to vote yes for this, since this is the first reading and so that we can keep this rolling, moving along. And in between the first reading and the second reading, see if we can iron out maybe some of the concerns that have been expressed here with possibly negotiating or working out some of these finer points and coming to some agreement with all the bodies involved, and then when we get to the second reading, which will be next month, if those changes are made, then we can give some consideration to it. But that's my vote, my recommendation.

President Abell: Thank you. Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Is there anybody on the County Council involved in helping to lay this out?

President Abell: No, I got it by email and I was told we were putting it on the agenda and voting on it.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I guess since we're still discussing, there's been a lot of great points made here today. I certainly agree with some of your points, Councilman Abell, that in regards to spending any greenway funds on private properties, you know, that does not ever need to happen. One thing we do need to understand is, our contribution is somewhat dwarfed by the city's contribution. I mean, they're contributing this much and we're contributing this much, so respectively, I guess, you know, we have to understand that there are more controls on their side. But as Councilperson Abell stated, you know, we still have our part, as small as it may be, you know, we ought to have some say in how its spent because it is tax dollars that we appropriate and we're responsible for. I don't know if this thing has to be passed today, if we even need to do the first reading. I mean, Councilman Sutton offered the suggestion, we go through the motions today and let's get more answers before we vote on it a second time. But there really isn't any need if we don't want to vote on this today.

Councilmember Winnecke: He's already cast the first vote.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, okay.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Madam President, have you talked with either of the other two bodies that have passed this resolution already about your concerns? Has there been a sit-down?

President Abell: I have talked to President Musgrave mostly by email, but some by phone, and I've talked to Mr. Ziemer, I guess he's the one who actually drafted this ordinance for the County Commissioners. That's the only people that have wanted to talk to me about it.

Councilmember Raben: I want to make one last pitch, and I mentioned this last week. You know, one thing that I would hope that, regardless of what the makeup of this body ends up being, that a part or all it, but some form of formal dedication is made toward Shirley James and her efforts spent on making this thing happen. So I'd sure love to see them take that on as soon as this board is finalized.

Councilmember Leader: Ms. Abell? I just wanted to comment, that it seems to me that with all of the areas in which we lack understanding, and which to investigate further, if we don't have to have the first reading today, can we postpone the first reading until next month even though we do have a motion on the floor? It seems to me we've got a lot of investigation to do, the first time we've really read it and discussed it.

President Abell: I think the only way we can do that is if the person who made the motion can withdraw his motion, so I'll leave that up to them.

Councilmember Winnecke: I mean, I guess I would just say, we've had this motion before us in various forms for the last two or three months, so this is not the first time that we're seeing it. So could we delay it? I think theoretically, yes, but as Mr. Raben said, you know, our contribution to the greenway project as a county is very small, its \$9,000 annually. I don't know the specific city dollar amount, but I know its significantly more. I mean, I think the issues raised are legitimate, but I don't know that they are so significant that we should impede the progress of forming this interlocal agreement.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I think, bottom line, correct me, I guess, if I'm wrong, but whether we vote for it or against it, whether it passes or if it fails, it still will continue on at the final reading next month anyway, and discussion can take place in between.

Jeff Ahlers: That's correct. And I suppose you could delay the final reading if you decide that you need more time, but obviously, that just depends upon the will of the majority, what you want to do, ultimately.

President Abell: Anyone else? Well, we do have a motion and a second on the floor. So we will vote on this motion. We still have a final reading either next month or possibly the month after. In the interim, I will make an effort to find out exactly what the financial contribution is of both parties. I do know that the city does indicate they have a huge financial contribution and I think basically they do have some, but as many of you may know, I was in city government at one point and the contribution was actually community development block grant money, which is federal money, not city money, it doesn't come out of the city general fund, and also, the contribution of land, which was property held by the city, but virtually, not prime real estate by any stretch of the imagination. But I'll try to get those figures together and get those to every one of you by next month. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I voted already, but yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: No.

(Motion carries 5-2/Councilmembers Shetler & Abell opposed)

President Abell: Mr. Ahlers is just pointing out that the ordinance does not indicate who commits what type of funding to this thing and I think that's another thing that

needs to be set forth if we're going to sign an ordinance and enter in an agreement with the city, we need to know where we stand on this.

**RESOLUTION URGING THE INDIANA STATE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**

President Abell: The next item on our agenda is the resolution urging the Indiana State Legislature to provide property tax relief, and as all of you will remember, we voted on this last week because we had to. Mr. Goebel brought it before us because the state legislature was going to adjourn and consequently, this is nothing for us to vote on, but I would like to make it part of the record in our public meeting that we did vote unanimously to send that resolution up and that it was done. Mr. Goebel, would you like to comment?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, I thank everyone here for their support on this. This is probably a no-brainer for us, and also the City Council, but speaking with all the members of the local delegations to the House and Senate, they were very helpful, very open, and all supported the extension of the appeals process for Vanderburgh County. And I think they also worked very diligently on trying to get some form of property tax relief. I don't know if its going to be enough and I guess Mr. Fluty will have those answers down the road. It seems to be a bit murky right now, but I felt gratified that the delegations up in the State House were so open. So, that's all I have to say, thank you.

President Abell: Thank you. And thank you for bringing that to us last week, Mr. Goebel. Is there anyone else that has any business to come before this Council?

CREATIVE PRESS GROUNDBREAKING

Councilmember Winnecke: On your desks this morning there is an invitation to a groundbreaking next week, May 8th, for the new facility for Creative Press. As you will recall, our body granted a tax phase-in, and I will tell you, that was a significant piece of the incentive package that encouraged this company to stay here versus moving across the river. And I'd also tell you as a representative of the Growth Alliance of Greater Evansville, the new joint city-county economic development organization, that organization was very active in negotiating with the parent company and I think did this body and the county proud by its negotiations with them. But this is definitely a success. Two or three years ago, this body recognized the tax phase-ins for job retention are every bit as important as acquisition, and this is evident of that. So I just bring that to your attention and hope we can all be at the ground breaking.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Winnecke, and I hope all of you vote before you go to that groundbreaking next Tuesday. Is there anyone else who has any comment? Well, I'm going to take just a second and I promise not to spend long, but I do have to do a little boasting. After our meeting last week, my husband and I traveled to Fort Benning, Georgia and watched our youngest son become a new lieutenant in the Army and get his commission. And I can tell you that it was very moving to watch 138 of America's finest young men and women stand up and not only take the Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag, and their oath of office, but also to devote themselves to defend our country and to fight wherever called. And in a time of war, I think that was a valid comment that they – of valor that they would do that, and I can't tell you, although we are certainly a part of government here, it certainly makes you respect and appreciate the Pledge of Allegiance much more when you stand

there and watch those men and women in uniform doing it. And I was very pleased to get to witness what a fine service it is. And it makes you realize that not all of our youth are over at the Youth Center, some of them are serving our country. Is there anymore business to come before this Council? We stand adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Marsha Abell

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Tom Shetler

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 6, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th day of June, 2007 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President, Marsha Abell.

President Abell: Call to order the June 6, 2007 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel		X
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	
President Abell	X	

President Abell: Councilwoman Leader, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MAY 2, 2007**

President Abell: I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2nd meeting.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Abell: And for the appropriation ordinance, we'll turn the meeting over to our Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Madam President. First on the agenda today, under Sheriff's Department, 1050-3600 Rent. Everyone is aware of what this request is, in the amount of 51,458, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF

REQUESTED

APPROVED

1050-3600	Rent	51,458.00	51,458.00
Total		51,458.00	51,458.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Next, Armstrong Township Assessor, 1100-1120-1100 and account 1100-1900, for a total of 1,829, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

ARMSTRONG TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1100-1120-1100	Chief Deputy	1,699.00	1,699.00
1100-1900	FICA	130.00	130.00
Total		1,829.00	1,829.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Union Township Assessor, 1170-1120-1170 Chief Deputy and 1170-1900 FICA, for a total of 4,587, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

UNION TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1170-1120-1170	Chief Deputy	4,261.00	4,261.00
1170-1900	FICA	326.00	326.00
Total		4,587.00	4,587.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: County Council, 1480-3460 Consultant in the amount of 5,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-3460	Consultant	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: County Highway in the amount of 278,841, I move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-1001	Superintendent	3,357.00	3,357.00
2010-1900	FICA	257.00	257.00
2010-1910	PERF	227.00	227.00
2010-2530	Bituminous Materials	275,000.00	275,000.00
Total		278,841.00	278,841.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, I'm going to make a motion to bring this one to the floor. I think we do have the County Assessor here. I think he was going to report back with some information. 2490-1090-3370 in the amount of 64,496, I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Mr. Weaver, would you like to come to the microphone and we'll have discussion now?

Jonathan Weaver: Good morning, Council. Jonathan Weaver, Vanderburgh County Assessor. As we reported last week, our computers are six years old. Basically, they lasted six years because they were top of the line when we purchased them back in 2001. They're well out of warranty, the operating system is at the end of its useful life by the end of this year. There's no upgrade path to handle more software. We'd be spending bad money if we were to upgrade the memory. We were number one in calls down to the help desk before our last upgrade in 2001 and now we're approaching number one again in terms of calling down there and asking for help. And that cuts back on our productivity and it wastes a lot of time. We feel we've been pretty frugal over the last couple of years in terms of upgrading and making repairs and we've stretched it out as long as we possibly could. We are aware that the courts had four year old machines and those were replaced recently. We need the 19 inch monitors because we do a lot of mapping and data manipulation. I have a 19 inch monitor right now and sometimes its tough to read, I'll just be honest with you. We were quoted for a price of 75 computers with other offices in there and we're getting a great rate. And if we were to divide it up we would be, we're saving right now about \$450 a machine by buying in bulk. There could be some security problems being that its approaching, the operating system is approaching the end of its useful life. There's no more security patches for the operating system and what we're looking at is upper middle class computers. So they're not top of the line but they do have a five year life span with a five year warranty and Dell is at the end of its revenue quarter, so they're trying to get rid of them. Any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Sure, I'll start. When you said that they are being packaged with other offices, what is the breaking point, I mean, to get the discount? Is it 40 computers, its it 50, is it 75?

Jonathan Weaver: I guess from the vendor, from what Computer Services was telling me, that this price of – I forgot what it is – per computer was based on buying 75 computers. And that's, I don't know what other offices are involved in terms of who is getting, who wants more or what. So...

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'd like to make one quick comment to the Council. The recommendation that I was going to make on this was to phase these in, do half of them this year, half of them next year. So I'll do that depending on the conversations or comments made here.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I know we had some discussions last week about just trying to get an idea on priorities with these units. Were you able to get with maybe Computer Services or the other Assessors to give us a breakdown or something? I mean, we've got quite a few papers here – is there something that you may have

prepared for us?

Jonathan Weaver: You know, in 2001, from what I understood, those were all replaced across the board and why not do it again? It just creates an accounting nightmare with Computer Services trying to figure out, okay, looking at serial numbers to see which one – when you mix them up its just hard to do. So if we just do it across the board in terms of them keeping up with licensing, software and all that sort of thing, it just makes it easier for them.

Councilmember Shetler: Do we have, is there software that's necessitating this change in the computers? Are we upgrading the software, and the machines that we presently have can't handle it?

Jonathan Weaver: Our ProVal system, from what I understand, might be going for some sort of upgrades. I don't know if that's with Windows Vista. Do you know anything about that or ...

Judy Stricker: Judy Stricker, Pigeon Township Assessor's Office, Chief Deputy. Our are crashing. I mean, they're crashing every day and we're losing – if we work in them, we might have two hours work that we've lost and we have to go back and put it back in. We really, I've asked for them since last year. We really need computers. We're down two computers now. And we've got lots of work to do.

Councilmember Shetler: My biggest problem that I have, and I said this last week, is that, you know, a private business can't afford to simply write a check and go out and replace a whole department or whole areas and they don't usually do that unless there is, you know, major software changes that necessitate that. They basically will budget a certain percentage of their machines to be replaced every year because they're wearing out, because they're crashing after a period of time, and etcetera. They don't just wholesale go out and buy out for the whole company or for the whole department. That's very, very rare. And I don't, I think in government, we need to be a little bit more disciplined, to understand that we don't just have a blank check here, that the taxpayers are paying for these and we ought not just write a check for whatever amount just because we would like to have a nineteen inch monitor. I'm not so sure that the demands in Union Township or Armstrong or in Scott are the same as they might be in Pigeon or in Knight. And there's always a deal on computers. I mean, the one thing I've learned is that, you know, as soon as you buy a computer, you open up the paper the next Sunday and there's a hundred dollars off that one you just bought, and you thought you had the best deal you could get, or Dell has a fire sale going on a month later that is \$200 off the unit you bought a month or two previously. So there's always a deal out there. I'm just not so sure that we should run into this thing and just buy a bunch of computers and have them available if its not really necessary.

Jonathan Weaver: Well, you know, they're approaching six years old and some of them are just dying by the month and these were top of the line back then. And this is why they've lasted six years and now we're out of warranty and we're looking at middle class, upper middle class computers with a five year warranty. So we're not buying the top of the line. Again, we're having that issue with the operating system and then you have the security issues. So its not just a software issue, we're talking about, you know, we have a lot of work to do, as you hear in the news a lot. You know, we have a lot of pressure with the appeals and we've got to get this done and we need the right equipment to get it done correctly, and expedited.

Councilmember Shetler: I agree in certain areas that you do, and you could put that in priority order there, some, but I don't think that you've got the same, you know, like I said, in some of the smaller townships, quite the demand that you have in some of the larger townships. And I'm just not so sure that, you know, we have computers at our place that are more than six years old and are used extensively. So I'm not, that's not really a compelling argument to me, right now, to say that they're six years old.

Councilmember Leader: Mr. Weaver, my concern is not with the Assessor's Office, my concern is with the fact that we do not have an IT plan at all, and that in the middle of the year, someone comes and asks us for \$65,000 that wasn't planned. Its certainly not with your office, and I know what pressure you're under and the questions you're receiving, we see it in the media every day, of course. But I'm concerned that we have a computer services department that is reactive and not a planning group. And I think that one of the things I'd like to suggest to the Council is that we recommend to Matt that he create an IT plan that takes us through this year and the next five years out so that we don't face this situation again. I know budget time is coming and how many of these computers are actually for your department?

Jonathan Weaver: We have 15 in the office right now.

Councilmember Leader: And, Judy, how many are for your department?

Judy Stricker: Eight.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: There's a total of 58 that –

Jonathan Weaver: Right, and last week – I have the notes here, you asked about German, someone asked about German, there's two. They were right in front of me, just wasn't neatly in the column.

Councilmember Raben: Jonathan, has Computer Services given you any estimate on time? If we replace all 58, how long it will take to get them in place? By the time they're set up and installed?

Jonathan Weaver: I don't know anything about that, sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Abell: Mr. Raben, could I – Mr. Davis, I think you can answer some of these questions. Mr. Davis is with Computer Services.

Scott Davis: Good morning. Scott Davis with Computer Services.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the question was asked, how long, if we decide to go with all 58 computers, how long will it take to have them in place, up and working?

Scott Davis: Once we receive all the computers, our estimate would be four to five weeks to have them configured, all the software installed, and ready to deploy out to the various offsite locations and the onsite locations, approximately four to five

weeks.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I know there's probably a period for which you have to order these, so as an example, if you were given the go ahead today, when would all 58 computers be up and running?

Scott Davis: Well, the only thing I could estimate would be from the time that they actually arrived onsite and we should be able to have all of them in place, all of the data transferred over in four to five weeks. But, I mean, as far as how long it would take to get the P. O., get the order, get all 58 built by Dell, and then shipped, estimate maybe an additional three to four weeks on top of that.

Councilmember Raben: So, okay, and the reason I asked that question, you know, we do have a new budget session that will begin in August, the first of August, so I would like to go back with my original plan, which was to fund 50% of them today, we'll budget or make every effort to budget the other 50% in August, and phase them in that way, because it sounds like it might be late summer or early fall before these that we're talking about today will be in place anyway. Is that okay with everyone?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, Jim, the only thought with that is, kind of along the line with Councilwoman Leader's concern she expressed about some type of plan, these units that we see requested here may not be the only units that may be requested in 2008. So though you're saying do 50%, it may be more than 50% when we're talking about for next year. So maybe if I could hear from Scott, I mean, what other areas as you have looked at your repairs and the degree of obsolescence across the different offices, are you seeing where there might be a need to come before us, say at budget time, with a request for a number of units?

Scott Davis: Practically every department has computers that are anywhere from five to seven years old. What we were asked to do with putting these together was to take a look at the extended refresh cycle that we have here in the county enterprise. Generally, Gartner, one of the biggest study groups, they recommend three to four year maximum on a business-class computer. The state had the same issues when I worked there. Generally, in the past, it was brought up, computer replacements have been a reactive process as opposed to a proactive process, a planned refresh. When one died, then an office would have built into their budget to replace one or two at a time. We've been asked to put together information on a machine that as best as anybody could project would have a five year useful life cycle, as a minimum, with some confidence. That's why this particular configuration was chosen. Yes, you can get computers that are cheaper, but generally they have a much shorter useful life. Yes, a five year warranty, they'll be covered parts and labor with the warranty, but that does not mean that they couldn't be in service for a much longer period. We probably, in the enterprise, have machines as old as nine or ten years, but for the very limited scope of what they do, that has been adequate. But as far as not knowing the specific business need for each particular position in a particular office, I couldn't project as to what the officeholders or department heads would feel that they need to do. I mean, we are trying to split the difference in between coming up with a plan for a standardized refresh similar to what the courts has done traditionally in the past. They're in the middle of refreshing all of theirs after a four year cycle.

Councilmember Sutton: How long will it take for you to put something like that together for our county offices so that we can see the whole picture rather than just

piecemealing this along the way as this office comes and they need something and this group needs something, and then we're not really getting a true sense, and this whole thing of do we want to be sensitive to there are needs out there, that there are offices that are readily having repair issues, you guys would know those offices, what they are, and what amount of time you guys have spent in those offices trying to get them back on line. That's what I'd like to do. I think that's what I'm hearing, the sense here is, we want to get a sense of if we're buying 58 computers, okay, what impact are we having on the larger scale of what the true need is out there? How long would it take for you to prepare something like that where we can see over a period of time what units are needing to be replaced here?

Scott Davis: We've done it for a number of offices, compiled the information specific as to the age of machines, and what their specific current capabilities are. We haven't done it for all of them yet. I would guess we could probably have that in three to four weeks, have a complete breakdown of each office, each department, what they have now and what we would recommend as potentially being eligible for a refresh.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I think – did you want to make a comment before I – okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Can we get back to the monitor sizes? Whoever can answer, I don't care. So the 64,4 is for 75 computers with 19 inch monitors, is that right?

Jonathan Weaver: 64,4 or whatever, 19 inch monitors, yes. We have 19 inch monitors right now. We do a lot of that mapping, we're –

Councilmember Winnecke: How many people do mapping?

Jonathan Weaver: Well, all of us. I mean, I have a 19 inch right now, across my desk, and its – I couldn't believe it was a 19 inch monitor, to tell you the truth, but it is.

Councilmember Winnecke: And so, all 75 require a 19 inch monitor?

Jonathan Weaver: I don't know what the other offices are doing, but –

Scott Davis: I'm sorry, the number that you have, the dollar amount is for the 58 computers that the County Assessor and the Township Assessors are looking at refreshing.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, and so all 58 of those folks need 19 inch monitors? Do they all have 19 inch monitors now?

Scott Davis: Currently, anywhere from 17 to 21 inch monitors.

Jonathan Weaver: We're getting requests especially from Knight Township where they want the 21 plus inch monitors. They're upset with this 19 inch choice.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okeydokey.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Madam President, I'm going to withdraw my original motion. I'd like to ask Jonathan Weaver to file a new request for July pending a

needs assessment from computer services for all county-wide computers. I think that's what we're asking for, is that not correct?

Councilmember Sutton: So we're not trying to slow down the process, we're just trying to get a handle on what's being asked of us and there's several entities involved and I know you guys are wanting to get these units dealt with, replaced, but I think we'll do a better job for taxpayers if we get a truer sense of what's going on.

Jonathan Weaver: I guess my only concern is after last week, I had a call from Perry where two are on the fritz. There's one in Center right now, and I don't know how many Judy has and then maybe Joyce back there in Armstrong. So it almost looks like we're approaching dire needs in some places.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, what we do need to remember, within the computer services budget there is one large line. If you recall, for years it was two lines and now its consolidated to one large line. Part of that is a contract with a private vendor that hosts and maintains our network. The other is for equipment that is for our basic needs throughout the county, so if we have any crashes or any dire needs, Matt Arvay should be able to fund those and take care of those needs, you know, those emergency needs. So if we're upside down because of a couple two or three or four or five computers, there's funds in place through our IT department today to fund those. So you might get with him. Its my understanding he's on vacation, but when he gets back, get with him if we need something to buy us time for the next 30 days.

Jonathan Weaver: And again, I just wanted to bring to your attention if you're thinking about splitting it up, I mean, there's a potential there where it could cost \$450 per computer more if you break it down and not buy it in bulk.

Councilmember Leader: I don't necessarily think we're talking about splitting it up, I think we're just talking about understanding now and looking a little bit into the future so that would be four weeks from now, right, when you place the order? But, I mean, we do have the emergency fund and if you need two and whatever, I would suggest you try to get those ordered today.

President Abell: Mr. Davis, if there is an additional possibly \$450 per computer, where is the split? That's what we keep wanting, that's what we keep asking. If we buy ten computers do we get them at this price or if we buy eleven computers do we get them at this price? Where does that price stop because I don't want to pay \$450 more per computer because we buy 20 when we could have bought them at a lesser price for buying 25.

Scott Davis: The 400 – the potential up to \$450, that's a worst case scenario, that's the baseline price from the state QPA. For Dell computers, we're able to ride on the state QPA annual bid. The 450 is if machines were purchased as they had been traditionally one at a time. Dell has, and I'm sure it's a proprietary information issue, generally, the discounts in the past have been, the pricing is the same from zero to twenty, twenty to fifty, fifty to seventy-five on up. But then again, as with any private business, depending upon when you might hit Dell during their revenue cycle, or HP during their revenue cycle, and what their current performance has been, they may be more flexible in their pricing. And so the 450 per unit is a worst case scenario.

President Abell: That was the number I was looking for, the zero to twenty, the twenty to fifty, was what I was looking for. And one other comment, and I am sure I am tagging on to Mr. Winnecke here, is that I don't think we've made any more stronger argument for anything than we have at Data Board in here, is that monitors are like backyard grills. Everybody wants the biggest one, and the best one on the block. I am not in favor of big or bigger – next thing I'll know, they're going to be having 50 inch plasma screen T.V.'s down there. Seventeen inch, and I've worked in this building. I spent eight years in the courts, and we spent a lot of time looking at a monitor over there, and we can look at seventeen inch, and we do everything from order books to numbers and everything else. They can be used. The only people I really think, you're looking at the Surveyor's Office that's actually drawing maps. Just to look at a map, I think a seventeen inch monitor is plenty, and a nineteen inch monitor is over the top, and twenty-one inches is completely, I would never vote for a twenty-one inch. So just keep that in mind as you're pricing them or you're talking to these officeholders. They'd have to make a really good argument for a bigger monitor.

Scott Davis: Yes Ma'am, we understand that, and that's why when we were asked to put the information together for this request, we put together information with both configurations and that was the only difference in between the two was the size of the monitor.

Councilmember Shetler: One further question, let me ask you on the monitors, do they have the same life span as the computer itself?

Scott Davis: They will be covered under the same warranty as the –

Councilmember Shetler: No, I mean, do they generally, in general, do the monitors last as long as the computers or last longer?

Scott Davis: In general, we've seen that they last at least as long as. Depending upon the manufacturer and the particular series, a lot of times, they do last longer.

Councilmember Shetler: So we wouldn't necessarily have to replace, if we had seventy-five new computers, then, seventy-five monitors to go along with it. There's a chance that a lot of those monitors are in pretty good shape and they could be utilized on a new system?

Scott Davis: Yes Sir.

Councilmember Shetler: Thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the motion, I've amended my motion to set this in at zero and ask that it be put back on the agenda for next month.

President Abell: Who seconded your motion?

Councilmember Winnecke: I will amend my second to concur.

President Abell: Okay. Any further discussion? Mr. Weaver?

Jonathan Weaver: I just want to say, the difference in price between a seventeen

inch and a nineteen inch is thirty-one dollars per computer, and, you know, if most of us have nineteen inches now, and we downgrade to seventeen inch, it just creates that much of a –

Councilmember Winnecke: Let me just say, you know, with all due respect, you know, its – \$2,000 is \$2,000.

Jonathan Weaver: I realize that.

Councilmember Winnecke: At Fifth/Third Bank, and this is just one example, we use fifteen inch monitors and we have people in branches and in all facets of the bank that look at computer screens all day long also. And, you know, I have a great amount of respect for the people who work in this building, but \$2,000 is a lot of money when you talk about taxpayers' money.

President Abell: And, Mr. Weaver, there is a stopping point and I think that's one of things that, and I don't mean to say you don't understand, because I always hate it when people tell me I don't understand something, but you're one office. You get it, then the next office wants it, and then another one wants it and before long, we've got every office in here saying well, they got nineteen inch, so we want nineteen inch. And then when you get twenty-one inch, then that's when we end up with a fifty inch plasma screen T.V.

Jonathan Weaver: It will just be interesting when they do their audit to see what everybody has in the building, to see if everybody has nineteen inch right now or whatever they have, and bring that to your attention. But thanks.

President Abell: Thank you. We have a motion on the floor, roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1090-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	64,496.00	0.00
Total		64,496.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Legal Aid/United Way. Madam President, I'm going to split this up into two separate motions. 4290-1960 Special Stipend in the amount of \$5,000. I've had or been contacted by one Commissioner and a City Councilmember all asking that this first go to the City Council, and that is consistent with what action we took the last meeting with the Building Commission, by sending them first to the City Council. So I'd like to make that motion that that be set in at zero and first go before the City Council.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Does that include PERF and FICA?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, let me amend that motion, 4290-1960 Special Stipend in the amount of 5,000, 4290-1900 FICA and 4290-1910 PERF all be set in at zero.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll amend my second.

President Abell: Roll call.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President? May I?

President Abell: I'm sorry, Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you. I really don't understand this move. We have debated this topic on and off for three or four years. Last year I believe the latest directive of this body was that United Way be requested to increase its funding to Legal Aid to account for this stipend. In fact, United Way has stepped to the plate and increased its funding to this agency by the requisite amount. Now we're saying, well now you have to go to the City Council. These folks have done everything we have asked and this has been going on for years. I don't think it's fair. We can vote on it and the City Council can vote on it. If the City Council doesn't approve it, that's fine, that's their business. But this body has asked them to take these steps and they've done it.

President Abell: Any other comments? Roll call. Maybe you could restate what we're voting on.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I can certainly do that. We're voting on 4290-1960, 4290-1900 and 4290-1910 all be set in at zero pending first City Council's approval.

President Abell: Roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: When we come back here next month, I fully anticipate that the Assessor and the computer guys will have gotten together, put their proposal

together just as we've asked, and I'll be prepared to vote for that. This request here on United Way, they've done what we've asked for them to do. I voted no in the past because some of the things were not in place as we had asked them to do. Steps were not necessarily in the spirit of what we felt like we're comfortable with, what I thought was in the best interest of the county. Now I think it is and I'm ready to vote on this, and so this request here to put this in at zero, I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion carried 4-2/Councilmembers Sutton and Winnecke opposed)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next 4290-3371 Computer Hardware in the amount of \$4,403, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry, can you restate that motion again?

Councilmember Raben: To approve the Computer Hardware request in the amount of 4,403.

Councilmember Leader: I seconded.

Councilmember Sutton: At 4,403? Okay, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-1960	Special Stipend	5,000.00	0.00
4290-3371	Computer Hardware	4,403.00	4,403.00
4290-1900	FICA	383.00	0.00
4290-1910	PERF	0.00	0.00
Total		9,786.00	4,403.00

TRANSFER REQUESTS

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's it for appropriations, now we'll move into transfers. Superior Court, we have a transfer in the amount of \$1,500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-3941	Guardian Ad Litem	1,500.00	1,500.00
To: 1370-3942	Judge Pro Tem	1,500.00	1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: County Council, transfer in the amount of \$261, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-3142	Televised Meetings	261.00	261.00
To: 1480-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	261.00	261.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, on the next one, County Highway, there is a transfer in the amount of \$15,000 from Sand & Gravel to Computers. The request was made last week for more of a better understanding for what this \$15,000 request is. We were all given a letter and a breakdown of this request this morning. Is there any questions before I make a motion on this one? Do we want to ask the Highway Department to come forward?

Councilmember Leader: Please, Mr. Duckworth. A simple question.

Mike Duckworth: Good morning.

Councilmember Leader: Good morning. My concern is only that sometime later before the year is over you will need \$15,000 for Sand & Gravel.

Mike Duckworth: Actually in assessing that over the last two years, a lot of that money at the end of the year has been transferred into the end of the year appropriation account, or cash account. I don't anticipate that being the case. As we said in the letter, this is us trying to get updated to where we can be more efficient and track our usage of our materials and those kind of things. So I really do not anticipate that at all.

President Abell: Anyone else? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm kind of perusing this real quickly so, Mike, can you just give us like – what are we buying for our 15,000?

Mike Duckworth: Initially what had happened is in our budget we had a \$5,000 line item. And as you can see, there has been an increase in the need for – we went through our initial purchases with updating some of our printers and some of our computers. In looking at the cost coding and tracking of the materials that we use, we needed to install and update our software. And to do that, basically, what we've had to do is to not only upgrade our software, but to buy new licensing for those pieces of equipment. As we've done this, we have worked with Matt Arvay on every step of the way and as some of you may or may not know, when I first started in this position, there was the – there was a position called an Assistant Superintendent. And in understanding where we needed to go, showed more of a need for a Network Specialist, so we diverted that position into the Network Specialist so that we could accomplish some of these things. I have Jamie Rutherford with me today. If you'll look under the basic total of what we've spent under description and the validation of those uses of those software and motor data equipment and the licensing, it pretty well spells it out for you there: \$5,900 for upgrades, 3,200 for repairs on some of the equipment that we do have, and then the layers to track our use and our software to help us track that use and be more efficient, is the explanation we have for that. This would leave a little bit of a balance in that account. As we're working through these, we don't anticipate any further problems, but we don't want to have to come back. So we're building a little bit of a – I think a 3 or \$4,000 buffer there to get us through the rest of the year.

Councilmember Winnecke: So, Mike, in terms of the hardware, one computer?

Mike Duckworth: We've replaced only one computer and that was for the payroll.

Councilmember Winnecke: What size monitor did you get?

Mike Duckworth: Nineteen inch.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, we're going to have a very healthy debate –

Mike Duckworth: I really picked a bad time to put this in, didn't I?

Jamie Rutherford: The quotes we got, it was a \$20 difference, so we thought \$20, --

Mike Duckworth: Twenty dollars.

Jamie Rutherford: I know, and now I'm hearing it. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's okay.

Jamie Rutherford: I'll do better next year, I promise.

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, I – thank you. I mean, that was really the point of my question. At budget time this year, and we've got to chat about this. And twenty bucks, thirty bucks, whatever the difference is, it's the wrong message, I think, and all due to respect to everyone who has been before us today, --

Mike Duckworth: I think you're going to find throughout the departments, that there is going to be – when they upgrade, they upgraded to the higher monitors.

Councilmember Winnecke: I am sure, but I concur with Mrs. Abell, everyone doesn't need the biggest barbecue in the backyard or whatever. Thank you.

President Abell: Any other comments? Roll call.

Teri Lukeman: We don't have a motion yet.

President Abell: Oh, I'm sorry, I was told you didn't make that in the form of a motion, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: No, I have not. So, Madam President, I'll move that we approve a transfer in the amount of \$15,000 for the County Garage.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-2550	Sand & Gravel	15,000.00	15,000.00
To: 2010-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	15,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Abell: Mr. Duckworth, if you have money left over at the end of the year, I hope you plan to give us back to us.

Mike Duckworth: It goes back to the County Highway Fund, and Mr. Fluty will take care of that.

**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
REASSESSMENT/SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR
CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION
REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, I believe that concludes most of the transfers that there will be discussion or dialogue on. If its okay with this body, I'll move that all remaining transfers be approved as listed.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Would there be anyone that has a comment about the late transfer? If not, I'll say that would be fine. Okay. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4341	Koressel Rd. Br.	3,500.00	3,500.00
To: 2030-3610	Legal Services	3,500.00	3,500.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2130-1110-2130	Health Officer	8,000.00	8,000.00
To: 2130-1930	Unemployment	8,000.00	8,000.00

REASSESSMENT/SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1160-3200	Utilities	1,250.00	1,250.00
To: 2490-1160-3140	Telephone	700.00	700.00
2490-1160-3141	Communications	550.00	550.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2600-1980	Other Pay	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 2600-1930	Unemployment	1,000.00	1,000.00

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1150-2820	Red & Blue Books	270.00	270.00
2490-1150-3520	Equipment Repair	796.00	796.00
2490-1150-3410	Printing	300.00	300.00
To: 2490-1150-2600	Office Supplies	1,366.00	1,366.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Teri Lukeman: And may I change the tape, please?

(Tape changed)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, are we ready? Next we'll move to the Salary Ordinance amendments, first is Armstrong Assessor, amend salary line 1100-1120 Chief Deputy as previously adopted. The salary is set at 10.50 per hour not to exceed 25 hours per week. This salary will be in effect – in fact, all salary amendments today will be effective June 11th, 2007. Union Assessor, amend salary line 1170-1120 Chief Deputy as previously adopted. Again, this salary is set at 10.50 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week. County Highway, amend salary line 2010-1001 Superintendent as previously adopted with an annual salary of 52,677 and that will have to be prorated from the effective date of June 11th. Health Department/Community Dental Clinic, amend salary line 2158-1600 Dentist with an annual salary of 86,520. That, too, to be prorated from June 11th. This is a three percent increase. Salary line 2158-1610 Dental Hygienist, with an annual salary of 39,328. Again, this one will be prorated from June 11th. This, too, is a three percent increase. Line 2158-1620 Dental Assistant, with an annual salary of 24,720. This will be prorated from June 11th. This, too, is an annual salary increase of three percent. Prosecutor IV-D, I move approval to pay Prosecutor IV-D staff overtime for the month of June only. Employees to work four hours each Saturday to complete a series of reports to improve performance numbers as requested by the Indiana Department of Child Services. The overtime funds to be paid out of account 2670-1980 in the amount of \$15,000. I might note this will be of no cost to our general fund. Madam President, that concludes the amendments, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">PIGEON CREEK GREENWAY PASSAGE ORDINANCE SECOND READING</p>
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President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Raben. Old Business, for the purpose of bringing this to the floor for discussion, we voted on it in first reading. I'll entertain a motion to pass the Pigeon Creek Greenway ordinance on second reading.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

President Abell: Is there a second?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Discussion?

Councilmember Shetler: I guess my major question is on it, and I'm just trying to figure out what benefits the county is going to receive from it. As I understand, the plan is to keep the existing map on there which is primarily in the city, and I'm not sure what our investment is going to gain for the people in the county. So, I guess, I don't know who can answer the question for me, but that's the question I have.

President Abell: I don't see anyone in the audience qualified to answer that and I can tell you that I haven't gotten an answer for that, either. I did have some questions and I will pose mine here. After I voiced objection to this at the first reading, Mr. Ziemer, the Commissioner's attorney called and said that there would be no personal meeting, but that I was requested to put into writing some of my concerns, which I did, and sent them to Mr. Ziemer. He forwarded them to the city administration. As of ten minutes before I left my house this morning, there was no response to my comments. My comments were these: I wanted a guarantee that none of this money would be used on private property, with the exception of a possible small amount used to gain any easements that we need. I have no guarantee of that, they didn't respond to that. I wanted a small board of elected officials to oversee the spending of this money, not just an appointed board, which was the parks board. There was no response to that. My other comment and concern is that if they put this, if this becomes a part of the Parks Department, the Parks Department is a county-wide taxed entity. And our county employees would be taxed for this. But yet, when I look at this board, it is solely controlled by the city, and I do not feel that we should tax the county citizenry for a board that's controlled by a group of appointed people, appointed by a group of elected people that they didn't have the opportunity to vote for. And I think that's considered taxation with representation, and I can tell you that I intend to vote no on this Greenway Passage ordinance. However, with all that said, I also want note to be made that I am not against the Greenway Passage. In fact, I sat on the Parks Foundation Board for many years, raised money and spent a lot of time working on this Greenway, and I am in favor of it. I am just not in favor of it being handled the way it is. It seems to me, its owned by the citizens, it should be run by the citizens, and any time government gets their fingers in it, it always seems to end up in a bad way and I don't want to see this become a political football. It could be a jewel for the city and county and should remain that. And with that said, I'll turn the microphone over to anyone else that has any comments.

Councilmember Raben: I have just a brief comment, and I had stated this in our prior

vote. Personally, I'm comfortable with the fact that the city would have more vote or more say in the makeup of this board because, in fact, you know, the funds that they appropriate versus what we appropriate really and truthfully dwarfs what the county's contribution is. But I am very uncomfortable with the fact that you have raised questions that have not been answered and I think your concerns with using funds other than right-of-ways is a very legitimate question and, at this point, you know, I would have to vote no pending answers to those questions.

President Abell: Any other comments? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: No. Its defeated because of the three/three.

(Motion fails 3-3/Councilmembers Shetler, Raben and Abell opposed)

<p style="text-align: center;">CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU PASSAGE OF HB1478 TWO PERCENT INCREASE IN INNKEEPER'S TAX TO BE USED FOR CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT</p>

President Abell: New Business, Convention & Visitors Bureau, I assume that Marilee wants to say a few words to us and Mr. Vezzoso.

Joe Vezzoso: Joe Vezzoso, President of Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau and –

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

Joe Vezzoso: Its always a pleasure to come before you all and especially today. Back in March we came before you and asked that you support a law that we were trying to get passed at the state level and both the county, the County Commissioners, and the City all sent up letters of recommendation in support of that

law. Unfortunately, at that time, we felt that because of some of our northern Indiana elected officials, that we had lost that opportunity. But late in the session, they attached our amendment to another bill, 1478, and on page 78 of that new law, which is 102 pages long, there is two paragraphs in there that give the county the authority to increase our Innkeeper's Tax. We have met with most of you individually and discussed our ideas for the use of these additional funds. Its for youth sports complexes within the city and within the county, and we just feel that the economic development that this would bring to our community over justifies the request for the Innkeepers Tax increase. We are requesting that you increase it from six to eight percent. There is a draft ordinance at each one of your places. If you'd like a copy of the bill, we'll get you a copy of the bill that we have so that you can see the actual verbiage. The additional funds would go into tourism capital development, which we have to come back before you all, bring you the project, and get your approval before any of those funds could be spent. We would request that in the passage of the increase, that that become effective August 1st, so that we can begin collecting those tax monies, so that we can move forward with any potential projects. So if you have any questions, either Marilee or I will be glad to answer them.

President Abell: Any questions? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: More of a comment. You guys undertook a pretty comprehensive community-wide study. Can you talk about that study and why you've come to the conclusions that you have related to the youth sports area that you want to focus these dollars for?

Marilee Fowler: We had a consultant, his name is Don Schumacher in town last fall. He was actually here in the summer, did an assessment of all the sports facilities that we have. With the building of the Goebel Soccer Complex we came to realize the value of youth sports and what these tournaments can bring to our community. So he came to Evansville, did an assessment of all the facilities, and he said the weak links at this point in time, are softball and baseball. We don't have these multi-field complexes that will invite tournaments. We have beautiful fields throughout the community, but they're not clustered in one area. And when they look at putting on a tournament, it makes it easier to do if they're all together. That's why Goebel is so successful. So we want to take that same concept and do it with baseball and softball. There's other things that we want to do down the road with those resources, but that would be the first priority is baseball and softball.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Just a quick question, I totally support this. What, assuming it passes and takes effect August 1, what kind of time frame does the Convention & Visitors Bureau have in terms of seeing some of these projects take place?

Joe Vezzoso: We would hope that if you all pass the legislation next month, that we want to move forward very quickly because as time passes, we miss that opportunity to bid on tournaments. There is a ASA Convention in Louisville in October of this year and we were hoping to have preliminary plans and site development to take to that convention to bid on tournaments for 2009, because they always bid two years out. So there are some tournaments that are available for us in 2008 if we were to have a complex completed in that time frame. But to really go out and look for new tournaments to bring to our community, they would be in 2009, so we would hope to move fairly quickly. We're ready to move forward. All we need is some funding to pay for the project. I would tell you that I think most of you have young adults that

have been in youth sports in the past and a number of you, I know, when we spoke to you, travel with your children or your nieces and nephews or whatever, and you understand the economic impact that it creates for a community. When you move a team, and you have to take a soccer team or a baseball team or a softball team to another community, and you play in tournaments, and it does bring a tremendous amount in economic impact, not only to the hotel industry, but to the hospitality industry as a whole in the community, with restaurants, gas stations, and shopping and attractions, and all other types of things. So we are very excited about it. We think that it would be a great thing for this community to have and we are ready to move forward. We just need your help in passing the tax. I would tell you that I'm also the vice president of the hotel association, and the hotel association fully supports the increase in the Innkeepers Tax. So it puts us, you know, we'll be at eight percent, Indianapolis is at nine percent, plus Indianapolis has got another add-on tax in addition to the nine percent. Most communities our size are at least a minimum of eight percent. And I know if you travel outside our state, you'll find that a number of communities are even higher than eight percent. So it will not affect hotel occupancy at all. It's a pass-along tax and we're just asking to tax our industry so that we can bring more people to our community.

President Abell: Any other comments?

Councilmember Shetler: Are there any restrictions on this money or can it just be used for capital or operational, or both?

Joe Vezzoso: The way the law reads, it goes into what's called the Tourism Capital Development Fund, and those monies can only be used for brick and mortar. It cannot be used for the operational side. We have to run that through the two and a half cents that Marilee currently gets. So from an operation standpoint, it will not increase her operational budgets at all. This is strictly Tourism Capital Development. It's the same fund that the money comes out of that we contribute to The Centre, the LST, the Reitz Home and other things like that.

Councilmember Shetler: So I guess the point that I'm at, the operation wasn't the operation of the – but the operation actually of the facility, so that, for example, we build a softball park, that in the future, if some of that money could be contributed to help maintain it, as well.

Joe Vezzoso: We'd have to come back probably to the state and ask that some of those funds or that law be amended and a certain portion of that go back into an operating account. We have some reserve accounts that we feel that we can come back to you and ask for some funding as we move forward with this. This is also a profitable operation. We would look for a private operator to actually run the facility. They go out and they bid on the tournaments and then each team pays X number of dollars to come in and play in the tournament. So its really, hopefully, what it would become is that it would become a profit center. And not a lot of money, but it would at least bring some revenue in to cover the cost of the operations at the center.

Councilmember Shetler: Right. I think you all are to be applauded, too, of the hotel/motel folks because its not often than an industry is willing to accept a tax that's going to increase their costs to their patrons and stuff, and then you guys have jumped into this because you recognize the good that its going to do for our community as a whole. So I applaud you all for that. Thank you.

President Abell: Any other comments? Thank you for coming. I think you get the

feel that we're all very excited about this.

Joe Vezzoso: We'll be back in July.

President Abell: So will we. Thank you.

Joe Vezzoso: Thank you for your time. And we don't need any new computers, by the way.

President Abell: That's good. We're out of computer money.

ROGER LEHMAN, BUILDING COMMISSIONER

President Abell: We have Roger Lehman on here next but he was here last week, as most of you remember, to explain his need for an additional person in his office.

JULY 5, 2007 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING DATE

President Abell: The next County Council meeting date is Thursday, July 5, since our holiday, Wednesday, July 4th, falls on our meeting date.

FILING DEADLINE FOR JULY MEETING

President Abell: Filing date, I'm sure all of the offices know, then, is June 13th. One other thing that's not on the agenda I wanted to bring up, I talked to several of you and there's been a little problem with my email, I guess, you had asked that I set up a meeting with Judge Trockman regarding the bonds that are given back to the Public Defender's Office that are posted for people. He has put some data together. If those of you who are interested in meeting with him would let me know what your schedules look like, I will again contact him. He's usually available around the lunch hour, 11 to 3, 11 to 2, something like that. So just let me know if you're interested and we'll meet with him. He's got data on which judges give money to the Public Defender's Office and at what rate regarding their bonds. Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Not on that subject, but I noticed that we dropped the property acquisition. Where does that stand? I thought that the environmental had been cleared and we were ready to go.

President Abell: Well, the Commissioners didn't tell us what they wanted to do on it and it has to be advertised, so we took it off until we got word from them that they wanted it advertised. It will be advertised for next month.

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, for an appropriation? Is that what – I'm not –

President Abell: Its an ordinance.

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, okay. I'm with you. Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: When you say what they want to do with it, they haven't – I mean, they had some general discussion, I mean, is there some other thoughts they may have –

President Abell: They didn't tell us to advertise it for an ordinance to get it on the

agenda. We didn't know where they stood on it. We knew they were working on it, but it just remained on our agenda and it was kind of confusing. So we took it off and then when we took it off, they noticed that it was off and said that they wanted it back on. They're going to be ready for an ordinance in July. Correct, Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: That's what I'm told.

President Abell: That's what he's told, okay.

YOUTH CARE CENTER DISCUSSION

Councilmember Sutton: Is Mr. Duckworth out in the hallway? I can't see around the corner there. He left, okay. Another item, I don't know if you guys may have gotten this on your desk, but if you can recall, oh, a few weeks ago, there was the Youth Care Center, not too long after we cut the ribbon there was a notice given to the Youth Care Center that they could no longer receive juvenile inmates because of some compliance issues. They have resolved those compliance issues and now they're able to receive juvenile residents back into the facility. So oftentimes – there he is. Mr. Duckworth, I'm talking about the Youth Care Center.

Mike Duckworth: I got that message. And this is not about a computer screen, I think.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, not a computer screen, not talking about some of the other, but talking about the Youth Care Center regarding their ability to now take juveniles back into the facility. Oftentimes, the unpleasant bad news gets reported, but if you can talk about that a little bit in terms of what things were done to resolve that and some of the new changes that they are making to make sure they stay in compliance.

Mike Duckworth: Sure. I would say that they have basically gone in and reset their staff. They brought back some folks that have previously worked at the facility that may, in their opinion, better fit the objectives of what they're trying to accomplish there, and that is to not only care for the youths that are there but to also ensure that it's a correctional facility and that the security and everything is in hand. Now I say that and there was an incident where they did have an escape and that person has been recaptured and so there is still some work to be done. But in regards to your question and the resident situation, they've gone back in and revamped their protocol into how they accept kids, the paperwork process that is required by several different state agencies that they must be in compliance with. Those are all revamped and retooled so that if another agency would come in to do the check that I feel as though that they would have the information readily available at that time. And I think they're just working through the different issues of opening and, if you will, retooling a facility that has had some growing pains because of the newness and the changes in their – in what the county and the community is expecting them to do. They still have some challenges ahead of them. One of the things that I would foresee is the need for an executive director. I think Mr. Mason is operating as kind of a part-time director and I think they're looking, they're looking into restaffing, reorganizing their schedules and those kinds of things. Their transport to the courts and all that has been revamped and the judge was a part of this meeting to where he appeared to be satisfied with the direction that they're going. So this advisory board is going to be meeting every other month. We get periodic updates about the changes that are being made and I think they're moving in the right direction. If there is a problem or something, a need that they may have, I'm sure that they'll contact us. But I'm, a couple times a week I'm talking to Norm

Snyder or Mr. Mason in regards to what's going on there and seeing if there's anything that government can help with. And I'm not talking about just a dollar sign. I don't think that's the kind of facility that you just throw money at. I think it's a facility that there needs to be things in order such as standard operating procedures and how these children are treated. And one of the big things that I'm concerned about is the education services that are taking place while they are there. And ensuring that that's meeting the criteria that's set down by the State of Indiana for credit recovery and for continuing their education so that as they work through the process of going from the safe unit, down to the start unit...when you're in the start unit you're getting your education and you're back in school and either complying with those kinds of rules and regulations or being sent to another facility where further intervention is needed. So at this point in time, I would say as a first meeting, I was satisfied with what I saw and the progress that's being made.

Councilmember Sutton: So, you know, obviously the county made a significant investment, really a bold step in ensuring that we now can care for the youth here in the community and we want to make sure that we are providing those services in compliance with all the state regulations. I know there's a ton of them that they have to follow, but it is a facility that has to be secure just like we have out at the jail, they have regulations that must be followed. So following, I think the next meeting is July, I want to make sure we get a report back to the Council here to ensure that we are in step with the progress and things that are taking place in regards to staffing and ensuring that the regulations are being followed.

Mike Duckworth: And we will share that information with you and I have asked Roger Mason and Mr. Snyder to periodically send memos out to the Commissioners and the Council in regards to updates or concerns or really progress that they're making. I don't want every bit of news they send you to be concerns, I want you to hear about the successes as well. But we'll keep track of it and keep you informed of what's going on.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, I believe there was maybe a breakdown of communication, but you were appointed to that board. Did they tell you? You know that?

Councilmember Sutton: Right, yes.

Mike Duckworth: And so Mr. Sutton can keep you informed as well, but I'll continue to write reports and communicate with the Commissioners being their appointment. But bottom line is, I think Mr. Sutton is right, we kept this facility in this community. Law enforcement will tell you, at 3:00 in the morning, taking a kid to Johnson County or Vincennes or Muncie, takes manpower off the roadways and security off of our streets. And this is what we need. We've just got to ensure that its handled properly and the kids are getting proper care and instruction that they need there.

President Abell: Any other comments?

Mike Duckworth: Thank you.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Duckworth. Anyone else? Anything else to come before – evidently there is.

Marissa Nichoalds: Hi. Sorry for the late arrival –

President Abell: Would you say your name for us for the record?

Marissa Nichoalds: Marissa Nichoalds, County Commissioners office. I just had some information for you on the Commissioners purchase of the state surplus land. I have copies of an email I sent out to the Councilmembers at the beginning of May and it does have the information regarding there are no environmental problems with the state land. If you don't have copies of that, I can get that for you.

President Abell: Did anyone get that email? I didn't get it.

Councilmember Sutton: I received it. It was a – what do you call that, it is a PDF file, so you had to open it up and then you could see it, but if you looked at the email itself, you may not have caught that that's what it was.

Marissa Nichoalds: Okay.

President Abell: Yes, and I think Mrs. Deig – you should always provide the Council – because Mrs. Deig will put it in our packets and that way we will be sure to get it.

Marissa Nichoalds: Okay. Thanks.

President Abell: Anyone else? I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

President Abell: We are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Marsha Abell

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Tom Shetler

Councilmember Royce Sutton

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 27th day of June, 2007 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President, Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the June 27, 2007 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. I'd like to make note that due publication has been made and this will be our County Council meeting, not just the Personnel & Finance as next week is July the 4th, and the building will be closed and people will be on vacation, so we will be doing all of our business today and having no meeting next week. Attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler		X
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke		X
President Abell	X	

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 6, 2007

President Abell: I would entertain a motion for approval of the minutes of the June 6th, 2007 meeting.

Councilmember Leader: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Abell: And we will now turn the meeting over to our Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CLERK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first is the County Clerk. Is there anyone here from the County Clerk's Office? Sorry about that, Susie, I didn't see you sitting back there.

Susan Kirk: I'm Susan Kirk from the County Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, would you like to explain this request?

Susan Kirk: Yes, I had originally requested more in the budget that I turned in at the beginning of the year or last year, rather. What's happened is, needless to say, we have more and more and more paperwork all the time. We did this year, or last year, rather, we had two of my staff members actually went through and we got rid of, with the destruction of records by statute, enough records that would probably fill this many square feet to give us a little bit more room. Also, we're not permitted to send my staff members out any longer to pull files. We're not permitted to have work release people out there, the judges said no work release people with court files, so that's costing us a little bit more, also. So that's pretty well why we need more money. We need more storage space, and just to pull records, transport them back and forth.

President Abell: Who said we couldn't send our staff out there to file things away?

Susan Kirk: Kinder Moving and Storage. They don't have any insurance to cover us and one of the staff members was out there on a ladder and fell 25 feet, and she has a permanent injury now from that. So that is why we do not send our staff out there anymore, shouldn't have ever been, according to, like I said, their insurance doesn't cover us out there. And they prefer people not just roaming around in their building, basically. We can't have work release people anymore, so that would be one staff member that we could possibly send out there which couldn't begin to get the work done. So that's why.

President Abell: What are they charging us to do the filing for us, then?

Susan Kirk: Well, they're giving us a pretty good break on it because they're also now doing our scanning that we have to do, so I think its like fifteen cents, something like that. It's a little bit lower than what the normal cost would be because they're doing so many things for us now that we're kind of getting breaks on everything,

basically.

President Abell: Fifteen cents per document to file?

Susan Kirk: Uh-huh.

President Abell: Do you have a handle on how many documents you think they're filing?

Susan Kirk: Not off the top of my head, no.

President Abell: Do we get an itemized statement from them?

Susan Kirk: We get a monthly statement, yes.

President Abell: Does it tell how many documents they –

Susan Kirk: It is itemized. I didn't bring any.

President Abell: Is, does the Auditor have a copy of that?

Susan Kirk: Well, they may when we turn in a blue claim, but I can certainly get you copies of – well, we can go back many years, how ever many you want.

President Abell: Well, my big question is that I know there was a staff person that was paid an extra amount of money to be doing that, and if they're not doing it anymore, I think we need to revisit that salary, and put that back into the general fund and use that to offset paying Kinder.

Susan Kirk: Well, that staff member is still the archivist in the fact that they are the ones that have to figure out where the file, you know, they have to look it all up, tell Kinder – we just don't call out to Kinder and say hey, pull, you know, 82DO3 da-da-da-da-da, that would cost more money. So what this staff members does is, they are the ones that finds out what it is, gives the bar code to Kinder and then Kinder just pulls it. And the same thing with filing, this staff member is also the one who is going through and finding out, which was not done before, to its entirety, for the destruction of records. Because the more we can get out of there and get rid of, the less we have to pay in storage. So its up to this staff member who, like I said, ended up getting probably, it was huge the amount of boxes and paperwork that we got rid of, so the staff member is still the archivist, they just physically don't go out there every day. They will go out once in a while if an attorney or a judge, you know, they've got to have a file right now, she'll drive out there and they pick it up and she brings it back. So she does do that, so the position is still there, its just that they're not standing out there one or two days a week filing, that's the only difference.

President Abell: Was the contract altered to pay them this kind of money?

Susan Kirk: Was the contract altered?

President Abell: Well, I know when we first entered into an agreement with them, it was just that they were going to store, and not – I am just concerned that they are charging us to file documents away. I think that's a big expense.

Susan Kirk: Well, beings that insurance isn't going to cover us out there, I'm not going to send one of my staff members to be climbing up ladders. I don't think that's appropriate at all. One person cannot do the job. One person can't. There is no

way that one person is going to be able to pull files back and forth and back and forth, take them out, bring them back. That would be a full-time job in itself and I cannot spare anyone in the Clerk's Office as a full-time position, as it was not a full-time position before when you were there.

Commissioner Leader: Good morning, Susan.

Susan Kirk: Good morning. How are you?

Councilmember Leader: I'm fine. How are you?

Susan Kirk: Doing great.

Councilmember Leader: Can you tell me how you plan to spend this \$50,000? What's the plan?

Susan Kirk: Well, it will be for record storage and it will be for retrieving files, you know, taking the files, putting them back again. That's what it is. Most of it is storage. We have a huge warehouse out there of which when I asked in my original budget, basically, should cover – its 95% of it is storage.

Councilmember Leader: And this will be paid to Kinder Moving, the entire 50?

Susan Kirk: Yes.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: By chance, excuse me, hello, Susan.

Susan Kirk: Hi.

Councilmember Sutton: The contract that we have with Kinder, is that on a year to year basis, what is the length of that contract?

Susan Kirk: I don't know that there is a contract that has like a yearly, you know, an annual thing. Marsha had them when I took office and we just have kept them. There isn't anything that I sign yearly saying that we're going to continue. I don't think we really want to do that especially storage of records because whoever we find, we can't obviously move those on a yearly basis, so to do bids on that would be – gosh, you know, if I did anything like that it would have to be for, I would think, at least ten years because, like I said, to move all that, you all really ought to go out there and see what I'm talking about. I was, when I went out there for the first time, I was awed at how big this warehouse is. And we have the whole thing.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I asked that because I know at times when we enter into agreements with different vendors out there and especially those that are long-term in nature, it just seems to happen that just as that relationship becomes more comfortable, we get this price creep situation, and, you know, a little bit here, and then next year we've got something else, and then two years down the road we're talking about – and the next thing we know, we look back and we see okay, was this contract in line with what we originally intended. And maybe this is the time for us to really look at that and our expense. And I know we've got a ton of records and maybe we're not necessarily talking about moving all those records, maybe we are. But clearly its time to revisit that contract and Kinder may not be the only show in town that might be interested in that particular type of service that they're providing

for the county. So I would encourage us to go back and revisit that.

Susan Kirk: Oh, I say you just – I agree with you 150% because you're going to find that Kinder is still going to come in low. This company, I've been so impressed with them, I really have been. They are very astute in everything that they do. They come in low every time as far as moving the voting equipment back and forth. They're scanning -- all that they do has to be okayed and approved by the state because there is many guidelines on when you're scanning documents or putting them on microfilm, disk, and stuff. They always come in good and you're more than welcome to check with any other company and let us know, because I have the utmost confidence in them. I really do. I am so happy that we have Kinder. I don't know how Marsha decided on them but that was a tremendously good decision on her part because they do not raise our prices. Our prices have gone up, basically, because we have more records and they are now pulling and refiling files. That's why its gone up. But I will get you the paperwork so that Council can review that and make your decision.

Councilmember Sutton: The other thing, too, I know at one point in time there was a move to begin to move some of those records, more electronic version. I know some we cannot, I mean, they have to stay in their original form. How assertively or aggressively are we going about moving some of those records so that the storage space doesn't continue to grow for those records that we don't necessarily have to have a hard copy for?

Susan Kirk: Well, actually, last year, when I took office in 2005, we had an employee out there and that was one of the duties that I told her, its very, very important that you go through this because I know that we can get rid of some records here. I know we can. And she agreed. And for two years she turned in her report and it was basically the same things that had been turned in, in previous years. So I kind of switched the positions around and gave it to another employee who really got in there and last year was the first year that we actually got rid of a lot of records. Now according to statute, there's many things that we can't, you know, we get computers and you think, okay, no paper. No, now you have it on the computer and now you have it on paper and now you have it on microfilm, now you have to have it on disk. You have it everywhere. So, and some of that, too, with the state, they have, like I said, they kind of increased some of their guidelines to where you just have to have it everywhere. You know, a disk is only going to last ten years, so you do it on a disk now because its convenient, but you also have to have it on a microfilm because that's going to last longer. So even though we can get rid of and we actively pursue destroying as much as we can according to the statute, even so, you can ask the judges, you can ask the Prosecutor's Office, we get more cases and I can give you the numbers on that, too, every year we get more cases. It goes up every year. Number one, you can't have an accident anymore, you get sued. You know, if I accidently step on Sandie's toe, you know, she's going to sue me because I did it on purpose or whatever. Anyway, its just a more litigious society and we just have more records and that's going to get worse and worse every year. I don't see that changing. So our bill is just going to be very large and its going to grow every year just because of more paperwork. But I will get you everything that I think will help you make your decision. Yes?

Councilmember Goebel: Good morning, Susan.

Susan Kirk: Good morning.

Councilmember Goebel: You're then, if I understand it correctly, you're modifying

your request today based upon information you're going to give us for the next meeting? Is that –

Susan Kirk: No, I'm not changing my request. I'm still, I mean, if you decide not to give us what I've asked for then I'll just have to come back again because we're going to have to have it. What I'm going to do is, I will get you past bills and let you just see how the increase has taken place. I will get you the statute from the destruction of records, things that we can destroy, things that we can't, things that we've destroyed in the past compared to what we destroyed last year, so that you kind of have more of an idea. The square footage, that's kind of interesting to see how many square feet of records we do have and then if Council wants to review it and then for the upcoming budget, you know, if you want to check around and see if there is another vendor or whatever you want to do, we'll do it.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I would, I guess first I would encourage everybody who has not been out there to see exactly what they do, I know back when you first contracted with them, we had a field trip per se, and I was quite impressed with what was going on out there and how well maintained the records really were. So we might defer this today and allow everybody the opportunity to get all their questions answered. But maybe sometime between now and our late July meeting – well, I guess now it would be the first of August, won't it?

Susan Kirk: As long as we can pay Kinder. I really don't want to not pay them when money will be due.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, is there enough in your budget?

Susan Kirk: We may be able to make it another month and that's going to be it.

Councilmember Raben: To get us through July?

Susan Kirk: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: You know, one other thing you need to look at and I think Susie did make this point, that we're taking more records out every day, so we are probably using more space today than we were eight years ago or nine years ago. And we did have an employee out there, and the value of that employee, while it may not be \$50,000, I'll bet it was at least half of that, if not more. So they're taking on the responsibilities that a full-time employee would be out there doing.

Susan Kirk: And it would be more than one full-time employee, really, to do it right. You know, by the time you take drive time, back and forth, you'd have to pay them some kind of compensation for mileage – it is cheaper when you take an employee or having Kinder do it, its cheaper in the long run, but once I get you the paperwork and you can review it and then you let me know. I don't really know of other storage companies, particularly in the vicinity, but we can certainly check. But I think once you see when you go out there and see what it is, just the idea of moving that, you know, I don't know how that would affect the bar coding that Kinder has whether you'd have to re-bar code, I don't know. But I'll try to get you some information so that you can make your decision.

President Abell: Mr. Raben, it looks like its costing about \$9,100 a month, that's just a guess of dividing up what you've already spent, and you've got \$14,000, I think we ought to put in another \$5,000 today to at least get her through two months. That will give us an opportunity to look at this whole thing, see what records she's got

available. I don't mean your records, I mean Kinder's bills, and get it back on our agenda because as we all know, it takes forever to get on this agenda. So if that would be okay and someone could put that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll do that. I'll move 1010-3603 Record Storage be approved in the amount of \$5,000.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Susan Kirk: You know, we actually tease in the office, it would really save us a lot of trouble if somebody would accidentally just drop a match out there. And Donna, its very nice to see you on the Council. Thank you.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-3603	Record Storage	50,000.00	5,000.00
Total		50,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Scott Township Assessor, we have a request for Accrued Payments with FICA and PERF in the amount of \$9,613. Is there any – John?

John Habermel: I'm John Habermel, Scott Township Assessor. Do you want me to explain this or –

Councilmember Raben: Sure.

John Habermel: We're a two person staff out there, Norma Miller is retiring, has been there for in excess of 30 years and we have someone hired to replace her and to get her started and to pay Norma her entitlements, we need the extra funds in that line.

Councilmember Raben: Are there any questions? Alright, I'll move that we approve

this request from the Scott Township Assessor in the amount of \$9,613.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1160-1971	Accrued Payments	8,384.00	8,384.00
1160-1900	FICA	642.00	642.00
1160-1910	PERF	587.00	587.00
Total		9,613.00	9,613.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

John Habermel: Thank you. I'd also like to invite you all, the Councilmembers and the staff, if you have time Friday at 11:30 at the Kennel Club we're having a little luncheon for Norma to send her on her way. So please come and be our guests, if possible. Thank you.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Alright, Co-Op Extension Services, we have a request in the amount of \$6,500. Is there anyone here from Co-Op? It doesn't look like it. Everyone is probably aware, this is a grant that's provided by St. Mary's that's for two part-time employees to work 20 hours a week through this fall semester. Since it is a grant and doesn't count against the general fund, I'm going to move approval in the amount of \$6,500.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-1990	Extra Help	6,038.00	6,038.00
1230-1900	FICA	462.00	462.00
Total		6,500.00	6,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Commissioners 1300-3850 Building Commission in the amount of \$13,625. Roger Lehman is here. Good morning, Roger.

Roger Lehman: Good morning. Roger Lehman, Building Commissioner. This request is to add a position in the Building Commission to finish out this year. This position will be carried over until next year. It will be a permanent position. I have spoken to most of you and I'm sure most of you are aware that one of the reasons we did this was because we were a little short handed and unfortunately, our electrical inspector passed away last week. So by the time we pay out his account, we'll still need, we may be a couple of thousand over what we need totally by the end of the year. And, of course, if that happens, we just won't spend it and it will revert back to, I mean, we won't bill you for your half and so you'll get to keep a couple thousand at the end. We're not exactly sure yet what his payout is, but its going to be close. For the position that he was in, we will at budget time be discussing whether or not that's an appropriate position to fill based on revenue and workload and that type of thing. So at budget hearing time we will be looking at the electrical inspector position to justify its remaining there. This position that we're asking for the money for now is necessary to get us through the end of this year and that position will continue on next year regardless. So I'll be glad to answer any questions.

Councilmember Goebel: Good morning, Roger. This position actually will pay for itself in revenues, is that correct?

Roger Lehman: The revenue generated last year – well, this position was part-time last year and the person in that position wrote \$40,000 worth of citations and brought in between 18 and 25,000 in permit license revenue because he works nights and weekends and will continue to do that even though now he's full-time. So I can't guarantee you he will pay 100% of the cost of the position, but he will pay

a good percentage of it, if not all. I think last year he paid more than what his position cost as part-time.

Councilmember Leader: Roger, good morning. What is the title of this position?

Roger Lehman: The title of this position is General/Enforcement Inspector.

Councilmember Sutton: And Roger, since we have the interlocal agreement, this is our split on this?

Roger Lehman: Right, this is 50%. And that’s actually hasn’t gone to City Council yet, but will be going in two weeks, I think.

Councilmember Sutton: So if we approve, you’ve got half of a salary.

Roger Lehman: We’re halfway home, yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, I’m going to move approval for 1300-3850 in the amount of \$13,625.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3850	Building Commission	13,625.00	13,625.00
Total		13,625.00	13,625.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Roger Lehman: Thank you all very much. Have a good day.

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Burdette Park, we have a request for Gas & Oil in the amount of \$8,000 and Utilities for 20,000. Good morning.

Steve Craig: Good morning. Steve Craig, manager of Burdette Park.

Councilmember Raben: I think these requests are probably, everyone understands all too well possibly, but if you want to cover them, that would be great. And I would also be interested in hearing just how the park is running so far.

Steve Craig: Okay, I'll go over, the Park, we've had an extremely good year. The aquatic center was having an exceptional year but the last four or five days has kind of put a damper on it. You always expect rain days. You want to keep them to a minimum. As of a week ago, we were at a minimum but now we're right about average of what we have for rain days per month through June, July and August. Everything else is running really well. When it breaks, we fix it. That's about all you can do in the summer. I haven't had any major disasters yet and if we do, we'll take care of them. On the Gas and the Utilities and that, we have been trying with the Utilities, we have, starting two and a half years ago, we started switching over to the energy efficient light bulbs in all of our buildings. I think they're four to five times more efficient. We have a maintenance program where we change our air filters monthly. We have been trying to curb our utilities. Vectren sends out a troubleshooting sheet every year that tells you how to minimize your energy use and every year we do go through that with our buildings and my crew. Recently we were going to buy a new pickup truck and we opted to buy an RTV that gets 70 miles per gallon. Fuel is estimated, and we've been using that every day, the same as we would have used a pickup truck. So instead of 13 or 14 miles to a gallon of fuel, we're getting 70. And we've also, some of the younger people that we hire during the summer, when they go to jobs, we have been taking several of them in a vehicle at a time, taking them to the job and picking them up instead of everybody driving a truck. We've tried several things and you don't predict \$3.20 gas, you know. You don't predict a dollar. I don't think we're going to see the dollar anymore, but we have been trying in every way that we can to save money on the energy and the utilities.

Councilmember Raben: Any further questions? Hearing none? Okay, I move approval of Burdette Park in the amount of \$28,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-2210	Gas & Oil	8,000.00	8,000.00
1450-3200	Utilities	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		28,000.00	28,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Steve Craig: Thank you very much.

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Assessor, Computers, 2490-1090-3370 in the amount of 64,496. I know we've had some discussion on this last month and some information is, I guess, coming to us today or is here, is that correct?

Jonathan Weaver: Well, we're just – good morning, Jonathan Weaver, Vanderburgh County Assessor. We're just here to put in our request again for computers. We are – we need computers. You've heard in the past how old they are and that they're dying and whatever, and I would actually like to have you hear from each individual township assessor, their problems. So I'm going to call Glen Koob first and she'll tell you what's going on.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, real quick, before Glen steps to the podium, I think the question was asked, where is the breaking point on the discount? Was it 20 computers, 30, 40 or 50?

President Abell: Mr. Raben, I asked Mr. Arvay to come here. He's got some things to tell us, too, so I don't know where you want to put him in here, but he can add to this conversation.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Well, if we could have Matt first, that would be great.

Matt Arvay: Good morning. Matt Arvay, Chief Information Officer. The information was put together by Scott Davis, that was requested by Council and just to start there to go over some of this information: they've listed by age, its sorted by age, the computers. They went around and did an actual walk-through. And if you look at the first two pages, its worked out to where 60 of the top 75 computers, the oldest computers in the county happen to be assessor machines. The majority of them were purchased in December 2001. At that time, they were purchased as a bulk purchase together. At that point, Scott went with his crew and went around the other county offices and they looked at approximately 239 computers in various departments that you'll see listed on the cover page. This did not include the county courts because they were approved for their replacement computers, I believe it was a four-year lease. It was approximately 291 computers last year and those computers were four to four and a half years old when they were replaced. So if you look at the numbers, the current situation that, out of the 239 reviewed, 117 at the end of next year will be five years or older, which is about 48% of the machines, just to kind of give you a snapshot. And back to this particular request, again, 60 of the top 75 oldest machines in the county, out of the 239 reviewed are County Assessor and Township Assessor machines. As far as the pricing goes, they're asking for the – basically, what we were able to achieve was a bulk volume

and promotional discounts. Normally, companies like Dell, HP have a fiscal year that ends in July, so we were able to take advantage, and that's why we were able to get below state QPA pricing on these particular bulk purchase requests. The difference between the monitors – I know that was kind of brought up at the last meeting, you're looking at about \$36 dollars difference between a 17 inch and 19 inch monitor. These machines are spec'd out to last five years – we'll have a five year warranty on them, so if things break down, the parts will be replaced by Dell, working with our staff. And that's pretty much where we stand at this point. You're looking at, and then in comparison, Jim, with the state QPA pricing, if we had the standard pricing, on what they're requesting on the 58 machines at 19 inch monitors, you're saving about \$6,404.94 off the total purchase. That's the difference between buying it off state QPA and this volume discount pricing. So you're saving \$6,400 approximately.

President Abell: Mr. Arvay, would you explain to the Council what you explained to me about the support that's no longer there as these machines get older.

Matt Arvay: One of the things that most of you are aware, we have an ITAC committee, its an Information Technology Advisory Council, its made up of business leaders, elected officials in the county, department heads of the city and county, and we meet once a month. And one of the things that I envision this group doing is creating subcommittees to look at issues just like this. And Monday or Tuesday I'm getting feedback, I want to start a subcommittee to look at a refresh plan for our computers. And historically, this has been the responsibility of the department. They, at budget time, submit a budget request that says we need X amount of computers. We, as computer services, help them get the lowest price available, try to spec out a computer that meets their individual needs. What I hope that comes out of this subcommittee is that with the review and the start of information like what was gathered by Scott's group, that we can continue as new machines are purchased to add to this data base, so we can yearly plan on the amount of machines that are so old that you want to replace and it will be budget constraints, things of that nature, also operating system life. You have operating systems that come to end of life where Microsoft does not provide security patches, things of that nature. Also labor and support of those machines go up and its staff time and then we said, well, our staff is here anyway, that's what we're paying them to do. But when you're supporting well over 1,500 machines, hundreds of servers, hundreds of networking devices as well as new project requests, time is important and we can't get to everybody when we're continuing to go back to the same machines basically because of age and degradation of performance. So those are the things that we want to look at in the subcommittee and come back with a plan. But as far as the Assessors' request here, I can't give you a good reason why not to do it other than they're still running, but they are complaining as far as the degradation in performance and they are starting to break down. So with all those factors, I would recommend and with past approvals of bulk replacement of computers, that we move forward with this one.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, one last question, I guess, of the 54 or whatever the number is, how many of them are over five years old?

Matt Arvay: If you look at the first two pages, 60 of the top 75 machines in total are County Assessors, of the oldest machines, so if I counted, you know, that should cover all their machines. They requested like 54-58.

Councilmember Raben: So we have not replaced any machines in the last couple

of years.

Matt Arvay: Well, there's a few. That doesn't give the total number of machines within that department.

Councilmember Raben: I would just hope that we're not replacing equipment that we replaced last year.

Matt Arvay: Yeah. No, they only requested 58 and Scott has just refreshed my memory, because they're five years or older. All the machines they're requesting are five years or older and they're actually five and a half years because they were purchased in December of '01.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. And can I ask one more question? While you're up here, also, can you give us a little update on where we're at with Weights & Measures on –

Matt Arvay: The contract was approved yesterday, so they will have connectivity to the Civic Center scheduled through AT & T.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, great. Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: On the computers, Matt, are they identical computers across the board at every –

Matt Arvay: In this request, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: In every township. So you're looking for 19 inch monitors for each?

Matt Arvay: That's what they're requesting, 19 inch monitors.

Councilmember Goebel: Are the computers we're replacing all identical or are they just –

Matt Arvay: Yes, they were all purchased at the same time, also.

Councilmember Goebel: So they were all identical at every township assessors?

Matt Arvay: When they were purchased in '01, yes. Everything that needed to be replaced was replaced and everything in this request will be identical.

Scott Davis: Scott Davis, computer services. The base computer was all identical. But as you can see from the list, the rightmost column showed the size of the current monitors. There were differing sizes on the monitors that were purchased for those 58 machines: 17's, 19's and 21's.

Matt Arvay: So the components of the computer were the same, the monitors varied, I guess.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now how many 21's are we talking about and what's the difference in cost between that and a 17 inch?

Matt Arvay: I don't have that, and unless Scott knows off the top of his head, the

difference between a 19 inch and 17 was \$36. That's the difference there. We didn't really spec out 21. We didn't think that was looked upon very positively.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but Scott just said you're adding some 21's.

Matt Arvay: No, that's what exists. Back in '01 some 21's were purchased.

Scott Davis: Yeah, no, this request, they're asking for 19 inch monitors across the board.

Matt Arvay: Yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: I know its \$36 a pop, but 58 times 36 – I don't have my calculator. How much –

Councilmember Sutton: Its \$2,088.

Matt Arvay: -- but if you buy it on this bulk discount, you're saving \$6,400, you're still saving money in the long run if you look at it in that perspective.

Councilmember Goebel: That's good. We'll save all we can.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, don't you get the bulk discount whether you do 17 or 19?

Matt Arvay: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: The ones that have the larger – did you say how many actually have the 21 inch?

Matt Arvay: No, I don't. I'd have to count this up here. We could get that. You know, one thing that may be a recommendation is you approve a machine with a particular size monitor and, you know, we looked at their existing monitors, and the money is there to replace a monitor if it goes down, but its not purchased with the outright system, that's another aspect.

Councilmember Sutton: Somebody said there's seven at 21 inches.

Matt Arvay: And they may have had mapping, they do a lot of GIS mapping, so they probably have the mapping.

Councilmember Sutton: The other question I had, at this request, basically \$65,000, does that include the software updates, the actual installation or is this strictly all the hardware, --

Matt Arvay: It would come with the operating system and those things.

Councilmember Sutton: So are we anticipating an additional request to actually get these units online?

Matt Arvay: No, we would work with existing staff and we'll have a roll out plan.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, do you anticipate any compatibility issues with the existing software that we're using in all these units with the new hardware that

you're requesting here?

Scott Davis: No. The office, Microsoft Office, they currently are using Office 2000 Professional. On these machines, it will run on the new machines. They wanted to look at holding the costs on these replacements down by reusing the software licenses that they currently have –

President Abell: Mr. Davis, just a moment, we're going to change the tape.

(Tape Changed)

Scott Davis: They're looking, as I said, they're looking at reusing the licenses for the Microsoft Office that they currently have to try and hold the cost down. Now at some point in the future, as other parts of the enterprise deploy newer versions of Microsoft Office, at some point they may have to look at upgrading. But at this particular time, they should not.

Councilmember Sutton: I meant to ask, does this include any other peripheral equipment, printers, or is this just strictly –

Scott Davis: This is just strictly the computer. It does not address printers at all.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: On the monitors that we have, I would think that there is a sense among the Assessors that they would like to keep the larger screens. Are any of those working that we don't need to replace?

Matt Arvay: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Is that the plan? Are we funding monitors?

Matt Arvay: That's why I kind of made mention just a minute ago that maybe that's something we could look at, is you approve the full purchasing of it so the money is encumbered or there, and then if these larger monitors starting dying, one by one, we could purchase one by one replacement monitors. I mean, that's another aspect you may want to look at.

Councilmember Raben: Matt, of the 64,000, how much is just monitors?

Matt Arvay: I'd have to do some quick math here, you're looking at \$210 if you bought a monitor, a 19 inch monitor alone. Without monitors, the computers would cost \$897 versus \$1,112 with a 19, \$1,076 with a 17.

Councilmember Raben: Royce, do you have your calculator?

Councilmember Sutton: If you just bought just the monitors alone, you said –

Matt Arvay: If no monitors, it would be \$52,026 based off of 58 machines.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, that's what I've got.

Matt Arvay: With the 17 inch monitors, its \$62,408; with 19 inch monitors, \$64,496.

Councilmember Raben: 52,026 with just –

Matt Arvay: The computer alone.

Councilmember Raben: Would everybody be comfortable with giving them some money to replace some monitors if we set it at – in fact, I'll make this in a motion. I'll move that we approve under 2490-1090-3370 in the amount of \$58,000.

Councilmember Leader: I'll second.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Raben: That would allow \$6,000 to replace about half of the monitors.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I do have one question on the monitor issue. We will not be purchasing 21 inch monitors, period, is that correct?

Matt Arvay: Yeah, that's fine. That's the direction I've been hearing.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1090-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	64,496.00	58,000.00
Total		64,496.00	58,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Councilmember Raben: And, Madam President, I guess since we've been on this topic for two months, I'd like to make a motion that we serve notice today to Matt and his folks and everybody in Purchasing that the Council does not allow for 21 inch monitors. Do we need to vote on that? That's a motion.

President Abell: There's a motion, sure.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Councilmember Sutton: One other comment along this line. When we first received this request I guess last month or the month before, it would be extremely helpful for us, anytime we have any hardware or software requests, that there is some type of involvement with both of you guys' areas along with the department that's involved with it so that we can see the larger picture, not just a small incremental request. But we want to be able to see how it affects the whole and that's why we've gotten the questions and we probably would have been able to move a little bit faster on this if we could have maybe gotten a better sense of your involvement with this and what it would take, so just food for thought if you can be involved with those future decisions. And we're going to obviously get some requests come budget time, you need to be very much involved –

Matt Arvay: Hopefully, in the long run, we have a plan that could all be predetermined.

President Abell: I just have one comment: Mr. Arvay, do you think that your committee will be able to have this inventory plan ready for us by budget time?

Matt Arvay: When is it? Was it July 31st? Is that –

President Abell: That would be a good start. I mean, I think we've got a good start on the county side because of this inventory they just did, so we will do our best.

President Abell: I think it would help all of the Council to be able to have that before we go into budget hearings.

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Pigeon Township Assessor, and we have Travel/Mileage, Printing and Office Supplies in the amount of \$5,500. Good

morning.

Judy Stricker: Good morning, Judy Stricker, Chief Deputy Pigeon Township Assessor's Office. I could start off right now. Our office has no 21 inch monitors. I'd be happy with 17. I hit my shift key and the F key comes up. I don't know what's wrong, but they say they have a spare keyboard, so I'm hoping. And thank you, Council, for buying us a new computer because one of those was in dire need and I appreciate that, thank you very much. Now on to what we're requesting now, the Travel/Mileage and the Printing is kind of to replace what I transferred out of there for Office Supplies. And I think I maybe added a little bit more for Printing. And we still need more money for Office Supplies. Also, why I asked for more in Printing, Mr. Hatfield is retiring. November 1st will be somebody else coming in and we're going to have to have envelopes with somebody else's name on it, more office supplies for our stamps to be corrected with somebody else's name, so I was kind of looking to the future because hopefully, I won't come back.

President Abell: I will say that I asked Judy and she provided for me an itemization of the money they've been spending and they've spent their budget and it has been for things that they –

Judy Stricker: Almost 2,000 of it came out for Data Mail for our Form 11's, and evidently, we're going to have this every year now because I'm hoping there is some way, because the state says we have to send out Form 11's every year whenever there's a change. And if we do trending every year like the state wants us to do, then we have to send out a Form 11, but maybe there is some way that we can include it with the tax bill.

President Abell: Maybe the state would like to send it out.

Judy Stricker: I heard some counties wasn't sending out Form 11's but according to the law, we have to. So I'm hoping there's some way we can redo this because that's a big expense every year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to move approval in the amount of \$5,500.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,500.00	1,500.00
2490-1150-3410	Printing	2,000.00	2,000.00
2490-1150-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		5,500.00	5,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Abell: Thank you, Judy.

Judy Stricker: Thank you.

FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Family & Children Services, 2042-30090 Child Welfare Services in the amount of \$100,000, I move approval.

President Abell: Is there a second?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I think they all understand.

President Abell: Okay, roll call vote.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2042-30090	Child Welfare Services	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total		100,000.00	100,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that’s it for appropriations, we’ll move into transfers.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

AUDITOR (TWO REQUESTS)

Councilmember Raben: Under County Auditor, we have a transfer in the amount of \$750 and we have a transfer in the amount of \$22. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-3530	Contractual Services	750.00	750.00
To: 1020-3310	Training	750.00	750.00

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-1330-1020	Assist. to First Deputy	22.00	22.00
To: 1020-1390-1020	TIF/Tax Sale Clerk	22.00	22.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: County Treasurer, a request in the amount of \$2,000, I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1030-1270-1030	Tax/Sheriff's Sale Coordinator	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1030-1990	Extra Help	2,000.00	2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: County Coroner, we have a request in the amount of \$2,479, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1070-3160	Radio/Pagers	1,889.00	1,889.00
1070-3540	Maint. Contract	590.00	590.00
To: 1070-3530	Contractual Services	2,479.00	2,479.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Public Defender in the amount of 1,478, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1303-1970	Temp. Replacement	1,478.00	1,478.00
To: 1303-1750-1303	Secretary	1,478.00	1,478.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL

Councilmember Raben: Drug & Alcohol Deferral in the amount of \$2,000, I'll move approval..

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Excuse me, Mr. Raben, that's been withdrawn.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, that's correct, it has been withdrawn. I move that that be set in at zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1371-1140-1371	Secretary/Bookkeeper	2,000.00	0.00
To: 1371-1970	Temp. Replacement	2,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

REASSESSMENT/CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Center Township Assessor/Reassessment in the amount of \$800, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/CENTER ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1110-3380	Photo/Blue Prints	300.00	300.00
2490-1110-3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	500.00	500.00
To: 2490-1110-3310	Training	800.00	800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: And last, Local Roads & Streets in the amount of \$5,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2160-4328	Mt. Pleasant Road	5,000.00	5,000.00
To: 2160-3610	Legal Services	5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: The Amendments to the Salary Ordinance, first we have Scott Township Assessor, I move that we amend salary line 1160-1971 Accrued Payments as previously adopted. This is for the buy-out for an existing employee. Co-Op Extension Service, amend salary line 1230-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. The funds are from a grant from St. Mary's Hospital for Women and Children, permission to pay two employees 20 hours each per work at the rate of 9.50 per hour. The grant is not to exceed \$13,000. County Auditor, salary line 1020-1390 TIF/Tax Sale Clerk as the transfer previously adopted. The current employee is a COMOT VI/Step 3 with an annual salary of \$32,882. County Treasurer, amend salary line 1030-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. Public Defender, salary line 1303-1750 Secretary as previously approved. The current employee is a COMOT V/Step 1 with an annual salary of \$28,482. Funds were previously transferred into Temporary Replacement due to FMLA. Under Sheriff, request to make a title position change in salary line 1050-0017, the existing position is a Sergeant. The new position would be Deputy, the annual salary is \$40,938. And that's it and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Raben.

ORDINANCE APPROVING ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE FROM THE STATE OF INDIANA

President Abell: Under Old Business we have the ordinance before us and, Cheryl, already looked through it and read it, regarding the real estate purchase that the County Commissioners had approached us regarding several months ago. We need to act on this today and I would first like to entertain a motion to allow that we vote only once on this ordinance today rather and waive the second reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so moved.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Abell: I would now entertain a motion to accept the ordinance.

Councilmember Leader: So moved.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Abell: Is there any discussion? I noticed that the President of the Commissioners is here if anyone has any questions. Mr. Sutton?

Cheryl Musgrave: Thank you. Cheryl Musgrave, President of the Vanderburgh County Commission.

Councilmember Sutton: Good morning, Commissioner.

Cheryl Musgrave: Good morning, Sir.

Councilmember Sutton: On this particular tract of land, its just south of I-164, Veterans Parkway area, off of 41, that quadrant there, now it sits a little bit below, now I guess the last time we were here and you presented it, one of the questions that I had was the usage and how – can you kind of give some details on that because I guess in relation to my question I was wanting to know, in terms of what our role would be in relation to that usage, that land. So if you can talk about that?

Cheryl Musgrave: I have been working – first of all, I have been working closely with County Surveyor, Bill Jeffers to approach the issue of use of this property. As you know, it lies adjacent to an important drain for the county and he has interest in making sure that the drainage is improved as well as, perhaps, maintained. He and I have been approached by a gentleman who has just recently been with the Corps of Engineers and this gentleman has opened our eyes to a possibility for an economic development use for this land. And we're having our county attorney check into it which we could not do until we actually acquire the property, that – to do a lot of deed research here. But it appears we will be able to set this area up as a wetland mitigation bank. There are no wetland mitigation banks any closer than Louisville, from what I understand. And the way this works is, for a company that would want to be developing some piece of land somewhere in the area that this bank would serve, if they had wetlands on their property, they would be able to buy credits from this bank. We would develop the wetlands on our property so that they could develop the wetlands in the land that they're going to use for their development into their development. So in other words, it's a swap. We create more wetlands, and they are allowed to reduce the wetland in the area where they're developing. So the wetland mitigation bank, I think, is an important economic development tool and it also preserves it as a wetland. We are further looking into the possibility that even though it would be a wetland mitigation bank, that we would be able to establish just trails, very, very unimproved trails, think dirt path, if you would, through this area so that people could walk through there, look at birds, and then I've also been approached by some folks in the county who do trail riding with their horses. And so that's a concept that's also out there. We would use this one part for walking, another part for horses, since you don't want them on the same trail, that would be inconvenient. So those are the gentle recreational uses that we have in mind. But the economic development function, I think, is the most important. Now as to your role, I don't know whether we would have to come back and ask for any permissions with regard to the wetland mitigation bank and the attorneys will research that and let me know. And, if so, I'll be back before you. As to developing of the trails, since we're not going to be laying asphalt or doing a lot, I would hope that we could do that with our existing county highway personnel. But, of course, you know, we're pretty far away from me being able to say what costs would be involved in that. But I also know that there are significant grants available, state/federal types of grants, and even private grants, and I would look to that avenue first before I asked you all to participate in funding anything. I hope that answers your question, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess there are a couple of things that are rather new to me, I guess I hadn't heard this wetland mitigation bank concept previously. In listening to that concept, so a developer purchases land, its got wetland on it, they want to develop it for what have you, and in order for them to be able to take those types of steps, then they pay the county, and then we take those dollars and develop this land? Is that, am I grasping that correctly?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: So how often do we run into situations like that? I guess I'm not really familiar with the frequency of times when we might have wetlands out there where developers are somehow or another running into that as an issue here.

Cheryl Musgrave: I can't answer your question and I would refer you to the folks who do know. I think that Greg Wathen at the Economic Development Coalition would be our best resource for that. Joe Wallace at GAGE. I have run it past Joe Wallace and he thinks it would be a terrific incentive to offer generally and put on all of our documentation. It shows forward thinking. But the Corps of Engineers folk approached us and they're citing this as a need. So we didn't dream this up in a vacuum, and we are being told that yes, this would be valuable. The Corps of Engineers fellow has told us that Chicago has several of these. Many of them are private developments, not governmental and I think this would be good for the government to offer here. We do have a lot of flood plain in Vanderburgh County. Perhaps this is a valuable resource that we can develop for the future.

Councilmember Sutton: How much liability do we have with this? If we had this in county hands, you know, it's a flood plain area, if someone has an accident or someone drowns or something in that area, what responsibility are we taking on?

Cheryl Musgrave: I am not a lawyer and that's fundamentally a legal question, so I'm going to have to tell you that I can't answer that and perhaps your attorney would be better positioned or perhaps we could come back at a later date with the county attorney and he could –

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, is that something maybe you've thought about or factored in with this or –

Cheryl Musgrave: You know, we have Burdette Park that also invites the public on to that land and I would want to look at how we address those issues for Burdette Park itself. So I don't imagine that would be very different from that.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess I see this land as a little bit different than say, like a Burdette Park, being that we've got staff on a regular – of course, not 24 hours a day, people aren't watching every square inch of the park, but we do have a relatively good coverage and we can secure off that area, where this is an open area, a little bit different. The intent is not necessarily to have county employees actively doing things there as I'm maybe –

Cheryl Musgrave: We can't even build on this land. There would be no place to put a structure, so all of those issues would certainly have to be explored. May I invite you to join Surveyor Jeffers and myself as we work through these?

Councilmember Sutton: Uh-huh. Mr. Ahlers, in relation to publicly or county owned parcels of land like this, what liability or additional liability would we potentially, I know you haven't had a chance to go in and dig through the statutes and look at this issue, but just from a general standpoint, what are we probably talking about here?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, my thought would be that most likely I assumed that the county would have this property placed within their insurance coverage and so we would have the same insurance coverage on this property that we would with any other property that the county has. As long as it remains unimproved property, typically, there would be a lesser standard in terms of having any type of liability versus as you

improve it, you know, like parks and that. I suppose you can get liability from someone claiming the playground equipment or something was defective. But typically, unimproved land, you know, you would have a lesser risk of liability unless there is some hidden defect that we're unaware of in the land that would pose a risk to someone. But I guess my overall assumption would be that, I assume that the County Commissioners insure all real estate that the county owns and that this would be put within that umbrella and coverage and so, therefore, we would have insurance coverage.

Cheryl Musgrave: That is my general understanding.

Councilmember Sutton: And how do you access this land because I've driven by there –

Cheryl Musgrave: Waterworks Road.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. I don't know, it just concerns me about this piece of property. I mean, that's...

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, first of all, thank for the information. And the layout that you gave earlier when you first proposed, I have a concern about point number ten as far as the recommendation for cleaning up the site, unauthorized debris, dumping along the way. Have you, I'm just curious, is this a pretty large problem or –

Cheryl Musgrave: My understanding is that its not a large problem but that there just is some dumping that has been done there and I've been assured that our county guys could haul it off in pretty short order.

Councilmember Goebel: Is that not, at this time, the state's responsibility to keep it clean?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes, I would suppose so. If you would like to, I could have us enter into negotiations with them again.

Councilmember Goebel: No.

Cheryl Musgrave: They have reduced the price of this property from their appraised value and if I remember that correctly, it was perhaps in the 50's, at least 50,000 and they have reduced that down to 10. I asked them several times in writing and verbally to give it to us for free and they declined to take us up on that.

President Abell: Any other questions? We already have a motion on the floor?

Madelyn Grayson: Uh-huh.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Any time we're able to purchase some good parcels of land, I mean, I think that's always a good idea, but this particular parcel, just the condition of it, and thank goodness it did pass a phase one, but being in the flood plain and

all, I just don't know if this is something that would be workable for us. I vote no.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: No.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes. Mr. Ahlers?

(Motion fails 3-2/Councilmembers Sutton & Goebel opposed)

Jeff Ahlers: You've got three votes. It would require four votes in order to pass, so I believe that it fails. I can double check the statute, but the statute is worded that it takes a majority of Council, not a majority of the quorum. So without having achieved four votes, I believe that it does not pass at this time. Now I realize we have two members missing and that if you want to re-advertise it and vote on it next month, I mean, there is nothing that says that you can't.

Councilmember Sutton: So are you suggesting a do over?

Jeff Ahlers: I'm not suggesting anything. I am just advising you as to the situation that we only have five of the seven Councilmembers present and that I think that it fails by not garnering four votes.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm just saying that by mentioning that, it appears that's what you're – you didn't say it, but you're implying. I mean, the vote is what it is. I mean, we didn't say that for any of the other votes that were taken here whether they were up or down, whether we would come back and revisit those because of the missing Councilmembers here.

Jeff Ahlers: That's your call, that's not mine. I'm just advising the Council of the situation, what your options are.

President Abell: It appears the vote has failed.

AUGUST COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING FILING DEADLINE
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President Abell: Under New Business, the August County Council meeting filing date is July the 12th, 2007. I assume Mrs. Deig will make sure everyone understands that.

DAVID COKER/TAX RELIEF

President Abell: I did advise Mr. Coker that we would give him a few minutes to speak this morning. He wants to discuss tax relief. Mr. Coker.

David Coker: My name is David Coker, I'm the president of the Vanderburgh County Taxpayers Association. And the first thing I'd like to ask is for you to write the word draft at the top of this letter because I don't think this says what I will inevitably write to the governor for reasons which may appear obvious in a minute. As you know, our organization has been closely monitoring the activities of local government in Vanderburgh County for the past several years. And many of my members are gravely concerned at the increases in property taxes that have resulted from the trending and the changes in the law and that over the past couple of years. And I'd just like to read this letter to you, read it in to the record and then perhaps you can decide. I'm not here to play the blame game and I have publicly commended the County Council on many occasions for your collective ability to hold the line on raising taxes. You've done a much better job than other local governmental entities in our community and I think everybody needs to know that. So let me read this letter and then you'll understand the nature of my request.

"For the past several years members of the Vanderburgh County Taxpayers – "

This is to Governor Mitch Daniels.

"For the past several years members of the Vanderburgh County Taxpayers Association have closely monitored the spending priorities, tax rates, and bonded indebtedness of local units of government within our county. In the past four years, we have witnessed a cumulative increase in local property tax levies of all local governmental units in excess of \$100 million.

In the summer of 2004, several local elected officials, "

Among them Phil Hoy, who was a former member of the County Council.

"joined members of the state legislature in what was called a Property Tax Replacement Study Committee to examine the issue of property tax relief throughout the state. At the time, I traveled to Indianapolis several times to monitor these discussions and once made personal remarks urging legislators to "first, do no harm" with respect to taxpayers at the local level. Unfortunately, after many months of serious conversations, little in the way of substantive tax reform proposals came out of the committee.

This past year, the General Assembly apparently agonized over the property tax situation seeing an across-the-board increase of some 24 percent for all taxpayers in the state. But the solution of placing over 2000 slot machines at two horse racing tracks in Central Indiana hardly passes for serious tax policy in the minds of an overwhelming majority of Hoosier residents.

This past April, we received –"

I personally received,

"a Comparison of Levied Tax Statement from the Vanderburgh County Treasurers office for the home in which I reside. The report showed that under the new trending formula used for figuring property tax liability, our house had been reassessed at \$110,200 from \$84,300 the

previous year. With the requisite change in the tax rate, our total tax liability has grown from \$595.44 in 2005 to \$933.88 this year, a 63.75 percent increase in two years.

According to the Vanderburgh County Assessors office, we are not alone in our concerns. To date, over 8,700 Vanderburgh County residents are appealing their new assessments under the new formula. I understand people in all parts of the state are equally concerned and outraged over these tax increases. Likewise, many people I talked with have repeatedly stated that they believe the entire tax structure in this state is way too complicated for the average person to comprehend. Many of my members are senior citizens on fixed incomes and these enormous tax increases impose an unfair burden upon them when their home represents the largest tangible financial investment they own. Since we do not use means testing or an ability to pay standard in the imposition of property taxes, the current tax policy seems exceedingly unfair to seniors and retirees.

Conversely, local elected officials are very concerned about the constraints imposed upon them by state law, and they worry daily about future financial obligations with the inadequate revenue sources to finance local government.

With this as a backdrop, we are asking if you would consider appointing a bi-partisan "Blue Ribbon" commission of business leaders, academics, representatives of organized labor and elected officials to revisit the topic of property tax reform for Indiana residents. The goal of such a panel would be to come up with a menu of specific legislative options which could be considered in future sessions of the General Assembly.

This is not a Republican or Democratic issue – it is an issue that raises the question: "What is the right thing to do for the property taxpayers of the state of Indiana." I have some additional ideas regarding the composition of the panel I envision which I would be glad to share with you."

Now what I am basically wanting to ask of the County Council would be the possible approval at a future meeting of a resolution that would call upon the governor to appoint this idea of a Blue Ribbon panel of people aside from legislators and aside from local government officials to look at this. You guys deal with this all the time. Every department head that came before you today asked for money that I assume is over and above budgeted totals on an annual basis, is that correct? Most of this money was not budgeted and, you know, several hundred thousand dollars that you approved just at this one meeting, and I think that there's nothing in the law right now that says that my tax bill can't go up by an equal or even greater amount within the two percent circuit breaker, meaning that my taxes could double again under the current law. And, you know, you have to wonder sometimes how attractive is a state that places this kind of burden on the idea of home ownership. Home ownership is the American dream and the way we've got it set up right now, it looks like we're penalizing homeowners. And I don't want to get into a conversation about tax abatement or phase-ins or TIF's or any of that, I just think the time has come for the Governor to get involved in this. The legislator has struggled with it for years and they can't seem to get the job done. If this passes the Council, I will take it to the City, I will take to the County Commissioners. I may even take it to other counties.

I read this morning that Warrick County is soon to be mailing its tax bills and I suggest that their increases are going to be similar to what we've experienced here in Vanderburgh County. I'll take it to Gibson County, I'll take it to Posey County, wherever, to get the kind of support from local elected officials to try to persuade the Governor to do something about this. And I'd be welcome to answer any questions and listen to any discussion you might have.

Councilmember Sutton: David, is your idea, your concept that you are proposing right now, is it for Vanderburgh County only –

David Coker: No, this is for the entire state.

President Abell: Excuse me a moment, we need to change the tape.

(Tape Changed)

Councilmember Sutton: I'll repeat my question. The proposal that you have presented to us, this idea, is this just for Vanderburgh County?

David Coker: No, this would be for the entire state of Indiana. From my understanding, one of the reasons that we have experienced such dramatic increases in such a short period of time, and correct me if I'm wrong, is because we decided to go through the general reassessment that was ordered by the court in 2002, and so consequently, when the trending kicked in, it was like a double whammy. And so we're kind of at the leading edge of experiencing these dramatic increases from other counties in the state. It also is a function of timing. We mailed our tax bills out on time, I believe, is that not correct? And some counties haven't and they won't, and some are even delaying and are not expecting to send their tax bills out as late as October, I have heard, because they're wanting to avoid having to send the tax bills out twice because of the refund that's supposed to be coming from this money that the state legislature is apparently trying to come up with. So I really believe that this is the time for this. It will hopefully, from a political standpoint, diffuse the issue of property tax increases for people that will be running for re-election next year. That's part of my motivation behind this. I really think that we need to work, we need to broaden the discussion and we need to bring in people from labor, people from academia and people from the business community to sit down and have a serious conversation about the total revenue structure of this state from sales taxes to user fees to whatever, to finance state government. I had a long conversation with Dennis Avery yesterday and he says that over the next two years, although the increases were budgeted early this year at zero for Medicaid alone, the increases are going to be over 12.5% in the next two years. And that money has to come from somewhere. And I'm just saying that the property tax system is not the appropriate place for this money to come from and they're going to continue to have to revisit this issue and I think its time that the Governor came to the table and start dealing with it.

President Abell: Did Mr. Avery give you any indication that the state is going to embrace this idea?

David Coker: He said he would welcome a conversation of this nature. And as I said, in 2004 the legislature tried to deal with it themselves and they could not come up with any meaningful changes. And part of the problem is the sheer complexity of the revenue structure in this state. Its terribly complicated with all the exemptions and homestead credits and local option income taxes and other option income taxes that – or other option taxes that some local units of government can impose. It's a

mess. And there are bright minds in this state. I attended several of those meetings in 2004 and I have a person in mind that I'd like to chair this panel. And it would be none other than Pat Kiely, the President of the Indiana Manufacturer's Association, who is a former member of the General Assembly. He participated in these hearings, in these meetings of the legislative panel two years ago, three years ago. He's incredibly brilliant. He knows more about tax and budget and debt structure of both the state and local units of government than probably anybody else in the state and he would be an ideal person to head a panel of this nature and probably could identify other people who are equally fair minded and intelligent to work on it. I'm not asking for you to do this today. I'd just like for you to take it under advisement and if you see fit, have the attorney come up with a resolution and possibly pass it at a future meeting.

Councilmember Goebel: I know time has become an issue now, but I do want to thank you for recognizing the efforts of this Council in trying to maintain our budgets and keep costs low and certainly the property tax issue is a great one that's in the back of everyone's minds. And I think as long as people continue to voice their unhappiness and outright dismay because there are those who are losing homes, can't afford to pay, we have to do something. I think a letter like this, perhaps not just to the Governor but to all the members of the General Assembly, etcetera, all the way through, that all entities work together to try to lower the costs of government, but that's not going to happen, but try to maybe find another way to fund or help ease the burden of the property taxpayers. Its an issue that's kind of died right now in Vanderburgh but it will come right back when the next assessment or next payment comes out.

David Coker: We do have 8,700 people that are challenging their assessments, that ought to be a signal.

President Abell: Anyone else have a question? Mr. Coker, possibly when you get this into a form that you are going to send to the Governor, you could get all of us a copy and then we can discuss it further when all of our members of the Council are here.

David Coker: Okay. When is the next meeting when everybody will be here that you know of? August?

President Abell: August 1st. I never know when everybody will be here, but let's just assume that everyone will be here.

David Coker: Okay.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Coker. Thank you for your concern.

JOINT CITY/COUNTY BUDGET HEARINGS
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President Abell: The joint city/county budget hearings are set for July 31st at 3:00 p.m. in this room. Everyone should put that on their calendar. Is there anymore business to come before this Council? Everyone have a nice holiday and celebrate our freedom and I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Abell: We are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Marsha Abell

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Tom Shetler

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 25, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 25th day of July, 2007 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:19 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President, Marsha Abell.

President Abell: Call to order the special meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council, July 25th, 2007. Attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	
President Abell	X	

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING
THE EXISTING ORDINANCE FOR VANDERBURGH COUNTY’S
INNKEEPERS TAX RATE**

President Abell: We are here this morning to discuss the ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Council amending the existing ordinance for the Vanderburgh County Innkeepers Tax Rate, and I think we have Mr. Vezzoso in the audience to discuss this for us. Mr. Vezzoso.

Joe Vezzoso: Good morning. First off, I’d like to thank you all for meeting at 8:15 to look at this ordinance and possible passage of the same. I’ve been before you and indicated to you – I guess I should have brought coffee and donuts this morning, but I just really didn’t have time to stop and get it. We have previously talked to you all concerning this ordinance. It’s an increase of the Innkeeper’s Tax from six percent to eight percent. I think that you all have a copy of the ordinance in front of you and if you have any questions, I’d be more than happy to try to answer them. These additional funds will go into the Tourism Capital Development fund which has to be appropriated through this body before any of those funds can be expended. So we feel that it will generate revenue to give us the ability to add new attractions to attract more conventions and visitors to Vanderburgh County.

President Abell: Questions of Mr. Vezzoso? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Joe, just for the record, you might remind everyone and for those who are watching at home, about the Schumacher study and maybe just go into a little more detail just to get it on the record as to what we think it will generate.

Joe Vezzoso: Last year we commissioned Don Schumacher out of Cincinnati, Ohio to come into Evansville to look at our park systems, look at different facilities within our community and tell us what we needed to do to get into, really, the youth sports market. Don came back with that study and indicated to us that we need to really seriously look at the expansion of the current soccer complex. We also need to look at the BMX track out at Burdette Park and we also needed to look at adding a quality baseball complex that had about somewhere between eight and twelve fields where you could really attract the tournaments. We have already submitted to the ASA, which is the Amateur Softball Association, bidding processes for 2009 tournaments, which will be selected in October of this year. So we're not sitting back. We want to see the project move forward, so we're already out there bidding on tournaments for the year of 2009, because if we wait until we get the facility built, we're going to be lagging by about two years. So in October of this year, we've already sent the bid documents in for those tournaments and we're already looking at other organizations within that youth sports market that we could maybe bring to Evansville. A number of you, I know, that have children or grandchildren that are in youth sports and I think that you have to agree, that youth sports certainly generates a lot of money for a community. Youth sports, especially girls, when they travel, the mother goes, the father goes, the brothers and sisters go, grandmas and granddaddies go. So it's really, when you look at the youth sports, we have really kind of focused in on girls 16 and under. It seems that when boys get to be 16, their desire for softball/baseball goes to the side and they start looking for young ladies to associate with as opposed to baseball bats. But when you look at the girls sports and 16 and under, it does generate a tremendous amount of revenue for a community. So we just feel that with this additional funding, and as we move forward with the project and bring it back to you all for your review and hopefully approval at some point, that it will be extremely financially beneficial to our community as a whole.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Vezzoso, I'll have cream with my coffee next time, please.

Joe Vezzoso: No problem. Do you want Starbucks or...

Councilmember Goebel: Please. I think some of the members got that already, but I do want to commend you and the other people leading the way on this because obviously, this will be a wholesome growth of a market that I think this Council and everyone else agrees will help our community. Tourism will be good, it's just a type of activity and growth that we want, I would think, in Vanderburgh County. And when you make the bids for tournaments, do you bid with the facilities in mind that are going to be developed between now and 2009 or do you have to go with existing facilities?

Joe Vezzoso: Currently, the existing facilities would not allow us to bring a tournament into Evansville. The quality of the existing fields in our community are not such that would allow you to bring a national type tournament into the county. What we are doing, we are already starting the process of designing a complex so that when we go in October, we'll have an architectural rendering of what we feel the fields are going to end up looking like. Other communities have done this. I've been to a couple of these association meetings, and as communities make the decision to move forward with these types of facilities, they have their architectural renderings there at the point to where the decision makers can see what you're proposing to have by the year 2009 or 2010, whatever. It's a relatively quick process in building these. This is not an extended process to build the baseball or softball fields. It can

happen fairly quickly.

President Abell: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Good morning.

Joe Vezzoso: Good morning, Sir.

Councilmember Raben: Before I cast my vote, who were you referring to that might have grandchildren up here?

Joe Vezzoso: Uh well, uh –

Councilmember Raben: Just kidding.

Joe Vezzoso: None of you. I mean, you all are too young to have grandchildren yet.

Councilmember Raben: One thing you did forget to mention and it's probably the most recent use of your funding through the Innkeepers Tax, is the assistance that you just granted the county on purchasing the 30 acres at Burdette Park to preserve and enhance the park and for future expansion, and we appreciate that.

Joe Vezzoso: I was just checking to see who was here. We're happy to be able to assist with that and we thought that was a very beneficial thing for the county.

Councilmember Raben: Before, I had one last note here, Joe and I have spoke and I have spoke with some of the other Council folks, and I know there is nothing we can do today and I do intend to support this request, but going forward, the county, in December of 2010, we lose one penny that we use today to help offset, we use two cents today to help offset the operations of the Centre. And the likelihood of that operating in the black in 2010 is still up in the air, so looking forward, I have asked Joe, and I am here today to ask everyone here that we put a push on with the legislators to give us back that penny that they take away. It's actually January of 2011 is when the collection goes back to the bureau. So we do need that penny back, I'm sure, and with this additional two cents, you probably aren't going to need that extra penny anyway.

Joe Vezzoso: We can use every cent we can get. Mr. Raben and I have spoken, and what happened is, and I don't remember the year, I'm sorry, but when we renegotiated the two cent deal with between the county and the state legislators and the bureau and the Centre, there was some sentiment that this body, our commissioners that you all appoint, and also the state legislators, that the Centre needed to try to be weaned off of this money and to go out and be more aggressive in their sales efforts and try to make the Centre a more profitable operation. And I think that was the intent of the law, it's a state law, and as Mr. Raben was indicating, we have to go to the state house and ask them to change that law. And just for your information, it does occur January the first of 2010 and not 2011. So December 31st of 2009 is when that reverts back into the county treasury. I mean, that's what the law says. If you don't have a copy of this law and you'd like a copy, I'll be more than happy to see that all of you get it so you can really see what we're talking about. I support that. I can't say that our entire board of commissioners support it, but I do, especially if there's still issues at the Centre where they have the loss level that they currently do. Now, if that were to change, then I think we all should relook at this and that money can be used for other projects in the county and within the city that would benefit tourism again.

President Abell: Any other comments?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, we get a report each month and that report shows the local lodging or hotels/motels around here that are delinquent in paying those Innkeepers Taxes, and that report, we often don't make reference to it, but since we are talking about it and we're talking about increasing that, I thought maybe we ought to just make sure as Councilmembers, take a look at that report and make reference to it. There's really only three local hotels that are delinquent on their Innkeepers Tax and that would be the Econo Lodge, formerly known as the Ramada, Evergreen Motel and the St. Mary's Motel, are the ones that are delinquent. Everyone else is current.

Joe Vezzoso: If you look at that report, you'll see that those same organizations and companies are on there month after month. When you refer to the Ramada, it is, that's the one out at 41 and Pigeon Creek that has changed hands so many times. Our legal counsel stays on top of that pretty much and files suit. In some of those cases, the dollar amount is not worth the effort but we go ahead and make it because we don't want anyone to feel that they don't have to pay the obligation to the county. So our legal counsel does pretty much stay on top of that. And then the list is really pretty much cleaned up except for those few.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I make note of that because the majority, the vast majority of our hoteliers are making sure that the Innkeepers Tax is being collected here locally.

Joe Vezzoso: And one nice thing, if those taxes are not paid, I think it does affect their liquor license, too, if they try to apply for their liquor license. Yes, Sir?

Councilmember Shetler: I'm going to follow up on that and I don't know if this is for you, Joe, but, Royce, I think in that one instance there where we have the Econo Lodge, I believe those guys are getting quite a bit of money even back or at least recommendations from the county because when people are released from the prison, if they have no place to go or from the jail, I'm sorry, they are referred to that place as kind of, I don't know if you want to call it a stepping stone or whatever, so I'm just wondering if there isn't some ways that we can actually coordinate or work something out through the county to enforce that.

Joe Vezzoso: This, and I don't know how many months they're showing, Royce, currently, I mean, Mr. Sutton, is it seven months?

Councilmember Shetler: No, it's substantial.

Joe Vezzoso: I think Mr. Schopmeyer, who is our legal counsel at the bureau level has talked to this gentleman on numerous occasions and the gentleman has promised and promised to step forward and make payment to the county. If the county can assist in that, you know, it would be great to get all those back taxes paid. We don't like to see any of the hotels in arrears in their tax payments because we just don't think that's good business. They need to pay their taxes like everyone else and if somehow the county could put a little heat on that group, that would be great. If not, I probably could find you another motel that you could send those people to.

Councilmember Sutton: It's eleven months.

Joe Vezzoso: Yeah, if I was behind eleven months in our taxes, they would certainly

make movement, I'm sure.

Councilmember Raben: The Econo Lodge is the same as the Ramada, correct?

Joe Vezzoso: Yeah, Mr. Raben, it's that property at 41 and Pigeon Creek by the red, white and blue building.

Councilmember Raben: We can offer a lot of assistance sending the Sheriff's office out there to put a chain around the front door.

President Abell: Any other comments or questions of Mr. Vezzoso? I just have one comment and that is, as someone who sits on the Criminal Justice Planning Committee, I like seeing these youth sports being promoted. I hope it does take care of our jail overcrowding in the future, that we'll see fewer and fewer people doing those kind of activities. This will require a motion from the Council if we want to vote on this today to waive the second reading and do it all on one reading, so I would open the floor for – Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, I would move that we waive the rule to vote in different meetings and vote today.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Abell: Now I would entertain a motion to pass the ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Council Amending the Existing Ordinance for the Vanderburgh County Innkeepers Tax Rate.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, I would move that we increase the Innkeepers Tax as designated by the Indiana Legislature from six percent to eight percent.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I do want to make mention, this is not an increase in property taxes. This is the Innkeepers Tax, hotels and motels. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Vezzoso.

Joe Vezzoso: I want to thank each and every one of you for coming in early and taking care of this. We greatly appreciate it. And we'll be bringing back the project so that you all can see it. And, Ms. Abell, I certainly agree with you 100 percent. This facility will not only be used by visitors to our community, its also going to be used by our local youth, so hopefully, that will help in some way. Again, thank you all very much for your support. We appreciate it.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Vezzoso. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the

meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

President Abell: The meeting is adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Marsha Abell

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Tom Shetler

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 1st day of August, 2007 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President, Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the August 1st, 2007 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Roll call attendance, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	
President Abell	X	

President Abell: Councilman Raben, would you lead us in the Pledge?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align:center">APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 27, 2007</p>

President Abell: Good morning and welcome to the large attendance here this morning. Could I have a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27th meeting?

Councilmember Leader: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Abell: The appropriation ordinance, I'll turn the meeting over to the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben. And, Mr. Raben, I think you're aware that Mr. Nix needs to get out of here, so he'd like to go first.

Councilmember Raben: I will certainly take him first.

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Bill Nix: Good morning, Madam President and members of the Council. I'm here today, I guess, in request for some money for a boom truck that Mr. Duckworth had presented to you a couple of weeks back. Basically, we've got three pieces of equipment now that we use for hoisting, but they're really not made to do that. When you pick up pipe, tree limbs and that type of thing up, these machines are pretty unstable. And I know that Mike had mentioned something about the fact that it was unsafe. Its not necessarily unsafe, it's just that the equipment that we're utilizing right now is really not made to do what we're doing and we've had some damage to one of maybe two boom trucks. And I just think this would be an asset to the fleet. There are times when we have emergencies in the middle of the night. We've got tree limbs and stuff in the road, some of the stuff is pretty heavy and I just think it would be an asset to have this out at the county garage. And we've been looking for awhile at this particular type of equipment and we've got about, the request is for \$90,000 to purchase it and I think it's a good buy. And I just think it's something we need to move forward with. So I'll entertain any questions that any of the board members have. Yes?

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you, Commissioner. We had several questions at our meeting last Wednesday about this particular request and I appreciate Mr. Duckworth and his staff getting right on that to prepare a response to the questions that we may have. I think we may have gotten the material as early as Friday. And one of the things that we, a couple of the things that we did make some mention about was the lease as opposed to buying scenarios. And had him to go back and to review how much had been spent on leasing equipment for this particular type of work over the past few years and he was able to go back to 2000 and found that there were right at \$38,446.50 spent on leased equipment to perform these types of work, so not quite up to what we, I guess we were anticipating maybe a little bit higher levels, but understanding that there is a routine or regular need for this type of equipment. The other area that was covered, we asked about the amount of, if there was some type of warranty or some type of guarantee per se, associated with

this particular piece of equipment, and he's got two years on this piece of equipment. One of the things, I guess, as I thought about this because I know you guys had kind of combed through this Local Road & Street budget and I'm trying to see if there are other lines within that budget that there might be some surplus or maybe even some expenses that came in a little bit lower than what was anticipated that we could maybe draw from on this particular request. Any thoughts on that?

Bill Nix: I'm all for that if we could do it. To be honest with you, I haven't really researched that. We were looking at the particular line item, I'm not for sure what he's asking for it to come out of, but we can look at that. That would be fine. I think the thing here today is to try and get this thing purchased before it gets away from us.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I know he did sit down, Mike did sit down with Bill Fluty, our Auditor, and sat down with Jim, too, and I spoke with him. I guess it seems that we are pretty much in line with what we had anticipated up to this point and couldn't really find –

Bill Nix: On most other line items.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, on most of the line items. But I'm not going to profess to know or pretend to know anything about this type of equipment, but I guess I know a little bit about I guess our financial situation so I'm not trying to see what we can come up with to – right now we've got a decent, healthy unappropriated balance so I'm just trying to protect that as much as possible. And we've spent, I guess over the last few years right about a million dollars on equipment out there.

Bill Nix: And I will say that we've made some good investments out there between the new paver, and roller and we got the gradall in '05, which I think was actually purchased in '04 and it took a while to get that delivered out there. But I think we've done a real good job, Mike's done a good job out there with you all's help in upgrading the equipment out there. New trucks, I think we've got a couple of new trucks in and so I think its money well spent for the county.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, to Councilman Raben's credit, one of the suggestions was the possibility of if we were to purchase this, look at some at some of our equipment that may be getting a little bit of age on it but it's still marketable, look at maybe surplussing some of that equipment so that maybe we can recoup some of the cost on something like this. I don't know if they go through their inventory, if there's some things they can identify that may qualify or come up to and approach maybe some of the, offsetting some of the cost with this.

Bill Nix: And I have no problem with that. I'd say that most of everything we have out there, we need. We may have, of the three gradalls that we have, I don't know that we use all three of them all of time, but for the most part, we've done a pretty decent job of going through the stuff we don't need and getting rid of it. The other thing I'd point out, too, there are a lot of times when these gradalls are used for, we wouldn't be using gradalls if we had this truck available, so that the information you got in front of you is outside rental things that occurred since 2000, I think.

Councilmember Sutton: Correct.

Bill Nix: And so there would be a lot of times when this would be utilized over and above what we use the gradalls for. And that's kind of something that would be hard to track. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to move approval of Local Roads & Streets transfer in the amount of \$40,000.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Further discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2160-3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	40,000.00	40,000.00
To: 2160-4310	Road Equipment	40,000.00	40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CLERK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Clerk 1010-3603 Record Storage in the amount of \$45,000, I move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Good morning.

Susan Kirk: Good morning. Any questions?

President Abell: I have a question. How much money do you have in the account for electronic storage?

Susan Kirk: At this moment?

President Abell: Yes.

Susan Kirk: After we pay the bill, none. We'll probably be a little behind. Even with the \$5,000 that the Council granted us, we're still going to be behind.

President Abell: You use that money for Kinder Moving & Storage's expenses?

Susan Kirk: We use that for record storage and pick up and delivery of files.

President Abell: Okay. How much is that per file that you get? Do you remember?

Susan Kirk: Did everybody get this that I sent? Okay.

President Abell: I got it.

Susan Kirk: Okay. It's listed back in here. Kinder gave us a little breakdown of what they do. I think it's like, depending on the size of the cart and if they have to bring a file, or if they have to bring a box and then there's different size boxes, but –

President Abell: That was what I spent.

Susan Kirk: Okay.

President Abell: There's an income to the Clerk's office from every case that's filed in the Clerk's office –

Susan Kirk: Well, that's the –

President Abell: -- that goes to record storage. It goes to electronic storage.

Susan Kirk: Well, no, actually, that's the perpetuation fund and what that is, two dollars out of every new case that is filed, the Clerk's office uses that for scanning and microfilm. That's all that can be used for. It can't be used for storage.

President Abell: But aren't they doing some bar coding?

Susan Kirk: We bar code, yes, everything that goes out there is bar coded, but all of that is in, like I said, that goes into the microfilming, scanning of the case. Then once the case is, you know, we turn it in, they microfilm, scan it, put it on disk, put it on microfilm, have it on paper, we have it everywhere, then its bar coded and filed.

President Abell: Well, I guess what I'm asking is, couldn't some of that money be used to offset some of the storage cost?

Susan Kirk: Not really. We're running pretty well even Steven with the money that's coming in. As a matter of fact, the Clerk's association even is talking about maybe getting that two dollars raised maybe to three dollars because its been two dollars, I guess, for years. And needless to say, a lot of them, the counties are experiencing an increase with the companies that they're using and that two dollars is just not really covering the cost anymore. We've been fortunate so far that our two dollars is still working for us, but storage is huge, its just huge now, all the different expenses that go into it.

President Abell: Well, if you're using it, you're using it, that's all I need to know.

Susan Kirk: Yes, yes, we are using it.

Councilmember Leader: I make a motion to approve. Oh, I'm sorry, do you need a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: I seconded it.

Councilmember Leader: Well, good grief.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: That would be 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-3603	Record Storage	45,000.00	45,000.00
Total		45,000.00	45,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**SHERIFF
JAIL
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, next we have the Sheriff, the Jail –

Susan Kirk: Thank you, Council.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you. The Sheriff's Office, the Jail and Community Corrections, I'll take those together. And I did receive an email some time yesterday from Sheriff Williams. He is at the Sheriff's training seminar this week and apologized for not being present today. Under Sheriff, Overtime request in the amount of \$140,000, Civilian Overtime \$9,000, for a total of \$149,000. Under Jail, Union Overtime in the amount of \$20,000. And Community Corrections, Union Overtime in the amount of \$7,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Everybody have those figures? Roll call –

Councilmember Raben: Under Sheriff, Union Overtime 140,000, Civilian Overtime 9,000. Under Jail, Union Overtime 20,000. Community Corrections, Union Overtime 7,000.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1300	Overtime	160,000.00	140,000.00
1050-1301	Civilian Overtime	9,000.00	9,000.00
Total		169,000.00	149,000.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1850	Union Overtime	24,000.00	20,000.00
Total		24,000.00	20,000.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1850	Union Overtime	7,000.00	7,000.00
Total		7,000.00	7,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ELECTION OFFICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Election Office. We have several items here for a total request of \$61,000. It's my understanding this money has been deposited into the County General Fund. So I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1210-1110-1210	Board Member	1,200.00	1,200.00
1210-1120-1210	Election Assistant	5,000.00	5,000.00
1210-1140-1210	Canvassing Board	900.00	900.00
1210-1150-1210	Asst. Canvassing Bd.	500.00	500.00
1210-1160-1210	Election Inspector	11,180.00	11,180.00
1210-1170-1210	Election Judge	16,340.00	16,340.00
1210-1180-1210	Election Clerk	15,480.00	15,480.00
1210-1200-1210	Election Attorney	600.00	600.00
1210-1210-1210	Ballot Aids	600.00	600.00
1210-1900	FICA	1,000.00	1,000.00
1210-1910	PERF	100.00	100.00
1210-2290	Election Board Meals	300.00	300.00
1210-3420	Legal Advertising	200.00	200.00
1210-3530	Contractual Services	6,000.00	6,000.00
1210-3570	Janitorial Service	1,000.00	1,000.00
1210-3610	Legal Services	300.00	300.00
1210-3630	Equip. Lease & Rental	300.00	300.00
Total		61,000.00	61,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services, 1371-3930 Other Contractual in the amount of \$4,950. This is a buy-out and according to state statute, they must have a Chief Probation Officer in place, I will move approval.

Deloris Koch: Excuse me, its not for a probation officer. Its for training for our office to gain access to the probation module in Courtview. This is the \$4,950 for the Drug & Alcohol Deferral Service. Is there a misunderstanding there?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, that’s –

Deloris Koch: I had withdrawn a request last month in regard to staff. Actually we only need \$2,500. We have been approved for a grant from the – or monies from the probation fund by the judges for half of that amount and I’ve applied for a grant with the judicial center for the other half. I’m waiting today for a response yet today to see if they’ve approved that. We may be reimbursed.

Councilmember Raben: So for today, we just need 2,500? Madam Present, I’ll

amend my motion for 1371-3930 in the amount of \$2,500.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: I have a question. This is for training with Courtview?

Deloris Koch: Yes.

President Abell: Has Tim VanCleave talked to Courtview about, it seems like something under our contract with them provides for some additional training.

Deloris Koch: Apparently not for us. They trained all the probation officers when they were established, but not for us. It will cover – the licensor and the maintenance agreement will still apply, we don't have to pay anything extra for that. This is just the up-front training and the setup to meet out needs for our office. And they'll train two of our staff and we'll train the rest of the staff. Its all we could afford.

President Abell: Okay, that's fine. Thank you. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1371-3930	Other Contractual	4,950.00	2,500.00
Total		4,950.00	2,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Burdette Park, Other Employees in the amount of \$75,000, FICA in the amount of 5,738, for a total of 80,738. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Any questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	75,000.00	75,000.00
1450-1900	FICA	5,738.00	5,738.00
Total		80,738.00	80,738.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Steve Craig: Thank you.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Craig.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Health Department, 2130-2241 Institutional & Medical in the amount of \$45,962, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2130-2241	Institutional & Medical	45,962.00	45,962.00
Total		45,962.00	45,962.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Next, under Reassessment, Knight Township Assessor, Extra Help in the amount of \$12,000, FICA in the amount of \$918, for a total of \$12,918, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, I did have a question on this.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, go ahead.

Shirley Reeder: Good morning, Shirley Reeder, Knight Township.

Councilmember Winnecke: I know we talked about this last week but I forgot the answer, so you're comfortable that this will get you through the balance of the year?

Shirley Reeder: Yes, for the three employees that we have at Extra Help, yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you.

Shirley Reeder: Thank you.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1130-1990	Extra Help	12,000.00	12,000.00
2490-1130-1900	FICA	918.00	918.00
Total		12,918.00	12,918.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Shirley Reeder: Thank you very much.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

REASSESSMENT/PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Perry Township Assessor, we have a request for Travel & Mileage in the amount of 900, Equipment Repair 500, Dues & Subscriptions in the amount of 280, for a total of \$1,680. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1140-3130	Travel/Mileage	900.00	900.00
2490-1140-3540	Maintenance Contract	500.00	500.00
2490-1140-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	280.00	280.00
Total		1,680.00	1,680.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Supplemental Adult Probation, in the amount of 11,329, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, did you have some –

Councilmember Sutton: Did we get an explanation on this last week?

Councilmember Raben: This is what I had mentioned earlier. This is a buy-out for

the current Chief Probation Officer. I'll allow Karen to explain that.

Karen Angermeier: This is the buy-out for our Chief Probation Officer who is retiring after 33 years.

Councilmember Sutton: And based on how we've been operating up to this point, after we buy someone out, there's a period of time before the next person comes on. How long will it be before the, the period of time where you guys will have to wait until the next person –

Karen Angermeier: Because of the buyout, we would be able to replace him immediately, because we have to have a Chief Probation Officer on staff.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Alright.

President Abell: Anyone else? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT

SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

REQUESTED

APPROVED

2600-1971	Accrued Payments	9,902.00	9,902.00
2600-1900	FICA	758.00	758.00
2600-1910	PERF	669.00	669.00
Total		11,329.00	11,329.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund for a new vehicle in the amount of \$25,000. I'll move approval.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2650-4230	Motor Vehicles	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total		25,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION
SHERIFF/MISDEMEANOR HOUSING
TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (LATE)
WEIGHTS & MEASURES (LATE)
SUPERIOR COURT (LATE)
REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that concludes appropriations. As far as transfers, first under C, Weights & Measures, that request has been withdrawn. Madam President, if everyone is agreeable, I'll move that all transfers be approved as listed.

Councilmember Leader: I have a question.

President Abell: Does someone want to second it, and then you can –

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Okay, go ahead, Mrs. Leader.

Councilmember Leader: Mr. Raben, my understanding on Weights & Measures was that the copy machine had been repaired and does that mean that everything was relative to the copy machine in that \$900?

Councilmember Raben: For right now, Loretta said she's fine with the transfer being withdrawn.

Councilmember Sutton: One other question, on the Tourism Capital Improvement fund? Did we get some explanation on that transfer?

President Abell: Mr. Vezzoso?

Councilmember Sutton: Where you're talking – moving \$12,000 from the museum, African-American Museum to Land Acquisition.

President Abell: I think its \$120,000, Mr. Sutton.

Joe Vezzoso: Joe Vezzoso, President of the Convention Bureau. It's \$120,000 and we're transferring, requesting a transfer from a line item, it's 4071 African-American Museum to line item 4172 Land Acquisition. Later in the year we will come before you again with an appropriation to refund that 4071. Does that answer your question?

Councilmember Sutton: Somewhat.

Joe Vezzoso: This is for the purchase of land at Burdette Park. And for us to have the funds to be able to do that, we have to transfer at this point in the year and as that fund builds up again, then we will come back and reappropriate the money for the African American Museum. The African American Museum appropriation was approved earlier in the year, so we're just transferring those funds over into the other line item.

Councilmember Sutton: So I guess from a timing standpoint, the museum funds aren't needed now or –

Joe Vezzoso: Our agreement with the city of Evansville is that they advance those funds to pay for the African American Museum, and we actually, we pay the city. And our payment to the city is not due until December 31st and we have already talked to the city. And if we'd need to extend that payment date, we can go into next year. But we feel that we will have the funds built to a sufficient amount to cover this \$120,000.

Councilmember Sutton: So you'll be back to see us by the end of the year on this?

Joe Vezzoso: We'll be back before that. Probably a couple of months, we'll be back for an appropriation to transfer the money back in here so we can make our

payment to the city.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Alright. Thank you.

Joe Vezzoso: I would say that that land is very valuable out there and we're certainly pleased to be a part of acquiring that property for the county, and especially for Burdette Park. Had that not occurred, it would not have been good for the county or the park, so we're glad to be a part of that. Any other questions?

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Vezzoso. We're happy you're a part of it, also.

Joe Vezzoso: Well, thank you. We appreciate it.

President Abell: I think the one point that Mr. Sutton wants to make, and I think we certainly on the record want to make the point, that we are not cutting into the African American Museum's funds at all. We're just doing a little in-house moving money, but we're not eliminating them from our budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Precisely, that's what I'm inquiring about.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2600-1980	Other Pay	3,000.00	3,000.00
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To: 2600-1930	Unemployment	3,000.00	3,000.00
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SHERIFF/MISDEMEANOR HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2780-1301	Civilian Overtime	1,512.00	1,512.00
To: 2780-1950	Teamsters Ed. Fund	212.00	212.00
2780-1530	Shift Differential	1,300.00	1,300.00

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 3600-4071	African American Museum	120,000.00	120,000.00
To: 3600-4172	Land Acquisition	120,000.00	120,000.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1302-2700	Other Supplies	300.00	Withdrawn
1302-3310	Training	100.00	Withdrawn
1302-3520	Equipment Repair	400.00	Withdrawn
1302-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	100.00	Withdrawn
To: 1302-4250	Misc. Equipment	900.00	Withdrawn

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-4220	Office Machines	432.00	432.00
To: 1370-4210	Office Furniture	432.00	432.00

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1150-3371	Computer Hardware	3,004.00	3,004.00
2490-1150-3372	Computer Software	1,200.00	1,200.00
To: 2490-1150-1990	Extra Help	3,904.00	3,904.00
2490-1150-1900	FICA	300.00	300.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, that concludes the appropriations and transfers. Last, we have the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. First, under Sheriff, I move that we amend salary line 1050-1300 Overtime as previously adopted. Salary line 1050-1301 Civilian Overtime as previously adopted. Under Jail, 1051-1850 Union Overtime as previously adopted. Community Corrections, 1361-1850 Union Overtime as previously adopted. Under Burdette Park, move we amend salary line 1450-1180 Other Employees as previously adopted. Knight Township Assessor, 2490-1130-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation salary ordinance line 2600-1971 Accrued Payments as previously approved. This is for the buyout of the retiring Chief Probation Officer. Salary line under Sheriff/Misdemeanor Housing 2780-1530 Shift Differential as previously approved. Pigeon Assessor 2490-1150-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. And under Public Defender, salary line 1303-1830 Juvenile Court - Public Defender to an Executive II, Step 3 as recommended by the Personnel Administration Committee. The annual salary will be \$59,078 effective August 6th of 2007. This Step 3 placement applies only to salary and does not include Step 3 vacation allowance. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**ORDINANCE APPROVING ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE FROM THE
STATE OF INDIANA**

President Abell: I think that takes care of all of your business, doesn't it, Mr. Raben? Okay. We have nothing under Old Business. Under new business, we are removing, at the request of the County Commissioners, the Ordinance Approving the Acquisition of Real Estate from the State of Indiana. They do intend to bring that back to us at some point, but it is being removed today.

**PIGEON CREEK GREENWAY PASSAGE ORDINANCE
FIRST READING**

President Abell: We have put back on the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Ordinance for first reading. We'll vote on that today and it will be moved to second reading in September. And I understand that Miss Heiman is here and wants to address this issue.

Roberta Heiman: Thank you for so much for hearing me. First, its so encouraging to see county government's increased interest in working with the city on the Greenway. It's just really encouraging to see that. And I'm just here to say that there are a lot of citizens who have dreamed of this for a long time. And it needs an advocate. Local government has so much to do and so little to do it with sometimes. Projects like the Greenway come along and this just has to rank among many things you have to do, so it needs an advocate and we are more than willing to serve as that advocate and work with you in helping maintain it, promote it, plan special events. Do all of that kind of good stuff while you guys do your work, and so that's what I'm here to do. Please don't leave it in limbo. We need a way for people who care about the Greenway to be active in it.

President Abell: I am assuming when you say we, you are referring to the League of Women Voters?

Roberta Heiman: No, I'm not here for the League, I'm just here for me. For people who just –

President Abell: There's more "we" than just you, in other words.

Roberta Heiman: Yeah. Okay, thanks.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Just one comment, I've suggested this a few times before. I would just like to see something big, some sort of dedication made towards the real pioneer, the real workhorse for the Greenway, Shirley James, who has recently passed. So that's my only recommendation or real favor that I ask, that something in her honor be made.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I guess, when I first came on, I was 17 years old, that was 35 years ago, I was a senior in high school on the Park Board, and we talked about the Greenway then. And really, nothing much was done for many years and for maybe a couple of decades, in fact. My biggest concern is, particularly as County Councilman now, is that it seems to be that the same plans that we laid out 20 or 30

years ago are still what's primarily in place today. And a lot has changed. A lot of new ideas, concepts, have come about in the way of utilizing recreation areas, particularly Greenways. And I would like to see us incorporate, and the last time I had met with Shirley James I had not really seen that, although they talked about it, but I'd like to see us incorporate some areas like where you have utility type of easements and stuff, and a lot of that's in the county areas, and see us incorporate some of that existing into those areas. And we might be able to cooperate with Vectren, tax incentives and stuff that we could utilize those properties and make a full area that would also encompass county rural areas as well as the urban areas.

Roberta Heiman: The state's plan in creating its new greenway and bikeway system throughout Indiana is to, as they've done in Indianapolis on the Monon Trail, the way that was financed largely was using it as a utility corridor. And it began as a partial solution to a major sewer and flooding problem in Indianapolis. Ray Irvin, the director of the state plan, is an expert on explaining it, but they're using it for – oh, what do you call these lines now? They're not micro fiber lines, they're fiber optic. You know, a corridor for that. There are all sorts of – aside from the safety and health and environmental reasons to have this, there are financial reasons to have it. In Indianapolis they have figures showing that more people use their greenway than attend all of those major sporting events that Indianapolis has. This is something people really, really want and they really, really use it. And in a community where our income is lower than the state and national averages, this would be a wonderful asset for families to use for free, a safe place for our kids to ride their bikes, just, you know, there are all sorts of reasons for this community to get serious about completing this greenway. Thank you.

Councilmember Shetler: And I don't disagree. I guess my point is, I'm not seeing any of those new ideas incorporated into our local plan at this moment. And I would really like to see that be a part of it and that was really some of my objection from the past is that I'd like to see us get this to be a lot more comprehensive as opposed to being so narrowly defined as it was before. So, thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Jarboe?

Keith Jarboe: Good morning. Keith Jarboe. And I agree, I agree with what you're saying. The one point I would make is that the entire greenway is in the county, because the city is in the county of Vanderburgh County. So this is really a county project and a city project. So I think it's important that we work hand in hand to get this moving forward and I really believe, and it was the Council's thought when we passed this ordinance, that by getting this committee together, by getting individuals from the area, from the county, the city, joined together, that we could think big and we could come up with new ways, new visions of how the greenway could be. And we could also give a quality of life project in Evansville and the county of Vanderburgh, that would really help draw young people here. This is one thing we always hear about is, well, we have this brain drain and that young people don't want to come to Evansville. My son lives in Connecticut and they did the rails to trails up there. They have 26 miles of bike trails up there where they took abandoned railroad tracks and it was a huge success. Every day on the weekends and throughout the week, there are hundreds of people that travel those trails because it's a quality of life issue. And I think, I would urge you to pass the ordinance and I'll be back in September, I promise you, because this is truly a quality of life issue and it's something that we could work together and think big about. And really be progressive in Vanderburgh County. So thank you.

President Abell: Thank you. Anyone have any questions of Mr. Jarboe? Anyone

else? I guess I first need a motion and a second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President, I would move that we adopt the Pigeon Creek Greenway ordinance that's been presented.

Councilmember Leader: I will second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Before I make my vote, I want to make a statement. I am going to vote no, its still going to pass, so its not an issue. But my reason that I'm voting no and I want it on the record is that I did have a discussion with the mayor regarding this and I am extremely concerned. Although it says in the ordinance that the money raised for the Greenway will be spent on the Greenway, I had asked that there be an additional statement indicating that the Greenway would be only property owned by the public, not private property. I was against and remain against the fact that almost two million dollars has been spent to build the boat dock for the LST on private property, although I was in favor of the LST. My father, in fact, served on the LST in World War II in the South Pacific. But I was not in favor of spending public money on private property. I remain against spending public money on private property and I fear that that may happen with the Greenway money as it would be a large amount of money and there is always the decision to spend something when you are an appointed board, which is what the Parks Department Board is. They are not an elected board. They don't have to answer to the taxpayers, and we, as an elected board, do. And, for that reason, I am voting no on the Greenway.

(Motion carried 6-1/President Abell opposed)

<p style="text-align: center;">DAVID COKER VANDERBURGH COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION</p>

President Abell: Is there any other business to come before the Council? Mr. Coker? I didn't know you were coming today, Mr. Coker, so if you could make it as quickly as possible –

David Coker: I'm sorry. I was away last week on vacation at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and to prove to you that the tax reform and protest movement is not isolated in the state of Indiana, everywhere you went on the flight line in Oshkosh, Wisconsin during the EAA fly-in, you saw these buttons and stickers that oppose user fees that are going to be imposed upon general aviation pilots for the use of the towers at airports to generate subsidies for the airlines. And EAA has taken a stand in opposition to this nationally and – its federal legislation, but the tax reform movement is alive and well in Oshkosh. This morning in the *Evansville Courier & Press*, there is about a thousand word article that was published about the idea that I brought before the Council, not at your last meeting, but at the one before that. I don't know what day it was, but pertaining to a blue ribbon commission to reform the entire revenue structure of the state of Indiana. And since my initial presentation before County Council, this idea has been endorsed editorially by both the *Indianapolis Star News* and the *Evansville Courier & Press*. This is the letter that I sent to the Governor making my specific suggestions of the creation of a blue ribbon tax commission to look specifically at all of the revenue raising capacity of the state of Indiana to try to generate some kind of tax reform for property taxpayers in the state of Indiana. As I said in my article in the paper this morning, it is my feeling that the General Assembly has become institutionally incapable of reforming the tax structure in a way that is fair and equitable to all parties involved. I've witnessed the General Assembly. I'm sure you guys have been up there on one occasion or another and seen the pressure cooker atmosphere in which decisions are made and that is no way to go about reforming the tax structure of this state, which is antiquated, outdated, probably working to the detriment of economic development. And, you know, I have to ask again, if you were a corporate official and were thinking about locating a plant or an office facility or a distribution network in the state of Indiana, and you saw thousands of people marching in the street of the state capital, screaming about property taxes, is this somewhere that you really would want to locate some employees that would potentially be property taxpayers? I think not. And this is hurting us from a public relations standpoint at the state level, its hurting us here at the local level, its affecting people's ability to sell property. And again, I'm asking the Council if you would consider a resolution endorsing this idea, calling upon the Governor to create this blue ribbon commission to look at the reform of the entire tax structure of the state of Indiana. That's all I have to say. I'll answer any questions you have and would invite discussion.

Councilmember Goebel: David, has the Governor not indicated that is precisely the path he would like to take?

David Coker: I haven't heard from the Governor. I haven't heard from the Governor's office. My cell phone was on the whole time I was at Oshkosh, and I haven't received a letter. So I know that the Governor has created the other commission to study local government that Chief Justice Shepard and former Governor Kernan are leading. I know that Luke Kenley, the Senate Finance Chairman and his committee are talking about holding a hearing in this area in the near future to take input from the counties that are being affected by this, but as I said, left to their own devices, I don't think the General Assembly can do this. And they need a roadmap. They need specific ideas that the public can eventually get

behind to lead them out of the forest that – I mean, we're in a mess here. We're in a really big mess and it's worse in Indianapolis than it is down here. I heard horror stories up there that were incredible. And I fear that if we don't do something about this, that all of the major metropolitan areas in our state are going to devolve into Potemkin villages. Now you may not know what that is, but during Catherine the Great's reign in Russia, there was this guy named Potemkin that created all of these palaces and beautiful buildings and so forth in the major cities in Russia, that were surrounded by vacant neighborhoods, and I fear that's what's going to happen in the state of Indiana if we don't do something about the property tax situation. That's how grave I fear that this is. People can't sell their properties in Indianapolis, it's happening here in Vanderburgh County, too, and we all know this. And I really think that this is the right issue, the right idea, at the right time. And that's why I'm asking for your support.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't want to belabor this meeting, but I do think your ideas have great merit and I think, if my understanding is correct, that's exactly the path the state is probably going to be taking, so thank you.

President Abell: Anyone else? Well, let us look at your letter, Mr. Coker, this is the first time we've seen this, and I'll do some emailing to my fellow Councilmen and see how everybody feels about it. Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, I think, conceptually, I have no problem with it, I think my only concern would be asking the state to do something that in some people's eyes, they're already doing with the appointment of the other commission. So I think it's still early in that commission's life to – I don't think they know exactly what all they're doing, but –

David Coker: Well, my understanding, they're primarily looking at township government.

Councilmember Winnecke: I think that just, from my understanding, that's just one of the many issues they'll look at.

David Coker: Okay. Thank you.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Coker. Gee, imagine government not knowing what they're doing. Anything else to come before the Council? I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Abell: We're adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 14, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 14th day of August, 2007 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I would like to call to order the budget hearings for 2008, being held on August 14, 2007. Councilman Leader, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: We have a couple of housekeeping duties that we would like to take care of before we get started this morning. I would like to ask that all officeholders who intend to present this morning be prepared to answer questions about any new hires, any new budget item, and any budget item that is substantially more than it was last year.

<p style="text-align:center">Resolution CO.R-08-07-009 requesting the State of Indiana expand the role of the Shepard-Kernan Commission and/or request the Governor appoint a separate commission to focus on tax structure</p>
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President Abell: We also this morning would like to address, we had a request from Mr. David Coker, who is in the audience this morning, regarding our support of a review panel for property taxes at the state-wide level. The Governor has begun something to that effect. We have prepared a resolution. I'm going to ask Mr. Winnecke to read it into the record, and with the approval of the Council we would all sign off on this resolution.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you, Madam President. The resolution states:

“Whereas, the citizens of Vanderburgh County have expressed concern about the current state of property tax assessments in Vanderburgh County in the State of Indiana; and, Whereas, over 9,100 appeals have been filed by Vanderburgh County residents to appeal their assessments under the new formula and tax structure; and,

Whereas, the Vanderburgh County Council believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of Vanderburgh County for it to request that the state expand the role of the Shepard-Kernan Commission to also include making recommendations on developing a fair and equitable tax structure and/or to request that the Governor appoint a separate commission to focus on the tax structure.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the County Council of Vanderburgh County, Indiana, that the Council endorses the concept of either expanding the role of the Shepard-Kernan Commission to also include making recommendations on how to develop a fair and equitable tax structure across all categories of property owners and/or that the Governor appoint a separate state commission to focus on the tax structure.”

I would make that in the form of a motion.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Abell: The resolution passes. For the record, the resolution is not an ordinance of the county, and was not taken up on a normal day of business. There is an original up here that we have for everyone to sign. Be sure you sign it before you leave.

Comments on County Council Budget Memo to County Officeholders

President Abell: I would also like to call to your attention a letter that I sent out to all the county officeholders. It actually, probably, just got to them late yesterday or early this morning, because I was late getting it down here, but it virtually asks all of them to help us participate in the cutting of this budget, which will be approximately ten million dollars, and I would ask that those county officeholders and department heads that are in the office, in the audience this morning, if you have not seen the memo, please be sure you read it and understand that we have a very difficult job ahead of us. We're not trying to cut your department down to where you can't function, but we also have to make sure that we keep this budget in line. I think all of us have heard the cries of the taxpayers this year pretty loud and clear. I would like to mention that on *Good Morning America* this morning there was a man from Indianapolis who paid his property tax bill of some \$12,000 in one dollar bills, and it shut down the Treasurer's office while they actually counted it yesterday. So, that

gives you an idea of how angry people are about their property taxes, so, we have to keep this budget in line. With that said, the first person on our agenda this morning is Weights and Measures. Loretta?

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

President Abell: Good morning.

Loretta Townsend: Good morning.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions of Loretta about her budget, which is always well prepared. Thank you.

Loretta Townsend: Thank you. This is scary. Somebody ask me something.

President Abell: Everybody's just smiling at you.

Loretta Townsend: Uh-huh.

President Abell: Beware.

Loretta Townsend: Right on.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you. Loretta, could you chat about the uniform line item?

Loretta Townsend: Okay. The uniform line item, well, that will vary from time to time, because we're in, well, like yesterday we were in diesel most of the time, we were in dyno fuel, which is what they mix with whatever to make dynamite for the mines. We're in that, and all those will take a toll on our uniforms. You know, it's not like we're out riding in a car, or we're carrying a clip board and this type of thing. We're in diesel, we're in gas, and when we get into the scales sometimes we're getting into farm chemicals and that type of thing. There's just so much that Spray 'n Wash will take out, you know. So, I mean, that's why. It could vary. I mean, their hats get so bad, I mean, really bad.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Loretta Townsend: The total increases is five line items. That's the total of that is less than \$2,000 for the five line items. Like one's a hundred dollars more for rent next year. Just a little bit more, I think there's some more added in training, because they've had training schools and travel and stuff that we really didn't go to because there was no money for it that we should have probably have gone to. Ours aren't really expensive training schools. I mean, they're held in the state office, or they're held somewhere like that, but we didn't have the money to do it. I'm not saying that we even have to go this next year, but to cover it—

Councilmember Winnecke: The other question I had was regarding the communication line. That has gone up significantly, not just over the last two or three years from a couple hundred dollars a year to now you're requesting \$1,200.

Loretta Townsend: Well, we don't, I really don't, Lloyd, it's like a stab in the dark. That computer, that's hooking up to the Civic Center. I don't have any idea what this is going to cost us. I'm just like asking for enough to hope it covers. We don't know what the telephone is going to be, when they get through with us. I mean, we just, like I said, it's just sort of a stab in the dark as to what we really will need. Maybe we won't need all that. We may need more, but we don't know.

Councilmember Winnecke: Is it for any other, it's strictly just for computers?

Loretta Townsend: Let's see. Out of communications, we have a telephone line item, so, no, it shouldn't be that. It will mostly be, yes, that and, I think, I'm pretty sure, that without having the book in front of me, that's our cell phones, the three cell phones that we have. One for each vehicle.

Councilmember Raben: I might, Loretta, that might be part of your high speed now. I think—

Loretta Townsend: It could be. They told us nothing.

Councilmember Raben: Up until a few months ago she was basically on like dial up. So, I think that's the difference.

Loretta Townsend: The price end of it, they told us nothing. They just brought our tower back to us yesterday from over here. They've had that. You know, we're trying to clean it up. The computer is almost nine years old. The only reason I think they probably let us have that computer was because it wasn't turned over in 2000, because the other one we bought in 1990. So, that may be something that I have to come back and ask for later. I don't know. We're trying to make it work, but—

President Abell: I don't see a computer on here.

Loretta Townsend: No.

President Abell: Okay.

Loretta Townsend: No, it's not on there right now. We're hoping that will work. You know, I almost asked, or did turn in for a transfer of funds to take care of our copy machine. Well, the computer guys come over there, and they're messing with our computer, and we start laughing. We say, hey, the fax machine here don't work. I said, the copy machine's sitting in there, it's so old, we can't even get parts for it. The only thing we could do was haul it down to Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and I said, I don't think that will work, you know. So, they got some kind of part, and they've got it up and running for us.

President Abell: Okay.

Loretta Townsend: So, I mean, we've just got machines over there that we've had for a long time. As long as they work, we don't have to have the latest of anything. You know, like we don't have to have 17 inch monitors.

Councilmember Sutton: Some of us say amen.

Loretta Townsend: 17 or 19 inch, we really don't know what to give them—

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just like the record to reflect that I was not the first to talk about the size of monitors.

Loretta Townsend: If it's one we can see, I don't care if it's ten inch, I mean, it works.

Councilmember Sutton: Say, Loretta, on your high speed update that you're going through, have they given you a time frame regarding when they intend to complete that?

Loretta Townsend: All of it's going to be done, well, no, now they say it's AT&T again. Of course, AT&T did discover that the hole in the ground was not for our department. First they say, you know, it was our department, that there was a manhole that someone had covered up with asphalt. Well, Curt John came over there, and, I said, come here, Curt, let me show you something. Our back wall of our big room, right on the other side of that wooden wall, is all the equipment for the internet and for the telephones. There's no manhole. The manhole actually was out there at WIC on Fulton Avenue, and AT&T sort of got that screwed around in their mind. So, I don't know when we're going to get it.

Councilmember Sutton: And, computer services is leading this project for you?

Loretta Townsend: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: Alright. Alright.

President Abell: Who have you been dealing with?

Councilmember Sutton: If you can get some idea on...yeah, who you are working with.

President Abell: Who are you working with?

Loretta Townsend: Okay, John Staples has been very, very kind to us. There's one, let's see, Chance, Jay, Mark, Matt, what's his name?

President Abell: Arvay?

Loretta Townsend: Arvay. Now, he's never been over, but I think everybody else they have on the payroll's been over there.

President Abell: Maybe, Mr. Sutton, we can address that when they are in front of us?

Councilmember Sutton: Right. Yeah, we can, we might be able to get that squared away. We can find out what your time table is on completion, because this may not be something that...if it's a one time charge, maybe you don't need to necessarily reflect that—

Loretta Townsend: I have no idea if it's even going to be a month.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Loretta Townsend: You know, they just can't seem to...they're hooking us up to the Civic Center. I mean, it's, we don't, if we get more money than what we need, you're

going to get it back. I mean, you know, it's like, I mean, we're not going to blow it or put in something new or something that we don't need.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we don't want you to have to just kind of guess at this thing.

Loretta Townsend: Yeah, well.

Councilmember Sutton: So, maybe we can get you some information to help you to get down to the number to where we really need to be.

Loretta Townsend: Yeah, how much it is a month. I mean, you know, we keep getting different prices. I mean, I know I've got to put something down. I mean, that's just like building the Centre and forgot to think their budget out, you know, for the coming year. I mean, I've got to put something down.

President Abell: I mean, I'm with Mr. Sutton, I think we'll talk to Mr. Arvay when he's in front of us and get some ideas. I've written that down also, so.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Abell: Anything else, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: That's it.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, could you enlighten me a little bit with regards to the rent line? Where you're located? How much square footage you have? And, the reason and the purpose of being located outside the Civic Center or whatever?

Loretta Townsend: Okay, there's a lot of reasons, Tom. Number one, our rent will be, let's see, we pay, it goes up a hundred dollars next year. Well, that's the price that we got from Joe before he resigned. Let me find rent. Okay, it will go from \$5,600 to \$5,700. We have 1,000 square feet. We can go and come as we need to, which is what we do all day long. We have three vehicles that have a lot of expensive equipment in them; weights, test measures. Test measures are like maybe \$700-\$800 a piece. We cannot have anything happen to this, because we cannot replace them locally. We've got to have it to do our job. We have a hundred gallon prover that we do diesel, we're going to the airport again tomorrow, out at Tri-State on their trucks that they fuel up the airplanes. We have weights in there, a 50 pound weight would cost you about at a hundred dollars a piece. We've got to have these things close to us, they set in the lot that has a locked gate, I've gone by there at 5:30 and it's been locked, but it is locked during the night, there are cameras there, there's lights there, they have security there. We have ample room for what we need in our office. People can pull up out front, bring us their scales, bring us their stuff in there to us, and it works out. As I look down through the budget from the combined city and county, there's no one in there that's got rent like that, anywhere. I'm looking along that budget thing, it was \$17,000, \$18,000 a year, and more than that, \$50,000, \$60,000 a year. Ours will be \$5,700.

Councilmember Shetler: Are there other costs though that are associated—

Loretta Townsend: None.

Councilmember Shetler: –like when we go outside with communications, and computers? And, then when a printer goes down, or copier goes down and you don't have access to one there–

Loretta Townsend: We've got neighbors. We have neighbors is what we rely on. Yeah, we don't come over here to get things printed up. The only times we come over here is like for this, and for, well, bringing our bills, checking our mailboxes and that type of thing. We have no need to. I mean, people can get to us. You know here you can't even, well, I had them drop me off here because there's nowhere to even park there outside.

Councilmember Leader: Loretta, you might want to comment on the kind of people that bring that equipment to your space, and how much it weighs and that kind of thing, which is important to your location.

Loretta Townsend: We have had people, well, we do have people who will bring scales to us. We're talking about electronic scales. We're talking about bigger scales. They have brought actually gasoline delivery trucks have pulled up there where we've had to reseal them, because they had to change the printer or something like that on it. There's times that we, okay, and another thing, that I know you don't want to hear, and we could not have it hardly anyplace else. Once a year, they come down and they test everybody's test measures, the five gallon gas cans, I call them. The state don't like it, but it's a gas can, and, of course, there's going to be fumes and things like that in it, and the ones that can't be there that day, they will bring them to us ahead of time, and, of course, we bring them in there in our office. We tell them to wash them out, but, you're dealing with people that sometimes they do, sometimes they don't, so that we can take them out to the firehouse on Kentucky Avenue, the state metrologist comes down and he checks their equipment. The reason for that is, the State of Indiana does not have any control over repair people. With our ordinance, we do. We have to have. We don't want an idiot running loose out there with a dented can. What we do, every so often we have the keys to locks we made, and only the ones who have their equipment checked and certified are going to get a key to unlock those locks. That helps the other people too, because they don't want to have to pay \$400 to get a pump fixed, and then the guy is not any good at doing it.

President Abell: Do you have another question, Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, just a couple.

President Abell: I would caution you that we need to move on.

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

President Abell: But, go ahead.

Councilmember Shetler: Just to follow up on that–

Loretta Townsend: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Shetler: –it sounds to me the things you're describing though really don't seem to be conducive to an office environment. Perhaps a fuel location–

Loretta Townsend: Not the County Garage.

Councilmember Shetler: –that’s owned by the county probably sounds to me to be a lot more practical and something that wouldn’t cost the county additional dollars. So, thank you.

Loretta Townsend: No more so than what it would for the rest of them at the high buck office, the high dollar office. Locate it to where the people can get to us.

Councilmember Raben: I have a question.

President Abell: Yes, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Loretta, how many square feet did you say you have?

Loretta Townsend: A thousand.

Councilmember Raben: A thousand? So, that’s \$5.70 a foot.

Loretta Townsend: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: I think we’re being charged here, within the Civic Center, about–

Loretta Townsend: Oh, big bucks.

Councilmember Raben: –for everyone’s information, it’s \$15 or \$16 a foot. Hers does pay for utilities–

Loretta Townsend: Uh-huh, parking and everything else. It pays for everything. That’s the only thing we have.

Councilmember Raben: It’s a bargain.

Loretta Townsend: Yeah.

President Abell: Anything else? Thank you, Loretta.

COUNTY TREASURER

President Abell: County Treasurer, page 10. Good morning, Mrs. Tuley.

Z. Tuley: Good morning. I’m Z. Tuley, the Vanderburgh County Treasurer.

President Abell: Do you have something that you would like to tell us? Or, do you just want us to ask you questions? You passed out some things.

Z. Tuley: I would. I would like to discuss this for a minute.

President Abell: Okay, go ahead.

Z. Tuley: Loretta, I think this is yours.

Loretta Townsend: Okay, thank you.

Z. Tuley: I think it was about a year ago, March or February or so, we hired a collection company to assist us with the delinquent personal property, mobile home, oil and state assessed tax collections that once we've exhausted every means possible to try to collect this, we are required to certify those to the County Clerk. Once they are certified to the County Clerk, we turn this over to this collection agent, who then charges a fee directly to the delinquent offender. So, it's not costing the Vanderburgh County taxpayers anything to have these guys contract. I have submitted a couple of documents to you so that you can see the amount of increase in '05. No, it was '06 from like March to March. From '05 to '06, from March to March we collected, on our own in the office about three hundred and some thousand dollars. With this collection company the year after that, in that same time frame, they collected right at a million. So, I think that the collection agent is doing a very, very fine job in getting monies that was so difficult for my staff to have to try and track down these people and try to find them and try to get them to pay. So, I did want to report that that's working out very, very well. The other thing, this other chart, the green one shows the amount of volume, the number of bills that we're having to process, because with this increase of being three times what it used to be, we have three times the paper work. We have three times the posting that needs to be done. We have three times of all this. In the past, one person could handle, you know, in this April of 2005, 50 bills, then 55 bills, then 31 bills. But, now in this same period, in '06, we have 118. So, the staff has been really stretched and swamped in order to just even keep up with this volume. I did want to point that out as well. We have been working extremely hard. It's bringing in good for Vanderburgh, but at the same time, it is a real strain on us. With this increase I would like to request and encourage the idea of getting a new tax and billing system. With what we have now is an old COBOL program. It's been maxed. We can't currently put in the new state required parcel numbering system, because it is so antiquated and it has just been utilized to it's fullest. There is no room to add those numbers in the system. I think that this shows that we have new monies coming in, that we didn't used to be able to get. So, I would like to have some consideration going toward paying for a new tax and billing system. This process could also be shortened if it wasn't having to do so much manual work. Right now we have manual books, as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts. They're great big, huge, heavy books. There's one on record in my office. There's one on record in the County Clerk's office, and all payments are manually logged into this book. If we could get it up on a tax and billing computer system, where when the cashier rings in the payment, it goes to the spot that it's supposed to go, in electronic form. Then over to the County Clerk's office. I have all kinds of ideas. I have served the last two years on the board for the DLGF, under O'Bannon-Kernan. I served for Beth Hinkle in reviewing a more uniform tax and billing system between the Auditor, the Treasurer and the Assessor, so that there wasn't so much repeat work, but not eliminating too much checks and balances. I served also under our current Governor with Melissa Henson at the helm of the DLGF last year. We did wrap that up and we do have a final draft. I think it's very exciting. I had actually kind of hoped that the standard would be set a little bit higher, but it's a standard that 92 counties are going to have to meet.

President Abell: Have you discussed that desire for a new system with Mr. Arvay?

Z. Tuley: Yes. Before, but we had a sit down meeting about it yesterday. I've discussed it before with him.

President Abell: I guess, when you four come to a consensus, you'll come to us with some funding requests? Okay. Does anyone have any questions of Mrs. Tuley? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Z., regarding that new system, is this a system that is used or being piloted some place else? Or is this something that—

Z. Tuley: There are various vendors that will be certified by the state, but now with this new standard set, you are going to have to be certified by the state. You're not going to be able to just be a package that a county can just run out and purchase. You're going to have to find someone that meets that standard, so that the state will certify those and say this vendor is good, this vendor is good, and then you have to just find the niche for your own county.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and how many counties that you're aware of have already—

Z. Tuley: Marion County just acquired one—

Councilmember Sutton: —purchased their system?

Z. Tuley: —White County acquired one. I'm thinking, and I could be wrong, I'm thinking Monroe County already met the standard. That's all I can think of right now.

Councilmember Sutton: And, your cut off date of when this needs to be put in place?

Z. Tuley: During the last meeting, the last thing I understood was at that point in time, they were expecting that all counties be searching, seeking, looking with kind of a plan in place in '08. Going toward that uniform standard. And, of course, now we have a new DLGF director and she may want to step it up, and she may want to postpone it. I don't know.

Councilmember Sutton: And, just a ballpark figure on the system cost again?

Z. Tuley: I have no idea.

President Abell: None at all?

Z. Tuley: I really don't. I haven't searched that far. I did tell Matt that I'm just certain that a good tax and billing system is in Hawaii, and we need to run out there and look at it.

Councilmember Sutton: It will take about three weeks to evaluate it.

Z. Tuley: Exactly. Exactly, it takes a few weeks to evaluate. I really don't know. I haven't got to that kind of....it's also going to have to be something that I feel can be supported by the current computer staff. Because I have heard the nightmares around the counties that have companies that are only reachable by 1-800 we put you on hold, 1-800 you can sit. I can tell you we have, our tax and billing system, the current one, has only went down once in my 13 years here. We had five men on the spot, the taxpayers could see that they were in line, backed up to Bill's door, it was at tax deadline time, but we had five men in my office, in five minutes they had us back up and going. I don't think that our taxpayers deserve any less. I'm not happy

with a 1-800, and I don't think our taxpayers would be either if they're here to pay and they have to get turned away because I can't provide a receipt.

Councilmember Sutton: It would be nice if the state just purchased that system themselves and then each county could just either remotely, some kind of way or another tap into the system—

Z. Tuley: Kind of, but have you noticed—

Councilmember Sutton: —where each county wouldn't have to—

Z. Tuley: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: —go in and purchase it. Where you've got a uniform vendor, and if there's any bugs or problems with the systems, then you've got that system already—

Z. Tuley: If they brought that DLGF board back together to make that choice, I would love that. But, just to have someone up at the state make that choice, who has no involvement would be scary. Because they usually don't catch all the details. Exactly.

President Abell: Mrs. Leader, did you have a question?

Councilmember Leader: (Inaudible.)

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, Z., you mentioned about the tax collecting firm, the delinquent tax collections that we've been catching up on and stuff?

Z. Tuley: Yeah, this is just the personal property, mobile homes, state assessed and oil.

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

Z. Tuley: This has nothing to do with real estate.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, so the person that you have here that collects the delinquent, that's real estate then? Is that different?

Z. Tuley: It's different. It's a totally separate category.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, I mean, that person that does that, that's different from what they're doing here?

Z. Tuley: Well, we have a tax sale clerk to worry about delinquent real estate.

Councilmember Shetler: Right, and that's all that person does? It's your employee listed here?

Z. Tuley: Pretty much.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, alright, thank you.

Z. Tuley: Uh-huh.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Z., it might be helpful for us in the next couple of weeks, as we're trying to pare things down, if you can get a ballpark of what we're talking about for a new tax and billing system, just so we kind of, for our planning purposes. I mean, it doesn't have to be to the penny, but be, I would like to know about what we're talking about.

Z. Tuley: Okay. I'll get with Matt and we'll take a look at some things.

President Abell: Mr. Raben? I'm sorry, go ahead. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I was just going to offer recommendations. Sometimes when it comes to programs and software it's not your advantage to be the pioneer. You might want to wait a year or two and find out from other counties. After they—

Z. Tuley: I want to see what Marion has.

Councilmember Raben: —you know, some systems—

Z. Tuley: I would love to see that.

Councilmember Raben: —will undoubtedly fail, and you'll find that there's one that really works. But, to react too quick may be not to our advantage, so.

Z. Tuley: I agree. I agree. I would love to see what Marion County has in place. I would like to see what it looks like, how it works. Have they encompassed the certification process so that they don't have to do the antiquated book method? I would love to see what White County has. White County I'm familiar with the company, and I would like to see what all they have, because I really don't know. But, I would like to see that. White County just got it in place.

President Abell: Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: I know we're trying to move on as fast as we can, but I want to ask a question. I think I'm going to try to ask to every officeholder that's asking for some type of increase. Z., often times the Council we get some feedback from the officeholders and we make adjustments to their budget. Looking at your request here, if you were going to go in and make some adjustments to your budget, where would you start?

Z. Tuley: Nowhere.

Councilmember Sutton: With ten million dollars to cut, that's not a good answer.

Councilmember Raben: A good question though.

Z. Tuley: I started to say, you might could get by with taking a smidgen off of each one, each category. Maybe a smidgen. I really, really would be saddened to lose any kind of training. The printing, you know, the cost of the bills have went up with the volume of the bills that's went up. We're up to like 100,000 parcels, or right at it now. The cost of that just keeps going up. Unless our legislators decide that

instead of inserting the COLTS form, the comparison form, if we can just have that on the internet. It's been proposed. It was shot down. I believe it was last year we discussed some information being on the internet, and our legislators are not real receptive to any of that. We have public libraries that have public access. It wouldn't be necessary to stuff all of these inserts in a tax bill, which increases the postage as well, if we could just do the internet. Unless we can make some kind of major push toward that effort, I don't know how we can reduce—

Councilmember Sutton: I know you weren't expecting that question, and you happen to be the first one. So, the others out there, they will be ready for it when they come up.

Z. Tuley: Yeah, I don't know.

President Abell: Any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: One last one. Z., on your First Deputy Accounting ADM, there's quite a large increase on the salary, is that step increases or?

Z. Tuley: This was a total rewrite of the job description. I required that of my entire staff. They were all sent to training, or with new hires I brought in an elevated skill level that was going to be required. Although I still feel that the salaries came up short, from what I believe that the employees deserve, we did get some increases passed. Much needed increases.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. That's it.

President Abell: Thank you.

Z. Tuley: Uh-huh.

CO-OP EXTENSION SERVICE

President Abell: Co-Op Extension Service, page 76. Good morning.

Susan Plassmeier: Good morning. I'm Susan Plassmeier with Purdue Extension here in Vanderburgh County. Do you want me to go over my rationales? Or, do you just want me to take questions?

President Abell: If you have any major changes from last year, you might want to explain those.

Susan Plassmeier: Um, just, we asked for an additional \$500 in office supplies. That just being the cost of office supplies increasing, with transportation costs increasing, that kind of gets passed on to the consumers. Our travel/mileage, when the county increased the mileage rate a few years ago, we did not increase any in our mileage budget, and, so, for the last few years we've asked for an additional \$1,000 in that line item for the last three years. What's happened at the end of the year, we've just kind of held off on our budget, mileage, and then got it submitted at the beginning of the year. So, we're kind of taking advantage of the next year's budget. So, it kind of leaves us short every year. But, I will get to Mr. Sutton's question, that might be a category that could be cut, because we do have one of our, if we could at least get \$500 in there, we do have one of our program assistants who's pregnant. So, she will be due at the end of the year, and, so, she will not be going out doing

programming, and she does a lot of school programming. So, she'll be out for a couple of months. So, that will decrease the mileage a little bit of what we need. Our utilities, asking for an increase of \$1,000. Just the same thing, energy costs are increasing, so, we anticipate that what we have in our budget, and that line has been pretty steady over the last few years, that we'll probably need more money there. Our contractual services, that is the amount the county pays to Purdue University to maintain the employment for three Purdue educators, masters degree educators here in Vanderburgh County. I did get something from Purdue, for Vanderburgh County, Purdue pays 68.8 percent of salaries and benefits, and our county is paying 31.2 percent. For the average down in Southwestern Indiana, Purdue is paying 62 percent, and the county is paying 38 percent. So, Vanderburgh County is only paying 31.2 percent compared to other counties on that amount.

President Abell: Any questions?

Councilmember Leader: I have one, Marsha.

President Abell: Mrs. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: This payment to Purdue?

Susan Plassmeier: Yes.

Councilmember Leader: Is that dictated by Purdue? That \$71,000?

Susan Plassmeier: Yes.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, okay, the \$5,400, how many computers are you talking about there?

Susan Plassmeier: Eight. It's computers and a printer also.

President Abell: This is not to replace them, obviously?

Susan Plassmeier: No, this is a lease.

President Abell: Oh.

Susan Plassmeier: We do a three year lease.

Councilmember Shetler: It's a contractual service? That is what the payment is going to be per month divided out?

Susan Plassmeier: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay. Rent, so, as not to, how many square feet are we talking about?

Susan Plassmeier: I knew you would ask that when you asked Loretta that. I'm not sure.

Councilmember Shetler: Can you get that for us, please?

Susan Plassmeier: Yes, I will. I'll get that and get it back to Sandie.

Councilmember Shetler: Janitorial Service, while it seems to be fairly inexpensive, \$1,000 a month.

Susan Plassmeier: No.

Councilmember Shetler: Or, a hundred dollars a month.

Susan Plassmeier: \$1,200 for a year.

Councilmember Shetler: A hundred dollars month seems to be fairly inexpensive. Is that for an outside contractual service that you're using?

Susan Plassmeier: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: I think I had one other question on the Office Machines at the \$1,500. How is that different, that line item from the computer?

Susan Plassmeier: Office Machines would be other types of machines that we might need. We have purchased in past, we've got a laminator that we use, because we go and we do a lot of school programs, and we've got materials that we use repeatedly on flannel boards, and so we laminate those materials so that they don't deteriorate. For other small, that was probably our largest machine that we've purchased, but, I think we used a couple of years from the line item to do that. But, it's just smaller machines like that. It could be a typewriter, which we really need to get a new typewriter, which are kind of hard to find. Everything is done by computer now, but there are some forms that we have to fill out that you need a typewriter. So, but the last typewriters that we bought new were when we were still here in the Civic Center, and that was back before 1996.

President Abell: You might check the basement.

Susan Plassmeier: We have gotten some from the basement to replace what we've had when some have gone bad. The ones we have they like, and they wish that we could replace them.

Councilmember Shetler: Is any of that for like maintenance agreements?

Susan Plassmeier: Equipment Repair would be the maintenance agreements.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

President Abell: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I would like to go back to computers just a moment. You said you have how many, eight?

Susan Plassmeier: That are hooked, well, we have more than that, but, these are the ones that are hooked up to the internet serviced by Purdue.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. So, the \$5,400 though is for leasing eight? Or is that for leasing more?

Susan Plassmeier: For leasing eight, and the printer, laser printer.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, you know, that would figure out to be, I mean, pretty close to \$700 a year per computer. Now, you can replace a computer today with a printer and with a monitor for less than \$700. I mean, it would be much cheaper to own than lease.

Susan Plassmeier: But, I think that also figures in some of their contractual maintenance. We don't use any of the county computer system for maintenance and things. Ours is all done through Purdue. That's all the software that's included with that to run our 4-H programs, the master program, and they take care of maintenance on that, and if we have any problems, we just call up there to Purdue and they go in internally and fix things. So, we have very little down time. Did that answer your question, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Well, it does. I guess, it's hard to place a value on the software. I mean, if they're changing the software annually then, you know, that would definitely have a value. But, simply for the hardware side of it, that's pretty excessive.

Susan Plassmeier: Right.

Councilmember Raben: If you could afford to replace computers every three years and save several thousand dollars—

Susan Plassmeier: We have the IT service and the high speed T-1 line in there, too.

Councilmember Raben: And everyone throughout the state uses a lease program through Purdue?

Susan Plassmeier: Yes, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so, is it possible just to get on their software program?

Susan Plassmeier: No. That was a thing, we have at the end of the last lease cycle, a couple of lease cycles ago they offered the option that we could buy any used or left over that we didn't turn it in to lease and we could pay like \$150. So, we did keep a computer, but they will not service that computer. So, I'm afraid that if we buy some externally, then Purdue would not be liable to service them if they have, you know, the problems or anything. If we got like a part that goes out, we just call Purdue, they mail it to us, they ship it to us, and, I mean, that's just covered in all the cost of that.

Councilmember Raben: I'm not so much concerned about, again, the hardware, because computers, again, they're cheap enough that if you have to replace them every three years, if you have a new system or a new computer, the likelihood of it failing in the first year or two is—

Susan Plassmeier: Right, and that's why—

Councilmember Raben: –not very high.

Susan Plassmeier: –every three years is because they said usually you don't have problems within the first three years. So, that's why they built the lease on the three year agreement.

Councilmember Raben: And it's \$700 a computer. Again, if you could get us what it costs for them to maintain your software, I think at some point we need to look at buying and owning our own hardware.

Councilmember Sutton: And we could very well maintain the hardware through our computer services area ourselves, if we go that route. I mean, if we're in a lease agreement with Purdue in perpetuity, it's a pretty good deal for them. Not necessarily for us, though.

President Abell: We need to change the tape. Just a moment, Mr. Goebel. Just as soon as we get finished.

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President Abell: We might discuss that with Mr. Arvay when he's in front of us also. Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Could you just find out from Purdue if we could go the separate route and purchase our own and they could still pipeline the software to you?

Susan Plassmeier: The services?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Susan Plassmeier: Yes, I will check into that.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions? Thank you.

COUNTY CLERK

President Abell: County Clerk, page 1. Good morning.

Susan Kirk: Good morning. Susan Kirk, County Clerk.

President Abell: I think we can probably skip all the way over to page four, actually, where the – does anyone have any questions of Ms. Kirk?

Councilmember Leader: I do. Susan, let me ask you about this Office Supplies line. You've got a pretty dramatic increase there. Can you explain that to us, please?

Susan Kirk: Well, just because of the forms and things that we need are going up. They keep going up and we could maybe shave a couple of thousand off of that, but I think, otherwise, we would be back at Council asking for more money. We have certain required forms that we have to get, that we get from these different companies. Its not like, you know, sending it out for bids. There's certain

companies that print our forms and they just go up. So, unfortunately, we are kind of stuck with some of that.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: So you're saying that on that printing, we don't get bids compared to –

Susan Kirk: It depends on what it is, Tom. If it's something that's just, you know, your normal run of the mill, but you know, like our certified postage, things like that, we have to go through like Pitney-Bowes and they're just increasing, costs are increasing.

Councilmember Shetler: But there are different, you're talking about the –

Susan Kirk: There is and we do.

Councilmember Shetler: Postage machines and stuff like that, because there are several competitors out there on that.

Susan Kirk: Well, and when we do that, we will get bids among them but they're very close in price, very close. And all of them are going up so its not like one is, one isn't.

Councilmember Shetler: And we have found a fairly significant difference between one versus the other, ourselves.

Susan Kirk: Well, we've not found that much difference to actually move, because, and sometimes when you think about the move and the start-up costs of getting another one, you're right back in the same place. I think Royce brought up a real good point the last time I was here about how you get with someone and you keep using them and then you find your costs are going up because it's just, it would almost cost you as much or more to switch companies to get their hardware in there and different things like that, but they're all pretty well, at least the ones that we deal with, very, very close in price. But it's just going up, just like your gasoline and your groceries and everything else, it's just going up. All of it is. Not just those particular forms that we need, but everything just goes up.

President Abell: Susie, do you have any idea how many files you made up this last year, all your files, by chance?

Susan Kirk: How many cases we took in?

President Abell: Uh-huh.

Susan Kirk: Well, I think –

President Abell: Counting Misdemeanor and everything.

Susan Kirk: Its like 40-50,000. We are –

President Abell: So if you figured a dollar a file, you'd be well over 50,000 just to do files.

Susan Kirk: Just the shucks, just different things like that. I mean, we're just increasing. I know that the storage cost is a big deal and I do have something that I want you to think about and I'm going to say this really fast because I know you're busy for time. Imaging Office Systems, and this is coming whether we like it or not or whether the judges like it or not, but it's something that I want you to think about. Everything would be scanned. Right now, we scan the order books and the rest of the files sit out at Kinder, which take up a huge amount of space. We would buy scanners and our girls would scan them in instead of file the paper. There would be no paper. Start-up costs would be approximately \$180,000 the first year. After that, I know that sounds like a lot but now you're talking about \$100,000 storage.

President Abell: 115.

Susan Kirk: So, 50 to 60,000 each year after including going back and trying to start scanning the things that we have a Kinder to where one day, we would not have any more storage costs. It's coming, I mean, it's here. We can either begin something like this so that future Clerks and Councilmen aren't going to have a storage bill that is totally astronomical. We are running, we average 350 cubic feet per month more every month. That's how many more feet we take. And that will probably get us by the next three years. After that, you can probably increase that up to 400 cubic feet. So I'm going to talk to the judges and see if they, because I know some Judges like paper. They like all that paper. But we're going to try and see, it's approved by the state and I'll bring you some, as many facts and figures as I can, but I think it's something that we seriously need to consider. I, as the Clerk, hope I get elected next year, but I could just say, hey, I'm just going to go and forget this, let Kinder, we'll just keep paying this and let somebody else deal with it. But I'm certainly willing to begin something that maybe six years down the road, you're going to see we're saving a lot of money, saving a lot of paper, the cost will go down. But it would take at least six to seven years for us to start seeing any kind of evening out period here.

President Abell: I have one question about that. Then are you saying that you can then destroy any paper that you scan in? I realize if someone, I think I've seen the system, someone brings in a case, they file it across the counter, you hand it right back to them. You scan it in and just hand it back to them.

Susan Kirk: That's right, you file mark their copy and that's it.

President Abell: Any other documents, interrogatories or anything that's filed, can you destroy those on any case?

Susan Kirk: We scan everything that comes through except, you know, like a marriage license, things that you, oh, you know, the genealogists like to go back and see, those would be towards the end. It's coming, I mean, the state just keeps –

President Abell: I mean, you're not going to scan it in and then still have to store the paper, is what I'm getting at.

Susan Kirk: No, it isn't a matter of like, you know, we have computers to get rid of the paper, but now we have computers and paper, and disk, and microfilm. This would be scanned in and that's it. And it would be the file, not just order books, so there would be no paper.

President Abell: And no books to buy.

Susan Kirk: And no books to buy. And then that would eliminate our storage.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: Susan, does any other county have this system in place?

Susan Kirk: Yes, there are several. Marion County is the biggest one and that's who we're going to check with just to see, and they do it in other states, too, Ohio and well, our surrounding states. And so far, it's, I guess it's working well. Like I said, this is kind of in the baby stages now. All I could do was just kind of get you kind of a ball park, how much start-up costs, how much yearly costs would be. So it's just something that if you guys and ladies are willing to consider, I will pursue this with the Judges. If it's something that you say, no, forget it, then I can do that, too.

Councilmember Goebel: I would think you'd maybe ask the other counties that have it in place how its worked out for them and maybe give a report back to us on that.

Susan Kirk: Okay, I think it's working out very well.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Susan Kirk: But I will get something in writing also on that.

President Abell: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: You know, this isn't the first time its been discussed and looking back, it was always my understanding that you could never do away with the hard copy.

Susan Kirk: The thing of it is, as I had said before, it's become such a monster, the paperwork, --

Councilmember Raben: I understand, but I thought that the law required us to maintain a hard copy.

Susan Kirk: The law has changed. The state law has changed permitting us to scan these in. Now, and I wouldn't want to just -- I would like to begin doing something like that now and scan in what we have out there, which Marsha, you're talking about that huge amount, but what's also here is e-filing, too, which can help some. But still, you have to scan this stuff, you can't just have it in one place. You know, you have to have it like three different places, so if you lose one copy of something, you go to the next building and pick up your other disk or your tape or your microfilm. So e-filing is coming, also. It's here. There's the federal, they do it. The federal courts, they do e-filing. But still, they've got to have it somewhere else. So they download from their computers on to disk and then from the disk, I think they microfilm or I'm not sure how all that works, but there is another option out there. But for now, being that we have such a huge amount at Kinder, we need to start addressing some of this like now. But I will, whatever the Council wishes, I will pursue it.

President Abell: I, for one, want to see you pursue it. I actually saw this system in operation in Louisville, Kentucky, and it worked fantastic over there. Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I'm inclined to vote that same way. We switched to that four or five years ago at Atlas and everything is totally paperless today. The

advantage of it is, I can sit at my desk and I can look up a shipment that's in Seattle, Washington that happened four years ago. So the Judges, I think, would have a tremendous advantage of being able to get their fingers, not in an hour or two hours or a day or two, from retrieving it from Kinder or from your resources, but at their desks within a few minutes on any cases. So I think there's a lot of advantages rather than just saving some storage. Obviously, that's a good one, but the amount of time that they'll save in having things at their fingertips, I think, would be a tremendous advantage to them. So, thank you.

President Abell: And anyone that wants paper, that's fine. They can print it out, but then they can throw it away. You can't, so if you scan it in, you can.

Susan Kirk: True, if a Judge or a Court Reporter, whoever needs that, they can print it out and I will have to say it was Z, was talking about using the company to collect money. Well, we did that last year with Capital Recovery and we did like over – I don't know, 350,000 just on child support. I would love to be able to do that again and find something that if that company goes out and collects, we get it all. But as Marsha knows, when a case is filed, they're divvied up. We just get little teeny tiny percentages of it. So we tried, we brought in a little over \$300,000 last year that kind of helped the county, but I think we're pretty well at the end unless you want to nickle and dime it to death.

President Abell: Does anyone else want to talk about the Clerk or then we can go to the IV-D?

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to ask, as you're going along, so that we don't necessarily have to take any special time, if there's some line items that you feel like, in what you know now and what we're trying to get to, that we could possibly adjust, if you could just kind of share that with us, because you've got three different budgets here. So if you could share that with us.

Susan Kirk: Well, you can take out of line item 3700 probably \$200. You can take it out of that and put it in Record Storage.

President Abell: Now we don't want to move it somewhere else, we want to eliminate it.

Susan Kirk: Okay, well, you can have \$200, because really, it's only my Chief Deputy and I, we belong to the Clerks Association and I think that's a hundred dollars apiece and then there's the Voter Registration Association that deals with our state absentee and all that kind of stuff and I think that's like \$30 maybe. So really, we're only, we could take \$200 out of that. If you need that, that's fine, because I don't belong to anything else and I don't like a bunch of magazines laying around. So there's \$200, Royce, right off the top you can have.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, give me a few more zeroes in those numbers. Keep working at it here.

Councilmember Raben: That pretty much completes the budget hearings.

Susan Kirk: For any Councilman that's been here since I've started, well, Sandie has, in Voter Registration, I am extremely conservative and I don't come and ask for things unless we know that we need them and we will spend this money. So I'm just not that type of a person. I'm not stingy exactly but I'm pretty tight with a buck. So

our budget is about as close as we can get it and may have to come back and ask for more on the storage. I just want to forewarn you on that.

President Abell: Okay, let's go to – I'm sorry, go ahead.

CLERK IV-D

Councilmember Raben: Are we on IV-D, now?

President Abell: I was trying to get there, yes.

Councilmember Raben: On IV-D, Susie, what is your balance?

Susan Kirk: I don't know, Jim, I didn't look at the balance before I left.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Abell: Maybe you can get that to us.

Susan Kirk: I can do that.

ELECTION OFFICE

President Abell: Let's go to the Election Office, that's page 71. That should be pretty easy because that's all billed back to the City. Oh, this is 2008, sorry about that. This isn't - no, this is our next county election.

Susan Kirk: I wasn't going to say anything, I thought well hey, that's good.

President Abell: Yeah, we'll bill the city for the county election next year and see if they will pay it. Okay. Questions?

Councilmember Raben: Well, Royce's question. Where would you cut from here?

Susan Kirk: Well, most of this stuff, 2280, that's zeroed out, you noticed that. Of course, that went into the Inspector, Judge and Clerks. That's the \$10 for meals. I don't know, 2008 is going to be a big election, primary and general. I don't want to cut my Election Assistants because we're going to try to have three early voting sites which the only cost to us is going to be workers, which is \$8 an hour. I would have two people. You're talking about six extra people, but I think that's well worth \$8 an hour to make it more convenient for the voters to vote. I'm just, I'm really leery to cut anything off it, being it's going to be such a big election.

Councilmember Sutton: How about that Other Supplies line, 2700, and Contractual Service, 3530, if you could talk about that one, as well.

Susan Kirk: Well, Contractual Services, that's where Kinder, well, we have to bid that out but, of course, I hope they get it every time. That's the delivery and pickup of the iVotronics and we're squeaking by with that one. That's going to end up going up, too, before its over with. If there were some place I could cut, I would have cut it. I really would have. But, you know, there's so many Inspectors, so many Judges, so many Clerks. Those are just set costs. And as far as, you know, Postage and Freight, that's up a little bit because our contract with ES & S is – I've got them to change it around a little bit but we've paid double for things. We've got it in the

contract that they do everything, but it's also in the contract that we can do everything. So and we've got the equipment to do it, but yet, we're not supposed to have the codes to get into Election Systems Software to be able to do it. Its really kind of – it's kind of bad there, in a way. Now I've changed it around to where we did get some money back and Mr. Shetler is aware of that over the precinct supply kits, stuff like that, to where we're getting other things, some supplies from ES & S, but–

President Abell: This is not something I think you can probably answer right now but we might look into finding out if we can't deliver these, and I'm obviously very much aware of how big that equipment is, but maybe somebody from the County Garage, we might be able to find a way to cut that delivery cost. That is going to continue to just – I mean, there are some Inspectors that can come in trucks and take their own.

Susan Kirk: I wouldn't even, this equipment is computerized. It can't sit in somebody's trunk or it's, you know, it's climate controlled. It just can't be sitting somewhere hot, humid. I wouldn't, I'd be –

President Abell: Well, the big unit isn't computerized. The big unit is just the box it sits in. The computer is in that carry satchel they can take anyway.

Susan Kirk: If you're taking one, unless you don't want to use the big stands anymore, you've still got to get that junk out there.

President Abell: Well, that's what I'm saying, if somebody could – well, we'll talk about it. We might find another way to get those delivered. Any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: Janitorial?

Susan Kirk: Talk to the School Corporation.

President Abell: That's cleanup after election day.

Susan Kirk: The School Corporation, normally janitorial fees are like \$15. But except when we have polling places at the school, we have to pay those janitors what they actually make per hour, which is more than \$15. So that's why that's the way that is. And that's figured for how many schools that we currently have using as polling places. And, of course, obviously, in 2008, there's going to be more schools because it's county instead of city.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but I guess looking back at 2006, we spent \$2,050. Are we in more schools this – in 2008?

Susan Kirk: Well, you have to figure in their raises. The janitors get raises.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, but you're more than doubling it.

Susan Kirk: Well, I went back and picked out the schools and took what we did before, so –

Councilmember Raben: 2006 was only half a budget, so that probably is correct.

President Abell: Any other questions? Thank you.

Susan Kirk: Thanks very much.

PROSECUTOR

President Abell: Prosecutor, page 40. We really don't want to be arrested. One of you would be plenty, I'm sure.

Stan Levco: I brought reinforcements.

President Abell: So did we.

Stan Levco: I'm Stan Levco, Prosecutor, would you like me to make a brief statement?

President Abell: Certainly, if you'd like.

Stan Levco: Yeah, I think there's just a few things that are going to be something for you to consider, what I think will be worthy of consideration. I'll start-off with IV-D, I've asked for two more IV-D employees, I have Doug Brown and Malcolm Gwinn to talk about in more detail if you want. But essentially it's this, it really doesn't cost the county maybe hardly anything if you do this. You get a 67% reimbursement from the state off the top, but IV-D takes in money and you get incentive from that, so the overall expenditure from the county in the long run is almost zero. And I think it will be more effective for us to have more employees. We could, when we're ranked in the state, its not very high and I think the major reason is we have the low staff. I've handed out a handout here that shows how we compare with the four or five largest counties and we have our staff is one of the smallest and our employees collect as much, if not more, than most of the other counties. So that, I think, is a major thing for you to consider. The other two that I've asked for more money on would be the Drug Law Enforcement. The matching grant was cut last year by 15%, and a result of that, we're asking for an additional \$6,000. The other thing I want to talk about is on Domestic Violence, which I think on the surface looks like we're asking for more than we're actually asking for. We're asking for a \$33,000 increase, but the reason that increase is so much is I've got a new domestic violence prosecutor who has been with the county for over twenty years and as a result of that, his salary is \$79,000, and that's a whole lot more than the previous person who was in there. If I were to not put him into Domestic Violence and just have him as a regular deputy and put in a Deputy with no experience, that would save \$27,000 in that category, but it truly wouldn't save \$27,000 because then he'd be paid \$27,000 more in the category where the first year person is. Are you following this?

President Abell: Uh-huh.

Stan Levco: So that even though it looks like that's \$20,000 more, it really isn't. However, there is \$5,000 more. I'm asking for \$33,000 more, really only 5,000 of it is extra.

President Abell: What line item is that?

Stan Levco: Oh gosh. Its Domestic Violence. Do you know? Well, let me see, I ought to be able to figure it out by the salary. Do you see –

President Abell: Well, I'm looking. Does anybody else know?

Councilmember Sutton: Page 50?

Stan Levco: I was on page 43 to start off.

President Abell: Did anybody find it?

Stan Levco: 108? They're telling me its 108. On page 50.

President Abell: Page 50. No wonder.

Stan Levco: Is that where it's 79,329? Yeah, okay. 3994. 1085.

Regene Newman: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Stan Levco: Okay, I'll say it again. We're requesting 79,000 for the salary. That is roughly 25 or 30,000 more than we requested last year. If you said no, I'm not going to do that, I don't know that you can, but if you did, then I would arguably put somebody else in there with a salary that would be 25,000 less, which I could do, but then I would take, he's got a name, Neil Thomas, I'd put him in that other person's position and you'd have to pay an extra 25,000 in that other person's position, and you'd have to pay that unless you eliminated the job. So the extra that I'm asking for is almost entirely a result of the fact that he has that much longevity as opposed to the person who was in there last year. He's going to have to be paid that salary somewhere. So really, I'm only asking for about an additional \$5,000 in that category even though it looks like I'm asking for 33. It is costing the county \$5,000 more overall, not 33,000.

President Abell: Okay, now that I know where that is, what's the line item that you put somebody else in where he was before?

Stan Levco: Well, he is now in a different, he would be in the Filing Deputy and there would be a number of switches. The Filing Deputy, last year, made more than the Filing Deputy this year because he had more longevity than the present Filing Deputy. So that money I'm asking for is less this year than I got last year for that position. Let's see if I can figure out that...

President Abell: This is kind of strange.

Stan Levco: Do you know where Gary...

President Abell: This is hard to figure out. Because I didn't see any that went down, that's my problem. I don't see any that went down. Everything I see is going up.

Regene Newman: I'll get those numbers to you.

Stan Levco: Well, I know Jonathon Parkhurst was here last year, not here now, and made more than his successor is making.

President Abell: Well, that might be the Deputy under line item 1190-1080. It went from 59 to 51,600 next year. If you'd just get us an explanation, we're not going to sit here and hash it out this minute, but just let us know.

Stan Levco: Okay. I'm sure that one did – at least that one did go down. And the other thing, we asked for 2,000 more in Postage for IV-D, that's just generally a

function of we're trying to collect more and we use what we need to use. But we've asked for 2,000 more there and Royce isn't here, but to answer his question, I think I want to invoke the smidgen defense also.

President Abell: Now IV-D is on page 44. You're jumping around and we keep can't keep up with you. That's the problem, IV-D is on page 44. And you say you increased what by 2,000?

Stan Levco: Postage.

President Abell: Page 45.

Stan Levco: Other than that, I think we've asked for essentially the same thing everywhere.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions?

Councilmember Leader: I have one. Mr. Levco, why did your Telephone go down? Do you have any idea about that? Significantly.

President Abell: Would you come to the microphone please so we can get this on the record?

Regene Newman: Hi, Regene Newman. Just the cost per month has stayed the same and the amount that was budgeted in there previously, we no longer need that amount. So we cut it down.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Stan, just kind of perusing the handout real quickly, it says you're asking for two additional administrative employees, but in the budget it says Enforcement Officers. Is that just a semantic difference?

Stan Levco: I think so, yeah. They would be just to help us collect child support.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thanks.

President Abell: Any other questions? I have one question, I think I can probably answer it myself. But how many part-time attorneys do you have? Two, three, four?

Stan Levco: You mean Part-time Deputy Prosecutors?

President Abell: Yes, that's what I meant.

Stan Levco: I think that'd be about four (inaudible), Carithers, Zoss, Berger...five.

President Abell: Five? Thank you. Any other questions? Thank you, Mr. Levco.

Stan Levco: Thank you.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

President Abell: Public Defender. Public Defender is on page 91. Good morning, Mr. Owens.

Steve Owens: Good morning. How are you this morning?

President Abell: Do you have something you want to tell us before we start asking you questions?

Steve Owens: I think probably the only thing that I would point out is that – it's on page 93 -- you're going to see two additional full-time employees that we've asked that you budget for. One attorney and one secretary. That is the second phase of the juvenile compliance program that we've been before the Council on earlier this year. We implemented phase one the latter part of May of 2007. This is the second phase and hopefully the third phase we can kick in, in 2009. So even though we are adding people, it's to bring the juvenile court into compliance.

Councilmember Winnecke: Steve, which lines are those? I'm sorry.

Steve Owens: Lloyd, those would be 1880, Full-time Deputy Public Defender. It's the third entry down on page 93. And then 1890 Secretary.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

President Abell: Any questions? Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Good morning. I wonder if you could explain the increase in the Pauper Expense for me, please?

Steve Owens: I'll try to simplify it as much as I can. When we started out, we had a 50 or \$60,000 line item Pauper Expense. That pays for supplemental public defenders because we're pretty well mandated in terms of the case loads, we have to go outside the office. That was zeroed, I believe, in 2006. So we are asking for it to be put back to the level that it previously existed. And in answer to Royce's question, I suppose if I had to pick an item where I'd say let's make a cut, I'd probably suggest cutting that somewhat. We are trying to make up the difference through the bond forfeiture account. We've been pretty aggressive with that, have been fairly successful. But frankly, given the funding that we did for Death Penalty, we've managed to get some money back into that account, but we're just kind of at a break-even spot right now. So I would guess that if we cut that line item, we could stand some cut, but we'd need more than \$10,000.

President Abell: Anyone else? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Steve, I know the answer to this already, but with a Full-time Public Defender, Juvenile, will that lower the number of part-time employees?

Steve Owens: No.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Abell: How many part-time deputies do you have?

Steve Owens: 23 part-time deputies covering the felony, misdemeanor and juvenile courts.

President Abell: 23?

Steve Owens: 23.

President Abell: Any other questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: Real quickly, and back to the two juvenile that I referenced earlier, those will bring us, that's the next step in the compliance issue with the state, right?

Steve Owens: That's the next step to bring them in. Right now, we have a full-time juvenile delinquency public defender, that was phase one, this would be starting the phase two.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. Thanks.

President Abell: Other questions? Thank you, Mr. Owen. Sheriff, page 14. We're going to change tapes before you get started, Eric.

TAPE CHANGED

SHERIFF

President Abell: Good morning.

Eric Williams: Good morning.

President Abell: Would you like to start or do you want us to start?

Eric Williams: Wow, I don't know, that's a tough question. But with Royce absent, he didn't specify whose budget I could ask you to take it out of so maybe we could start with the Public Defender's budget or somebody's. Couple of quick things. I think we submitted a fairly realistic budget for 2008 fiscal year. I know that some of these items are ones we commonly cut and go back and re-visit it. I understand that, you know, inmate food, medical. But what I've tried to prepare is a budget that is reflective of what the needs we perceive for the Sheriff's office for the year 2008.

With that, I really don't have any opening statements or comments. It's indicative, I should have brought a whole bunch of people if you're going to get off this easy if you have a whole bunch of people. I'd probably say the area you're going to be concerned most with is the new employees that are in with the Jail's budget.

President Abell: Yes.

Eric Williams: Yeah, I am a mind reader so. There are nine new positions I have requested and they are in the position of Confinement Officer for the new confinement center. Nine positions...

President Abell: May I stop you one minute and tell the councilmen, Jail is on page 27.

Eric Williams: I'm sorry. Confinement Officers are basically the guards that work in the confinement center. Nine positions basically allows us to have two additional people 24-7, around the clock in that facility. That was the number one, I surveyed my staff, that we felt would be a good place to start with increasing our staff, our security level, our ability to train, our ability to manage and monitor the facility. Those are important people, they do an important job and we're still dealing with the facility we are learning in. It is growing and changing. It's a number I'm comfortable requesting, but it's also a number that I know is going to be very difficult for the Council to swallow, so I felt it's important to put it on the table so you are aware of my needs, but that's one of those areas that I know we're gonna, we'll have to work through. And other than that, I'm happy to answer any questions about my budget request.

President Abell: Any questions? Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Good morning.

Eric Williams: Good morning.

Councilmember Leader: Explain to me what the, you have quite a number of Confinement Officers now. How many do you have now and how would the new ones go into that mix?

Eric Williams: Basically the new ones, we have roughly 97-98 Confinement Officers working. Those are divided up amongst three basic crews because we operate 24-7, 365. The highest staff crew is the day shift crew and that's basically because it's a much more active crew with the preparation for courts and all the activities that occur during the day. We arrived at the number of nine with our agreements and our contracts, there's a lot of time off, sick time, comp time, because we don't pay overtime for everybody as we go, they have the option. So comp time continues to create situations for when the people can take comp time and those are days off that I've got to cover with somebody else. So our hope was that we would be able to add two people to every crew and to do that we would need nine. Each shift is broken into three crews so, three crews times three is nine, so that'll only put one on each one. They all work a four and two schedule, so that means two crews are working at any given time which allows me to have two more people on the floor at any given time. That's a real Cliff's Notes version on how we got to that number and what it would accomplish, but that would put two more people 24-7 in that facility.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Sheriff, do you foresee that cutting down the costs of comp time and overtime if you have more manpower?

Eric Williams: It's very difficult to project that. There are a lot of formulas out there that we've looked at as far as cost-benefit ratios and values of using overtime as opposed to new employees, because obviously with those new employees comes benefits and all the other things that are the unforeseen costs hidden behind there. And there are points in time when it's a smarter business decision just to pay overtime to cover your shortages and we're not opposed to that. But we're at a point where we're spending a lot in overtime and we're getting a lot of comp time. Now as a manager, I don't think my employees would like to hear this, but as a manager of that operation I would much rather have no comp time and completely funded overtime and a pay-as-you-go kind of mentality so I don't accrue the comp time. And

if we can ever get to a situation like that, that would make it a much easier facility to manage. I think it would make a slight difference. Would it be a balance? No. But it would increase our ability to get things done more efficiently in the facility.

Councilmember Goebel: If you would add these officers and you have, let's say, someone who's sick or is going to take comp time, you would not then call in someone else to replace that person, correct?

Eric Williams: In theory, you know the part of that comes with our contractual negotiations and we would work with the union to make sure that our current minimum standards stayed the same so that that's our minimum level of staffing in the facility which we think is a good facility. So, yes, in theory, by adding those two people would give us two more to start with before we'd reach that minimum and have to start calling people in. So, mathematically yes. It would work that way. Realistically, in the real world, sometimes it doesn't quite work that way.

President Abell: Other questions? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah. Sheriff if you would, explain to the Council kind of what's going on with regards to Commissary and how the funds accumulated and how much more revenues we had a few years ago based on today's.

Eric Williams: You know, under Sheriff Ellsworth's administration and so far into my administration I'm extremely proud of the way we've been able to manage our commissary account and put it towards good uses within the county especially managing the jail and the sheriff's office. But there have been some changes in the statutes and the way the Commissary is funded. The primary source of revenue in Commissary has traditionally been the phone service. The inmate collect calls. We've always, we've gotten a percentage of that. Well, the DOC and the legislature a few years back changed the ways that can be structured and as those agreements are expiring and renegotiated as the DOC changes, they're forcing those to change, which is driving the money that the Sheriff and Commissary gets down. So while we're now housing roughly two times as many people as we used to, our Commissary income has gone down by almost 50%. That, coupled with the increased costs and some other things we're doing, is making Commissary stretch fairly thin, not like we, you know, I'm proud to say that in the previous administration we were able to accrue up to a half million dollars in that account to put towards the construction of this facility. You know, I think I've been and I think Sheriff Ellsworth, we're both very, very cooperative and understanding and tried to use that money to alleviate the need to ask you all for things like prisoner transport vehicles periodically, and shoes and bedding and soap and all the things that it takes to run that jail. And we're able to take that out of Commissary. That's not going to be the case much longer. At least not to the level we've been able to do it. We're going to continue to struggle to make it work, but right now I'm carrying about a \$19,000 balance in Commissary which is not anywhere close to what it historically had been. I gave you all a copy of my Commissary for six months report at your last regular meeting and I hope you had a chance to look through that, because I think it indicates that money's been used very wisely and used towards the operation of the facility. And we'll continue to do that. I pledge to you that I know that money is supposed to go to make the sheriff's office run and do those things, but the funds are just not going to be the way they used to be.

President Abell: Other questions? Well, I have one. On Page 25, line item 3530 Contractual Services, I do think I know what this is for, the \$123,600?

Eric Williams: Correct. That is for our IT Services, similar to the services that MRC provides to the rest of the county. That is for the contract that was signed by the commissioners.

President Abell: Pending funding.

Eric Williams: Pending funding. Yes, I'm very well aware that. And I realize that is an increase but I think that is probably where the market is. It is not an unreasonable number for the amount of services that's being provided and the level of service we're getting. Now, I think that's an area that I'm still going to be able to help with from Commissary and from user fees and some areas, but I am going to need some assistance to pay that contract. But again, as I stated very early on, I wanted to post a realistic budget and what the actual dollars were there so you had a good feel of what it was taking to run the office. With that contract, we were working very closely with Matt. We've got some meetings scheduled to make sure things enterprise-wide and working in tandem with him. But I also believe that it's a good avenue and I think we've discussed that at length with various people, to not have the county entirely dependent on one vendor. You know, I'm very comfortable with the vendor we have. He's been a great vendor for us and he knows our system very, very well. He not only manages my IT, but he also manages our 800 megahertz system. He serves as the back-up to the CAD for Central Dispatch, and he's also doing the maintenance work on the security electronics for the jail. I do know the Building Authority is going, I'm going to be able to invoice them back for a small part of that which will make that number come down. But that is the actual value of that contract. I don't know if that answered your question in any way, shape or form.

President Abell: Well, I'm just going to be real up-front with you, I think that's a ridiculous figure.

Eric Williams: Okay.

President Abell: That's way too much money. That's more than we pay anybody in IT in this building.

Eric Williams: As an employee, but I think it's very comparable if not less that what we're paying our other consultant in this building.

President Abell: You're talking about Mark Rolley?

Eric Williams: Yes.

President Abell: Well, but Mr. Rolley has levels of service that he has to meet and your's doesn't have that, and that's a big factor. That's a huge difference.

Eric Williams: And our vendor was very willing to discuss SLA's, but that would have driven the cost up much similar to where Mark's MRC Consulting is, and right now we are meeting service levels above my expectations and getting things done. Now, he was very happy to do that, and as am I. But with those service levels there's also price and dollars affixed to that, too, so. Again, I'm very comfortable with that number and I think is within what the market will bear for what we're asking out of that contract.

President Abell: I disagree, but that's beside the point.

Eric Williams: I think as long as everybody agrees professionally then we can agree to disagree and we'll work through it.

President Abell: Yeah, I do totally disagree with paying anyone \$123,600. But I wasn't in favor of paying the fee we paid Mark Rolley, so that doesn't make that any different.

Eric Williams: Consistency is a great thing. I don't disagree with you.

President Abell: Well, the problem is consistency is going to take this budget out of the taxpayer's realm. That's a problem. Next thing we'll see is Rolley will want an increase, Arvay will want an increase, Tim VanCleave will want an increase, and there becomes a point when we can't afford any more. And you know, if you think \$123,600 is responsible, and you know what, what would we be to argue if you thought \$300,00 was, maybe a half a million, maybe \$750,000. Where do we stop this slide? And we've got to stop this slide, because we can't afford it.

Eric Williams: And you and I have discussed that several times through the ITAC and different, because I think we generally are on the same page and that, and I think that the answer is somewhere consistently across the board for the entire county. I'm not in disagreement with your statement at all.

President Abell: It's a problem. But I would hope that if who, whatever that salary works out to be or the contract finally comes in at, if he's doing something for Central Dispatch, he'd bill some of that back to the city.

Eric Williams: I'd like to be able to try and do that, too.

President Abell: I would think that that would be in order. Any other questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: On 4230, what is your hope for motor vehicles?

Eric Williams: Well, we'd like to replace as much of our fleet as possible. Traditionally, we had gotten into the habit of replacing ten vehicles a year and that was around the \$250,000 to \$260,000 range. A year ago, two years ago, we didn't get any vehicles so that's placed us in a little bit of a bind and then there was another year where the money got put off by a while which created a situation, but we've overcome that. The other thing that is coming out of that line item is our prisoner transport vehicles, the maintenance, purchasing new vehicles to move back and forth to courts and those kinds of things. That's an area where I think that that's a realistic request for an agency of our size, but I also think that's an area that's got a lot of wiggle room in it.

President Abell: Any other questions? Ms Leader?

Councilmember Leader: I have two. Page 33, you have a \$100,000 increase in food expense, plus a new item, \$50,000 for Office Supplies under 2600. Can you just give me an explanation with those two, please.

Eric Williams: The food items is basically on the current contractual rate for feeding inmates. It is just a projected number based on our average daily population and where we perceive it going throughout the year. I have notified Aramark that their contract has officially expired or will shortly and that we want to renegotiate that, and

we'll be working with the county attorney to accomplish that so, I don't know if there's anything on the horizon as far as a better rate, it may not be as good. I don't know where that's going to go. The Office Supplies is very much like everybody else. When we took over the entire booking process for the county and the new jail a lot of the office supplies had traditionally come out of Commissary and other places, but just as the clerk had mentioned, you know, the preparation of shucks and those kinds of things. If you look at every new inmate that comes into the facility there's about \$4.00 of paper work per inmate. When you look at a medical shuck, a booking shuck and all the paperwork that goes to the Prosecutor's office and the copies that get made. So, you take that times the 12,000 people that come through the facility, just right off the bat that's roughly \$48,000, somewhere in that range. And I still think the Commissary and user fees can accomplish some of that, but that's for office supplies for the entire office.

Councilmember Leader: So that \$50,000 was not shown in previous years; it was shown somewhere else?

Eric Williams: Well, a lot of it's what we inherit and a lot comes from cuts several years ago and we've been able to manage that with Commissary. Again, I've tried to submit a very realistic budget of what it's costing to run that office. I think there are areas that we're going to be able to wiggle this around and make some differences. But I felt it was important and as I've talked to various ones, my liaison, that we would submit a realistic budget of what the dollars cost to run the office.

Councilmember Leader: Guess this same is true then for the increase from \$300,000 to \$750,000 for medical?

Eric Williams: The medical expenses, that's pretty close to where we've spent this year with all the extra appropriations. You know, medical expenses is one of those that we've recently signed an agreement with CRS through the county that is allowing us to monitor and trying to drive those prices down. We're looking for every avenue we possibly can, but yet it's very clear that we are required to provide medical care and health care to the inmates while they are in our custody, and that's one I would love to see us be able to make go away if there was a way to do it, because I think it's distasteful to a lot of people but it is a requirement and I am forced to see to it that it gets done.

Councilmember Leader: And then what is in the 200,000 Jail Expense under personal services, 2200 account?

Eric Williams: Which one is that?

Councilmember Leader: Page 33, it's account 2200. There was no expense there last year; it's \$200,000 this year.

Eric Williams: Which page is it...20?

Councilmember Leader: It's on Page 33. It's account 2200. In 2005, it was \$11,049.

Eric Williams: Oh, again, that's about where we are spending out of the Commissary on the jail expenses for things like toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, bedding, clothing, shoes, soaps, laundry detergent, and all of the things that it takes to run the jail that traditionally would have come out of Commissary for the last few years. That number used to be funded much, much higher several years ago and through time

Council's gradually whittled that down to where the last few years we were able to make it without any assistance from Council and that's a number that that's about where we were at with what Commissary was doing for it. I would like to note that there is no changes in the Community Corrections budget. We are continuing to be able to operate that almost entirely out of user fees, you know other than the personnel that are in the 136 account. We've asked for no increases for anything in there. In fact, they're all zeroed out by our own accord because we're able to manage that out of user fees as we said we would do in times past. We're trying to do what we can do with the money that we have coming in.

President Abell: Could I go back to something Ms. Leader was, when we had the jail here, and the booking occurred, EPD did the booking.

Eric Williams: Correct.

President Abell: And now you do it?

Eric Williams: Right.

President Abell: So, do we get any financial compensation from EPD to taking on their work?

Eric Williams: No.

President Abell: Well, maybe we ought to be talking about that then. Ok.

Eric Williams: And I think that's a very fair assessment, and I'm happy to partake in those conversations with you.

President Abell: Ok. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, one last explanation. Would you explain to the Council the Extra Help. The \$100,000 for the Process Servers.

Eric Williams: The Extra Help line item that, that do you still see that I have the Process Servers, there's ten line items in there that are shown, and then we've also taken those dollars and moved them over to Extra Help. If the Extra Help is granted like that, then we'll get rid of the ten process server line items. Basically, instead of having the ten designated line items, we'd much rather work the Process Servers as Extra Help that way when paper service is picking up and we have more, I could put a couple part-timers in that line item, and use them as they see fit. I can handle vacations much more flexibly like that. All the other part-timers that we have work out of that line item. Process Servers, for some reason at some point in time, got put in specific line items for them which make it very difficult to manage extra needs and process services is one of those that kind of fluctuates. We may have a period of time where we can bring on an eleventh or twelfth for a very short period of time, and at other times, not have as many working. It's very difficult to do with the current set up. And this would be basically the same dollar amount and same rate but just in a more flexible account. Because those are all non-benefitted employees; they work part-time. Did that make sense?

President Abell: Other questions? Okay. Thank you.

Eric Williams: Thank you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to drop me an e-mail or whatever and I can try to get you an answer.

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DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

President Abell: We are back on the record. I'm totally lost here, Drug & Alcohol on page 113.

Deloris Koch: I'm Deloris Koch, Director. We didn't ask for any increases in any line items except adding a line item for computers. We have an old computer that was scrapped recently that has not been used for quite some time because its an inoperable, it was never networked with our other computers. What we're asking for is a new computer monitor and printer. We put 2,000, we're considering with the hookup for networking. We're thinking it would be very close to the \$1,500 mark, so we cushioned that a bit. Its going to cost, my understanding from Computer Services, it would be at least 2 to \$300 to network that computer with our other computers in the office. I don't know what other questions you might have.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions? We will probably move that to another area, but – we're going to put all of the computers in one line item and do a bulk purchase with Mr. Arvay's company. But if you see it removed, don't get too alarmed.

Deloris Koch: Okay.

President Abell: It will just be moved over somewhere else.

Deloris Koch: Any other questions?

President Abell: Okay, thank you.

Deloris Koch: Thank you.

President Abell: Superior Court, page 105.

SUPERIOR COURT

President Abell: Good morning, Judge.

Terry Dietsch: Good morning. I am sorry Mr. Sutton isn't here because right off the bat I would like to tell you that I would like to give back \$8,000.

President Abell: We like that. What line item is that coming from?

Terry Dietsch: That's line item 1370-3941 on page 111, Guardian Ad-Litem. And since we met with you, Ms. Abell, as our liaison, I met with Judge Niemeier and decided that we could decrease that particular line item by that amount.

President Abell: You've got it at 20,000, so you're going to take it down to 14?

Councilmember Winnecke: 12.

President Abell: Down to 12? I'm looking at the wrong line item, then.

Terry Dietsch: 1370-3941.

Councilmember Leader: You're going to take it to 12?

Terry Dietsch: Yes, ma'am.

President Abell: Okay. So is that your way of giving us that at the first so that we won't knock anything else off?

Terry Dietsch: That's the (inaudible). All of the salary accounts reflect a three percent increase. Those that do not are step raises and I think there are either ten or eleven of those. I would like to call your attention to page 111, 1370-3932 CASA. That is a substantial increase over last year. That merits an explanation and I think one was provided to you, Ms. Abell, correct?

President Abell: Yes.

Terry Dietsch: Legislation was passed requiring, in essence, that each child abused or neglected have an advocate. The state gives a grant to the counties. That grant as estimated by the state will be \$96,194. In order to get that, we have to match that amount. And that has always been the case, it's just that it went up due to the legislation. I checked with Judge Niemeier since this may not be a hard and fast amount to make sure that if the state comes up with less than that we don't pay CASA any more than the state comes up with. You follow me?

President Abell: Uh-huh.

Terry Dietsch: Also on page 111, --

President Abell: Let me, can we stop there for just a minute? Go ahead, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: If we don't, I mean, we could stay at our today's level and still get reimbursed an equal amount, right?

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, I suppose, technically, we would be in violation of that statute.

Councilmember Winnecke: What he's saying is, the statute changed where they have to provide more advocates for the children, so to receive the state match, we have to match it. But the law, the statute change is based on the number of advocates you have to have.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, it increases considerably. As a matter of fact, I think its going to be very difficult to get that many advocates, what we need. But none the less, that's the statute.

President Abell: Do you have an estimate of how many advocates we're going to need? Have you thought of --

Terry Dietsch: I talked to Judge Niemeier, and he tells me at the present time, that we have approximately 300 children in need of services. And at the present time, we don't have anywhere near that number of volunteers.

President Abell: That's ridiculous. Did you want to ask another question, Mr. Raben? Well, and if this figure fell somewhere in between, it would still – let's say instead of \$96,164, it was \$89,000, it would still be a matching grant?

Terry Dietsch: Right. And the portion that we give to CASA, would be reduced by that much. If it turns out the 96 is not the firm figure, its something less, then our part is going to be less. We're simply going to match whatever it is.

President Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, can we –

Councilmember Winnecke: But the figure is really driven by the number of advocates that we need, right?

Terry Dietsch: Its driven by the figure the state has indicated its going to give here in Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Winnecke: So they are basing that on previous case histories?

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, I suppose so. I'm not really clear on it.

President Abell: Did you have something, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I was going to move back to page 110. Patient/Inmate, I'm somewhat shocked by that one.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah. I checked again and as of June 30th, we have expended \$946,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Terry Dietsch: And that's Patient/Inmate Care.

Councilmember Raben: Right. YCC Operation, it doesn't appear as if its alleviated that line item whatsoever.

Terry Dietsch: Well, if you'll recall, the last time I appeared, I said that its going to be a while before we can determine to what extent that's going to be reduced. And there are a couple of reasons for that. If you'll recall, the local detention center got in operation very late. Then, I think it was placed on probation what, for two months. I'm not even certain at this point whether that portion of the detention center here for girls is up and running. I meant to check that, but I didn't. So its going to take a while before we determine if there is going to be a substantial savings. And as you know, the YCC contract goes up each year. I was going to point that out. It goes from 1,493,500 to 1,538,000 for 2008.

President Abell: That's contractual, isn't it?

Terry Dietsch: That's contractual, yes. And I'm hoping we won't expend that much money.

Councilmember Raben: I would think that because we are kind of late, that they would push that contract back. That, you know, --

President Abell: They did.

Terry Dietsch: I think steps have been taken to get a rebate on that.

Councilmember Raben: They still take the increase, that after the first year, we're still going to take that increase in '08?

President Abell: Oh, you mean that the percentage increase they get every year should not go into effect as of January 1.

Councilmember Winnecke: The Commissioners would know better, but I believe that the increase would take effect of the effective date of the opening, which was like March, more or less, I think.

President Abell: Do you know, Mr. Fluty?

Bill Fluty: (Inaudible)

President Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: But the pro rata issue is spelled out in the contract with the county. We can find that.

Terry Dietsch: And plus, we did not pay them until they were up and operating. Mr. Raben, I think I know what you're saying. This could be cut back. That figure could be cut back and we would hope that we are going to expend less than that amount. But you understand that if that is not the case, then we would have to come back in 2008 and get an appropriation.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I'm just shocked. And again, maybe some of us can take an opportunity to sit down with Judge Niemeier, but you know, that's even after the YCC, its still a 50 percent increase. I wasn't really ever expecting that, or any increase at all.

Terry Dietsch: Well, I don't know if that's actually going to reflect a 50% increase, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: 2.9 versus last year we spent 2,082,000, and this request, if you combine the two, its 2,938,000. So that's 900 and some odd thousand dollar increase.

President Abell: Its about a third.

Terry Dietsch: Well, like I said, if you want to cut that, that's fine. But whatever the bottom figure happens to be, that's what we're going to have to pay because if you'll recall, we had to come back this year for an additional 500,000. But you know, I'm certainly willing to work with you on that.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I had a question about a figure that's a lot less than that. On the Copy Machine Lease, why is that up so much?

Terry Dietsch: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Winnecke: Copy Machine Lease on 3620, at the bottom of 110.

Terry Dietsch: When we met with our liaison, Ms. Abell, I told her that our copy machine is going kerplunk. Last week, we had a repair man in every day. We decided that perhaps it would be advisable and we are looking into, either getting a new machine on a lease with an option to purchase, or maybe even purchase, depending upon the cost involved. And so what we did, we added another \$6,000 to that for 2008 hoping we could get by until then. I don't think we're going to be able to. So we may have to get a copy machine this year and if we do, then that additional \$6,000, we'd be happy to repeal.

President Abell: Other questions? Thank you, Judge.

SUPERIOR COURT DRUG COURT

President Abell: Superior Court Drug Court, Judge Trockman, page 115.

Wayne Trockman: Good morning.

President Abell: Good morning.

Wayne Trockman: I can answer any questions that you have. I can just give a one minute overview of where we are with regard to our funding. We have been turned up on our head just a little bit. The money that, about a third of our budget has always come from a federal source, Byrne. That's been cut back, it was cut back substantially in '07 and its being cut back even more so in '08. And not only is the amount that we're receiving being reduced, but the match is going up. And so when that was announced in '06, and the bigger picture is, about a third of our funding comes from this source, about a half of our funding comes – about a third comes from Byrne, which is federal, about a half comes from the Department of Corrections, and then you fund one position for us, one employee. And so when we realized that we were going to be cut back in '07, in '06, I requested a meeting with the Department of Corrections. We were going to lose about \$90,000, and we did lose \$90,000 from this federal source. The Department of Corrections was very sympathetic and, in fact, agreed to pick up the difference to keep us operating at the same level that we've been operating at. And that's going to be helpful for the county also, now that they've agreed to do that in that they do not have a match. Their money to us is direct, as I understand it. I think that's the case, Bill. However, the money that we receive from Byrne in '07, we were not told this, but the match went from 25% to 40%. That was announced very late in the game. We knew approximately how much we were going to be cut back in terms of total dollars, but they didn't tell us that they were going to raise the match. And so, I think that we have pending before you a request for '08, for an additional \$10,921 to make up that difference in the match. And then they've now told us that the match is 50% for '08 and we presented a budget to you for the Byrne match in '08, along with the position that you fund and the other minor assistance that you provide to us. And so our total request, if I have it here, for '08 is 52,746. And then, as I said, I think that the total amount of county, I haven't done the math, but I think that the total amount of county funding for this program is decreasing because this \$90,000 the DOC is picking up now requires no match, not 40% or 50%, and so I think that the total ought to be coming down. I haven't done that math. Our budget hasn't changed. The only increases in our budget have been for salaries. We haven't added any staff or other expenses. So I can answer any questions that you have specifically. I've been very encouraged by the Department of Corrections. I think that most of you have seen,

our court participated in a state-wide evaluation by a national firm of five drug courts in Indiana and I didn't bring those exact results with me, but it shows that our court, along with four of the five courts that were studied, showing significant savings, significant cost benefit savings as related to the control group that they used. It showed also as importantly, a significant reduction in recidivism. And we have individuals who we're bringing back from the Department of Corrections who would otherwise soon be released into our community who were much more likely to re-offend if not for the fact that they were going through this intensive program. And there are also people that we just simply take directly into the program that don't pass through the Department of Corrections first. But I'd be happy to email to anyone a summary of that report. The report is about 95 pages, but there is a two-page summary of our court and five other adult courts if anyone is interested. But it showed that what we're doing is successful and it's money well spent.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Real quickly, this is off the budget topic, but I've seen your graduation before and how much contact do you have with graduates after you –

Wayne Trockman: We track them as long as we can. We try to track them for three years. There have been those who have gone off the radar and we've been unable to keep up with, but that's one of the reasons why this national fund was able to make an accurate report on recidivism rates because the management information system that we use is designed not only to have information about offenders before they enter, all the information that we gather on them while they're in the court and then we track them for three years afterwards. Now some of them do fall off the radar, but we did provide all of that information which was used to come up. The decrease in recidivism was about 38%, as I recall, in our quote as opposed to the control group. But again, I'd be happy to provide that summary or the full report to anyone who is interested. It was just completed maybe six or eight weeks, maybe six or so weeks ago.

President Abell: I'd like to see the summary.

Wayne Trockman: I'll ask, Sandie, I'll work with you on getting everyone's email address and I'll email the summary. And if anyone wants to see the full report, then I'll deliver. And why don't I also just deliver a copy of the full report, Sandie, to your office, so its available.

President Abell: Thank you.

Wayne Trockman: Now I don't have the full report on the other courts but I could get those if there is interest.

President Abell: Your drug court has been very successful. We're very proud of it. Any other questions of Judge Trockman about the Drug Court? Okay.

Wayne Trockman: As always, I want to thank Council. Its been seven years now, which shows us how fast time goes by, but Council has supported this project from the beginning, even long before we had a report from the national firm showing that it was doing well and doing what we all said that we thought it could do. And we appreciate that every day because we would not be in operation without your help. Thank you.

President Abell: Thank you, Judge.

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions on the Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation? I looked at it, I didn't see any changes in it, specifically. Its on page 181.

BOND

President Abell: Do you want to go to page 200? I don't know that there's anything to talk about, but it's the Bond debt repayment. It looks like we're going to talk to our Auditor.

Bill Fluty: Bill Fluty, County Auditor. We're going to do the Bond debt? Page 200, is that correct?

President Abell: Yes.

Bill Fluty: Any questions?

President Abell: That was easy.

Councilmember Raben: We're just ready to get on to page 7 where we can start doing some cutting.

Bill Fluty: Let's stop a moment at 197. That's the USI overpass, and we actually fund that with COIT dollars, 480,000 and also surtax/wheel tax. We've got about two and a half years of payments, so we're getting on the short end of that bond. So its something to think about later on, what to do with that money.

President Abell: That's good news.

Bill Fluty: There's some good news.

***AUDITOR
REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR***

President Abell: Now I think everybody is just dying to get you on page 7. So do you want to defend yourself early on, or do you want us to start asking questions?

Bill Fluty: We'll just go with the questions.

President Abell: Alright. Does anyone have any questions for Mr. Fluty?

Councilmember Leader: Can you talk a little bit about your maintenance contract? Its gone from 1,200 to 3,500. Its 3540.

Bill Fluty: I think in past years, that copier was, actually the maintenance was paid out of the Commissioners budget. But it made more sense to go ahead since that copier is located, and it's a new copier, its located in the Auditor's office, which everybody shares in the building, to actually put that in our budget as opposed to the Commissioners. So that is just a reduction of theirs and an increase in mine.

Councilmember Leader: Do people reimburse you for copies?

Bill Fluty: They don't, --

Councilmember Leader: I mean to keep track and is there any method of recovering any of that money?

Bill Fluty: For other departments?

Councilmember Leader: Uh-huh.

Bill Fluty: No, we're not charging back other departments. We do keep track of users. They have a number that they actually punch in to see how much they use. And we use that in our cost allocation that Maximus does to actually bring money back in.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you. And the other question I have is the 3370, the Computer Data Management, \$12,000.

Bill Fluty: Yes, that's a refresh program in our department where we have over the years asked for four to five new computers, rolling out the oldest computers and bringing in four or five new ones. That is also in two places, its in the Reassessment or its in our budget, whichever way you'd like to look at that, or and then, Marsha, I think, it's actually going to a different direction and actually putting that in a single fund in the Council's budget, and then I would request that from the Council.

President Abell: So we'd watch them all.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Fluty, what are you going to buy with \$10,000 Office Furniture?

Bill Fluty: Well, probably nothing. But my hope was, our furniture has been here since the courthouse moved and we actually put three desks together to make one workstation and actually \$10,000 does about five workstations. And I was just going to start at the front counter and just move back over four or five years if that was something we could do in this time frame. Then again, I guess that's one we're going to have to look at.

President Abell: Well, I'll ask Mr. Sutton's question of you, if you had to cut it somewhere, where would you want to see us start cutting?

Bill Fluty: Well, I guess, most of these are pretty flat, but I guess that's an area we could cut.

Councilmember Goebel: I would think the furniture now has some character and is quite comfortable.

Bill Fluty: That might be a stretch.

President Abell: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I --

President Abell: Do you have a serious question for the Auditor?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, on Office Furniture, -- I can't do it. Have you been to the basement yet? Have you gone downstairs to look?

Bill Fluty: Curt, I mean, Jim, yes, I've been to the basement to check out the basement.

President Abell: So there's no furniture in the basement that will meet your needs, is that what you're telling us?

Bill Fluty: And I think with Curt gone is probably the only reason I had the courage to ask for furniture this year.

President Abell: Does anyone else have a serious question for the Auditor? Thank you. Oh, wait a minute, 158, Reassessment, we don't have anything to talk about on that? Is that where you moved your computer money too, also?

Bill Fluty: Really, Reassessment mimics my General Fund budget. If you want to fund it in my General Fund or you can fund it in Reassessment, or not fund it, I guess, are the three choices.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Fluty. Well, it looks like that concludes today. Has anyone got anything to add to today's events? We got through pretty good. Its just 11:20. We will meet again in the morning at 9:00 and we'll recess until then.

(Meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m.)

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 15, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 15th day of August, 2007 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: We'd like to reconvene the budget hearings for 2008, the Vanderburgh County Council. Mr. Goebel would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: Good morning to everyone. Councilmen, we will begin with the Vanderburgh County Department of Child Services and the Division of Family Resources, which is on Page 145 in your book. Good morning.

DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN

John Schroder: Good morning. I'm John Schroder, Assistant Director with the Vanderburgh County Department of Child Services. And you will notice that in review, I placed pamphlets on your desks that deal with how we came about the budget for the Family and Children's fund. Also, the Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment fund and a requirement of state law that deals with something they call Senate Bill 400, where the amount between the difference we spent between children in need of services and delinquent is placed up there also. The budget is an increase a little bit over last year. But as I, as most of you are aware and I've said before, most of these spendings are not discretionary. They're spent when children have been, when it's been determined that they've been abused and neglected or exploited and we have to either provide services for them as described by the court or pay for their care outside of their personal homes. If I can be of any help I would like to let you know. Have any questions?

President Abell: Just one moment. Ms. Leader, I was going to ask you a question, in fact.

Councilmember Leader: Oh, Ok.

President Abell: Are you aware of how they're funded?

Councilmember Leader: Not really, and that's why I was going to ask him if he'd --

President Abell: I was going to ask him if he could explain that to you.

Councilmember Leader: Yeah, because --

President Abell: Ms. Leader's new.

Councilmember Leader: Virtually every item is increased dramatically.

President Abell: So maybe you can explain to her.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you. That is what I was going to ask.

President Abell: It's on Page 145.

John Schroder: Okay. Actually, looking at 145, normally what happens is we, what you see printed here, is actually an estimate because the, we have to send our requests through the state to get approval for them before we file them and the auditor prefers to file them. So, what we do is give general estimates at first and they place a greater amount on there and then what we ask is that it be reduced to the amount approved by the director of DCS in Indianapolis, okay? So, those amounts are usually considerably higher if I'm not mistaken. Is that not correct on here? And the differences are, and if you look in your pamphlet for the Department of Child Services and, under Family and Children's fund, on the back of the second page is actually the total amount of appropriation for that particular fund that we have requested. We actually do get this request in before about the time you end up filing it. But to make sure I give an estimate of what I'm sending to Indianapolis while we prepare what we've gone through this for, but it usually doesn't come back before it's required to be submitted to the Auditor. So they actually take last year's and post one and a half times that on the advertisement. Okay?

Councilmember Raben: I've got corrected numbers here if everyone wants to take a moment. The first line, 30090, the correct figure is \$327,338. 32500 is \$3,747,000. 32520 is \$7,212,625.

President Abell: Would you give me that number again? What account number is that?

Councilmember Raben: That is 32520 is \$7,212,625. 32530 is \$17,950. 32540 is \$2,864,745. That's \$2,864,745. 32550 is \$192,330. 32560 \$5,000. 32600 is \$4,144,000. 32700 is \$15 million, five hundred, \$15,500 excuse me. \$15,500 yeah. 32920 is \$2,000 for a total of \$18,528,488. It's like balancing our legal counsel's checkbook, isn't it? \$18,528,488.

President Abell: I hope all of the officeholders out there saw that big decrease in your budget here, maybe we'll make the day short, that short order of today.

John Schroder: Well, actually there, from what was approved last year, there is an increase because we have increased costs for children in institutions, foster homes, we have more of them that we're placing and also supportive services for those who maybe can be returned to their homes or are not removed from their homes, but are considered to be in a situation where the additional assistance needs to be taken care of.

President Abell: Are you okay, Ms. Leader? Yeah? Okay. Any other questions? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: None.

President Abell: Thank you.

John Schroder: Okay.

CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES

President Abell: From there, did you, do you want to cover the Children's Psychiatric Center on Page 146, or I think...that's covered in our folder also.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, let me give you a corrected figure on that one as well. \$145,000. That's on Page 146.

President Abell: Yeah. \$145,000 even?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Abell: Okay.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

President Abell: Okay, thank you. County Assessor on Page 53. Good morning, Mr. Weaver.

Jonathan Weaver: Good morning, Council. How you doing?

President Abell: Does anyone, you want, have something you want to tell us first, or do you want us just to attack you first?

Jonathan Weaver: I've been an open target all year, so go right at it.

President Abell: Anyone have any questions for Mr. Weaver?

Councilmember Leader: I have a few. Jonathan, good morning.

Jonathan Weaver: Good morning.

Councilmember Leader: If you would explain to us the increases you have in Office Supplies, Other Supplies, Travel, that kind of thing. Contractual Services is up dramatically. Maintenance Contract and Dues and Subscriptions, Office Furniture and Office Machines, just those kind of things where some of those items didn't exist previously, you spent no money previously. If you could just give us an overview please.

Jonathan Weaver: We're talking about the Reassessment budget?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Jonathan Weaver: Okay, let's see...

Councilmember Abell: Page 53, right? Isn't that where we are?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Jonathan Weaver: I tell you, my staff makes me look good. They do. They work hard. They're overworked. A lot of pressure is put on them. If it was up to me they'd all get a \$10,000 raise. We need some part-time help. And a lot of that money is gone for part-time help. We'd like to obviously try to get three additional people to work on the GIS mapping parcel maintenance is what it's called. If you'll look at some of the property lines they're not accurate. Someone needs to sit down and do that, and I believe someone does that in Area Plan, but they don't do that full-time. I would like to have field person, slash, someone who works on appeals. You know we have 9,500 appeals, so office supplies are up because we have to have folders for all them. And then we're in charge of approving the sales disclosures now. The

new law, before, the Auditor collects the money, so we'd like to get some help there. Help out the sales disclosure person in the office. Office Supplies, just because we have 9,500 appeals, like I said, we need folders, labels, pens, clips, I guess. Travel & Mileage, that's the same as last year. Contractual Services, that was under budgeted this year. That's for ARC, GIS that's 6,550. We pay, and I don't know who decided that, the county office pays for the townships, but anyhow we pay I believe it's \$400 for each township plus \$4,000 for the county office for that. And then the Maintenance Contract is based on, we'd like to continue working with Chuck Simons, he's our commercial/industrial trendor for next year to keep it consistent. He's doing a great job. Obviously the home owners feeling a lot of the brunt of the taxes and we're trying to shift that burden away from the homeowners by making sure the commercial/industrial trending is more accurate. So, about \$100,000 for that. He's doing it this year for \$108,000 and I've talked to Ted about the right ways to go out and bid all of it and whatever. There's a sales disclosure program we'd like to upgrade to. We got a call on February 27th on or about that date from this company in Connecticut saying, Oh, on the 28th or March 1st your contract expires for the sales disclosure program. Well, what kind of notice is that? And it's going to cost us \$3,500. So we didn't renew that this year, but we'd like to upgrade that software, make it a little more user-friendly. And then we have TMA, they do our personal property audits. We've gotten some bills this year from them so I factored in about \$40,000 for that.

President Abell: Ms. Leader, some of these figures that he's discussed are in Reassessment and also in our General. We'll decide later, okay?

Jonathan Weaver: Yeah, we didn't change the General Fund, except for the raises you guys give us, so thanks.

President Abell: Not yet. We haven't given them yet. Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Jonathan, on the Office Supplies and items like that that you're requesting, do you foresee the same type of on-slot of appeals next year as we've had this year, because seems like that would go down?

Jonathan Weaver: It's so hard to guess. I would think we'll get half that number next year. So, maybe around 4,000.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Weaver, could you revisit what the Maintenance Contract of \$143,500 is?

Jonathan Weaver: Yes. That's, Chuck Simons, he does our commercial/industrial trending this year. We've contracted with him for \$108,000. We'd like to have him on board for next year just for consistency and because he's doing such a great job. So, there's \$100,000 factored in there. Now from what I understand that you know, we have to bid it out and all of that sort of thing according to Ted Ziemer, so I'm just asking for it up-front because we'd like to actually begin that in November. You know we began that trending May 1st of this year, so if we can start it earlier for this year, for 2008 pay 9, you know, I would like to get a jump on that and that gives him more time to do it. He has to finish this year by September 1st. All the data is due to the state by August 1st, so we're already sort of a month behind. We'd like to be on top of things and be trend-setters. If he doesn't finish it by September 1st this year, there's a \$1,000 a day penalty in the contract. \$40,000 of that's for TMA, personal

property audits. We've gotten a few bills this year from them. I'm not even sure honestly how they're paid for. And then \$3,500 for sales disclosures, a new program, maintenance contract there.

President Abell: Thank you. Any other questions? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: So, the first one was \$108,000?

Jonathan Weaver: That would be \$100,000. He's doing it this year for \$108,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Jonathan Weaver: And I'm thinking, you know, if he, we renew his contract or if he wins the bid or whatever for next year, it'll be lower, I would hope.

President Abell: You may not be able to answer this, but once you have had all commercial properties brought up to date with the new trending, then in the future will we be able to keep up with that?

Jonathan Weaver: It, it's part of my two-year plan hopefully that this would be the last year that we'll contract out for commercial/industrial. You know, like I said in the, whatever month that was when I asked you for 100 plus thousand dollars. I think we should be able to do it ourselves. All the townships, myself and we are starting a file in the county office where we should be able to do it ourselves.

President Abell: Okay.

Jonathan Weaver: So, I hope, I can't promise you, but that's the goal.

President Abell: Worthy goal. Anyone else? Thank you, Mr. Weaver. I'm sorry, Mr. Shetler, I didn't see you.

Councilmember Shetler: Just one point. You said something about starting in November of this year.

Jonathan Weaver: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Shetler: But this is for '08 monies, though, I mean you wouldn't be able to do that until at least January 1.

Jonathan Weaver: Well, we're writing the new contract. He won't get paid 'til January 1st or whatever, the first installment. Will start working. He's, he's going to be doing the appeals anyways, there's going to be one installment that we're holding back from this current contract until all the appeals for this year pay next year are done. So, that \$108,000 that we're paying this year is broken down into five installments with four being paid, I think it was May 1st, June 1st, July 1st, August 1st or something like that. And then the fifth installment when all the appeals are done, next year. He'll be working anyway.

President Abell: Mr. Fluty, is that okay?

Jonathan Weaver: Isn't that how the contract is worded? I believe, first of the month, he gets paid.

Bill Fluty: I'm not sure how the contract is worded, but we'll follow it to the letter. So, there's no doubt of that.

President Abell: Okay.

Jonathan Weaver: Or maybe it's June 1st, July 1st, August 1st.

Councilmember Shetler: But you can't, you can't spend this money until it's appropriated.

Bill Fluty: Uh-huh.

Jonathan Weaver: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: So we can't enter into any contractual agreement until --

Jonathan Weaver: Well, that's why I'm asking for your permission for the money and then we can enter into that contract November 1st, is the goal, is what I'm saying, so, that he can start working next year.

Councilmember Shetler: I don't know that you can do that.

President Abell: That's what I don't think he can do. I'll ask Mr. Ahlers.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, if you are wanting to enter into a contract in November, what you would need to do is make an appropriation request to come before them in October or something to fund the rest of this year. You know what I'm saying? Because this budget, we won't get this money until after the first of the year and it wouldn't be in place yet. So, I'd just suggest that if you're wanting to do something in November that you go ahead and file appropriation request.

Jonathan Weaver: Ok.

President Abell: Any other questions?

Jonathan Weaver: A lot of this, oh sorry,

President Abell: Go ahead.

Jonathan Weaver: We had, you know, \$8,700 from last year's, that should have come out of last year's budget that we had to pay this year. We have brought in \$1,300 in copy revenue this year. I re-read that TMA contract and saved the county \$30,000 this year. They were over-charging us on the personal property audits. And then we brought the website in-house this year, so that saves the taxpayers \$1,500 by having Computer Services do it instead of Evansville On-line.

President Abell: Good.

Jonathan Weaver: Sorry to interrupt, but.

President Abell: No, we appreciate that.

Jonathan Weaver: Alright.

President Abell: You know, and Mr. Ahlers is just saying, I think that's true, if you, if this is approved for next year and you know you're going to enter into this contract with someone next year you, and you have any money in another account, you might be able to do a transfer in November to go ahead and get started, but when you get to that point, if you'd contact Ms. Deig, I think we can work with you on it.

Jonathan Weaver: Okay, great. Thanks.

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

President Abell: Thank you. Do we have anything on the PTABOA? Did you have anything on PTABOA that you wanted to discuss with us?

Jonathan Weaver: Do you have any questions? Let's see. That increase was just in case we had more meetings.

President Abell: How many, do you know how many tax appeals you had this year over and above the ones that you, how many you had last year and how many you have this year to work on? I guess you didn't have last year, but someone had last year. I think you have like 9,000 something.

Jonathan Weaver: Well, we have 9,500 right now. Maybe less than 500 were filed last year anticipating this year.

President Abell: How many did they work on? Do you know? Did they work on 2 or 3,000 or

Jonathan Weaver: Right now, we're up to, we've completed about.

President Abell: No, I mean how many did they do last year? I'm trying to figure out how many meetings you may need this year compared to last year's meetings.

Jonathan Weaver: We have a monthly. Right now, we're doing good. I mean right now, you know, 99% of the appeals the taxpayers are winning, so it's very taxpayer friendly at this point. If that keeps up, very little will go to the PTABOA. We've had 12 so far, out of 1,050 that have crossed the desk, my desk.

President Abell: Okay. Any questions? Thank you.

Jonathan Weaver: Thanks.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

President Abell: County Commission, Page 84. Oh, I'm sorry. Sorry, someone's going to come before you. You'll just have to wait Mr. Tornatta. Sorry. The Local Emergency Planning Commission needs to get out of here, I understand. That is on Page 188.

Paul Wagner: Thank you. I appreciate that. This won't take too long. My name is Paul Wagner. I work with Mead Johnson and I am the Treasurer of the Local Emergency Planning Committee. And just for your own background, I just wanted to tell you what that committee does. It's purpose is to implement SARA Title III, it's the community right to know with regards to hazardous materials. We develop and maintain an up-to-date comprehensive emergency plan for our community. That's

this. We receive records information about chemical releases, any kind of spills that are in the county. We collect, manage and provide public access to information on hazardous chemicals in our area. Companies are required to submit this information to the LEPC, as well as the fire departments. And we educate the public about the risks from accidental and routine releases of chemicals and work with facilities to minimize those risks. The committee is composed of volunteers from the Health Department Fire Service, Law Enforcement, hospitals, ambulance, private citizens, industry, local government, the Environmental Protection Agency, Emergency Management Agency and transportation. We get our funding through grants from the state, so it's more or less a pass-through for the county. We requested \$26,500 for 2008 and that goes for training and it goes for education and administrative expenses, primarily. Any questions?

President Abell: Any questions on this?

Councilmember Goebel: And you're requesting less this year than last, is that correct?

Paul Wagner: I believe that's true, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Nice to see.

President Abell: Well, let's just go to the next page, 189. Oh, I'm sorry. You can, they were both circled. I'm sorry. You're finished. Thank you.

Paul Wagner: Thank you.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

President Abell: Do you, do they want to come up, too? You got both of them circled. Wait one more moment, Troy. Local Drug Free Community. There's no one here. It's on Page 189. Ok. Let's jump back up to the County Commission. Page 84.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Troy Tornatta: Good morning. Ok.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions? I think we're kind of looking at it for a few minutes here, Troy.

Troy Tornatta: I kind of have a good idea of what you're going to ask so why don't you let me run through this real quick. Something that's not on there that we probably need to look at is, and I don't need anything right now, we're going to have a sale, we have a group of properties and a group of houses we're going to have to sell through a tax sale to the Commissioner's office. And we will have some money that we will need in demolition, so just to kind of forewarn you, Bill Nix, who couldn't be here today, because he is at another commissioner function, said that he will actually, it will actually be somewhere in the \$4,000 a building range, so we don't know how many we're going to have to demolish, but there could be potentially something this year, don't know. We could leave it at zero if we have to come back to you. I'm just fore-warning you. The self insurance line, we were told to base that about, between five and 10 percent. We went on the low side on the five percent, so trying to keep as much money in the, in the coffers as possible.

Councilmember Raben: One question while we're on that line.

Troy Tornatta: Sure.

Councilmember Raben: That line has remained constant since 2004. Are you sure we need to make any adjustment in that?

Troy Tornatta: And you can, you can do whatever you want on that. I don't think, I don't know that we have any money in that account right now. I don't show an account balance. So, we've paid that money out. They did tell us this year there would be an increase. I don't know if we've shown an increase in the past, so they did say there would be an increase in that particular line item, but I don't think it's that big of an issue. If we had to come back for \$10,000, then that's what we'd have to do. Now the Emergency Medical, I think we show that is for AMR. That's an extended contract and that contract fluctuates. If they don't live up to their contract standards then essentially they owe us money. If they live up their contract standards then we owe them money. Last month, or quarter. Last quarter, we paid them \$60,000 a quarter. Before that, I think they gave us some money back, so it just depends how many runs during the contract. We pulled that up here again, that might be something we can come back and ask you for money. It's kind of like a telethon today. I'm going to end up giving you some money, okay?

President Abell: Uh-huh.

Troy Tornatta: Then I'm going to ask for it back. Look at the telephone account. We're going to keep that at 210 with a possibility of, at the end of the year, if we have some monies that come in, if you remember, we're using the new phone system. In 2009, by midway through 2009, this budget is going to drop almost in half and so we kind of got another year of planning with this type of number; however, we predict that it'll be about \$190,000 this year. So, the only reason I'm keeping this at this number at this time, and we can talk about it before next week, or before we do the cutting over here. The only reason we kept it that low was because Matt Arvay is working with AT&T to try to get reimbursements back. In all the reimbursements he's gotten, we've paid the bill that's been submitted by AT&T. Their, it's like cryptic, trying to read what they've got, so his people are reading through it and we're actually getting reimbursements every month from At&T. Also, we're paying what other offices have in their budgets. So we're going to get some money back. We only have \$20,000 in the line item right now. That will not get us through the year, but when we get some reimbursements from other offices, I think we'll be just fine. Should carry, by the end of the year, we might be carrying about \$20,000 over, so I think we'll be okay there. Alright. Let's get some good news. I think we have, I was not able to, to be a part of writing this budget up, but I was a part of helping the Council kind of work on this budget. And one of the things I've been working on is to find out the televised meetings. We had it in there at \$50,000. As we see it in our office, we should be able to pare that down. We're looking at about \$900 a month. And so, if we, if we went over a little bit and said \$15,000, I think that we'd be fine in that line item. Keep track. Okay. Going down to consultant, if you look, we went up \$100 in printing, from \$100 to \$200. We don't have anything. I take that back. We have, we will end up with nothing in that account this year and beg, borrow and steal, I think we've had it \$100 for a while; if we take it up to \$200, I don't think we're going to break the bank on that.

Councilmember Raben: What line was that?

President Abell: 3410.

Troy Tornatta: 3410, Printing.

President Abell: Page 86.

Troy Tornatta: Okay. Legal Advertising. I'm okay if you take that back to \$20,000. We do all the legal advertising. A lot of that is ordinance work. I don't know how much on the ordinance side that we're going to plan on, but I know it was pretty hot and heavy over the past few years, and I don't know if I see as much of that, but we do all the legal advertising for the whole county. So, we can pare that back to 20, just like last year. The consultant, and that is, the consultant is Maximus. Just to kind of fill you in on what they do. It's kind of every year. Maximus, we hire them. They are a minimum of I believe up to \$10,000 and Maximus is a, bills of \$12,000-\$12,500, something along those lines.

Bill Fluty: Well, they actually have a contract for this \$15,750.

Troy Tornatta: Okay.

Bill Fluty: And actually they're in our office and the Clerk's office and many other offices doing cost accounting and actually through their efforts we get reimbursed between \$120,000 and \$140,000, so it's a win-win situation.

Troy Tornatta: Right. So, it's a, we want to have them on board. That's good for the county. Now, looking down at the YMCA. I would like to propose to this Council that we think about matching what the city does at some point. I think the city is \$14 per individual that wants to enjoy health and fitness. We only have a contract with the YMCA. And I know this might not please our Auditor, but I'd like to open that up to other health clubs, just because you go to a particular gym doesn't mean you should have to sign up with the YMCA. Nothing against the YMCA. We probably should look at seeing what comparative offers we can get from the different health clubs and then change that line to health and fitness. Just something to think about. I'd like to entertain that to the council, but I think it's an opportunity to get people into the fitness side, not necessarily clarify where they have to go.

Councilmember Raben: Let me stay there just a moment. Troy, did we ever see any numbers on who's actually utilizing in that YMCA benefit today?

Troy Tornatta: To do what now? I mean, right now we've spent, we're at \$20,000, we're about, 50% of that budget's gone.

Councilmember Leader: How many people (inaudible).

Troy Tornatta: I don't have that number.

Councilmember Raben: I guess that's what I'm curious about. Are we just paying them a lump sum through the course of the year or, you know, quarterly, monthly?

Troy Tornatta: Monthly, isn't it?

Marissa Nichoalds: It's monthly.

Councilmember Raben: It's monthly.

Troy Tornatta: But we pay a monthly payment of those who are in there, and I think we pay \$11 a person.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. So, are we paying per head or are we paying just a fee?

President Abell: Marissa, come to the microphone, please.

Marissa Nichoalds: Well, I believe that they offer a, an individual plan and a family plan, so some employees have the family plan and some have the individual plan. So we get a print out of who has signed up to join the Y and we take that number times 11 and write a claim to the YMCA.

Councilmember Raben: We're paying per head?

Marissa Nichoalds: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: Ok. Thank you.

Councilmember Leader: And Marissa, did you say it's 100?

Marissa Nichoalds: It's about 150. It varies depending on the month.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you. And that 150 might be a family?

Marissa Nichoalds: Correct.

Councilmember Leader: It might be 6 people within, okay. Yeah. Thanks.

Troy Tornatta: For instance, there, it might be a single membership might be \$33 whatever the case is. A family might be \$49. We're still paying \$11. The thing I'd like to see is, I'd like to see us mirror what the city does and not have any issue there. And I'd also like to see us expand, if an outfit wants to come in and work on the parameters maybe of what the Y's done that works with the county. Then, we'd change that YMCA line to health and fitness line, if we're truly going to provide health and fitness for our employees. Alright. EAP. Does anybody have any question on that? Anybody know what it is? The EAP line is a line that we paid that will actually have, if somebody needs some counseling, we'll pay up to three times, three visits to the counselor and we pay that out of that line item. I have lost the rest of my notes, but that's okay.

Councilmember Leader: Troy, what about that Postage and Freight line 3120?

Troy Tornatta: I'll get there. You said 3120? Okay, we have \$133,000 left in that account right now. So, if you kind of went on halvies, we're going to have enough for this year it looks like. And, of course, if you take our December, which is what we've notoriously done, we'll definitely be okay. And so, if you wanted to call that 380, and then we'd either have to come back or, or if we had monies left over, this would just go back in that account, we can do that, as well.

Councilmember Leader: Do you think they were taking into account the increase in postage costs, or that \$25,000?

Troy Tornatta: In fact, I think we did last year, if I'm not mistaken.

Councilmember Leader: So you think we can take it back to 380?

Troy Tornatta: I would say that we can take it back to 380. If we have to come back, we have to come back.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, can we talk about Voices for I-69?

Troy Tornatta: That road's being built and it's worked on with the governor. I didn't believe in it last year and I don't believe in it this year. So, that can be taken out of that account as far as I'm concerned.

Councilmember Leader: Why is that \$10,000 there then?

Troy Tornatta: I didn't write this budget. The \$10,000 is there because that's what they've requested over the past few years. We believe that this road is coming. We believe that the push is there. So that's why we cut it out last year and I don't believe that we're, I believe we're on the same track that this road's coming; it's going to be here. The governor's pushing it and I think all the Commissioner's are behind it. I think there's a lot of people behind the road. I think you're going to see it, whether we pony up \$10,000 or not. It's not coming any quicker.

President Abell: Didn't Mr. Goebel, Mr. Raben, did either one of you have any further comment?

Councilmember Raben: Not on that line. I mean I agree with what he says. These funds were used to, in a lot, for a lot of different things to lobby to see that the project move forward, and it is in fact moving forward so.

Troy Tornatta: And I've talked and got the okay from Commissioner Nix that he believes that, that line could be cut if need be.

President Abell: Wouldn't that economic development group have a part of this, and they can take care of this instead of us having a special line item for it?

Troy Tornatta: The, well, I think they are taking care of it. GAGE and --.

President Abell: So, it's not going to be lost in the shuffle. We're just not going to put another \$10,000 in.

Troy Tornatta: Don't get me wrong. We're not saying we're not behind it. I don't think we said it last year on this Council.

President Abell: Just don't see any reason to fund it?

Troy Tornatta: We just don't see any reason to put that extra \$10,000 in that when we have other avenues. I think we're kind of on board with everything.

President Abell: I agree with you. Okay, Mr. Goebel, did you have --

Councilmember Goebel: It's been covered.

President Abell: Okay.

Troy Tornatta: Dues & Subscriptions, that's the AIC, the Auditor has a line item that we pay for the Association of Auditor's. So, that takes care of that \$10,000. We've got about \$354 in it which has been notoriously, the number that we end up with. So, in fact that takes care of the prescription drug card plan that we've had. And yesterday we got a report that we, as Vanderburgh County, has saved over \$160,000 in about three and a half months. So, 8,000 users of the card, we've really been successful. It's about the sixth highest rating in the nation right now. So, we, I think we've done a good thing for the people of Vanderburgh County. Alright. Occu/Med, you can take that back to \$20,000.

Councilmember Leader: What's that number please?

Troy Tornatta: It's 3760. We roughly have \$17,000 in that account. Now, we're not recommending that you take all of that money, but the one thing that this is, that's for the drug testing, if you remember, we have that line item in the highway garage, I believe, Mike? Occu/Med? They get reimbursement for some of those monies obviously. So, we took it out of ours, but we were talking about our employees that are in this office, or in this building. If we are doing any random drug testing or testing before they are hired.

Councilmember Shetler: Troy, is this for random or is this for new applicants?

Troy Tornatta: Both.

Councilmember Shetler: Do we screen those pretty good to make sure that, you know, that we're not just sending some guy off, you know, automatically as soon as he fills out an application?

Troy Tornatta: And I will have to defer that to somebody else. I will not have the answer to that question at this time.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright. Thank you.

Marissa Nichoalds: I believe, once they are actually offered the job, they have 24 or 48 hours to take the drug test. So, you are not required to take the drug test until you are actually offered the job. So, you are not screening everyone that applies.

Councilmember Shetler: Do you have very many of them that fail it at that point?

Marissa Nichoalds: I do not actually receive the results from our office. Council does.

President Abell: We need to change our tape.

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Troy Tornatta: Okay, we'll get done with this and then I think we need to go back a minute. Youth Services, this is an ask and not a contract. Any asks, I will point out. This is an ask for them, for the additional monies. We've done 20,000 in the past, they asked for another 5,000. And then down at the bottom, 4433 Southwest Indiana Disaster Resistance, that as well, is an ask. For that money, we have no contract. Just to clarify, the Office Machines, 4220 is for the Commissioners copy machine. If you look up at the top there is 3620, it says Copy Machine Lease, that's for the Auditor's big machine and they have a secondary machine. The one thing I'm trying to work with Purchasing, and I think the Council needs – I charge you with trying to

get this done, is to try and get the purchasing person, Debbie, and I've talked with her and she's working on this, to get a contract on all copy machines and to do it like you've done the computers, get a contract on all copy machines and an agreement with how they're going to be fixed and replaced and those types of things under one bid. We're looking at the city's right now, we're looking at EVSC's right now to see if we can get in on a bid with one of those companies so that we're paying one bill as opposed to going to different offices and everybody cuts their own deal. I think its going to save us a lot of money. So we've dealt with this in the past in some different areas like computers, and I think it would be well worth our time to look into trying to get some of those issues satisfied. Any other questions?

President Abell: Okay, yeah, let's talk about EARC.

Troy Tornatta: In the past, we've done \$279,000. I think that we've seen, they've seen their budget shrink from the state, but the county's seen their budget shrink from the state and from the federal, that is an ask. That is not a contract. And so, I'm going to tell you the asked, I'll tell you the contract. The contract we normally have is for 279,000.

President Abell: I saw their video and discussed this with them and obviously, it's a very worthy organization. You know, some of those people that work at EARC would be on the welfare rolls if they didn't have that position at EARC. Is there any money available in the Welfare to Work money that we might be able to use in this position?

Troy Tornatta: I will tell you, we're going to call that Initiative Based Assistance. That is probably a great discussion at some time with a couple few people from the Council and a Commissioner. I would say that there could be something entertained. We'd have to get into some numbers pretty deep, to see if that were there. I think that the county has done a great service to their organization with the 279,000 and been consistent. The state is the only one that has went down, we've always maintained a certain level although its not been on any type of CPI or not continued in an upward fashion. We have been there consistently instead of cutting at all. But I would entertain that, if that's something the Council wants to look at.

President Abell: I think it would be interesting to have the County Attorney maybe take a look at what the requirements are and what our limitations are. But, if not, just a direct financial assistance to EARC, possibly fund two or three of their workers that would be on the welfare roll, we would pick them up under Welfare to Work money. Just a thought of a place we might be able to go to find some money to help them out somewhat.

Troy Tornatta: Well, I was on the board for several years. I have compassion for their organization and think they do a great job and they're starting to diversify in areas which helps them out more than it did when they were just kind of a caretaker organization. So if you want to get your Council to talk to our Council and try and work out the logistics of it, we can work out the financial side if there is something there and we don't have anything in its place, I would entertain that and would take that back to the other Commissioners.

President Abell: Okay, Mr. Raben, did you have something further on the EARC? Anyone have anything else they want to discuss on this? I have a couple of questions then. I'm taxing my memory here, but a couple years ago, or I guess it was in our last budget, in fact, and I see its zeroed, the Veterans Burial Allowance, did we move that out of your budget and put that in someone else's budget?

Troy Tornatta: To the Veterans budget.

President Abell: Okay, so we are still, okay. My other question is, where is the Economic Development money?

Troy Tornatta: I'll show you.

President Abell: Oh, we're not there yet.

Troy Tornatta: Now, before we get out of the Commissioners budget, I do want to pass this along, before I was able to chime in on the budget, I've really been working to try and see what opportunities we have to even bring more money to the county. And I've probably, to date, in the past 20 minutes here, given you over \$100,000. What I would like to look at is to look at possibly getting a grant writer, not a person that writes grants, I want an official grant writer and potentially put that person in the County Commissioners office. This is going to serve as two positions. The first position is obviously going to be the grant writer position. That's going to be the person that's really going to be the general grant writer, if you have a grant, that comes across his or her desk and I'd like to see that happen sooner than later so we have an opportunity to bring some real dollars to our county. The second would be as essentially a body or a fill-in up there in the Commissioners office when there is vacations or individuals that go out. Over the past several years, we've had a Commissioner in there full-time. That's not saying we're always going to have that, and as I've looked at potentially who could be in the Commissioners office, of the two that are in there, we cannot be full-time. And the one that potentially could come in there, which there has been a list, but I don't know if they could be full-time. So that would put zero full-time people in the office, which it's a part-time position anyway. These are some counties that we've checked with that actually have grant writers or some of them don't have grant writers and they tell what they do and how they went on with the program. Of the last grant writer I heard about, it was a lady and she got in there and right as soon as she got in, brought \$3,000,000 to their county. That will more than take care of a salary of what I am anticipating, somewhere around \$45,000, plus benefits. So I bring that to you just to say that I think it would be good for the county. I think we've been really needing that position for a long time and it would serve two positions in the Commissioners office.

President Abell: Could this be a joint city/county person?

Troy Tornatta: I think this person is going to be so busy and he's going to be doing so much, that we'll have to hire somebody else and that would be potentially a city person, and they would have to work together. And it might end up being a city/county person, move that person to Metro Development even into another office. And that's a wait and see. I'd like to start small, see what we can work out.

President Abell: Okay. Mr. Raben? Oh, Mr. Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Troy, obviously, if we more than make up the salary and benefits, this could be a boon for the county. Do you have any idea of what the amounts are or we've already gotten in grants without having this person?

Troy Tornatta: Well, what you have, you have, as I said, you have grant writers and then you have people who write grants. I'm more focused on what we lost by the people who maybe don't write grants as effectively as somebody who does it professionally. And I don't know what that number is, but that's kind of what I'm

worried about. And, in fact, this person, I would like to check every grant that's written to make sure that everything is in line. This person knows how people are affected by grants. These grant writers really do a good job. Then our staff in the Commissioner's office said that they would like to learn how to do this, and if we could have a staff that knows how to be grant writers, I mean, that would be a heck of a deal for Vanderburgh County.

President Abell: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I, over the years have kind of advocated a grant writer and I see a real need for something like this. We've got a lot of different areas: Burdette Park, you know, just so many different needs for a grant writer. And I'm not so sure that to the tune that maybe you're talking about, but I could probably be swayed into changing my mind. But, you know, a lot of grant writers, really good ones, work on commission.

Troy Tornatta: Yep.

Councilmember Raben: You know, and it might be 2% of what the grant is that they secure. And I think to get somebody really good, really powerful at what they do, that might be what you need to do. But I also understand the need for possibly more staff, so I mean, I think I hear what you're saying. I don't know if I necessarily agree with how you're going about doing it, but I think, you know, I think we can work something out.

Troy Tornatta: Well, I agree with you, that I think that at some point, you could have somebody ask for a percentage, but the reason I did this study was just to show that in the areas where they think its very useful and they've gotten a lot of bang for their buck, that individual. And the ones, 32 to 33,000, of those I've heard, its been 40's to mid 40's. and I think the deal is, they're taking the buy-out as opposed to the pay-out. And what I mean by buy-out is, they're taking the security that they're going to get paid every week and that that check is rolling over and they're going to get benefits as opposed to – and if they're a full-time person, obviously, going by the guidelines we've set. But as opposed to working on a one percent situation where they may or not get the grant they need depending on how tight years are. So we will entertain whatever measure is there. We would like to think that, we'd like to come in somewhere around 35 to 45,000.

President Abell: We'd probably submit that to Job Study.

Councilmember Leader: May I comment?

President Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Leader: As you know, I've worked with a lot of grant writers. We've talked about this briefly, and I just want to encourage you on the side of caution, because even though a person says they're a professional grant writer, all grant writers aren't created equal.

Troy Tornatta: Right.

Councilmember Leader: And one of the big jobs they need to provide you with is the ability to research the possibilities of grants and the creativity of writing the grant

combined with the ability to research all of the possible grants, is a skill that not many people have.

Troy Tornatta: And I think that's where I differentiate a person that writes grants versus a grant writer. And so, point well taken, and we will, this person will go through the wringer kind of to prove to us that they can really do what they're supposed to do.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I might point out, last year, we did do this with the Knight Township Fire Department, and they wrote, the gal up there in Huntingburg wrote the grant and got paid a percentage. And it worked out very well. I think it brought in about a half a million dollars or something if I recall correctly on that. So I think it's a good idea. I like the idea of the percentage, though, because its kind of like a commission sales person, it doesn't cost you much and their incentive is to keep moving, keep going at it so that they can get paid and they can eat. And they have a tendency to bring in a lot more income for you.

Troy Tornatta: I think that, I've heard it both ways. And I agree with you, you're going to have somebody that's motivated. I think that there are those people, there are two different people that are grant writers. And we've discussed it with some people in checking into this. There are some that really love their job. I might not want to be a librarian, but there are people that love to be a librarian and they love to do the job. And I might not want to do certain things, and they really love to do it. And no commission on earth would get them to do their job any better. But I think there are going to be two different types of people that will go through the screening process. But as you pointed out, it brought \$500,000 to our community that we didn't have before. And that was because you hired a professional grant writer to do that. And I think that that was, obviously, it helped us out as a county.

President Abell: Anything further?

Troy Tornatta: That's the Commissioners.

President Abell: Okay.

Troy Tornatta: CCD?

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President Abell: Any questions?

Troy Tornatta: There will be questions.

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Councilmember Raben: Okay, yeah, I guess, I have a few different questions. If you could, let's cover Buildings & Equipment, first.

Troy Tornatta: Now what's that listed in yours? 250?

President Abell: Yes. 250,000, yes, I think he's asking.

Troy Tornatta: That was an ask.

President Abell: Who is asking?

Troy Tornatta: That is actually, that is actually a three-bay service shop at the highway garage.

President Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: And with that, what would be the need for the old service area?

Troy Tornatta: There's height restrictions. All I'll say is that was an ask and that was done with the budget before I got my hands on it. And I love Mike to death.

Councilmember Raben: The Energy Savings Contract, is the correct figure the –

Troy Tornatta: 567,808.

Councilmember Raben: Park & Playground?

Troy Tornatta: Park & Playground, okay, that is for Burdette Park, and there's a couple of things to look at. We have not done some – we've actually taken some projects away from Burdette Park to get the Highway garage. It might be a vice versa year, if it can be. What we're looking at is, originally, that was 400,000, and that was to buy a \$35,000 hybrid truck. We think that we could just buy a regular truck for 23,000. That was 17,000 for an RTV Kubota. They get about 70 miles to the gallon instead of buying two or three trucks, which they probably need out there, we're going with these little RTV Kubotas. They have drop gates, any dirt work, gravel work, any type of hauling that we do, we can do with those. Seventy miles to the gallon. We're cutting our gas rates, obviously. And the trucks, haven't had any trouble with. We've got one right now and he's looking for another one. We have \$90,000 for a main office exterior renovation covering log siding, with chinking to match the Discovery Lodge, rework eaves and all exposed logs and cedar, new entry doors and pavilion doors, new garage doors, the main office building was built in 1973, outside siding is painted, T1-11 plywood, it is starting to rot and build up with paint. This is also part of the ten year plan and if you remember, when we hit that ten-year plan, there was a lot of new things to go out to Burdette Park. We're almost finished with our ten year plan ahead of time. And that was 90,000. The other was 65,000 for new signs in the park, front entrance, Red Bank Road, Broadway, and signs throughout the park to all match. That's one of the things they said in the ten year plan, we did not have signs that match. We could not signify that the park was essentially together when you went to other parts of the park. So this will at least let you know when you're at Burdette Park, all the signs will match. The total of those four items would be 195,000. The only, when it got up to 400,000, which was originally budgeted, that was \$170,000 for construction of a new chalet. I mean, the more chalets we build out there, the more revenue we produce. There's no question about that. That would just be something we –

Councilmember Leader: How much was that, again, Troy? I'm sorry.

Troy Tornatta: 170,000. We lost \$15,000. The only loser this year was at the campground. We are taking measures right now to build that back up. There are some provisions that were in the Commissioners office that were set back in 2000,

I believe, in 2001, that set on a night's stay, we're going to readdress that and make sure because there's a lot of incoming stayers that are going to be working on Mt. Vernon plants and in certain areas, and we want to make sure that we can maximize that campground as much as possible without compromising the campground. So we're going to be working on that and hopefully we'll build the revenues. But the rest of the park is doing great.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I did skip the Old Courthouse Contractual.

Troy Tornatta: Old Courthouse Contractual is for \$100,000. That's to work on the Wedgewood Room. The Old Courthouse, County Courthouse Preservation Master Plan, Dennis Au is sinking his heart into this document to try and get us not only itemized notes on what things can be fixed up, but prioritized notes. One of the things we're working on is the Wedgewood Room. Commissioner Nix is totally behind this concept. He wants to try and get that room up to date and we're going to spend 100 and the preservation society will spend 100.

Councilmember Raben: Another perfect example of a need for a grant writer.

Troy Tornatta: I agree.

Councilmember Raben: On the Energy Savings Contract, Bill, how many more years do we have on that?

Troy Tornatta: Ten.

Councilmember Raben: And my last question, which I don't see in here, Sheriff's cars.

Troy Tornatta: That was, this is how I got it. So we are working on, for those of you who don't know, ES & S, I believe that's on here too, is it not?

President Abell: It is.

Troy Tornatta: ES & S is the contract for the voting machines. That goes away after this year, if I'm not mistaken. So we'll see \$600,000 in this account. Now, I don't know if – I'm in negotiation with the Sheriff on some issues, so I can get back to you on that note.

President Abell: Other questions?

Councilmember Shetler: Did you say that 170,000 for that new chalet is out?

Troy Tornatta: No, well, it was only listed at 200,000 in this contract, I mean, in the budget, so I think that's probably something between now and next time you get together, we need to find out what the emphasis is, what we want to put our money in. At this point, Steve Craig said that he could hold off on the signs if we want to do something else. I think he needs a truck. His truck is pretty old, but we can even hold off on the Kubota vehicle. I think probably the chalet is a good opportunity to look at revenues, where you won't get that from a truck.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, and I have some questions on that chalet and I don't know if Steve would be better to ask on that, on those revenues. I guess basically my

question would be, and I don't know if its broken down per chalet or if you have it broken down – how many chalets do we have, currently?

Steve Craig: At the present time, we have six.

Councilmember Shetler: We have six, and how much revenue do those six bring in on an annual basis?

Steve Craig: I'd have to break it out of the buildings. Our buildings right now, with our rental buildings and the chalets, approaching 300,000.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, and then how many other buildings do we have that are included with that six chalets?

Steve Craig: We probably have another 12 of them, some of them seasonal, --

Councilmember Shetler: Is that including the Discovery Lodge, then, with that?

Steve Craig: That includes all rental buildings.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, if you could get a figure for us, though, to break that down on how much the chalets bring in on an annual basis?

Steve Craig: Yes, I can.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Abell: Other questions?

Troy Tornatta: Is the campground part of the rental?

Steve Craig: Yes.

Troy Tornatta: And the campground lost 15,000, so we'll get that to you, so that's part of it.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: Just on the chalets, what's the rate of renting those? How often do they sit idle?

Steve Craig: For the four or five month period, they do not sit idle at all, and for weekends all through the year, we could always use more for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Probably the least rented time is January, February and in March it picks back up. But with the success of the Discovery Lodge and the large events and weddings that we have, they usually rent out immediately. There's a lot of out of town guests, and it's a way to accommodate them, especially in the summertime, it's a win-win situation because when they come in for these events and that, the kids go swimming and play miniature golf, use the whole park, so not only the county of Vanderburgh is getting revenue off of the tourism, so is Burdette.

Troy Tornatta: How much do they rent for?

Steve Craig: The chalets are 108 without a Jacuzzi and they're 120 with a Jacuzzi.

President Abell: Per night?

Steve Craig: And they sleep up to eight people.

President Abell: Per night?

Steve Craig: Per night.

Councilmember Goebel: Do you usually stay in the one with the Jacuzzi?

Steve Craig: No.

Troy Tornatta: Don't answer that.

Councilmember Raben: Just one comment that may be way out there, so try to hold back your laughter, but you know, one thing we might consider at some point with Burdette Park, something along the lines of what I think the zoo has, like the Friends of Mesker Park Zoo, maybe an independent organization or group that could spearhead fund-raising and whatnot for Burdette Park. I don't even know where you'd begin with that but, --

President Abell: Well, does the Parks Foundation contribute to Burdette Park or do they just handle city parks?

Troy Tornatta: City parks.

President Abell: So the Parks Foundation does nothing for Burdette -- well, that's probably the place to go is go to the Parks Foundation and tell them they should help do some things, because that's not a city, that's a not-for-profit organization, that's not a city entity.

Councilmember Raben: Again, I don't know how well that would carry, but its --

President Abell: Well, I don't think it would carry bad, I used to be on that board. I don't --

Troy Tornatta: There are enough people on the west side that appreciate Burdette Park, that I don't think its out of line to at least entertain it. Because anytime anything happens out there at Burdette Park, we're the first ones to hear about it. You hear about it, I know Steve hears about it. So there are a lot of people that are very interested in that park's well-being.

Councilmember Raben: So I guess I might be offering that as a challenge to the Commission to somehow try to put something like that together.

Troy Tornatta: I don't think that's out of line, I think that we could address it.

Steve Craig: If you get that grant, you could probably get that started.

Troy Tornatta: Seriously, these are points that I'm looking at. We spend a lot of money on activities on the general public and there are different opportunities like the bike path, maybe we don't spend that out of CCD or we don't spend that out of

Riverboat monies because those are monies that we could spend on anything and save for the rainy days. But maybe we could get everybody behind a grant for a couple million dollars that would take us farther along on that bike path and truly be something for the health, the well being of our citizens. So if that's something we could address, a grant writer, I'm on board.

Councilmember Raben: The list just keeps getting longer, doesn't it?

Troy Tornatta: It does. And trust me, this person will be inundated and will be looking, but if we get a couple million dollars, we could have three people in an office. Hint, hint.

President Abell: I was just going to say, other questions, but go ahead.

DRAINAGE BOARD

Troy Tornatta: Drainage Board?

President Abell: That's pretty easy.

Troy Tornatta: Okay, thank you.

President Abell: Does anybody – no.

Troy Tornatta: There's nothing –

President Abell: No, there's nothing on the Drainage Board.

RIVERBOAT

President Abell: Riverboat, 127.

Troy Tornatta: 127. Okay, now you get your Economic Development money.

President Abell: Yes.

Troy Tornatta: We are paying, I believe, the Economic Development side is paying for GAGE and the regional economic development, so we're paying it out of this line item.

President Abell: Its about 150 a piece, is that correct?

Troy Tornatta: Yes.

President Abell: Can you explain to people who might be watching this on television what the difference in these two organizations are?

Troy Tornatta: I would love to do that.

President Abell: I would love to have you do that.

Troy Tornatta: And I would officially love to tell you on a different day than today.

President Abell: How about before we decide whether or not we're going to let you have this money?

Troy Tornatta: Well, okay. One is a regional and one is a local. And we are obviously, we have talked about it, hashed about it when I was on Council, on how we're going to fund it and what exactly we are going to do. I have not been privy to those numbers because of prior administration changes, so I will tell you that I will be a part of this group and, in fact, Councilman Shetler, you're on one of those groups right now, is that correct? He might be able to fill you in more on that than I would at this time.

President Abell: I'd like to see budgets for both of these organizations because, as I recall, when we had Vision-e, which is no longer here, part of the budget was for a health club membership for the director and I don't want to see that ever again on anybody's budget. So I did ask for it, I haven't had it sent to me yet. So maybe you might jiggle some chains over there and tell them I want to see that budget.

Troy Tornatta: Sure, and I would say that between somebody that's on the board and if I'm going to be on the board, which we've been working through that, if that's going to be the case, then I can get that information and bring it back, but I can't say I'll do it before budget hearings end. But I would be happy to bring it back and then we can address that however. But I think its in our best interest to be a part of these two groups and to champion them, move them along because its going to help us in the long run.

President Abell: Just as long as they realize we are going to look at their budgets.

Troy Tornatta: I think that that's a great point and I would be in the same shoes.

President Abell: Thank you. Any other questions on Riverboat?

Councilmember Raben: I have one quick one. On the Infrastructure line, I don't know if there's any big plans for that in the future, but, you know, I might need to sit down because I think with what's requested in CCD, maybe too much, we might have to shuffle something into this.

Troy Tornatta: Well the one, we made a resolution last night and I think that, or afternoon, and in the meeting, the Commissioners just wanted to set forth that we are behind the University Parkway and you're going to hear more about that when John comes up or I don't know if any of it is in Mike's budget, but you're going to hear about pushing that along. Now we're only going to get about \$350,000 this year from the federal government, which is not what we asked for, and not what we thought we would get. But because of the switch in administrations, we're going to see that. The one thing we did commit on last night is that we want to push all three phases of this project as soon as possible into one right-of-way purchase phase. I think we need to say that not only for our federal government, for our state to know we are serious about what we're doing. But we want to say to the Council that anything that goes toward that, that's our number one priority. We don't want to be swayed from that. The other thing, we do want to pass along, and we were not able to do this in a resolution yesterday, but we do want to say that we are all for working with USI on the bike path. We want to make sure that the money is coming from the right place. And we want to make sure that its not taken away from other initiatives that we put at a higher priority. So we want to work with Dr. Hoops. He's done a fantastic job of working with us on land, but as kind of due diligence, we need to come through with

the plan that we originally set forth. And I have not been behind that program but mainly its been because of the financing. So if we can get, or if we got a grant writer or got somebody who could get us a grant or we got grants from the state to get that job done, we're going to be behind that program as well. So just kind of telling you what we're looking at and we really want to work with the Council to tell you what our priorities are, so you guys aren't trying to find out where we're going.

Councilmember Raben: You're preaching to the choir.

President Abell: Yeah, hate to read it in the newspaper.

Troy Tornatta: Its going to get better.

President Abell: I hope so.

Councilmember Shetler: Along those lines I will say, I think its very optimistic to think that no matter how good the grant writer is, that we're going to get any federal funds for that. And there's a couple of reasons. One, we were turned down last year and the second thing is, since that time, you know, with the Greenway project that's been endorsed by the Commissioners and now by the Council, you know, we're in conflict a bit with the Greenway as far as competition, them trying to get money, and they're not going to allow two different sections of this county, from what I've been told. So I think we're going to have a real difficult time getting any federal funds for that project. I just don't, it's a long time down the road.

Troy Tornatta: To me, its in the commitment and its in the gentleman's agreement and we have to start putting ourselves in the position where we can agree with that Greenway Passage group on what they're going to do and what our plans are and how we're going to mesh and meld the two. I did not want to start this project. But unfortunately, this project is started and we have an agreement with the president of one of our major universities in town that was a gentleman's agreement. And I have to honor those agreements even though I didn't want to start the agreement, but it started, I have to honor the agreement. And how I want to do that is with funds that can be outside of funds that we'd spend on other issues. Therefore, we can spend some more money, possibly or potentially, on a Greenway Passage that would go out to the west side, maybe even connect up to the, what was the original plan to connect up to the Greenway and make it a big unit throughout the community for health and fitness.

President Abell: Any other questions or comments?

Troy Tornatta: Just, let me read into the record what we have as account balance 7/31 Economic Development 306,447. The Initiative Based Assistance Program \$426,396, and the Infrastructure/Drainage, we have \$385,240. Some of those will be spent, potentially 66,000 will leave the Economic Development to go to GAGE and to the other regional. Want to do Superintendent of County Buildings?

President Abell: Go back to Initiative Based Assistance, what did you say that was?

Troy Tornatta: 426,396.

President Abell: Is your balance in there right now?

Troy Tornatta: 7/31. And that will go down each month.

President Abell: Okay.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Abell: Superintendent of County Buildings, page 95. We're jumping around because he's up here. Any questions?

Troy Tornatta: If you look at Other Operating, which is 3510, you can back that down to a thousand.

President Abell: Good.

Troy Tornatta: We would like to keep the Repairs & Grounds, and this is from Commissioner Nix, the mechanical guy. He's been in the building, he's assessed it, he really thinks the courthouse is in great shape. He said, however, as old as the building is, there are going to be issues that we're going to need to look at for repairs. And in that line item, we're probably looking at around \$2,500 just to set back. Now here again, I've been on this board long enough to know that we can always come back and ask for it if we have an emergency situation. But \$2,500 in that building is not a heck of a lot to ask for a contingency plan for any type of issue. So that's –

President Abell: So you want to put 2,500 in line item 3550?

Troy Tornatta: Yeah, and it should be in your book.

President Abell: Its at zero in our books.

Troy Tornatta: Its at zero? We can come back and ask, its just a – another thing we can do is, we could pull it from Building Supplies or something of that nature.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I do have one question, on the Buildings & Groundskeeper, what all does that line cover?

Troy Tornatta: I think its temporary help, if I'm not mistaken. Yeah, that's a part-time person that goes over there and will open doors and unlock doors in the event that somebody is on vacation.

Councilmember Raben: I think this person covers weekends like for a craft show and stuff like that?

Marissa Nichoalds: Right, right.

Troy Tornatta: If you look at Utilities, I don't know why we don't take it back to the 100. We're going to have \$52,857 in that account as of 7/31, so we'll have four months to look at that. We're averaging about \$11,000 a month in expenses. So that's a place where you could possibly take and then if we needed it back, we'll have to come back.

President Abell: Okay, any other questions? Okay.

VETERANS SERVICE

Troy Tornatta: Let's, do you want to look at Veterans Services because I've got their budget as well.

President Abell: Okay, page 83.

Troy Tornatta: Mark Acker is here and he will answer any questions but I am doing this just to get a little plug in. Mark Acker has been selected, recommended by the governor and selected by the President of the United States to the Selective Services Board of Indiana, Board 43, and there are only five people on that board in this region. So we'd like to thank Mark for all his good work that he's done and being selected to that group. I think its an outstanding accomplishment.

President Abell: It is.

Troy Tornatta: The only thing I'd throw out there, 3600, I don't know why we're paying ourselves rent. So unless Auditor Fluty has a reason behind that...I think that's a waste of –

Bill Fluty: Its just an accounting issue to show the ins and outs and that we actually, that we do it for the County Engineer also, so its just the practice.

Troy Tornatta: Well, I wouldn't put –

Bill Fluty: And it will show on the other side as a revenue, so it will be a wash.

Troy Tornatta: So I don't – we deal on this board with cutting and not with revenues and as long as we do that, I wouldn't put this in the budget, nor would I worry too much about it, but you deal with your Auditor on that. And I understand where you're going with it. I know we don't deal with this much on the revenue side and we have to cut that budget. So however you want to work that angle.

President Abell: We need to change the tape again.

Troy Tornatta: I think I'm done, right?

President Abell: I think you are.

Councilmember Leader: May I ask Mr. Acker a question?

President Abell: Do you want to wait until we put a new tape in?

Councilmember Leader: Pardon?

President Abell: You may, but we're changing the tape.

TAPE CHANGED

Councilmember Leader: Good morning, Mark.

Mark Acker: Good morning. Madam President.

Councilmember Leader: I was just interested in how the rental of the coliseum is going in this recent year and what you foresee in the future as far as event rental. I know it's available. Of course I'm there every Tuesday and we hope to be for a long, long time. But I just wondered how that is going.

Mark Acker: We kind of go through, as far as the board over there, they have, Sheila Ricketts is the rental manager and handles all the rentals. It's kind of like we go through cycles. One quarter's a good quarter. Low. Good. Low. As far as the booking, Hook-n-Shoot, of course the Rotary is there every Tuesday. Hook-n-Shoot comes in four times a year. We have several weddings and receptions, various events like that. It's holding it's own. I think right now it's generated about \$60,000 this year, that has went back into the building on maintenance and repairs and various items that had to be done in the building. And the commissioners were kindly, gave us some of the items out of the Jail that were old. Items that were taken out, we're refurbishing and trying to put them back on line and usable in another county facility. Have looked at, just inundated with equipment coming out of the Jail and some from the Centre, and so we're just kind of sorting through this stuff trying to see what's usable, what's salvageable and then put it on-line and utilize it. But for rentals, the building's holding it's own, and people are getting more attuned to it and that has been helpful to the general public's knowledge about the Coliseum. And I have to say the Rotary has done a magnificent job of assisting us and getting the word out there to corporate level for events. And thank you for that.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, last year I took kind of a tour through there, and I noticed there's quite what I call vacant space. I mean there's some, a lot of rooms that are being used for old storage, storage for old equipment and things like that that are surplussed stuff, stuff that probably really should be thrown away quite honestly. But it looks like there's some office space around there, though, or some space that could be utilized for office space.

Mark Acker: We have two rooms. One, the Grand Army of the Republic is a museum area and the Spanish-American war room that's on the opposite side of the building. That is dedicated to the Forty and Eight's and to the organizations that utilize the building as per the language in the statute asks for veteran's to have space for meetings and the organizational functions. The upstairs area, there are two large rooms upstairs and one middle room. None have heating or air conditioning in them; they are all gravity heat which would extend great amounts of money to try to air conditioning the front of those offices and you'd make them unviable to someone who would want them downtown. We talked about it, looked at it and it just was so financially outside of our realm of doing it that we just had to vacate that concept at this point.

Councilmember Shetler: As you're facing the building, the room to the left there, I think it was used largely for a storage room.

Mark Acker: Down or up?

Councilmember Shetler: On the main floor.

Mark Acker: Main floor, that is now the Forty and Eight's room, which is the, an offshoot of the American Legion. That stands for the Forty Men and Eight Horses and a Box Car during World War I. And they have a display in there that's the Unknown Soldiers Tomb. If you stop back in and see it now, it's entirely different and has been changed.

Councilmember Shetler: Good. I'm glad it's being utilized for better purposes than storage.

Mark Acker: Yeah, it's been better, better purposes.

Councilmember Shetler: Again, at that time, and it's been, you know, several months, probably 12, 14 months ago. As you go back towards the stage, to the left of that stage, there, kind of a back room there again, where a lot, I'm going to call it junk, is just being stored and cluttered up and stuff. Is that room cleaned out and is that...?

Mark Acker: It's a maintenance garage working area where we are constantly refurbishing the chairs that came from the Centre. Since their renovation, we got their chairs. There's constant tables and chair renovation going on and maintenance that is done in that area. And it, and we do lack storage area. The building was not designed with a great deal of storage area, so it does limit where you can work on things and put things, your fork lift and your equipment and your drill presses and your machinery that has to be done, that garage is utilized for that. Sometimes it can get cluttered, I agree, but we've got a lot of county items moving in and out that's either deemed un-repairable and not worth salvage or they are and then they're worked on and brought on line in the building to be used somewhere.

Councilmember Shetler: One further question. Do we utilize, oh I guess, the half-way house, the safe house inmates for different projects and stuff over there?

Mark Acker: We are on with an agreement through and certified by the sheriff's department to have community service people on the grounds daily to assist in cleaning, maintenance and, we're not allowed weed-eaters or lawnmowers, but they can do other things in the building. Mop, clean, paint and use an occasional screwdriver. As long as they're supervised.

Councilmember Shetler: How's that integrated with, I guess, a private vendor that comes in and caters food and stuff like that?

Mark Acker: The catering service actually comes through the Coliseum. It uh...

Councilmember Shetler: How is that integrated with the safe house help and stuff?

Mark Acker: They, they actually then, we set the room, meaning the Veteran's Council sets the room, all of the tables, chairs, needed items, all the warmers, all the things you see in that room belong to the Council. The only thing that does not belong to the Council is the sound system. And Mr. Hoskins is, I think that's who you are addressing, various food items he brings in the building which he has an agreement with the Council through, to the Rotary to provide food. But we provide all the auxiliary labor to put the event on.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay. Thank you.

President Abell: We sort of jumped around here a little bit. Let me, just a minute. Would it be a problem with the Health Department if Mr. Tornatta just go ahead to at least finish or do you need to get back? You have an 11 o'clock appointment. Okay.

Troy Tornatta: I don't know how long this...Thank you. Burdette. What else?

President Abell: Well, Burdette's way down the, and they need to get back. Maybe we need to go ahead and let the Health Department do theirs.

Troy Tornatta: Okay.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

President Abell: Page 147. And we're going to take a break at 10:45 a.m., so you've got 15 minutes to do your show.

Sam Elder: Sam Elder, the Executive Director of the County Health Department. Just to start, if you first look at the budget, there's a substantial increase, \$358,964. But if you take into consideration that \$150,000 of that has been added for the dental clinic. And \$163,465 is in the salary account, counting fringes. Well, that doesn't leave a whole lot of the others. I think the actual increase if you take the automobile which is \$25,000 off which we've not had a new vehicle for some, I think 94. And we've had seven vehicles and when you don't replace any of them for that long of time, you're going to eventually not have any. And we would like to have a new vehicle. But the increase, the total increase, is under 3% if you take those items out, roughly. I round figures off. Gary doesn't like that. But, I'd be glad to answer any questions about any of the increases and where any of the funds is utilized. Now, you have to understand where our fees are estimated next year for about half a million dollars.

President Abell: Questions anyone? Give us a minute to look at this.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I, since we're on the dental clinic and I'm, guess I'm raising this question with Councilman Winnecke. We'll expect that both hospitals will continue their commitment on the dental clinic?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes. We've had some very preliminary discussions. We want to kind of get through the budget hearings to see what we were going to find. The monies that we've discussed before, the funding formula we've discussed before, is taking \$80,000 in Riverboat money, as we have each of the last two years, and then taking \$150,000 from the Health Department's unappropriated balance and then asking the hospitals to split the difference between that, which will be considerably less than they've had, we've asked of them in each of the last two years. So 230, basically asking them to split a \$70,000 shortfall.

Councilmember Shetler: Have you talked to anyone at the Welborn Foundation, about the possibility of getting involved there?

Councilmember Winnecke: Gary, do you want to talk about who you've spoken to?

Sam Elder: We've talked to the Welborn Foundation and they have told us that they have a policy. You know, first you have to apply for an application, you know, to get funding. And, they've said that they did not intend to fund any governmental agencies. Now, I know they've made one exception. They gave the school systems some money. I believe about a million dollars. But they've told us that they wouldn't give us an application. You know, they were nice about it, but they said they weren't giving applications to governmental agencies.

Councilmember Winnecke: The dental clinic advisory board which meets monthly, has, is in the process of forming a sort of a development committee if you will, to help identify potential funding sources that go beyond local government and beyond the hospitals. The First District Dental Society has agreed to help facilitate and identify potential funding sources. So, we're, we're really kind in the early stages of that.

Councilmember Shetler: I don't know. I mean I don't know if there's any merit to reshaping the charter or whatever into more of a 501(c)(3), or something along those lines, where then they would be...

Councilmember Winnecke: One of the issues that we're actually exploring, we're exploring to see if they, if we can use the 501(c)(3) status of the First District Dental Society. If they would be the one, if they could be the organization that could apply for grants on behalf of the dental clinic, and we're really just in the early stages of exploring that.

President Abell: Questions? Okay. Thank you, Mr. Elder.

BURDETTE PARK

President Abell: Mr. Tornatta, do you want to take the floor again?

Troy Tornatta: I guess we'll do the Burdette budget. Steve's going to come up here and do this. The one thing that came about today is, if you look on line item 4220, Office Machines.

President Abell: Wait a minute. You're going down to do the Burdette next?

Troy Tornatta: Yeah, what do you, where are you?

President Abell: That's okay. Well, we've got Convention Centre & Operating, but you need to leave, I understand. Okay, let's do Burdette. 118.

Troy Tornatta: In fact after I'd, I'd just came across this. If Mr. Arvay comes up, and they've got a surplus computer situation that they're pulling out. They've cleaned the computers up, and the fifteen inch monitors and it looks like they're really nice computers.

President Abell: They're from the courts, aren't they?

Troy Tornatta: Exactly. I know he needs two, if not four, of those computers to start putting in positions to accept reservations. His computers that he has right now are starting to not work. I, they're putting old, are they not? Six years old. So, if he could, if you could pull any of those computers from Mr. Arvay then I don't think we're going to have much an issue in that, so you can cut that \$4,500 out.

President Abell: What line item is that?

Troy Tornatta: 4220, I believe.

President Abell: Okay.

Troy Tornatta: So, if you'd just keep that in mind when you're looking to, to cut some budgets, might be able to pull out 4220 in that budget. And just an FYI, he'll tell you more about it, we, I believe we have the first coat of asphalt on the bike path in the stint that we have, and so that's done. And now we're looking at some other opportunities. So, we've almost got one of those parts done.

President Abell: Okay.

Troy Tornatta: Okay, thank you very much.

President Abell: 118, Burdette Park.

Steve Craig: Good morning, Council.

President Abell: Good morning, Mr. Craig. Is there anything else anyone would want, would like to ask Mr. Craig? I think we've asked you several questions along the way.

Councilmember Goebel: I do have one question.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: With the recent raise of minimum wage, how's that impacted you?

Steve Craig: Well, we came back already and I transferred some money out of our reverting account to cover up-to-date what we needed. I didn't ask for any money, I just transferred it. But in my budget, I have added \$50,000 in my part-time account which is probably over half of my whole increase. But of that, will be needed to cover the minimum wage raise that's going to apply to part-time, or not just to part-time, to all workers next year, in 2008.

Councilmember Leader: Is that in that Other Employee's account?

Steve Craig: Yes, ma'am.

President Abell: Other questions?

Councilmember Raben: Yes. Steve, I see, like Gas and Oil is up, but I guess we're making a move towards RTVs. We probably don't need that increase in that.

Steve Craig: The things that I increased is the ones that I have to come back and get every year, you know, they do. If we go to that other RTV, I'm hoping it'll start going back the other way, because it's 70 miles to a gallon of gas and I replaced a 15 year old pick-up truck, you know. It goes from 10 miles to 70, so I think that would be a real positive thing for the park as far as the fuel goes. If I run short, it's just one of those things where I have to come back. That's the only things that I did raise, is ones where I'd run out and I'd have to come back.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Other items, like just glancing through, Telephone. Is that a typo? This year was \$3,080. Next year is \$4,080.

Steve Craig: No, it's not. We have talked to Matt Arvay and I do not carry a cell phone. The Commissioners had requested that I get a cell phone. That would be part of that. And there's various raises that we've had. We just had a repair to our telephones down at our miniature golf that we had to pay for. But that is not a typo. We do want another \$1,000 in that account.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Steve, what's the purpose, the explanation on the large increase in cleaning? Laundry and cleaning, I'm sorry?

Steve Craig: The laundry, we run out every year. That may be something we may be able to get by on, too. What we're doing is the old laundry. The washing machine and the dryers that was in the old jail has actually been surplussed and we're going to take them at Burdette, which will give us a bigger capacity to do our laundry out at the park. And, we run out every year from when the time my people come in the morning until they leave at night, the washers and dryers are running. That's not only our chalets, but our concession stands. We furnish laundry for them and for our EMT and our swimming pool. All of the laundry is, that's done, it's taken out of that also.

President Abell: Any other questions?

Councilmember Leader: Just one. The increase in security, the \$5,000 increase in security, what is that?

Steve Craig: Well, one thing, the Sheriff's that work for me get paid what the Sheriff's make. And, they've got a 3% raise every year and we have not been, raised our security in that sense. And I was also wanting to work somebody in the summertime from midnight until five, when my people come in, because we've had troubles with break-ins. And, we've just had another break-in for the first time this year, but we did have a break-in Saturday night.

Councilmember Leader: You don't have anybody overnight, currently?

Steve Craig: No we don't. The county Sheriff's, they do patrol the park. They're supposed to come through once an hour from midnight until six in the morning, but I have security, guess I shouldn't really be telling this, but. All the time I have security at Burdette twenty-four hours a day.

President Abell: Yeah, probably not on television.

Steve Craig: And we have dogs in the pool area that we turn loose at night.

Councilmember Leader: Big dogs.

Steve Craig: Big Dogs.

President Abell: Any other questions that do not relate to the hours of operation at Burdette Park? Thank you, Steve.

Steve Craig: Thank you.

President Abell: We are going to take a break. When we come back, we will do the Centre, then the few that are left here, Mr. Winnecke is going to handle, because I have another appointment and I will be gone when we come back. Take a short break.

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Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, we'll continue. President Abell had an appointment that she had to get to so we'll continue with Convention Center Operating Fund, page 196 in your hymnals.

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND

Darren Stearns: Hello, Darren Stearns, Assistant General Manager for SMG.

Councilmember Winnecke: Hi, Darren, how are you today?

Darren Stearns: Fine.

Councilmember Winnecke: I believe this is fairly straightforward, but if you would like to offer any explanation on this page feel free.

Darren Stearns: No, basically, we're basing it on the...this is basically the utilities, I believe, is the one that we're doing right now and it is based on the utilities. The more events we're going to have, the more utilities that we will have.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's a good thing.

Darren Stearns: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Any questions of Darren on this fund? If not we'll go to the Centre budget and that is on page 116.

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Winnecke: Actually this budget is about \$40,000 less this year than last year.

Darren Stearns: Yeah.

Councilmember Winnecke: Questions of Darren or would you like to offer any explanation?

Darren Stearns: We're basing it on the number of events that we have booked and are in the process of booking for the next year, so we're looking pretty optimistic in what we have to do next year even with the...we will have the part-timers, their wages will probably go up a little bit with the minimum wage, but we're looking pretty optimistic on what we've got going on next year.

Councilmember Raben: That brings up a good point, what is going on? I mean, what does the bookings and revenues look like for this year?

Darren Stearns: Well, for this year as of right now, Jimmy, correct me if I am wrong, but I think we're \$100,000 ahead of budget through the month of June.

Unidentified: One hundred sixty-five.

Darren Stearns: One hundred and sixty-five thousand through the month of June.

Councilmember Raben: Alright. Do you have any sort of report or can you supply us with something between now and the next two weeks on that information?

Darren Stearns: Sure, we have a monthly report that we send to the County Commissioners that we can probably get to you. Sure.

Councilmember Leader: And is that report by venue? Is it by—

Darren Stearns: Yeah, you would only --

Councilmember Leader: Would we be able to see each, the stadium, the Victory?

Darren Stearns: Well, the stadium, is the city's building and they're on a different one.

Councilmember Leader: Okay.

Darren Stearns: But, yeah, they are put together.

Councilmember Leader: We'll be able to see the Victory?

Darren Stearns: Yeah, the Centre is by itself. The Victory is a city entity, too.

Councilmember Leader: Okay, thank you. So we'll just see The Centre?

Darren Stearns: Yeah, you'll just see The Centre.

Councilmember Winnecke: Anyone else? Okay, Darren, thank you.

Darren Stearns: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Pretty easy, huh?

Darren Stearns: Yeah.

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Winnecke: County Highway, 129. Good morning, Mike.

Mike Duckworth: Good morning.

Councilmember Winnecke: You have a brief overview that you would like to offer or would you just like to take questions?

Mike Duckworth: Just a couple of brief statements. I would like to first of all thank the Council for their indulgence over the last two years and eight months that I have been in this position. What I found when I arrived there was a department with much outdated and equipment that was substandard in my estimation. Since that time period, excuse me, we have not only updated our, with the Council and the Commission's help, not only updated our equipment we've created and are continuing to create a safer environment for our employees as well as an increased awareness of updating our facility as well. The type of operation that we are, a 24 hour a day seven day a week potential operation that has to respond to many concerns of Vanderburgh County citizens as well as, we know, disaster and other storm type situations and we have to be ready at any point in time and that's what we are building to continue, to be able to be responsive to those needs. So with that said, this budget in the three accounts, the Highway account, the Local Roads & Streets and the Cumulative Bridge account, as you well know, some of these accounts are shared or are in my account that Mr. Stoll oversees. So if you have

questions it may be something that I can answer or something that we have to refer to John on.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, who would like to start?

Councilmember Leader: I would like to ask about the addition of the Laborer, 1069.

Mike Duckworth: Yes, ma'am. For the last three years I have put this request in and I know that the county has many requests for additional employees. My justification for this is the fact that we now, with the additions of all the subdivisions and roadways within those subdivisions that have been accepted by the county for general maintenance, everything from mowing to ditch concerns to concrete street repair, for paving, to patching, to tree work. We are in excess of, I believe, 560 miles of roadway that we have to maintain. When you look at the average age of our employee, insurance...not insurance, but vacation time is at about four weeks per year. In addition to that, through contractual agreement with Local 215, when we have call outs and our employees receive overtime, they can take that not only in pay, but in compensatory time as well. So having a full workforce is a challenge to coordinate. That and my request, not only for an additional Laborer in Highway, but in Bridge as well, is due to those concerns. I would tell you that our bridge crew, our maintenance of our bridges that are maintained by the crew only include seven people, and with illness and sickness and one of those positions currently...or two of those positions currently are out on sick leave, dwindles our capabilities to do those bridge approaches, the guard railing and so on and so forth.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mike, I noticed there were several sort of material line items that have significant increases. Could you offer us an explanation as to that?

Mike Duckworth: If you want to point out the particular ones I would be glad to respond to them.

Councilmember Winnecke: Like line 2530 on page 133, Bituminous Materials. Sand & Gravel on the same page. Calcium & Chloride. I believe in the other budgets some of those also are up pretty significantly.

Mike Duckworth: Yes. Bituminous Materials, account 2530 out of Highway. Last year we dealt with at the end of the year, and with Mr. Fluty's assistance and trying to figure out how to utilize best practices and recognizing what our costs would be on a regular basis month-by-month, the former practice was that when there was an escalator charge that the paving companies would hold those charges till the end of the year. At the end of last year we had approximately \$175,000 in escalator charges because of the fluctuation of oil prices. This year we have, through working with Debbie Spalding, we've made it a part of our agreement that they include those on a monthly basis, so that we realize what we've got month-to-month so we don't overspend and so that we don't over pave, so to speak, and end up with a deficit or taking it too close to the bone, so to speak. So, ironically, this year we've had very little escalator charges as opposed to last year. That's just strictly the market. That really drives how much, how many lane miles that we can pave because, of course, the cost factors. In the last two years we have averaged right at 30 miles. Because of taking and transferring some of last year's escalator charges into this year's budget that is why, I think, I can count three times I have come back to this Council for additional dollars other than transfers. That was one of them, I think you granted about \$230,000 in more paving dollars so we could pave more county roads

this year. That was the reason, was to cover the escalator charges and that is the justification I used in raising this line item to cover any of those charges that may be there. If those aren't there, we are able to pave more.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Mike Duckworth: So I would leave that up to the Council as to if there is a happy medium there or whatever the case may be.

Councilmember Winnecke: Then what about the Calcium & Chloride? That wouldn't fall into that.

Mike Duckworth: Calcium Chloride, the reason we raised that is, as you well know, something that has been very positive for our department as far as maintaining and anticipating snow events and ice and sleet and those kinds of things, is the fact that we've taken this into kind of a different level by pre-treating our roads. What that does is, I believe, it has saved us on overtime charges because it loosens the ice bonding to the roads. We have instruments on our supervisor's trucks that tell us the pavement temperature so that we can gauge when we should pre-treat these roads. Going back to the cost, in pre-treating it takes extra costs of those chemicals and the equipment used to apply the materials, so that's the emphasis.

Councilmember Winnecke: Have you been able to quantify the cost savings on the overtime?

Mike Duckworth: I would tell you that our overtime, and of course, that depends upon...overtime not only reaches into snow events, but storms and those kinds of things. I would say that we're down about \$20,000 in what we've used this year in overtime. I think some of that, I can't attribute all of that, but I would say some of that has to do with the fact that during regular hours we are pre-treating and that, I think, enables us to, when there is a snow and we get one or two inches, to get it off quicker and it's not binding. The blades seem to work better, and when we just have those minute events it is dissipating so we don't have to go out.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Mike Duckworth: So I think it has had some effect.

Councilmember Winnecke: Other questions?

Councilmember Goebel: In that regard, do you have some of that stockpiled at this point in time because it was a light winter?

Mike Duckworth: Yes, we do. We have right at about 1,000 tons of salt at this time and we have, I believe, an ample supply of our chemicals and of course, we make the brine which we use up to a certain temperature. We make that out of the salt, so I think we're in very good shape to start the season.

Councilmember Raben: Would you like to explain the computer request?

Mike Duckworth: Yes, as you know with the previous philosophy of the Commissioners Office, we went into a situation where we applied advance vehicle locator systems on some of our equipment. We have approximately, I believe there

is a little over 20 total pieces of equipment that we have that capability. The hard wiring and the getting that program set up was costly and it is costly to maintain. I would tell you that there is new technology available that would enhance what we're doing and enable us to maybe get a better feel. As you know with technology, and I know Matt Arvey and others have told you, that you get a computer and every three or four years it is obsolete or the program is outdated or there is a better functionary piece of equipment out there. We have this available now that we are watching, that we are monitoring. It has come in extremely handy when we've had reports of our vehicles being in places where they weren't supposed to. It enables me to go back and check on that. It enables me if there would be an emergency of some type to immediately locate equipment if we could not do it by radio. I will tell you that our radio and cell telephone systems are great, but at times in the middle of the night or whatever the case may be, they are not as reliable as they probably should be. We are working on that. But I would say that the request here is really twofold. It is not only for the continual upkeep and expansion of the AVO program, but it is also for renovations of our computer system within our offices as well as the licensing requirements that come along with those programs. That is the majority of those increased costs and as you've heard several times today from Commissioner Tornatta, this was ideology and this was a request that was made previously that we have tried to carry out in the best and most efficient way that we can.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry, Tom, go ahead.

Commissioner Shetler: Yeah, how many radio pagers do you have out?

Mike Duckworth: Radio?

Commissioner Shetler: Well, in that Radio/Pagers line item, that \$8,000. How many radio pagers do you have?

Mike Duckworth: Well, we have a radio in each of our—

Commissioner Shetler: Is that 20 vehicles?

Mike Duckworth: Well, there is more than that because we have radios in our mowers. We have radios in our gradalls, we have radios, you know, in every major piece of equipment.

Commissioner Shetler: Let me rephrase the question. Do you have any portable pagers or cell phones that are given out to the employees?

Mike Duckworth: Yes, we, the four supervisors have a cell phone. They also have portable radios because they work in and out of the vehicles. There is a pool of six walkie talkies that we use from the paver to the flagman and those kinds of things as well as we have one cell phone that is used for our second shift employees in case they have to be dispatched out to put out barricades or whatever the case may be.

Commissioner Shetler: Here is where I am going with that. We've just at our company inquired about adding the capability to the cell phones for our drivers, GPS capability. It's about \$25 to \$30 per unit which in your case you would be talking, and that's per month, roughly \$600, you know, a month. If you are talking about 20 different vehicles that have the GPS on there, that would be \$7,200 and I don't know

how much of that 55 is actually allocated for that, but it sounds to me like that would be a whole lot less expensive and a lot more adaptable because it is portable, and you could also utilize it for communicating with them, you know, on other needs. Now, we have ours blocked so that they can't make personal calls and stuff and use them as a walkie talkie type thing as opposed to using them strictly as cell phones, but it might be an avenue that you might want to investigate as opposed as trying to continue to use the GPS as we have known it in the past.

Mike Duckworth: Right, and that is the new technology that I am talking about. Our network specialist is right on top of that. That is part of this request. I think we figured as a part of that and what we do then is move some of the hard wired equipment to the less usable equipment. You know, we would put that in our mowers and that's a concern of ours because our mowers are way out in the county many times and if they would happen to flip or whatever the case may be, we would need someone to identify where they are at and that's a way we could do that as well. But you're right. There is new technology that is less expensive that is probably going to generate better and streamline the information to us quicker, I think.

Commissioner Shetler: The GPS, there is a 45 minute or hour delay or better on—

Mike Duckworth: What we have now, there is about a 30 minute delay.

Commissioner Shetler: Thirty minutes, okay.

Mike Duckworth: And from what I understand with the cell phone operations, it's within...it's almost real time.

Commissioner Shetler: Correct.

Mike Duckworth: It is within a few minutes.

Commissioner Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mike, my last two questions have to do with the top of page 139 in the Cum Bridge budget. Both Motor Vehicles and Miscellaneous Equipment, what vehicles are anticipated for purchase next year and then what is Miscellaneous Equipment?

Mike Duckworth: Give me just a second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Sure.

Mike Duckworth: I know, just right off the bat, one of the pieces of equipment in Miscellaneous Equipment has to do with a camera system that we would use in our culvert work. Many of our underground culverts, we know that there is a break because we've got a blockage and we've got water standing everywhere. This equipment could travel through the pipe and tell us where the break is instead of us digging up the entire street. We could go to a certain area and we feel like that would enable us to be more efficient.

Councilmember Winnecke: What was the cost approximately of that system?

Mike Duckworth: That, I believe, is right at \$40,000. The other has to do with the replacement of trucks that we use. One of those is a foreman's vehicle that has in excess of 130,000 miles on it, I believe. The other is a lift truck for our trash vehicle. We are getting a lot of runs now where we have couches and old carpets and things that are wet and so we want to apply a lift to an existing truck and that is several thousand dollars to do that as well.

Councilmember Winnecke: So that would be under the Motor Vehicle line?

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: What would be the approximate cost of those two, do you know?

Mike Duckworth: I know there are some more in there and for some reason I'm not pulling it up this morning. It would be, I think it was \$12,000 for the lift. Basically it's a tommy lift that attaches to the truck and then the pick up truck was \$24,000, I believe, was the estimate on that.

Councilmember Winnecke: If you could in the next—

Mike Duckworth: I could itemize those and get those.

Councilmember Winnecke: We would like to know what, you know—

Mike Duckworth: Because I have a five year plan and for some reason I didn't bring that with me this morning, but there is a plan in regards to the vehicle replacements that we have and I will get that to the Council as well.

Councilmember Winnecke: That would be great. If you could just email it to each of us that would be great.

Mike Duckworth: No problem.

Councilmember Winnecke: Any other questions for Mike? Thank you, Mike.

Mike Duckworth: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you, John.

LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry. Local Roads & Streets 155. I guess the first question I had, actually two quick questions here. Three, pardon me. Legal Services, Equipment Lease and Other Contractual each are really large increases.

John Stoll: The Legal Services and Other Contractual are accounts from my office. The other one is from Mike's. But Legal Services, I just bumped that up for next year on the basis of the spending that we've seen so far for this year. The biggest problem we have in that is never knowing what might come up to where we have to refer to the county attorney. We've had some issues that just randomly come up, whether it's encroachments in the right-of-way, the agreements have to be worked out. Or like yesterday, even though it was a bridge issue, there is a resident who

was asking about the vacation of a bridge that was done 17 years ago that has to be researched. It's those kinds of things that we just don't know when they'll come up and we don't have a specific project to charge those legal hours off on. If it was specific to Cross Pointe Boulevard or Green River Road we would charge it to the project account, but these are for questions that don't have a project account associated with it.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

John Stoll: Then the Other Contractual, I requested an increase of \$250,000 simply to cover additional contractual street repairs. That was on the basis of we had a substantial amount of carry over from the estimated '07 list that is already carrying into '08 even without getting any input from residents in '08. If it wasn't approved, then some of those '08 requests will roll into 09 and so that is why it was bumped up.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

John Stoll: The other one I think Mike would have to address.

Mike Duckworth: As I said when I was here for the transfer the last time, that Lease & Equipment account we are needing less and less in that account because of the updates in our equipment that we are purchasing. At one time I believe that line item was up to, I think, \$60,000. Now, and because of breakdowns and those kinds of situations, it was used quite a bit. Now that we have updated our equipment, I would feel comfortable with probably half as much.

Councilmember Winnecke: So \$30,000?

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Because each of the last three years we've budgeted zero. It's on page 155.

Mike Duckworth: I believe that there are two Lease & Rental accounts. There is one in Highway, I believe, and there is one in Roads & Streets. I would tell you that the other account in Highway would be enough for us to maintain what we need.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's at \$12,000.

Mike Duckworth: I think that...if I would need more for some special circumstance I would just come back, but I think that is adequate.

Councilmember Winnecke: So you're saying now that this could be zero?

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

Commissioner Shetler: Does it make a difference where that revenue stream comes from between those two? I mean, is this—

Councilmember Winnecke: Bill?

Bill Fluty: I guess it does make a difference depending if County Highway's revenues were short and actually if revenues were better in Local Roads & Streets.

Commissioner Shetler: My question is both of these accounts are both supplied by county tax dollars regardless?

Bill Fluty: Not by property taxes if that is what you're saying.

Commissioner Shetler: Right.

Bill Fluty: No, they are both separate funds.

Councilmember Raben: Wheel and Excise, I believe.

Bill Fluty: Gasoline.

Councilmember Raben: Gas taxes.

Commissioner Shetler: Right, so would we be better off putting it in there and keeping it off the property side is, I guess, what I am saying?

Councilmember Winnecke: Neither one—

Mike Duckworth: Either one is the same, Tom, I believe.

Councilmember Winnecke: Neither one of them are funded by property tax.

Commissioner Shetler: Oh, both of them are.

Mike Duckworth: Right.

Commissioner Shetler: Okay, thanks.

Mike Duckworth: My point is, as I said to you when I came in for the transfer, we're using less and less there.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

Mike Duckworth: And that would be fine.

Bill Fluty: Of the two, it should probably be in Local Roads & Streets.

Mike Duckworth: So you can cut that from \$60,000 to \$12,000 and then zero out the \$12,000 in the other.

Councilmember Winnecke: Other questions of Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: A quick question for John. In light of the recent disaster are we...are you responsible now to check again all the bridges locally and have you been mandated to do that and do you see any problems?

John Stoll: We just had the inspection done for Vanderburgh County late last year. I believe it was in December is when they were all finalized again. Our draft

inspection report was submitted to INDOT and it has not been approved as of yet, but the draft copy I got did not show any major problems. It had the recommendations for replacement of a couple of structures. One of them is the Broadway bridge that is requested in next year's budget, but there are no major problems identified in that. As far as any mandates to reinspect, the state did mandate reinspection of bridges of a similar type to the one up in Minnesota, one of which is the Franklin Street bridge. They were out there based on what the media informed me, but as far as seeing any reports, I have not seen any reports from those inspectors. I don't even know who the inspectors were. I am assuming they were INDOT employees, but we weren't contacted, so I am not sure. I am expecting we will see a report eventually, but given the fact that it was just inspected last December I don't anticipate any major problems.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Tom?

Commissioner Shetler: Yeah, I had some questions that I guess deal with some of the mechanics. Do we have mechanics on board?

Mike Duckworth: Yes, we have five mechanics.

Commissioner Shetler: And are they in diesel or both, gasoline and diesel?

Mike Duckworth: Both.

Commissioner Shetler: And heavy equipment as well?

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

Commissioner Shetler: Let's see, this year I think you are asking for Truck Repair \$50,000 and then I thought I saw something else in there.

Mike Duckworth: Yeah, a part of that—

Commissioner Shetler: Again, with the philosophy of the newer equipment, I would think that would still hold true for...that perhaps repair bills would be getting less as well.

Mike Duckworth: Well, here is the problem is that the fact that some of these makes and models are worked on by the vendors much more efficiently and with much more expertise. For instance, the new \$240,000 gradall. Part of that vehicle, certain parts of it are still under warranty and some of it is not and we don't...one of the requests that I had was for this mechanic's bay so we could lift equipment up and do some of that work. We do not have a facility conducive to do that. We don't have a lift and so some of this very heavy equipment that has to be repaired it's just safer and it's more efficient to send back to the actual vendor that does that work on a regular basis rather than having our mechanics that aren't as skilled or, you know, trained in that particular piece of equipment. Our guys do general maintenance, the oil checks, the, you know, repairing of general engine repairs and those kind of things. Even the small equipment that we have out there, so we keep them busy with those things as well and on some of the major stuff we do contract out.

Commissioner Shetler: So the fact that they are newer pieces of equipment, going back to your point earlier, that we don't need as much leasing because we have the equipment and we have newer stuff, would that also mean that we probably don't need to go outside to get work done because we're not having the breakdowns, I would hope.

Mike Duckworth: I see your rationale on that, I would leave a little bit of leeway in there because you just don't know what is going to happen. I still have several pieces of equipment that are older. Mowers, because of the use that we put on them in the right-of-way mowing that we do have a tendency to break down quite a bit.

Commissioner Shetler: But that stuff you would do in house, I would assume.

Mike Duckworth: Yeah, we would do it in house, but you know, of course, I would say, yeah, that could be trimmed back a little bit, but I would like a little bit of a cushion there in case something major would happen with a bigger piece of equipment.

Commissioner Shetler: Alright, thanks, Mike.

Councilmember Winnecke: Other questions? Thank you gentlemen. Oh, John?

John Stoll: I was going to say one other thing on University Parkway. I just wanted to clarify that the \$600,000 requested for next year, I plan to follow that up with another \$600,000 request in 09 which would make up the local match for the construction of the segment between Marx & New Harmony. I just wanted to clarify that this isn't for the Upper Mount Vernon to Marx segment. That should be covered through other funds. This won't cover a local match in 08. It's anticipated to be combined with some more funds in 09 for a local match in 09.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. Thanks, John.

John Stoll: Thanks.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thanks, Mike.

LEGAL AID

Councilmember Winnecke: Legal Aid 122.

Scott Wylie: Good morning everybody. I'm Scott Wylie. I am treasurer of our local Legal Aid Society and I am here with...we have two budgets before you today for presentation. In your materials, our general city/county budget as well as our United Way budget. I am pleased to let you know that our board has raised sufficient private funds to remain eligible for United Way funding for the 2008 period. It's something we have worked very hard at since that United Way money allows us to, of course, over the years receive hundreds of thousands of dollars that we did not have to come to the taxpayers for and so we are pleased that we've remained that private fund raising that Councilmember Raben was talking about earlier with the parks and some of the other areas. Those of us that work in charitable activities have a little bit better ability to do that. So we're pleased to let you know that we will be eligible for United Way funding with the efforts that we've done this year. I'm

happy to answer questions. I have Susie Hartig, who is our Executive Director and Karen Heard, who is our Vice President who are here as well today.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll start. I would go right to the United Way budget because this is the one issue that we've been visiting and revisiting I think as long as I have been on the Council. I have supported this and continue to support it, but I am out there over my ski tips on it alone, fairly much alone. But someone did during the city/county budget hearing, and it might have been Councilmember Curt John from City Council, he had a good suggestion and that is that maybe it's time that we asked the county's consultant on job study to reexamine this position and look at maybe not just that position, but all the positions in the United Way office and then come back with a recommendation versus your board taking your valuable time to come before us.

Scott Wylie: Yeah, and for those of you who were involved with that, our last, when we came back to seek the funding this year, we were directed to go to the city to get their approval first. We did go to the City Clerk and our liaison in the city who could not figure a way to put it on their agenda. So I went and wrote to the City Controller who could not find a way to do it and eventually it ended up with the City Attorney's office. The City Attorney's office indicated because they were not the fiscal manager and it did not involve any governmental funding at all, that the city did not have jurisdiction and would not take that up, and then they communicated to your counsel, Mr. Ahlers, and to your chair that information. That is where we are right now. We have not been able to get back on to the county's agenda since that just occurred last month. We have done, by the way, with Work One, an analysis of all six of our positions in the office, for specifically, for transition planning since Ms. Hartig will not be our Executive Director for the rest of eternity. We are the only department left in any of our public safety and legal departments where the Executive Director or Chief Officer, their salary is not differentiated at all from the staff in the office. It would be like being the Prosecutor or being the City Attorney and being paid exactly the same as the entry level attorney in the office. So anything that...we do have that analysis. It's very substantial. Approximately 100 pages for each of our folks. Detailed analysis showing the difference in the administrative responsibilities if that would be any way to assist in cost savings. That has been done and that was done free of charge for the Legal Aid Society through a grant. Again, another opportunity to receive that through private funding instead of coming back to you. The budgets you see in front of you are virtually identical to last year. We're not asking for any substantial increase in any of the line items that you see more than \$500 or \$600.

Councilmember Winnecke: If you could, one thing, if you could forward that report to our Executive Assistant, Ms. Deig, and to Mr. Deischer?.

Scott Wylie: We would be happy to.

Councilmember Winnecke: And then, Tim, if you could go ahead and start the process of evaluating those like we would any other office and then to me that is the next logical step.

Scott Wylie: Yeah, whatever process. What, of course, our fear is, is, of course, if Ms. Hartig decided to no longer be our Executive Director, she could cease doing that today and would be paid exactly the same to be a staff attorney which is the...and if we were to give our staff attorneys, either of them presently, our Executive Director's job their salary would not alter. Because of that fact, we are

worried that, as we go through with transition planning, that trying to attract anyone into the Executive Director position with no remuneration for those additional tasks beyond...they also act as a staff attorney for us as well, that we would not be able to do so.

Councilmember Raben: Can I comment on that? I don't think you're totally accurate. I think, correct me if I am wrong, but I think there is about a \$4,500 or \$4,600 difference.

Scott Wylie: That's only because of seniority within the county system. We follow the same step system that the county follows in everything. It is based completely on seniority. There is not differentiation. If Kevin was a couple years further along he would be making exactly the same as Susie.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we have that throughout this building. I mean, you can have a person working in the County Assessor's office that has been here 35 years and that salary can be as much as the County Assessor that was elected last year.

Scott Wylie: Oh, absolutely. We're not questioning that at all, Councilmember. You know, we know if we hired someone for example with no county time, then their salary would be tens of thousands of dollars less than what Mr. Gibson's salary presently is. However, if there was another attorney with the same seniority in the office doing staff attorney work, they would be paid exactly the same as the Executive Director with no differentiation and if we were to promote any of our existing staff attorneys they would receive no remuneration for the Executive Director administration activities. That's what it is. It's not that we have any difficulties with the step salary. That is going to occur with the seniority system that you at the city and county set up based on seniority. What we're talking about is the differentiation for the Executive Director's administrative activities as the chief executive officer for the office.

Councilmember Raben: Which still represents about a \$4,500 or \$4,600 difference and, again, we can't put the cart before the horse. We shouldn't look at what happens ten years from now. As it currently is today, right or wrong, there is a substantial difference.

Scott Wylie: Yes, and that difference is based on the fact that Ms. Hartig has been an employee of your offices longer than the other staff attorneys in our office. In fact, the lowest paid staff attorney in the office has only been in the office for, I think, six or seven years. If we were to hire him to be the Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society he would be paid exactly what he is paid right now. There is nothing that allows for any remuneration for the administration tasks for the Executive Director. I'm not saying that in any way Susie doesn't make more money than some of our existing employees, but that is based on seniority not on her tasks.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, this is I guess just a question about the workload. Susie, do you have, because you're the Executive Director, less caseload than the other attorneys in your office or do you have the same amount?

Scott Wylie: I can say in the analysis that Work One did, Susie has approximately 62 specific tasks and our average staff attorneys run in the low 30s in terms of the analysis of the work that a lawyer performs because most of the lawyers perform no administrative duties within the office. We do have her not only as a full staff attorney, but also doing the administrative functions.

Sue Hartig: I have tried over the last several years to get my caseload reduced because it has always been the same as the other attorneys and it is slightly reduced, but not as much as it should be to make up for all the other administrative functions.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Scott Wylie: I would be happy...we can forward those materials on to you. Those have already been done. They did a very nice job for us. They also did all of our secretarial positions as well which will allow us, when we need to hire any new secretaries, to be able to do that with testing through Work One for free.

Councilmember Raben: Back to the United Way side, this \$69,000 is \$5,000 more than what United Way contributed last year?

Scott Wylie: No, it is exactly what United Way contributed for 2007, the present year, although we have not been able to get the authority to spend that extra \$5,000 they gave from \$64,000 to \$69,000 because going to the city and being unable to complete that process there, we have not yet been back to you at the county level.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so 2008, they're going to fund it at \$69,000?

Scott Wylie: At 2008, this is budgeted with no increase in United Way keeping it completely consistent and over our United Way spending we have always been kept at the same level or in the case this last year they actually raised our allocation \$5,000 specifically to assist us at your direction to move this request from county and city monies to privately raised dollars that we raised on our own.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so this has nothing to do with any unappropriated balances or anything at all?

Scott Wylie: No.

Councilmember Raben: So next year, or 2008, it should be \$69,000 and in 2009 it will be \$69,000.

Scott Wylie: In terms of we can never guarantee, just like we can't guarantee what you will give us each and every year, all we can do is budget and, of course, as we have indicated in terms of all of our coming forward with this, it is in the United Way budget specifically because we have promised to you that we will not take any funds from the city and (inaudible) at your direction.

Councilmember Winnecke: The 2007 level was predicated on the 2006/2007 United Way campaign, so if next year or if this year's campaign goes down the allocations are made each spring. Theoretically, in '08, allocations to every agency could theoretically go down. All the United Way pledge is strictly predicated on the success of the overall campaign.

Scott Wylie: Which is why we are unable to come to you with the firm number and guarantee it until March which was the reason why we had to come back instead of doing it in August and September of last year. As Councilmember Winnecke indicated, the reason we weren't able to come back was specifically because United Way is not able to formally contractually allocate that money until March when they complete their campaign and their allocations.

Councilmember Winnecke: We're going to change the tape real quickly here.

TAPE CHANGED

Councilmember Winnecke: Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, this is obviously a sticky issue, and I think this group is very firm that we don't want any more tax dollars coming out, but the United Way is providing. But we won't know until March or April of next year if the allocation will be the same. Is there a way that, if the money is funded, let's say 07, the additional five, that we will wait to apply it until 08?

Scott Wylie: And we have indicated both in our 2007 request and in this request that this fund would only be provided if it is received from the United Way after the allocation. Meaning it would not be actually spent until it is received, and if it is not received, it will not be spent.

Councilmember Goebel: But we, we still have to have the budget for next year in place.

Scott Wylie: Yeah, and that, that is, that is why we have invited you to put that restriction on the budget allocation in each of these years.

Councilmember Winnecke: And, if I may, just because we do need to move on here, I think one of the issues is what should this position be funded at overall? I mean, and whether it's tax dollars or United Way dollars, is really secondary, in my opinion, to how, not just Susie's position, but each of, each of them in there. Are they, is the pay commensurate for the work they do relative to the other like positions in local government? So, I think if Tim can start that process of that evaluation, and bring that to job study, I think that's, to me, the next logical place to go.

Scott Wylie: Yep, and we'd be happy to forward that material and the other support material we have on it.

Councilmember Winnecke: Tom?

Councilmember Shetler: I hate belabor the point here, but being a relatively new councilman going through this the first time, I do have a couple of questions. One, you mentioned that you have other sources of income or revenue sources. About how much money comes in from those sources?

Scott Wylie: We, we privately raise, in order to be eligible for United Way funding, you have to maintain a certain level of reserve funds all of which we have done through private fund raising. We've asked for no money from the city or county ever for those funds. And those primarily come from local attorneys, the bar association. We do things like silent auctions at the annual Law Day dinners. We get some funds as you get, you get the report each and every year, the audit, some funds from IOTA

funding, which is interest in one of your trust accounts that funds indigent legal services throughout the State of Indiana. But most of our funding comes from small sources like that.

Councilmember Shetler: And about how much is that?

Scott Wylie: Per year, I would imagine, we probably raise maybe, what twenty or twenty-five thousand a year, if we do real well. And the United Way continues to ask us to have a larger amount of money. But of course we have somewhat of a difficulty raising it, in that a lot private individuals who might give to charity do not feel the need to give to an organization like ours because they don't like the, feel like they want to give charity to the government.

Councilmember Shetler: Is this department or agency, is it required by statute for the county to maintain or?

Scott Wylie: No, we're a joint powers authority between the city and county. The Legal Aid Society has been here in Evansville now, we're approaching our fiftieth year. And like many large mid-western, urban areas like Evansville, Legal Aid Societies were created in that period from the mid-fifties to the late sixties. And we've been a joint operating authority of the city and county now for nineteen or twenty years. 1973.

Councilmember Shetler: Do you have any idea of the ninety-two counties in Indiana, how many of those counties are maintaining the Legal Aid Society?

Scott Wylie: Well, you're going to find that in most of the urban areas, you'll have a variety of legal service agencies funded by a variety of mechanisms including city and county government, interest and lawyer trust account funds, which is the next largest area. Legal Aid Society's funded by the Legal Services Corporation, which is the federal funding arm that does it. If you go to Indianapolis you may find as many as fifteen or twenty different agencies that are part of the patchwork providing legal services for the poor. Here in Evansville, in Vanderburgh County, we only have three. And that is Indiana Legal Services, which maintains a small office for our district, the volunteer lawyer program, where I'm a plan administrator that coordinates our pro-bono work, and then the Legal Aid Society of Evansville, which does the predominant amount of work for residents who are indigent in Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright. Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Any other questions? Thank you.

Scott Wylie: We appreciate your time and really appreciate all of your considerations.

911

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. Emergency 911 Service Fund, 190. This is pretty straightforward. This is our 30% share of Central Dispatch. There is a \$100,000 request for reverse 911. I don't know if that's a project the Commissioner's still support or not. Okay. With no other questions, we will stand in recess until tomorrow morning. Thank you.

(Meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m.)

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 16, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 16th day of August, 2007 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by County Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: We'd like to call back into session the 2008 Vanderburgh County Council's budget review. Mr. Winnecke would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: Welcome to everyone. This is our third and final day of budget review. I would like to ask those who are going to approach the council this morning to please keep it as brief as possible. We have a tight schedule. We have some other things we have to do later today. We want to get out of here as soon as possible. Please just address your budget requests, increases, and answer our questions. Anything further, you can give to us in writing and we will take it with us. I have some changes. There are two people that need to go first this morning. The County Surveyor has requested, he has to go out on-site and needs to get out of here. And after him, is Marilee Fowler here? I haven't seen Marilee. Marilee has to catch an airplane, so we will do those two first and then we will go back on schedule. Mr Jeffers, good morning.

SURVEYOR

Bill Jeffers: Good morning, President Abell, and other members of Council. Thank you for taking me first. Commissioner Nix is waiting for me to go out in the field with him on a citizen complaint at nine thirty. The Surveyor's budget is submitted exactly the same as last year with the exception of a five-year step-increase for the Party Chief. A twenty-year step-increase for the Chief Draftsman. And then the anticipated three percent raises and FICA, etc. All other line items under General Fund Surveyor are exactly the same as last year.

President Abell: I didn't tell everyone, that's on Page 35.

Bill Jeffers: If there are any questions, I'm here to answer those.

President Abell: I have one little question. What's a Party Chief do? I think maybe we need one of those.

Bill Jeffers: I would love to get together with the job study group and consultant and change a lot of these names to something more, more twenty-first century, but that's the fellow who, or the person who leads the survey party in the crew. He's the chief of the survey party. That's a traditional name. We don't have the chain-gang, but we still have a chain man, but he's the guy that takes care of the measuring equipment. It used to be called the chain, measuring chain, now it's, now we do it electronically. Those could be updated.

President Abell: Yeah, I think. Any questions? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just a brief comment. Thanks for holding the line.

President Abell: Yes.

Bill Jeffers: Yes, sir. And as you'll notice, I, we anticipate turning some in at the end of the year. We don't need to go into detail, but we're getting a new vehicle out. For example, we're getting a new vehicle out of the Perpetuation Fund, which is not General Funds, so you can anticipate money being returned hopefully from tires, tubes, mechanical repairs, etc., as we have in the past. Page 36; that's the same thing isn't it? Okay.

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION

President Abell: You want to go to your Perpetuation? It's 184.

Bill Jeffers: 184. Corner Perpetuation Fund is the money that's collected \$5.00 per deed transfer in the County Recorder's office. My statute goes to the Corner Perpetuation Fund because all deeds are tied to section corners in the county and the County Surveyor's responsible to maintain those section corners in their proper place. And so that fund pays for that, those particular duties. Again, everything here is pretty much the same as last year. You may pick out something that's not, like I said, we're buying a new vehicle out of this fund, because it's used...

President Abell: Now, where is that? I didn't see that?

Bill Jeffers: I think that's already been approved by Council, so I don't guess it shows up here.

Councilmember Winnecke: We did that last month.

President Abell: Okay. So, that's why it's not in your 2008. So, you're going to buy that in 2007?

Bill Jeffers: Yes, ma'am. And I've been told by the chief deputy who prepared this particular budget, that everything here is the same, as well.

President Abell: What are you going to buy with your \$6,000 in Computer Hardware?

Bill Jeffers: We asked for that, because we are updating our computers, but we don't buy them until we absolutely need them. So, that's just been standing in there for three years.

President Abell: You do that through Matt Arvay?

Bill Jeffers: It just keeps coming forward every, every year. We have spent some money out of there, but we don't buy them unless we absolutely need them. There's still things in the basement that we can cabbage.

President Abell: You, you work through Mr. Arvay for that?

Bill Jeffers: Oh yeah. Absolutely.

President Abell: Okay.

Bill Jeffers: Yeah, we have to submit our requests through Mr. Arvay and he approves all the requests as we need them.

President Abell: Okay. Any questions? Thank you, Mr. Jeffers.

Bill Jeffers: And the map on the, that's in here too I suppose on some page. Basically, we used to sell a lot of hard copy maps and we would collect \$5.00 a map or whatever, whatever we thought it was worth and we have different prices for different size and different details of map. We still sell some of those, but not so much anymore, because most of our stuff is on-line, and so that fund is skeletal. And we just buy blue print paper and mapping supplies out of that as we're able to sell things.

President Abell: Okay.

Bill Jeffers: All of our money is handled through the County Treasurer and the County Auditor. We don't touch the money. We send people down there for a quietus, but again, we don't sell very many maps any longer.

President Abell: Any questions? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. Mr. Jeffers, by chance is there a way that you get a indication of how many hits you actually are getting on the site where they are tracking, if there's a tracking mechanism on how many maps are actually downloaded or printed off your site?

Bill Jeffers: Mr. Arvay, his system, we're tied into GIS, all of our web sites, all of our web pages on our site are tied through him, and he shows how many hits we get per day, and per year, or per month. He has a tracking mechanism that shows that, but I'm not sure exactly how many hits we get specifically drawing down maps. Tomorrow there's a company coming in who is going to scan all of our section corner records, all of our old survey record books. Everything we have, either on-line or in hard copy, and put that on-line, as well. So, surveyors will not have to visit our office to run hard copies on our print machine. They can down, they'll be able to download that when that's put on-line.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, just inquiring whether or not any thought has been given to some way in which you guys can, what you were, what you're missing out on, I guess, what you've been receiving, if there's a way to put some way, put some feature on there where you can actually charge for maps that are downloaded from your site?

Bill Jeffers: Right. There is a way. And other county surveyors in this state have done it and do charge for what's being downloaded digitally from their mapping or section corner records. I've resisted that, because I figure we're already being paid by the tax payers there, I mean it's, a philosophical argument. We don't charge any permit fees. We don't charge for anything but copies, hard copies. And, however, with the guidance of council if we should take a different approach, I'd be happy to explore it.

Councilmember Sutton: I'd say it's at least worth taking a look just at how much activity initially, I mean obviously, very few people are using it, downloading maps, it would seem to not make a whole lot of sense. The costs would probably outweigh any potential benefit that you'd get out of it. But, if it is rather heavily used, I mean, surely we can put together some type of matrix that would show us whether there is a, it makes sense for us to at least try to recoup expenses at least from what we are, what we are putting into the system there. So, yeah.

Bill Jeffers: I'll explore that and get back with you, Councilman Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Thank you.

Bill Jeffers: Yes, sir.

President Abell: Any other questions? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Just an observation, Bill. I think it's a good idea if you'd like to change the names just to make them more modern. If you get with Mr. Deisher on the changes you'd like to see, so we can get that to our next job study meeting. I think that's a good idea.

Bill Jeffers: I'm teased about that within the office by people who have those titles. Thank you.

President Abell: Is that all? Thank you.

Bill Jeffers: Thank you.

CONVENTION VISITORS BUREAU

President Abell: Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Marilee Fowler: Good morning. I'm Marilee Fowler with the Evansville Convention and Visitor's Bureau. With me, is David Dunn, our board treasurer. And again, thank you for letting us have this opportunity to be moved up in the agenda. I'll turn it over to David.

President Abell: We're on 192, council.

David Dunn: Good morning, madam President and fellow members of the council. I'm respectful of your time today. We'll keep our opening remarks brief, and then stand ready to answer any questions that you may have with regard to our budget. If you, if you'll look at our revenue, we're projecting a modest increase of 2.5% over last year. Our individual line item expenses, 65% of those have stayed the same for the '08 budget as they were for '07. We have a couple that have actually gone down from last year. Specifically convention sales and services, down \$2,000. Public relations down \$3,000. Those that we're asking for an increase would be in Advertising. \$1,000 increase in Advertising. Customer Sales, an \$8,200 increase over last year. Matching Grants, we are asking that that be bumped up to \$50,000 so that we can help those special and matching grant requests for 2008. Travel and Mileage is going to go up due to our increased sales efforts, increased gas prices and such. We are asking for an \$8,000 increase there. And then Insurance is up \$5,000 over last year. Personnel Costs, we budgeted a 3% increase for our salaries. So, all in all, we're looking for just a modest increase over last year. And have presented a balanced budget for 2008.

President Abell: Questions? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: David, this is a, it just could be the optics of this book, but on Page 192 on the line item that says, that's listed as Sales Executive III, is that position, I can't tell if that's been eliminated for the new year.

Marilee Fowler: No. It's not been eliminated. Just at this point and time, we have not got anybody in that position.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. And then Extra Help, what did you say that's for?

Marilee Fowler: Most of that is college interns. We get a lot of requests. Specifically now we are seeing Indiana University, they have a tourism program there. We've had two local students from the Evansville area work for us this past year. So, that's Extra Help when those students need an internship.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you.

Marilee Fowler: And they've been wonderful additional help.

President Abell: Mr. Raben, did you have a question?

Councilmember Raben: I do have. In the Bond and Insurance line, why is that up \$5,000?

Marilee Fowler: We signed a contract a couple years ago and locked in our fee and when we did this past year's budget, it was an oversight. We didn't realize that increase had already happened. And when we did it, it was at the point that insurance companies were very concerned about the, the ramifications from Katrina, Hurricane Katrina. So, we locked in this rate and it has gone up, but because we locked it in, we've already saved money. Those rates would have continued to escalate. Now, keep in mind that insurance covers that building and it's all glass. It covers our board insurance and we carry a very high liability. I think our liability is about ten million dollars. So, it is expensive to have insurance for that particular facility.

Councilmember Raben: And, customer sales?

Marilee Fowler: When we get into the Capital Development line items, which is next on the agenda, we will be talking about a new complex and we've been before you and you have supported us with an ordinance to look at increasing efforts with some sports facilities. For us to do that and to be effective, we've got to have some resources then to go out and sell it, and we have to sell it before it's actually billed. So, that when that's completed, we can have tournaments showing up. So, those are funds we need to already start promoting what we're going to be doing.

Councilmember Leader: Is all of that, sports complex?

Marilee Fowler: Primarily, it will be sports.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: What is the time table for the beginning of the renovation or addition in this sport's complex?

David Dunn: We hope to have the master plan completed by year's end. We hope to be under construction early '08 and we're going in October of this year to bid on a national tournament that we will host in '09. So, that the goal is to have the complex up and running certainly in time for that national tournament in 2009.

President Abell: Mr. Raben, do you have a question?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, just one last point. Marilee, you had mentioned the increase that we supported just a month ago or two months ago. And I've expressed concerns with some of the other board members as to the one percent that we lose in December of 2009, is it? And, I guess, while I have both of you two present, I want to make sure that we have your support to ask legislature to change legislation to give that penny back to the county that otherwise would go to the convention bureau in the beginning of the year 2010.

David Dunn: We continue to be supportive of the Centre. We understand the importance of that so the, and we will certainly be willing to entertain options as we look to our continued support for that facility in the future.

Councilmember Raben: I guess the question is, will you support our efforts to get that penny back? Will you work with state legislators to get that amendment in place?

David Dunn: I, speaking for one board member, would certainly be willing to work with you on that, yes.

President Abell: Does anyone want to go over their, Page 195, their capital improvement?

Councilmember Sutton: Madam President, I had a question on 194.

President Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Motor Vehicles, can you touch on that?

Marilee Fowler: We have a van that the bureau owns. It is used primarily by our senior sales executive. He is on the road a great deal of time. It's also nice to have a van because when we are entertaining people or they're coming to Evansville for a site visit, we can put everybody in one vehicle and show them everything that needs to be seen. So, that is the vehicle that we have.

Councilmember Sutton: So, this is a lease or payments?

Marilee Fowler: No, we purchased it. It was, it was money-wise to purchase over lease. Because he puts so many miles on that vehicle.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, so it's a vehicle you've already purchased? What does the \$7,000 represent?

Marilee Fowler: That is the payment, the monthly car payment, as well as, the maintenance of the vehicle.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. And then, back up on office machines and office furniture. Can you talk about those two items there? What are your plans?

Marilee Fowler: We are looking at some major renovations to our building. We've outgrown the office space, so we're looking at making some changes on the lower level, and then upstairs, we're looking at making it much more user-friendly. And, also being able to have retail merchandise sales. So, that funds could very well be directed to buying new office equipment and desks and that type of thing for the lower level, as well as, some things would be needed upstairs.

Councilmember Sutton: Office Machines, what would you use that for?

Marilee Fowler: Office machines, we look at when we need computers primarily, or if we need work on a copy machine or a new fax machine. So, those are just on-going expenses that we sometimes need.

Councilmember Sutton: So, no real particular, just?

Marilee Fowler: No. Just on-going.

Councilmember Sutton: Alright. Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, with regards to the Special Matching Grants, that increase of \$10,000. Can that, do you have a specific project in mind to increase that?

Marilee Fowler: It's up to the community to come up with projects. The two that come annually is Burdette Park. We always help them with an advertising program every year. We also are helping the Mesker Park Zoo. They always need some advertising dollars. And they're probably going to even need more with the opening of Amazonia next spring. But it's different festival, it's different events. One of the ones that we help is the Firefighters Challenge. We've helped the dragon boats with their event every year. So, a lot of it's festivals. Sometimes it's matching grants. We help the new organization, it's called MADE, Museum Alliance of Downtown Evansville, do a joint brochure, and it's matching money. So, every year there's so many requests that \$40,000 usually doesn't help everybody to the extent they'd like to see, so if we had a little bit more resources we could probably do even more.

Councilmember Shetler: Maybe, I'll take a point of lobbying here for just a moment then. Is it possible that that match thing can be used for maybe grants to other lobbying groups for transportation, for example, like the Voices for I-69. Because if we don't have a good transportation network, it's difficult to get the people here for conventions, for sporting events, things like that, that we're trying to attract people here for.

Marilee Fowler: The criteria is matching. It can be, it has to be a not-for-profit, which this organization would be. It has to be for something that brings visitors or people to Evansville. Or it can be, then the matching side of it is usually print material, brochures, that type of thing. So, I guess we could, if there's one that's written we can certainly review it and see if it meets all of our criteria.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, I'm a little bit concerned and this money doesn't come from our general fund, and this might be an avenue to at least look at, in the future. I kind of got the impression yesterday that maybe that's a done deal on I-69, and that's far from being a done deal. You know, we have, there's a lot to go on that. And, we don't even have our state delegation behind that project. So, I think, you know, to me it's a little bit scary to think it's over with and that we need to yank our money. I'm looking for other sources that might deal with this. But, I think it will be a big help in the future.

David Dunn: With the special matching grants process, it's a very formal application that, and it's a specific time line that we review all of the requests. And again as

Marilee had indicated, those funds generally are reserved for assistance with events that are, new events and they need seed money to get started. Rarely do we continue to offer money for on-going events. We like to get events started and have them be established and then operate on their own. So, in many ways it's acting as an incubator for new and upcoming events. Whether this particular request that you referred to falls within our guidelines, we certainly could take a look at it in a formal application.

Councilmember Shetler: Thanks, David.

President Abell: Any other questions? Now, Mr. Ahlers, has a question.

Jeff Ahlers: I just wanted to ask you on the, on the insurance issue where you said you have ten million dollars in liability. I don't know if you have checked into or your legal counsel has, if you are protected by the Tort Claims Act, since you are a governmental entity, unless there's something that would exempt it, most the time there's a cap per claim for a half-million dollars, and you might want to just check into to determine, and if for some reason because you're a quasi-governmental entity it doesn't apply to you then, you know, perhaps you want to go that route. But, if the Indiana Tort Claims Act would afford you protection, and you would be capped at a half-million dollars per claim. But then of course, you know, by law, you know, the insurance company's just taken your premiums and they're never going to have to pay that other nine and a half million, so you just might want to look into that, that changes your premiums quite a bit.

Marilee Fowler: Legal Counsel has reviewed these insurance, and has actually worked with our insurance agent to make sure these are valid. And, based on his recommendations, that's why we have it capped at ten million anyways. So, we can certainly discuss it with him again.

President Abell: Thank you. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. Now, granted, your budget is not funded from the General Fund. But, still we are publicly, a publicly funded entity or agency whom which the council is pretty much involved with your budget and just so that we are continuing. Our whole theme of, is really trying to make sure that we are being good stewards with what resources we've got here. In looking at your budget, normally we probably don't have a lot of discussion, but just in terms of balance wise, if we were to look at your budget and if there were areas where you felt like there could be some adjustments, where would you probably start with some of those adjustments on there?

David Dunn: Adjustments to reduce the expenses?

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

David Dunn: Well, the budget committee has done that already. And, as you see, we've, we have reduced several line items to insure that we maintain a balanced budget. Where specifically we would reduce again, I'm not sure I could comment on that just yet. But, if we were asked to reduce it for some reason, then we would take a look at the whole budget, analyze our action plans for 2008 and determine where we might be able to save some money.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Well, so just, oh, go ahead.

Marilee Fowler: Our organization is really a sales effort. And we're having to look at competition from Louisville, Nashville, St. Louis and Indianapolis, and we're not even in the same ball park as those communities. But, that's, this is where we sit and that's where we look at, at what's going on in those communities. Our budget and our expenses are minimal, and it's very difficult sometimes to compete with some of those other places, because theirs are six and seven, eight times more than we have in resources. The fact that we do this with only seven people is phenomenal. And last year was an all-time record. We hosted 127 meetings, conventions and sporting events. So, our board is very diligent to make sure we stay on track and that the resources are there for us to do what we need to do. And to be, dollar-wise, to make sure we're not doing it frivolously. The other thing we have to take in mind, is the competition is so great to bring meetings, events and sporting events to a community that a lot of places are going to what they call, "buying the business". And these meeting planners and event planners know that. So, when they come to us they say, "Okay, how much can you help us when we bring this piece of business to your community?" So, it's very competitive and I think our board and staff do an excellent job of trying to stay on track and use the money wisely to do what we can do and do it successfully.

Councilmember Sutton: In relation to the whole sales competitive environment that you're involved in, your targets that you set for yourself and your staff, you perform over and above what you had expected or you performed below? I know you got a system setting where there's some incentives that go along with that. How are we doing in terms of relations to our goals that we've set even for this year? I know we probably can't get into a really long discussion because we've got a pretty long agenda today, but if you could just give us an idea of where we stand.

Marilee Fowler: I asked the staff to provide a report to our board at the July meeting, meaning we'd be half, half year as to where we are. Their close to their goals and objectives, at least at a half-year. So, they've got six more months to complete what they need to do to be successful. But they also know that their compensation or any increase they get is based on that. If they don't meet their goals and objectives then their increase in salary won't be there either. So, it's an incentive that, that we offer them, but they also know that they have to perform to get it done. And that's for everybody in the office.

David Dunn: I guess just to follow-up with that. The goals that have been established are basically sales-call goals and RFP goals. It's very difficult for the bureau to track the results of that on a revenue side, because the CVB doesn't actually close the sale. It goes on to a particular hotel, or to the convention centre, or something like that. So, it's difficult for us to be able to track the results of the sales efforts in the form of revenue. So, our goals are, are more related to making calls, attending the trade shows and conferences, RFP's that we're able to solicit, site visits that we encourage and are able to book from our demand generators and things like that. As Marilee indicated, we did a review of the sales staff's performance and for the most part, each one of them are very close to being on target with the goals that had been previously established for them.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions? Thank you both. Have a nice trip.

Marilee Fowler: Did you want to look at the next item?

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

President Abell: Oh, yes. Do you want to look. I thought maybe we'd just, we might have some questions on 195. No?

Marilee Fowler: The only increase is for the Sports Complex.

President Abell: Right.

David Dunn: We will be coming before council soon for the appropriation for this complex. But we want to make sure that we've got the master plan completed so that you can see exactly the finished product that we hope to develop. But we're hoping to have that done within the next two months. So, we hope to be coming back to you very soon.

President Abell: Okay. Thank you.

Marilee Fowler: You're welcome. Thank you.

President Abell: County Recorder Page 12. Oh, we need to change the tape.

TAPE CHANGE

RECORDER

Betty Knight-Smith: Good morning, Councilmen, and Madam President. I have gone over our budget and we have quite a bit of money in our Perpetuation account. And I know that the county needs some money. So one time, I agreed to pay the FICA, the PERF and our Insurance out of our fund. It come to \$182,551 total. Is there any questions?

Councilmember Raben: No questions, just a lot of attaboys – attagirl, I'm sorry.

President Abell: Thank you.

Betty Knight-Smith: We've already turned in 324,621 to the County General Fund this year. I think if it continues, we'll probably be able to give you 553,000 total.

President Abell: That's wonderful.

Councilmember Raben: Real quick, and it won't take her long, I'm sure, but there's a little bit of a success story as to why you can even do what you're doing today and if you could – I know there's a few – at least one new member here that may not be aware of the changes that you made in your office. If you could share that with us.

Betty Knight-Smith: We've made a lot of changes in our office and the one thing that has helped us to increase our fund it, I put counters on all of the computers so that there is an accounting of every one that they make. They have a code and they can push it in and print out. We now make all of our own copies instead of on the Tress Program. One man came in one day and made 143 copies and wrote down 63. So I was standing watching, and then I said, well, we've got to do something. But anyway, that's the reason we've increased our money. And if I pass out some information for you all, and if you'd look at it, I'd appreciate it, and you'll know where the money comes from. Is there any questions? But I want you to understand, that

next year, we may not be able to do this, so if I come in and ask for something different, you'll understand why I want it.

President Abell: But you might be able to double it.

Betty Knight-Smith: We might, that's true. But if we don't have the money, then you're going to have to kick in and do part of this, okay?

President Abell: Maybe the real estate market will get better and you can record more mortgages and deeds.

Councilmember Sutton: Betty, I do have a question on your budget. On line 1990 Extra Help, you're requesting \$10,000 there. Could you –

Betty Knight-Smith: We do that every year, Royce, and this last year, I think \$6,000 of that went back into the County General Fund. But that comes out of my Perpetuation Account. And in the summer when everybody is taking their vacations and I've got girls that have five and six weeks vacation, then that fills in, in the summertime. So that's what that's for. All that money goes back into the County General Fund at the end of the year that's leftover.

President Abell: Other questions?

Betty Knight-Smith: Thank you.

President Abell: Thank you. And would you, if you don't have enough copies of that for us that you wanted us to read, would you make sure Mrs. Deig gets it to us?

Betty Knight-Smith: Okay.

President Abell: Oh, its on our desks, okay. I'm sorry. Thank you.

CORONER

President Abell: Coroner, page 37. Good morning.

Don Erk: Good morning. I'm Don Erk, the Vanderburgh County Coroner. What I'd like to tell you in reference to the budget, that on mine, I believe it's fairly simple. About the wages and salaries, obviously, we plugged in three percent and that's where we're at on those. There's six line items that I've got that are the same as last year. I think there's another six where we've asked for a minimal amount of \$500 additional increase, like gas, oil, car repair, things of that nature, and I think its pretty obvious, as the equipment gets older, there's going to be somewhat of an increase. The real increases as far as my budget is concerned is the same problem it is every year, it's the autopsies and I can't anticipate nor do I know how many I'm going to have a year. I can tell you that it only increases every year. Not only did it increase in volume, but also they upped the rate to \$1,200 instead of a thousand dollars. Not much I can do about that, either. They're very limited. There's only one forensic pathologist in this area. As a matter of fact, we had to go to Fishers, Indiana to get a pathologist to do a case a couple of weeks ago. It's an ongoing problem. I think it's something that can be handled and there's not much that I can do about it. The one thing that I keep looking at is simply the fact that what's hurting us more than anything is probably the out of state cases. We're probably running approximately 25 percent of our caseload is now out of Illinois and Kentucky. I cannot bill them,

there's no statute that says that we're entitled to that kind of money. It's my responsibility because they're life flighted in here and they die in a hospital and that's where we're at. The other increase is AIT, that's, obviously, where we do the toxicology. That's a fair amount of increase, I think about \$5,000 is what we anticipate. It goes along with the case volume. Obviously, every case that you do, you need to do toxicology, otherwise, you don't have a completed report. The other thing is utilities. For some reason, we keep running behind on utilities, and we asked for an additional 3,000 there. I think its kind of obvious that if Vectren is going up that there's not much that I can do to control that, either. So consequently, I think that's the bulk of the increases that I've asked for. I've tried to hold it down as much as I can. This Council has always been very good to our office, I have no qualms and if there's funds cut out, I can always come back and I feel like I'm free to come back and ask for an additional appropriation if it's necessary. So I'd be glad to work with the Council in any way I can.

President Abell: Go ahead, Mr. Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Don, on Training, you have \$4,000. Is this related to any new mandated training that the state –

Don Erk: Yes, it is. The state mandated that we have to have 40 hours. As a matter of fact, I went to the master's course in St. Louis two weeks ago. We have to have at least that. They do provide us with some training in Indianapolis that's paid for out of the Coroner's funds. The problem with that is that I can't send everybody at one time. We're a 24/7 operation, so I can only send half of them. The other half, I have to get them in some kind of additional training, which obviously, creates a financial obligation.

Councilmember Goebel: Is this required for everyone in your department?

Don Erk: By state statute, by everybody in the state of Indiana. And it's directly as the result of the misidentification of the bodies up in northern Indiana.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand.

President Abell: Other questions?

Councilmember Leader: I have one, Marsha.

President Abell: Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Don, what about the increase in your pagers and radios, it's a couple thousand dollars additional?

Don Erk: Well, the increase there is, to be frank with you, we don't even have a radio right now. I would like to purchase two radios. They're around \$1,800 to \$2,000. The radios we have are now obsolete. They've been there, they were used whenever we opened the building. That's been 19 years ago. They're the same radios we tried to get them repaired this last year, they no longer make parts. And they no longer make batteries. And so the batteries are dead and we don't have anyway to repair them, so what I'd like to do is buy approximately two radios a year for the next several years and see –

Councilmember Leader: What kind of radios are those?

Don Erk: Well, they're communications with 911. We don't have any communications at all when we're on the scene –

Councilmember Leader: No cell phones, nothing?

Don Erk: Well, we do have a cell phone, yes. But we don't have any radio contact with the police officers and I think it really needs to be.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you.

President Abell: Other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, were you in the city/county budget hearing?

President Abell: I was.

Councilmember Sutton: Wasn't there some mention about some radios that they're going to purchase from Central Dispatch?

President Abell: Yes, I was just going to say that maybe we could tag on to that.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, we might be able to get a better price.

Don Erk: With Central Dispatch?

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Don Erk: Okay, I'll check into it.

President Abell: They're getting some prices together right now.

Don Erk: Okay. Joanne is handling that?

President Abell: Yes, she is.

Councilmember Winnecke: Nextel is rebanding the existing radios and, in fact, I think there are probably some extra radios sitting around. But if you contact Joanne, I think it's a little disconcerting that you wouldn't have any communications short of a cell phone at a scene. But for the short term, I'll bet you that we could get our hands on a couple.

Don Erk: Well, one of the reasons, I don't want to mislead you, one of the reasons I'm kind of on this radio thing this year is because I do have female employees, we go out at 2 or 3:00 in the morning. We go into areas that are not desirable, and I would like to see them have some kind of contact with the police department or 911 without hunting for a cell phone. And that sounds easy, but when you're out in a house and some of them don't even have lights in them. And you're out there with a flashlight trying to dial a cell phone, its not a good scenario.

Councilmember Sutton: Don, why don't you, if you get in contact with Central Dispatch, see if there's something they might be able to help you with right now on that. If not, you probably just need to just come to us with an appropriation request the next month.

Don Erk: Okay, I'll see what I can work out. Let me get with Central Dispatch, I'll get with Joanne and see what we can work out.

Councilmember Sutton: The other thing, too, you mentioned on your utilities, you're running behind. What do you mean?

Don Erk: Well, the budget wasn't enough, I'm going to be back, probably, in another month and I'd hoped to make it the whole year without having to come back for additional increases. But for some reason, our utilities are running about a thousand a month and they're just, you know, that's the reason I asked for additional funds because I just saw in the paper today or yesterday that Vectren is raising theirs again. And I'm thinking if they're raising it again, you know, it's the same problem you have at your home. You know, everything goes up every year and for some reason, the utilities over there seem like, to me, they're high. But there's not a whole lot I can do with that, either. One of the reasons I think they're a little higher is because the cooler systems, you've got to remember that that building is now 18 years old and the coolers and the air conditioners and we do have a freezer that's inside the cooler, all that equipment is getting to the age where sooner or later, its going to have to be replaced. And I had somebody over there looking at it, we've had them over there several times this year on repair, and it's a necessary evil that is going to be with us for awhile. And pretty soon, you know, the air conditioner, I'm talking about for the coolers where we store bodies and things like that, and the same way with the air conditioner of the building, as they get older, they're not as efficient, I suppose. That's the only thing I can attribute some of the increase is. Some of it's just the standpoint of, everything keeps going up.

Councilmember Sutton: I just wanted to make sure we understood what you were talking about when you said you were running behind. We're not getting shut off notices –

Don Erk: No, no. I'm just saying I think I'll be able to get by, hopefully, the rest of this year without asking for any increase maybe with the utilities, it might be the exception, though, I'm going to have to probably come back and ask for a little additional funds. But I'm trying to do everything I can to keep this budget within the amount that was allotted to me last year. And this was one of the first years, even autopsies, I've been able to keep it down within reason. I'm kind of, really I'm kind of surprised because we've had a lot of unusual things that's happened. Don't have any control, like I say, if you're looking at down the line, I'm even thinking about possibly getting some kind of legislation and seeing if there's some way we can draw up something that we can bill these other states, with some teeth in it. I mean, I can bill them, but, I mean, they look at it and laugh. But, you know, maybe there's some way that, if Illinois, White County wants to do an autopsy, then I can contact them and say do you want this post mortem done, because it's a homicide that occurred over there, although it was life flighted here. And maybe we can work something out like that, I don't know, I'm looking at it to see what I can come up with. Obviously, I have to abide by state law, and state law says, if they die in this county, then I'm responsible for it.

President Abell: Well, we need to change that. Mr. Goebel, did you have a comment?

Councilmember Goebel: I was just wondering if any other state has that policy in place for reciprocity?

Don Erk: As a matter of fact, Missouri does. And I think that's part of the reason I'm getting an additional amount of cases out of Illinois is because what happens is, if they take them into St. Louis, the St. Louis coroner calls that county over there and says, do you want an autopsy? And I don't really like getting into this kind of situation, but basically, he tells them, if you want it, you're going to pay me for it. Otherwise, I won't do it. Well, I don't think that's the right way to approach that, because if you're dealing with a homicide, you're dealing with the Prosecutor's office, you're dealing with courts and you're dealing with people's lives. And, you know, you've got to look at the thing in the totality of the situation and decide what's best. But if there is any way that I can do it within a reasonable fashion, I would certainly consider it.

President Abell: Do you have a lobby group, a statewide association?

Don Erk: We do, yes.

President Abell: Because I would think that –

Don Erk: The Coroner's Association does, but they've fought so many battles this last year over the training and the other things that –

President Abell: Well, I would think the coroner in the northeast part of Indiana would have an issue with Illinois. And in the northwest with Ohio, so –

Don Erk: They just don't bring them in. They refuse to take them.

President Abell: Stop them at the border.

Don Erk: That's exactly – well, I assume you're talking about Crown Point and up in that area.

President Abell: Yeah, sure.

Don Erk: You know, we can bill other counties in the state of Indiana and that was as a result of Ft. Wayne and I was surprised that Ft. Wayne legislators saw the need to do that, but they did. But anyhow, --

President Abell: And we do, do that.

Don Erk: Yes, we do. Yes, you know, I am able to bill other counties. For instance, if something happens in Warrick County – that's a two-edged sword, though. As I get a case that's taken to Indianapolis, if it's life flighted up there for some reason, you have some infant and it's life flighted to Indianapolis, and it dies, I'm going to get the bill down here for that. So it's kind of a – its going to benefit us more than we'll lose.

President Abell: I would think so.

Don Erk: Because we're getting them from all around this area where very few of mine is going to go especially with the level two trauma centers.

President Abell: Okay, well, we appreciate your following up on that.

Don Erk: Any other questions that I can answer?

President Abell: Doesn't appear to be.

Don Erk: Thank you very much.

VOTER REGISTRATION

President Abell: Voter Registration, page 74.

Connie Carrier: Good morning.

Anthony Bushrod: Connie Carrier and Anthony Bushrod, Voter Registration.

President Abell: It appears yours hasn't changed any at all.

Connie Carrier: No. We can't top Betty, but we're going to give you some money back.

Anthony Bushrod: We might can give you, of our –

Connie Carrier: Memberships.

Anthony Bushrod: Yeah, Dues and Memberships, we can probably cut that my \$75.

President Abell: Every \$75 helps.

Councilmember Sutton: Appreciate the generosity.

President Abell: Well the percentage of your budget, that's pretty good.

Anthony Bushrod: And also, we go to conferences and stuff, we get all the ink pens and pencils. We've got a deal where we get used rubber bands, paperclips, you know, so we're on top of it.

Connie Carrier: Any questions?

President Abell: Any questions? I think you're okay.

AIRPORT

President Abell: Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport, page 153. Good morning.

Bob Working: Good morning, Madam President, Councilmembers. I'm Bob Working, the Airport Manager, and I'll try to answer any questions you have.

President Abell: I have one. Are we going to be able to fly to Indianapolis?

Bob Working: I'm driving up there Monday to hopefully, --

President Abell: To see if we can start flying?

Bob Working: Actually, we do have a pretty good lead on a small air carrier, Cape Air, and it looks promising right now, but it looked promising about two years ago when we had Chicago Express for 77 days. So I'm not counting my chickens right now. But I think we will get it and I think it will be at a price that's reasonable and one that

would benefit everyone here in this community as well as Indianapolis and South Bend.

President Abell: Does anyone have any questions?

Councilmember Leader: Ms. Abell, I do. Mr. Working, how are you today?

Bob Working: I'm fine.

Councilmember Leader: I'm interested in your communications and transportation budget increase of 50% this year. Can you address that for us? Its under item two, service contractual. The total account, I guess, has increased.

President Abell: What page are you on?

Councilmember Leader: I'm looking at their itemization.

President Abell: Oh, okay.

Bob Working: Which one are you looking at, Donna? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Leader: I'm looking at the percent of change that you indicated for your communications and transportation. Specifically, the biggest increase is telephone and telegraph and I think you can probably ask Doug to remove that word telegraph, I don't know that we need that anymore.

Bob Working: Well, I don't know if we do, either, but –

Councilmember Leader: And the traveling expenses are at 27.7 – 27% increase as well.

Bob Working: Right. We have had a lot more interest from board members in attending national conferences and becoming more informed into the airline industry and its trying to reflect into that expanded need for travel. The telephone and telegraph, actually is a compilation of cell phones that we had under a contractual service. We're bringing those under that line item there and so that's caused that increase. Its really taking from one account and putting it in another.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke, did you have a question?

Councilmember Winnecke: Bob, I know this question is asked every year, and forgive me for not remembering the answer, but could you just remind us, of the three, there are two salaried lines and then the Other Compensation, just what goes into which. Its in the big green book on 153.

Bob Working: I've copied that. If I could, I'll try to pull it on our budget form. This probably would be the best way. Line item 2140 Salary & Wages, that is all full-time employees and part-time parking lot employees that take and make up that number. The other line item, well it says Salary & Wages, too, 2140, is \$112,000. Those are for temporary employees and that includes our valets and also our student help over the summer. And that's what equates to that. The next line item, Other Compensation is overtime for those hourly employees that we anticipate over a year. And, of course, then FICA and PERF.

Councilmember Raben: Bob, how many employees do you have?

Bob Working: I'm going to guess – no, I have about 60. That includes the valets, so that number fluctuates a little bit.

President Abell: That's full and part-time?

Bob Working: Yes, full and part-time. I think its, I'm going to say 47 full-time, not counting the part-time parking lot people.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, are full-time only employees, I mean, we don't have any part-time employees receiving insurance benefits, do we? Because it looks like your insurance number is really high, 844,000 for 47 employees.

Bob Working: Let me go back and look at that. I can tell you that, are you talking about health insurance? On our health insurance what we do in that regard is, we consult with our carrier and they give us their impression of what they think the health insurance costs are going to be. Now I will tell you that I do apply all those positions that receive that, I put the family rate in because I never know if I'm going to lose somebody and then they're going to come in with a family, you know, the replacement, so there is some additional funds in there.

Councilmember Raben: That's about \$20,000 per employee for health insurance.

Bob Working: No, that's...

President Abell: That's high.

Bob Working: No, it should be about 12,000.

Councilmember Raben: I'm looking at your item 512, Health Insurance, \$844,000, its on the second page of your itemized list here.

President Abell: I don't have their handout.

Bob Working: Yeah, \$843,000, we kicked that up 18% over what we had last year and that was based on what we were told. Again, I've kept that at a family coverage in case I have an employee that's a single at a lower rate, you know, and they leave or whatever and I replace it with an employee that may have a family, then we provide the family coverage.

Councilmember Raben: I understand, but that rate is still – we're at approximately what, 12 per employee here? About an average of 12 and this is 20.

Bob Working: And I hate to act, I can look at that. I was thinking that we were somewhere around \$1,200 for family coverages, \$1,200 a month.

President Abell: That's still high, \$1,200 a month. What do we have \$800 and something?

Sandie Deig: It depends on what kind, though.

Councilmember Raben: They need to look at that. Because something is wrong there.

Bob Working: Now I will say that, you know, the employee contribution is minimal on that, that we provide all the premium on that. You know, there is not an employee contribution on that or it's a dollar or something.

President Abell: Wow.

Councilmember Raben: But our \$12,000 we're referring to is before our 8%, so –

Bob Working: I'll be happy to look at it. I'm not sure on that, but I can tell you its high because we put in the family coverage for those people that are eligible to get it.

President Abell: Any other questions?

Bob Working: If I could, and I just toss this out here for the county's benefit, too, is as you know, this is about our 24th year, and we do operate under, without the benefit of property taxes, we've been self-funded. And the airlines operate with us under what they call a single-cash drawer system whereby they provide rates and charges to ensure that we meet our budget. And through our negotiations and agreements with them, they recognize that we have about a nine percent variation in there, of the total budget. That is, excess, you know, our cushion, in case utilities exceed or what have you. But anyway, I guess the point I would try to make is it does not have an impact on the General Fund, your General Fund, and it is reviewed by the airlines.

Councilmember Raben: Just one last comment, and I mean, I want to compliment the airport and the airport staff, I think that's a great facility. I think its very well managed and very well maintained. One thing you do have to remember, though, while the airlines are footing the bill for this budget, we're also competing with Louisville, Nashville, St. Louis, and, you know, the tighter, the closer we can work on this budget, you know, that's reflected in the rates that the airlines charge. So any little bit that we can save in this budget, you know, hopefully, results in a cheaper fare for folks flying in and out of this airport.

Bob Working: I could get into a big long dissertation on that, but I would say that our rates and charges are very competitive with the rates and charges that are being paid at those competing larger airports as far as landing fees and square foot rental rate and things of that nature. I do get concerned about the airlines and their pricing formats because I think they have an agenda which may not be in the best interests for small non-hub airports.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, then, I guess, as well, you guys do receive the benefit of some federal subsidies as well with the airport?

Bob Working: We put in – every person that flies commercially pays an 8% ticket tax that goes into an aviation trust fund. And then we receive a portion of that money back through federal projects and based on the number of passengers that fly out of Evansville. We also, this year the board has instituted a passenger facility charge. We were the last, I think there might be one other airport in Indiana that has not instituted that. That's going to bring additional revenues to us in the amount of about a million dollars a year. But it can't be used for operation, it can only be used for capital projects and capacity enhancement type projects.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mention that just so that we're clear that you guys do receive public funding to a certain extent. Could you talk a little bit about the promotional budget? What do you guys – what is that line and what do you do with that in that regard? Can you give us some ideas of how you use that?

Bob Working: It has many things in there: marketing director Nelson Bailes, basically, establishes a budget and then, of course, we're using radio and television and print as far as advertising the benefits of utilizing this airport versus driving to those competing airports, billboards, things of that nature. We also try to put in marketing programs if we have a new entrant carrier that were to come in, we would commit funds to marketing within the area to let the community know of the service that's taking place. And those are like start-up expenses that carriers look to. Carriers really have become expectant of receiving benefits from the community as they look at moving into those communities and initiating air service.

Councilmember Sutton: So how do you measure the success of that promotional marketing budget?

Bob Working: Its very difficult, you know, to say if it's good or bad. I can tell you that when I came here in 1982, I'd say 60% of the newspaper articles that we had were negative, and today, we have very few negative newspaper articles. I think most people recognize that Evansville is an airport which this community should support. Back about 1990 we did a leakage study. We showed that we were losing between 40 and 45% of our traffic to larger airports. We just completed a leakage study here just a few weeks ago that shows that figure is about 24%. So I think we're doing a good job in trying to make sure the community recognizes that there are costs involved in using other facilities and that we try our best to, you know, to bring that to light.

Councilmember Sutton: So you measure that what way? I mean, the –

Bob Working: Well, I was saying in their measurement form, that you're –

Councilmember Sutton: -- your boardings, your number of –

Bob Working: Well, we look at boardings, too, and, of course, they've been fairly flat here recently but then, you know, since 9/11, we've seen an erosion of the number of seats that are flying out of markets our size. I got a report the other day that indicated that our seats, number of seats were down 7%, but our number of passengers were only down 6%, and our fares were up 3%. And so the airlines are operating more efficiently, you know, which is one of the things they're concerned about, but I can tell you my concern is, I don't want to see the seats down. If the seats aren't there, you can't put anybody in them. So, you know, our goal is to see the number of seats increase. We're working very hard to – we've been working with a carrier, a low cost carrier, in trying to get them in here. We're working very hard to try to get the Indianapolis service reinstated. Those are markets, both of those are markets which aren't viewed as being competition to our existing incumbent carriers, but then they also open opportunities for us to see our market grow. And so we don't see Delta or American upset if you talk to an allegiant who is looking at service to Las Vegas or Orlando because when you look at their business, they don't make money in those two markets. That's where everybody is spending their frequent flyer miles on, but they have to offer the service. So they're sitting there saying I really don't care about going to Las Vegas, it doesn't make me any money and if that carrier wants to go there and hit that niche, that's fine, let them do it. So, and then the same

way with Indianapolis, we approached each one of our carriers, give us service to our capital, and they said they had no interest in that. That didn't fit into their business plans. And so, if we can get that service and we utilize that service, that's going to bring resources, its going to help our community, its going to help our passenger numbers and help our account, and because of that, in a single cash drawer system, the airlines that aren't providing that service will receive the benefit because we'll have additional parking revenues and concession revenues, things of that nature. So, you know, I'm not – I don't want to be doom and gloom, although I can be, but I can tell you that, you know, non-hubs, small hub airports are really being viewed by the airlines now and they want to make sure that they're profitable to them, and not only profitable in terms of whether they make money or not, but as it compares to not being in that market and not having that overhead. So, you know, it's a double-edged sword. But I think that, by and large, we do a very good job. And the airlines have been very pleased with us over the years and we're not an area of concern for them at this time. I'm more concerned about them than they're concerned about us.

President Abell: Any other questions? Thank you, Mr. Working.

Bob Working: Thank you.

President Abell: We're going to change the tape and then we'll be ready for the Armstrong Assessor.

TAPE CHANGE

Councilmember Raben: Before we get started on the County Assessors, and before we spend much time looking at the individual 2000 and 3000 accounts, it would be my intent to zero those out of the regular budget, out of the General Fund budget and sometime, like in September, we'll circle the wagons and we'll put money in place in their Reassessment budgets. So let's don't spend a lot of time on those today, on those lines.

President Abell: Okay, did everyone understand what Mr. Raben said? Okay.

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Joyce Kron: Okay, Joyce Kron, Armstrong Township. Randy is out of town. He, too, drove to Indianapolis and so he asked me to come today. I'd like to start by introducing to you Rhonda Fehrenbacher. Rhonda started Monday as our new Chief Deputy. She's taking my position, but since I did the budget, I came today, so I figured I could answer your questions better. I hated to do this to her on her first week. Basically, we did request an additional above the three percent for the Armstrong Assessor position. You'll see that it was at \$3,700 before. We've requested \$5,700. This past year there has been a tremendous amount more work involved in our office and a lot more responsibility, so Randy is requesting an addition there. Our Chief Deputy position also, you'll notice, is higher than it was our budget amount requested last year. We did a Job Study earlier this year and it was recommended and you approved that through financing that the position now be \$10.50 an hour with up to 25 hours per week. So we've went from about 15 hours to 25. So that's the increase there. And also we added the \$1,000 for Randy's Level II certification. And I don't know, the other accounts, did you want me just to skip those? Jim, I didn't know if you had any questions on those, the 2000 and 3000 accounts. Do you want me to just skip those?

Councilmember Raben: Unless there is a real special need, you might want to address that, but –

Joyce Kron: No, the only thing, I came to you last year and requested a new fund of Office Machines and you put \$350 in there. I intended to use that for a digital camera, but our FAX machine died. So I had to replace that, so I have put it in again in hopes that next year I can get a digital camera. But basically, other than that, they haven't really changed much. Our Communications is up slightly because we were no longer able to use the dial-up to access our assessing software downtown, so we had to go to high speed. Other than that, everything is just about the same.

President Abell: Any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: I have one. Just, I guess, as in general for all township assessors, I asked Jonathan yesterday, I know there are a lot of appeals this year, obviously, do you foresee that trend to continue or now that we're through with this particular year reassessment, we'll go back down to a more normal stage?

Joyce Kron: I don't foresee the drastic change that we had this time. You're going to see a fluctuation, just because of trending, you will see a fluctuation every year because its based on the housing market. And so you are going to see a fluctuation. I don't think anyone anticipates the huge change that we saw this past year or that we're dealing with right now.

Councilmember Goebel: So, in essence, it will demand less time at your office, correct?

Joyce Kron: Yes, we hope. Its hard to predict until the rates are approved by the DLGF, but I don't anticipate the drastic change.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Abell: You've already addressed the Communications. That's on page 163, for those who –

Joyce Kron: There was only one service available in our area and it was 49.95 a month, so that's what we had to use.

President Abell: Your Extra Help went up a thousand dollars?

Joyce Kron: Oh, yes, sorry, I meant to address that. The reason I requested that is, since we do have a new Chief Deputy, there are things that come up through the year in training her, you know, like in the spring when personal property tax comes, just so that we could pay someone or could pay me to come in and just train her periodically through the year as she comes across new things. And then also when we measure new construction, it's so much easier and quicker when you have two people doing that.

President Abell: Any other questions? Thank you.

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Abell: Center Assessor, page 57.

Debbie Stucki: Good morning.

President Abell: Good morning.

Debbie Stucki: I'll start off with the changes in the salaries in the General Fund. We have two employees that are up for step raises and two that are currently under review in the Job Study. We've asked for \$5,000 more in part-time help, the ever changing duties of the assessor's offices. In the six or seven years, we've not asked for a new employee, we've always relied on our part-time help to get us through. So I'd like to ask for that.

President Abell: I don't see your part-time help on here, I'm sorry.

Debbie Stucki: Its 1990.

President Abell: Are you in Reassessment now?

Debbie Stucki: General Fund.

Councilmember Sutton: There's nothing showing there.

Debbie Stucki: Its Reassessment Fund, sorry.

President Abell: Okay, well, Reassessment is on page 165. Let's stick with the General for just a second and then we'll go to Reassessment. What employees are you asking for additional over and above the three percent on?

Debbie Stucki: I'm sorry?

President Abell: Did you indicate that there are some employees that you're asking for more than the three percent increase on?

Debbie Stucki: Yes.

President Abell: Can you tell us the line item on those so I don't have to sit here and try to figure out what three percent is on each one of them?

Debbie Stucki: The Chief Deputy is a step increase.

President Abell: That's a step, okay.

John Gerard: And Gail's is a step increase.

Debbie Stucki: The Personal Property is a step increase. The Assistant Real Estate Deputy is a step increase.

John Gerard: And then Karen.

President Abell: Is that 1150? Do you have account numbers?

John Gerard: Yes.

President Abell: Why don't you give us the account numbers? That's easier for us. 1120 is a step increase, that's your Chief Deputy.

John Gerard: Yes.

President Abell: Okay, what's the next one that's a step increase?

John Gerard: Personal Property Coordinator, 1180.

President Abell: 1180 is a step increase?

John Gerard: Yes.

President Abell: And then 1150 is a step increase?

John Gerard: No, 1150 would be his Job Study, under Job Study.

President Abell: That's what I wanted to know, under Job Study, okay. It's not been approved yet by Job Study, but it's under Job Study?

John Gerard: Correct.

President Abell: Okay.

John Gerard: And 1170...

President Abell: 1170?

John Gerard: Yes, it's under Job Study, I believe.

Debbie Stucki: Or is it 90?

John Gerard: I'm sorry, 1190.

President Abell: I didn't think 1170 looked like that much. 1190 is under Job Study. Okay. Any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: On the Level II Certification, it's bumping up a little bit there, is that based on additional people or is that just an increase in cost of what they are--

Debbie Stucki: It's just a Level II for the Assessor, for myself, to reach, I'll be taking that test in October.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I asked, last year we plugged in, we're at 2,000, and you're asking for 2,500 this year. Has there been a price change in that certification process?

John Gerard: Councilman Sutton, we had four people in the office who were Level II's last year. One transferred to the County Assessor's office, so we only have three and then picking up the Assessor, we will be back to four. The Assessor gets a thousand dollars and everyone else gets 500. So we have three at 500 - \$1,500, and one thousand for the Assessor for a total of \$2,500.

Councilmember Sutton: So a total of four people?

John Gerard: Yes.

President Abell: Other questions? Do you want to go to Reassessment? Anybody have any questions on page 165? No questions? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: You were going to talk about Extra Help awhile ago.

President Abell: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes.

Debbie Stucki: We were just asking for \$5,000 more for Extra Help to help in the field and also for data entry. Currently we have two part-time people, one in the field and one in the office.

Councilmember Sutton: And the increase is due to what?

Debbie Stucki: Just the increase in work and we could use another person now to help if –

John Gerard: Again, we're still the leading township in new homes. We had over 310 last year. We're predicting at least that number this year and we are still processing those appeals, we have 1,272 and hopefully we can, and I think there was a question over here about what's going to happen with next year. We would expect that to go down, but it is, I'm not sure we're going to get down to, we certainly hope its going to be significantly less, but I don't know until we actually do that of trying to recalculate neighborhoods and getting things correct. I'm sure the number will go down. You know, my goal would be, a normal, under normal circumstances its two to three percent of what you have. But obviously, we're at eight percent this year.

Councilmember Goebel: Do you know how many you had in '06 as far as appeals?

John Gerard: Going back to 2002 assessment, just counting that one, we had just—we had around 635.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you. And now its 1,200?

John Gerard: 1,272 at present.

President Abell: Other questions? Thank you.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Abell: German Assessor, page 59.

Tim Schaefer: Good morning, Tim Schaefer, Assessor, German Township. As far as increases in the budget, the salaries, of course, at three percent. I had a step increase looks like for my Real Estate Deputy.

President Abell: Questions? And the Reassessment is on page 167.

Tim Schaefer: Looks like this total went down.

President Abell: Questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: This is off the budget, but how are your appeals going in German Township? Are you seeing any daylight?

Tim Schaefer: We've got most of them resolved. I think we've got about four more that have not been resolved.

Councilmember Goebel: Were your numbers up drastically?

Tim Schaefer: To be honest with you, they were up but I don't think that we had as many as some of the other townships percentage-wise. We got lucky, I guess.

Councilmember Goebel: Good assessor.

Tim Schaefer: Yeah.

President Abell: Any other questions? Thank you.

Tim Schaefer: Thank you.

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Abell: Knight Assessor, page 61.

Al Folz: Good morning, Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor. Madam President?

President Abell: Yes, any questions?

Al Folz: I've got two step raises here. 1160 to 1170. And also, I've pencilled in \$43,000 for Extra Help. I also have it over here on the Reassessment budget. That's to carry for the whole year. That's at 8.50 an hour, keep at 39 hours a week, and I have the three which would take care of as far as a full year. You were kind enough to give me \$12,000, I think, on the last meeting. I wasn't able to make it, which carried us, finished it to the end of the year, which I was asked to do so. Over on the Reassessment budget, I want to point out a couple of things here. Alright, first off, I'm asking again, for the Office Coordinator that was allowed on the Reassessment budget. This is a one year, you have to renew it each year, with a no raise on that person. The salary is \$22,288, but it does have benefits. And the reason I put that in again is because the general reassessment starts in 2009. And that goes to 2011, it goes on the taxes at 2012. And that's what I used this person for the last time. The last time I had one was 2004. And we definitely need a person such as this to be able to start routing, being able to work with the Reassessment system, this idea the work that we do with our part-time help, and its invaluable, but again, we have one like that. And there's the \$43,000 for my Extra Help on here that I had upon the other. I'd like to point out down to 1190, I think its 1190, Maintenance Contracts, we've had a terrific raise from Appraisal Research on this, and this is a cumulation here of what they call a PPDMS, which is software, which takes into personal property and mobile homes, and also the contract for CLVC, which is our land contract. The web side is Arcview. Now the printers, we do not have a maintenance contract. This is, we pay this as it comes on. The maintenance contracts was just too much. So we feel that we're better off having the 800 in there for our printers, which gives us a total of \$6,500. We received a letter from Appraisal Research, oh, I would say, about two months ago stating that the very first one, \$600 a month times seven, \$4,200 is for, will be charged on the one, the personal property and the mobile homes. So this is the one we have been using.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, you say you have, so none of this is new?

Al Folz: I beg your pardon?

Councilmember Raben: None of this is new or in addition to what you have?

Al Folz: No.

Councilmember Raben: What line have we been paying this from in the past?

Al Folz: Okay, on the maintenance contract, we have had a total of \$896. If you need a further breakdown, I'll be glad to get it to you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, I thought the PPDMS and the CLVC and the Arcview were what made up the \$6,500.

Al Folz: It is.

Councilmember Raben: So that had to be paid out of a different line.

Al Folz: Let's see, we've had \$1,329 for this year and year expended was 894, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Maybe – those wouldn't come out of Contractual Services. I think you told us that was Maintenance Contract, but I bet those are more associated with Contractual Services.

Al Folz: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: So for Maintenance Contract, you probably still only need \$896.

Al Folz: Probably.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Abell: Other questions? I have a question about the Office Coordinator.

Al Folz: Yes.

President Abell: So that's going on as a full-time position?

Al Folz: That would be a full-time position. It would go for one year. Each time, I have to come back and ask again. And going into a reassessment, each year I'm going to have to come back and ask again to renew that. Its not a permanency as we talk about permanent employment. And it also stipulates that every year where you give our full-time people three percent raises, they do not get one. But they do get the rest of the benefits.

President Abell: Except they don't get insurance. You don't have anything in here on insurance.

Al Folz: Well, they should get insurance. I don't know, maybe we slipped up on that one.

President Abell: I don't think you have anything in there on health insurance.

Al Folz: No, you're right.

President Abell: They're a full-time employee, though.

Al Folz: It's a full-time employee, only that, again, its only one year per time.

President Abell: And that was set up through Job Study?

Al Folz: I beg your pardon?

President Abell: That was set up through Job Study?

Al Folz: No, this was set up in as far as reassessment was concerned, that it would come out of the reassessment budget. Now the last time, again, I had one was 2004. It started out as part of 2001 and then, of course, the reassessment started again in 2002, so I can't speak, I guess, gradually for, did we go through the other office as far as getting it cleared.

President Abell: Okay. Any other questions? Thank you.

Al Folz: Thank you, Council.

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Glen Koob: Good morning. Glen Koob, Perry Township Assessor.

President Abell: Page 63.

Glen Koob: I have no changes in the regular budget as far as salaries go except the three percent increase. I do have changes in the reassessment, but if there's any questions, I'd be glad to answer them. It was suggested by the Auditor to change my Equipment Repair to Contractual Maintenance since that I have one PPDMS software and a CLVC and also our maintenance agreement for our copier. She suggested to change that to Contractual Maintenance which would be account 2490-1140-3540 and take it out of Equipment Repair. I do want to leave \$200 in Equipment Repair, that's what I was going to tell you about the change. Equipment Repair is 2490-1140-3520. I'd like to leave 200 in Equipment Repair and put the 1,800 in Contractual Maintenance which would be 2490-1140-3540, which would be called Contractual Maintenance. She said it would be a little bit easier for accounting purposes.

President Abell: I don't think we're following you. You must be on page 171.

Glen Koob: I'm sorry. Yes, oh, I thought we were finished with –

President Abell: That's what I'm getting at. You are creating a line item that we don't have on here, is that correct?

Glen Koob: Yes, ma'am.

President Abell: Okay.

Glen Koob: Yeah, I'm taking \$1,800 out of Equipment Repair –

President Abell: Which is line item what?

Glen Koob: 1140-3520, in the Reassessment budget, which is on page 171.

President Abell: Okay.

Glen Koob: And I'm putting it in Contractual Maintenance, which is for the – and this was – I'm sorry, but we discussed this with the Auditor after I turned in the budget because of the – I was up here last month asking for additional appropriations for that one account. And the other account, I was going to put \$1,800 from Equipment Repair. Equipment Repair is 200. Contractual Maintenance which is 1140-3540 would be 1,800, and that would be for the PPDMS, the CLVC software and the maintenance of our copier, the maintenance contract with our copier.

President Abell: Okay. Any other questions?

Glen Koob: I've got to tell you something. The Bond & Insurance, the \$250, I really never used that. I've had that in there for 15 years or whatever, because in case there was a fire at the office or whatever, from that Torian & Dillow, you know, in case the – well, I figure the Commissioners can get it out of their budget. So you can take that 250 out of mine if you want to. I don't really care. I don't really need it. And then the Communications, the 1,200, that was put in there for when we got our T1 line and it was supposed to be \$100 a month, well, I don't know who's not charging us, but I've never had to pay for that. So you can have that, if you want it. And other than that, that's pretty well right in line with what I need. And the problem is that with the trending, the legislature mandates us to do this, but they also mandate the county to pay for what we do for the trending and stuff, unfortunately. You know, and it is extra paper, its extra mailings, its extra things that we have to do. Extra photos we have to take when a sale takes place. Any questions? Okay, thank you.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Abell: Pigeon Assessor, page 65. Good morning.

Judy Stricker: Good morning. Pigeon Township Assessor's office, Judy Stricker, Chief Deputy. In our regular budget, salaries, we have three step increases. One of them was 1160 and another one was 1170. You won't see a change in 1170, actually, it went down because she replaced another employee that left and the other employee had more time in. And then the other one was 1180.

President Abell: Any questions? Reassessment is on page 173. Any questions? Okay, thank you.

Judy Stricker: Thank you.

President Abell: Do you want to take a break or do you want me to just keep going? We've got some pretty big ones, well we've still got the courts coming up and computer services. If you want to take a break, we can.

Councilmember Sutton: Let's finish all the assessors.

President Abell: Finish off the assessors? Okay.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Abell: Scott, page 67.

John Habermel: Good morning, I'm John Habermel, Scott Township Assessor. Madam President and members of the Council, from the County General budget, we had an increase in the Chief Deputy's salary and the Real Estate Deputy's salary which went before the Job Study review and was approved by that. I don't know if you show on your copies the decreases that we made in some of these line items, like line item 2600. We reduced that to \$2,500. Do you...okay. We reduced that to 2,500. Line item 2700, we reduced it to 2,000. If I'm going too fast, slow me down. Postage, we reduced to 1,200. Travel & Mileage, we reduced to 1,000, that's line item 3130. Telephone, 3140, we raised to 2,000. Computer Hardware, we reduced to 1,500. That's 3371. And Maintenance Contract, that's 3540, we reduced to 1,500. Dues & Subscriptions, line item 3700, we reduced to \$500. And then on the Assessor's salary, there's an increase there to 34 and it was 16. And the basis of that was, that I, as Assessor, do not use county insurance. I pay my own insurance. That fact, and then a three percent increase or some percentage there out of the 16, would account for the 34. And there are, that's it for the General budget.

President Abell: You raised the Assessor's salary from 16 to 34 based on the fact that you don't take health insurance?

John Habermel: I don't take insurance and I was told that that was worth 12,000 a year or 14,000.

President Abell: Did someone tell you you could put that in your salary if you didn't take it?

John Habermel: It was suggested, yes, that I do that.

President Abell: Who suggested that to you?

John Habermel: Members of the Council.

President Abell: One of us?

John Habermel: Yes.

President Abell: Which one of us?

John Habermel: Mr. Shetler and I talked about it.

President Abell: Well, I'll talk to Mr. Shetler about that, thank you. Any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: I have a question on, John, on Computer Software, are you getting different software for your office?

John Habermel: Is that on the General budget or the Reassessment budget?

Councilmember Raben: That's on the General.

Councilmember Winnecke: 3372.

Councilmember Raben: Its under both, but –

John Habermel: Yeah, that's \$1,000. We could probably do something with that but we left it in there because we're getting a scanner to scan some of our paperwork and put it on hard disk. And just in case we need additional software to work with that, we wanted to have it in there.

Councilmember Winnecke: John, isn't your move complete?

John Habermel: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: What's the purpose for moving expense?

John Habermel: We are probably going to move again to a more adequate facility.

Councilmember Winnecke: So we're going to spend money to move twice?

John Habermel: That's a possibility, yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Wow.

John Habermel: Now the moving expense is incorrect. I think that was in at \$12,000. Well, its \$12,000 on one page.

Councilmember Winnecke: Which is correct?

John Habermel: Well, Mr. Shetler thought the \$12,000 was correct, but we reduced it to 1,200. The facility that we're in is not really conducive to having public traffic coming in and out. You have to walk around fire trucks and through other offices to get to us, and we feel that there is a liability problem there with the public walking through and we want to get to a facility where we don't have that problem.

Councilmember Sutton: How did you select the location that you have now?

John Habermel: I didn't. Somebody else did.

Councilmember Sutton: And the problem that you're referring to about access was based upon --? Where did you get that basis, I guess, from?

John Habermel: Well, we're in the volunteer fire department building and they park their fire trucks and our office is right next to that. You have to walk through their lounge, past the fire trucks to get into our office.

Councilmember Sutton: Has anybody made any comments, someone that's come to use your office?

John Habermel: Several people have made comments about it, yes. They've had a difficult time finding it, finding the building and then when the get to the building, finding the office.

Councilmember Sutton: And how much did we spend last year to move you?

John Habermel: \$700 and some-odd dollars.

Councilmember Winnecke: Have you identified a potential site to relocate to?

John Habermel: We have, yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Where is that?

John Habermel: Its at Boonville-New Harmony and Old State Road.

Councilmember Winnecke: Is that in an office?

John Habermel: It's a residential dwelling which will be zoned commercial, zoned CO-2.

Councilmember Winnecke: Its someone's home?

John Habermel: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Who's home is that?

John Habermel: It's my home. Not my home, but it's property that I own. Its going to be near the new Schnucks Development. If its zoned C-4, we'll be –

Councilmember Sutton: Your personal residence or you say –

John Habermel: No, it's a piece of property that I own.

President Abell: Didn't we just go through all of this and we had to move it because we were going to be thrown out of somebody else's house? That's what I thought.

Councilmember Raben: Well, originally, in John's defense here, originally, the outgoing trustee/assessor forced, when he let loose of being assessor and maintained the trustee, he actually forced him out of that facility, so I think you were somewhat under the gun to find another home.

John Habermel: We didn't have enough time to get another place, basically, so we had to take this on the get-go. And it was the only thing available. We've researched all of the space available in Scott Township and as of now and then, this is the most appropriate.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Does the volunteer fire department welcome your –

John Habermel: They haven't asked us to leave. I think they'd like to have their space back. It was one of their meeting rooms and they don't have it but they haven't made life miserable for us, no.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, I was wondering if maybe they could put a new outlet in or –

John Habermel: I asked them to do that initially, and they said they weren't going to spend any money. That's the first thing I asked them when we went there was to put a separate in for us and they refused to do it.

Councilmember Goebel: I see.

President Abell: Comments or questions? I just have one comment and that is that, you know, then if you aren't the assessor then you're going to want us to move out of that facility because you own it and I'm just –

John Habermel: No, the Assessor's office can have a long-term lease as far as I'm concerned. That's not going to be a problem.

President Abell: Well, we got thrown out of the last one and –

John Habermel: Well, you didn't have a long-term lease.

President Abell: Okay. Thank you.

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Abell: Union Township Assessor.

Joe Steinkamp: Joe Steinkamp, Union Township Assessor, we're on page 69. Underneath the only particular changes on this page would be to the Assessor's salary. We're requesting a \$2,000 increase and the basic reason behind that is the reassessment responsibilities, the trending and the sales verifications and things like that and the amount of effort and time that it takes to keep the Level II Certification up with the training hours. On the next line item 1170, under Chief Deputy, we went through the salary review program, Job Study, and increased the Chief Deputy to 20 hours per week at 10.50, so that makes that change. And then also the state requires the Assessors be, Level II Certification, \$1,500 for the Chief Deputy and the Assessor, for a grand total of \$1,500 on that page.

President Abell: Any questions? Reassessment is on page –

Councilmember Sutton: One more time. Just real quick, I had to look down at something here. And that's not a step increase on the Assessor or Chief Deputy?

Joe Steinkamp: The Chief Deputy went through the Job Study program and straight just lack of funds for the Assessor, you know, for the salary for the amount of work required and the training required and the time required to do the appropriate job. We've been out and reassessed the whole township this year after our 241% trending factor last year. And we're going to have, Mr. Goebel asked earlier about appeals and whether we think there's going to be more appeals, and we had over ten percent of our township appeal. We were one of the higher percentage townships and we're done with all but three of our appeals. And the last thing about that is since we're out reassessing the whole township this year, we're just setting ourselves up to have appeals again next year. Whether we have ten percent, I don't know, but I know more people in my township than I ever thought ever lived there, had a property that owned there. And so we're getting well acquainted with people, so we'll be able to roll through them, hopefully, next year.

Councilmember Sutton: And what is that number, when you say ten percent of the property –

Joe Steinkamp: We have like 700 parcels and we had almost 90 appeals.

Councilmember Raben: As far as the Chief Deputies for both Union and Armstrong, we approved that back a few months ago. In fact, they're being paid at that current rate today.

Joe Steinkamp: We didn't budget the three percent or anything into the Chief Deputy's salary or the Assessor's salary, we just, you know, just the straight raise for the Assessor and nothing for the Chief Deputy.

President Abell: Questions or comments? Okay, thank you.

Joe Steinkamp: Do you want to do the Reassessment budget or are you good to go?

President Abell: I looked at it, it's on 176, does anyone have any questions about it?

Councilmember Goebel: This was not a serious questions, but have you found yourself to be more popular now in your township?

Joe Steinkamp: I am popular. I am just lucky that I have a fabulous Chief Deputy that makes it all work.

Councilmember Goebel: Joe is an ex-government student of mine and the current government students are watching you, so be at your best.

Joe Steinkamp: Exactly.

President Abell: Any other questions or comments? Thank you. We're going to take a break.

TAPE CHANGE

President Abell: We should be through with these in the next half-hour or so. Area Plan Commission.

Councilmember Shetler: Madam Chairman.

President Abell: I'm sorry, Mr. Shetler had asked...

Councilmember Shetler: Just real quickly. Because a comment came up at the last session and I just wanted to clarify that. I did go through, I was called by Mr. Habermel at Scott Township to go through his budget and to look at it. I did review it and that was, his salary was already on there and I did see that, but at no time did I advise him that was an appropriate salary or that he ought to look at combining health insurance with salary, and that that would be an acceptable for alternative for the County Council. Explaining to him that that's something that needs to go to Job Study, to be reviewed and looked at. That it has been requested sometimes by others, and it has not always gone through the smell test. So, that's the way it was presented. I at no time advised him that that was an appropriate salary level and that joining the two would be an appropriate way of doing things. I just wanted to bring that, clarify it. Thank you.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Shetler. And I'm glad you did clarify that. There are other county employees, in fact members of this Council, who do not take health insurance and do not attempt to include that in their salary. Good morning. Area Plan Commission, Page 78.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

Brad Mills: Alright. I'll try to go through just the changes that we have and I've got a couple of recommendations where you might be able to lower my budget a little bit that we didn't have before after your letter of requesting that we re-evaluate. We found a couple of areas. We have three step-increases this year in addition to the three percent that you all had us plug in. In addition, line item 3142 televised meetings. We're asking for an increase in that area by \$3,600. We have put a request in just the other day to request more money for this year. We're going to run out of funds for that this year for the Area Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. We have asked for, line item 3310, for money to be put back in for attending a seminar that I go to for the American Planning Association. 3520 Equipment, request an increase of \$250 for expected repairs that we have. Obviously, Rent was increased. Another request, 3610 is Legal Services. We've had that at \$40,000 in the budget. Last year it was cut to thirty. We have a request that's in to you for the next meeting or whenever you guys will meet again to add another \$10,000 to that. We've already spent \$27,000 or close to that this year for legal. That is basically defending court cases. That's for court cases that are brought before us. One thing in particular that we've had, we've had an appeal of a staff decision. That has gone to the Board of Zoning Appeals and was denied by them, and they're going to court on that, as well. So, that is just as needed, so it's not something that we're out asking for legal advice on things. This is to protect ourselves in court cases. And, we had asked for the intern, which I'm sure that will be gone, so that won't be a big deal. In Equipment, item 4250, we had asked for \$10,000. I know we can get by with less than that for equipment. And software upgrades, we're not going to do the software upgrades at this time. But if we can get \$3,000 in that. We need to have at least two computers. Just recently, as you all probably know, our office went live with City View, just like the Building Commission and Inspection Services for DMD. And a couple of our staff members that need to use the City View program can't use it because the computers that they have are old and it won't run on their machine. So, if you would be willing to do the \$3,000, I think we can get by with that.

Councilmember Sutton: Brad, which line is that again, one more time?

Brad Mills: That was item 4250.

President Abell: How many computers do you need to buy?

Brad Mills: Just two.

President Abell: Two.

Brad Mills: They're somewhere around \$1,200 or something a piece, I think is what we've been paying. Something close to that.

President Abell: Okay. And not to bring up something that's unpleasant, but what size screens are you using in Area Plan Commission, because you do look at mapping?

Brad Mills: We usually get the most economical, that's usually like a seventeen or nineteen, whatever comes with the package. So, that's typically what we would do.

President Abell: Okay.

Brad Mills: It's through the approved list, so.

President Abell: I don't know what kind of hand signals you're getting by Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Small.

President Abell: Small screens.

Brad Mills: We'll have to buy glasses then for our staff so that they'd be able to read them.

President Abell: Mr. Raben, did you have a question?

Councilmember Raben: Let's go back to the Televised Meetings.

Brad Mills: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: So, you're going to televise more meetings?

Brad Mills: No. This is just, we're televising the same number of meetings you all had approved \$4,800 last year. We've come back to you with a request. We've got \$800 left now in the account, so we still have a few more, four months, and some of our meetings can go, your know, two or three hours. We really don't know. APC, in particular. If we have a lot of rezonings. We've had a pretty busy docket on Board of Zoning Appeals, as well. And with the fees that we, we're agreed to pay, we're running out of money.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. And the agreement is by the hour then, not per meeting?

Brad Mills: We pay for the half-hour. I think it's \$100 per half-hour, is what our fee is. And, we tried to cut it as best we can, but we can't, you know, obviously shut the meeting down because we're running low on money. And I think the public really appreciates that, as you all probably know. I get numerous comments all the time from people, you know, saying they've really enjoyed getting on there and watching the meetings, and really informed. So, it's very useful for the public. Another item that we, I can recommend that we can reduce, I'm sure you all will be willing to do that. Item 2810, which is drafting paper and supplies. We had \$3,000 in our budget for that and with more things being available on the Internet and things that we are able to do, I think we can cut that down to \$2,000 and still be able to function. Also, another printing-type item, item 3410 actual printing. This is a \$2,000 budget. We could lower that to \$1,500. Going on to city view, we won't be needing printing for permits and some other permit paper documents that we normally have. Those will just come out right on our blank paper. So, I think if we reduced that by \$500, we would still be able to cover our costs. And then, item 3710, the employee education, we would be willing just to give that up. We'll try to do as much as we can in-house, and try to find whatever free stuff. And that was all that I had. And I'm happy to answer any questions.

Councilmember Raben: Great job. Thanks for the cuts.

Brad Mills: Okay.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Just a comment. Piggy-back a little bit on Councilman Raben's suggestion on the televised meetings. You know, we're getting so many departments that are doing this now, and it's a good thing. I think, perhaps, maybe it's time for the Commissioner's to look at renegotiating that contract, because there are some things, there are different parts that I think that need to be looked at. If you go one minute into the next half-hour, you pay that extra \$100, for example and some things like that, that maybe this thing could be cut in some areas to help save us, overall. It's not, in the whole scheme of things, you know, a sixty-million dollar budget, it's not that big of a deal, but I think if we can find ways to save five, ten, fifteen thousand dollars, it's certainly worthwhile.

President Abell: And are the city, does the city televise some of their meetings, too, now?

Councilmember Winnecke: City Council.

President Abell: City Council. Well, you know, maybe we'll, it's time for the city and county to maybe renegotiate that and run it all through the Building Authority, too. Ms. Leader, then Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Leader: Yes. I just wondered if you could tell me which of those salaries have step-increases in them, please? Which ones?

Brad Mills: Sure. I'd be happy to tell you that. Let's see. First one, is 1130, had a fifteen-year step. And the next one is item 1180, our department administrator. He's the one that does all of our GIS updates and very valuable to us. He's got a two-year step. And then our senior secretary has a fifteen-year step, item 1200.

Councilmember Leader: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Along that line, Brad, did, do you have a different person in, is there a different person in that Zoning Investigator line, 1190? Because the salary is going down, so was there a change there?

Brad Mills: That's a new person. So, he's only been there for a year.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. And then, one other item. Let's see. Well, go ahead, I can't find it.

Councilmember Shetler: That Zoning Administrator, since Bev's retiring, will that be, that would be going down because of seniority, wouldn't it?

Brad Mills: Probably not. The person that will be taking that position has the same amount of time or close to the same amount of time as her. Janet Greenwell, who is one of our Zoning Investigators now, will be moving to that position. So, the Zoning Investigator position might go down in costs then, because we'll have a new person in that position.

President Abell: Any other questions? Thank you.

Brad Mills: Alright. Thank you.

SALES DISCLOSURE FEES

President Abell: Sales Disclosure Fees. Mr. Weaver, are you here? You discussed this a little bit with us yesterday. Page 191.

Jonathan Weaver: Good morning, Council. I don't think we've discussed this. We did General and Reassessment.

President Abell: I think you mentioned a new program you're looking at for your sales disclosure.

Jonathan Weaver: Oh yeah, Sales Disclosure, yeah. In fact, we might be able to take that out of Reassessment and use this fund, I guess. That would be great.

President Abell: This shouldn't change any. Any questions? Okay. Thank you.

Jonathan Weaver: Thanks.

CIRCUIT COURT

President Abell: Circuit Court. Page 97. Good morning, Judge Heldt.

Carl Heldt: Good morning Madam President. Council. Carl Heldt, Circuit Court. I want to give you a change before we start on the page 97. 1220, Probation Officer.

President Abell: One moment, 97, 1220.

Carl Heldt: 1220, Probation Officer. Change that from 43,825 to 38,041. That line, and you also noticed the line above it, Chief Probation Officer, has gone down eleven or twelve thousand dollars. That's a result of Allen Henson's retirement as Chief Probation Officer. And subsequent switch and a new hire, made those two items go down.

President Abell: Judge Heldt, did you say 38,441 or 041?

Carl Heldt: 38,041.

President Abell: Thank you.

Carl Heldt: The next line, 1230, is a fifteen-year step. 1250 is a two-year step. Next page, 1650 is a fifteen-year step. 2610 is an additional request, fifteen hundred dollars. And that's just based upon historical costs. Next page, 3620, Copy Machine Lease, asking for an additional \$1,000. Once again, that's based upon what it's costing. 3944, Special Reporter, additional \$5,000. That's special court reporter services and also interpreters. We're finding every day more and more people need to have interpreters, so that's a cost to the court, as well. I might say that there are, there is a program through the State that we may be able to get a grant, some sort of a grant for interpreting services. We're going to try and do that. If we do, obviously we won't need that much. That's all for the county budget. If you want to stop there, or I can go into our user-fee budget, as well.

President Abell: Anyone have any questions? Ms. Leader?

Carl Heldt: Okay.

Councilmember Leader: Good morning, Judge. I just have a quick question. Could you explain what that Special Stipend is to me, please?

Carl Heldt: Where is that?

Councilmember Leader: It's 1600-1360, on Page 98. I was just interested in what that is. It's the same amount as last year.

Carl Heldt: That's the additional compensation for the Assistant Chief Probation Officer.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you.

Carl Heldt: Okay?

President Abell: Okay.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Carl Heldt: User Fee fund. One change and it's on the last page, which is Page 180, it looks like. 4250 Miscellaneous Equipment. The request was \$2,000 which is an additional one. We're going to withdraw the additional request, so it'll go down to \$1,000. So, 4250 is at \$1,000 instead of \$2,000. The other changes are, if you want to go over them, 1600, Special Stipend, which increases the, that's for that supervisor. The bonus for that position from, to \$2,500 from \$1,500. That hasn't been increased since the position was created in the year 2000.

President Abell: I can't find that. Oh, I went the wrong direction.

Carl Heldt: Okay.

President Abell: And from \$2,500 to?

Carl Heldt: It was \$1,500, and we're asking it to be raised to \$2,500. An additional \$1,000.

President Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Judge, can we stay there just a moment. Just above that, you have Probation Officer, 1510, and then Probation Officer, 1520. Is, are both of those new? New positions?

Carl Heldt: I know they're not new, but go ahead.

Karen Angermeier: Those are salary differences as a result of the minimum salary guidelines set by the judicial conference. And currently for those two positions, based on their years of service, judicial guidelines are higher than the county's salary, so we have to pay that difference.

Councilmember Raben: So, that should say Probation Officers/Stipend, probably. Correct?

Carl Heldt: Okay. That's the 1510 and the 1520, Probation Officers/Stipend. Next page, 179. Lab Supplies, that's 2720 and that is basically to allow us to do hair

follicle testing for drug users. Hair follicle testing is much more efficient in that, it can test whether a person has been ingesting illegal drugs for a period of thirty days per one inch of hair. So, instead of a test that only shows what they've been doing in the last few days, you can go back thirty days with it. And we find it to be very, very helpful. At least thirty days. 3130, Travel and Mileage, additional \$4,000 and that's just based upon historical need. Training, an additional \$2,000 for statistical training, at which we have to report statistics to the state all the time and also some sex offender training for probation officers. And the sex offender requirements, registration laws and such are getting much more stringent and complex, which is as it should be. But they need special training for that. Contractual Services, 3530, on the next page, that reflects the costs associated, additional costs associated with our breathalyzer and Antabuse clinic. What was the additional cost on that?

Karen Angermeier: The additional costs you're looking at is probably a rate increase, because we're operating that clinic seventy-two hours a week now, and we're only barely paying them enough to meet payroll. And as their staff changes, I look for them to increase that for next year.

Carl Heldt: Yeah, they approach us from time-to-time about a raise in rate, and I, we're quite confident they're going to ask for that this year. And then, that's it. The other one I already reduced back to \$1,000, so. Questions?

President Abell: Questions or comments? Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, two areas. Insurance 1920. It looks like it's about a 25% increase, from \$43,000 to \$53,000?

Carl Heldt: Insurance?

Karen Angermeier: Yes. Part of that is we had one employee that was not on the program and has picked it up, and another one that has changed to the family plan.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay. Thank you. And the 1980 on Other Pay, because it looks like historically, other than what was expended in '06, was at 53, but so far this year, it appears that it's well under 30 and your request is for 45, so.

Karen Angermeier: That is our part-time help. That's for our pre-sentence investigations for down here and for also interns that assist with our drug testing at the John Street program, the alcohol and drug program.

Councilmember Shetler: Why is the number so low here?

Karen Angermeier: That fluctuates depending on, we've had a problem getting help with this past summer and with school schedules, and we could always use the help, so we like to keep that in there, because we're doing anywhere from fifty to seventy drug tests a day. And when our probation officers are having to take away from meeting their clients, they're doing these drug tests. So, the interns help a lot with that.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I had just a quick question? Judge, I know you've helped on some things in the past out of this fund. Is there anything in your regular account that we can shift into the supplemental account that would help us?

Carl Heldt: I hate to, the supplemental account is designed for probation services, and I'm not sure of anything. Well, let me think about it. I'd hate to, what I would hate to do, as you know last year, I just was able to cut out a certain amount of money to help, just as a flat number for last year. I maybe able to do something like that this year, as well, but I just hate to commit to it every, take a line item out of there and shift it in there, because I just don't know if it's going to be there all that, forever. Can I think about that and get back to somebody on, and we can, we can make it work if I can do that?

Councilmember Raben: Sure. Yeah, we'd appreciate it. It kind of goes with the old saying "no good deed goes unpunished."

Carl Heldt: Well. No. I understand. But that was, you know, that was the right thing to do, and hopefully I can do it again.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. The one that is really kind of an eye catcher would be maybe any, like this special stipend account, that's in the regular budget. You know that might be an easy one to shift over, but anyway, look at it and see what you can do. We need a lot of help. We've got eight million dollars worth of fat to cut out of this hog so.

Carl Heldt: Alright. Well, I hope you'll agree that this budget is pretty lean and mean in itself. I mean, I'm not asking for anything really to speak of.

President Abell: We appreciate that, Judge. Thank you.

COMPUTER OPERATIONS

President Abell: Computer Operations. Page 81.

Matt Arvay: Good morning. Matt Arvay, CIO. If I could, I wanted to start out by just talking a little bit about the budget proposal. This year's a little bit different than I think historically it's been done. Historically, my budget has been one line item, you knew within the County Commissioner's budget or the County Council. And this year, working with Auditor Fluty, Councilmember Abell, and Commissioner Nix, we thought we'd propose a line item budget to Council, because historically there's been a lot of questions. And at times an uneasiness about the money that's being expended out of the account and where it goes. What I thought I would start by doing was, maybe going through line item by line item on the proposed budget. Line item 2600, or account number 2600 is just basic office supplies. That's for the Computer Services group, paper, pens, pencils, things of that nature. Account number 2700, that's other supplies. That's the green bar paper for our VAX printing, tax forms, payroll forms, things of that nature. Account number 3461 is a lease payment-type line item, and in this particular case, it's the courts technology refresh payment for 2008. Line item 3520 Equipment Repair, we've had always a small amount of money for printer repairs, small replacement parts on non-warranty type of computer equipment. One thing to note, there is, in the past year and a half, we did reduce, we went with another printer repair company, reduced our hourly rate from \$80 to \$50 an hour, so we should get better length out of that money.

Councilmember Shetler: Matt, do you advertise for that and take bids on it?

Matt Arvay: On that service, no, we did not. Just, it was a negotiation.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright. Thank you.

Matt Arvay: Line item, I believe, 3530 Contractual Services, basically, that's end of year support with people like Lieberman, Keller Schroeder, it also has our offsite communications money in there. A lot of that is the jail connectivity for video arraignment. There's also a small amount of money, I believe, approximately 5,000 for the courts if they need some third party support throughout the year. Account number 3540 Maintenance Contract, those basically are hardware and software maintenance items, court software, public safety software, financial software, anti-virus, our backup and storage software, our hardware networking device, maintenance and server maintenance make up that line item. Account line item 3870 is Computer Facility Management, that's two items: the overall city/county MRC contract, which had a built-in three percent COLA as well as half of my salary, which the city pays the other half, which is also a three percent COLA increase. The last item 4115 are Capital Improvements. Forty thousand out of that 49,993 are basically two projects and both of those would be split 50/50 with the city/county. One is for a FASBE upgrade which is our financial system. That currently resides on an old VAX machine. This money would allow us to move it to the Microsoft environment which we feel is very beneficial not only to the Auditor, but the Controller, and we can eliminate an out of date piece of hardware. And then the other amount of money is for an anticipated, hopefully, five year lease cost for a network upgrade. Our main component of our network is over six years old. Its starting to become a bottleneck. If we buy new servers and plug new servers in, the courts, just implemented several new servers, and this machine or this device is starting to become a slow down mechanism on the back end of the network. So with that said, I'll take questions.

President Abell: Questions or comments? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I don't have a question, just a comment. Matt, I'd like to, rather than me or anyone here try to sit down and digest this, I guess I'd like to send one message home, cut about \$250,000 out of this and come back to us.

Matt Arvay: Okay. Just so you know, this is comparable to last year's budget. It is less than a one percent increase. There were three components of this budget, that made up this.

Councilmember Raben: I'm seeing it as more than that.

Matt Arvay: It was in separate line items last year, that's where I think the confusion is. We had a courts lease payment that was broken out, a GIS line item as well as an overall IT budget, those were the three line items that were separate last year that are now combined into one. So if you combined those three into one, its less than a one percent increase.

Councilmember Sutton: Matt, name those again.

Matt Arvay: There was a courts lease refresh program, I don't know what the exact line item was for this.

Councilmember Raben: That was in its own line item in our budget.

Matt Arvay: -- GIS line item and the overall computer services.

Councilmember Sutton: In what budget last year?

Matt Arvay: Three separate line items and –

Councilmember Sutton: In the Commissioners?

Matt Arvay: It was in the Council's, I believe.

Councilmember Raben: The courts line was in a separate line.

Matt Arvay: And we're proposing to combine all three of those separate line items into one.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, keep going on through. Where were these other line items?

Matt Arvay: Courts Technology, GIS and then the overall city/county computer services budget of last year. So as we move forward, then what you'll see is, we'll be able to compare the line items as well as the detailed summary that I provided everybody. I broke that into functional sectors of computer services, courts, public safety, other city/county and GIS, with this in mind, these same eight line items in the proposed budget so we can see by sector the increases in the detailed budget as we move forward also.

Councilmember Sutton: So separate from personnel costs, you say it's a one percent increase?

Matt Arvay: No, with the three line items we talked about: the GIS, overall computer services and the courts refresh. Combining those into the budgets you see here today, it was a less than one percent increase.

Councilmember Raben: Matt, I think you're maybe not correct. The GIS was part of this line last year. GIS was in a single line that –

Matt Arvay: Okay, but there was about approximately 159,000 of that was for GIS. This year, its 156,000 and some change. So I combined those three items. If they were individual line items, how you separated them or not, I just wanted to combine them into this budget to make it a little easier. I think that confused a lot of people last year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Well, I'd still ask that you look at it, this line, because of the size of it, you know, we'll definitely be pulling cuts from it. So we'll use your recommendation as to how slim you can get it, okay?

Matt Arvay: I do have a couple of other things. The Perry Township Assessor had mentioned that you could cut the T1 cost because she didn't know where it was being paid. We're at the end of the telephone implementation. I think the implementation went real well. We're now going through the AT&T billing and the Commissioners have been paying that T1 cost for every month this year. Its not budgeted anywhere else. Other things like, we're finding the Health Department was also being wrongly billed, so we're working with AT&T to clean up the billing process for the Commissioners.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, did you have a question?

Councilmember Sutton: There are a couple of things that came up a couple of days ago, Matt, and I don't know if the department heads have had a chance to touch base with you on, when Weights & Measures was in here, we had a discussion about the timetable for their whole computer project to be completed. Do you have an idea, a timetable on when that's going to finish itself out?

Matt Arvay: Yeah, I can forward you an email, because I actually had heard there was some discussion on it and I had my staff put together, basically, a time line of what occurred. Just to kind of recap, --

Councilmember Sutton: You don't have to tell me the whole story, I'm just trying to get to the bottom line on when --

Matt Arvay: Her computer was delivered to her late last week. She is being set up as any other user on the network, part of the enterprise. She is being provided email, data storage, individual user name and logins -- yeah, its done.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and then the Co-Op Extension, we had a discussion, they're leasing eight units. I don't know if they made contact with you regarding what might be a better option for them as opposed to leasing, actually purchasing those units. And they have some software that's supported by Purdue on those units that there is a routine fee that they have to pay for using that software. So they will be discussing it with you, so if you can get back with us and let us know what might be the better route to go.

Matt Arvay: Okay, and then I have one last question for Council. As you know, we're putting together numbers and we're looking at a possible refresh plan for our PC's, servers and everything else. HP has offered to do a free assessment, free of charge and I talked with County Attorney Ziemer, and since its no charge and they understand that we, at the end of the day, will go through a bidding process. If we chose to go with a lease program, we're going to allow them to do that. Now its going to take probably a couple more months to get all the numbers and come back with either some more legitimate financial numbers. But what would Council like me to do with offices that are currently asking for computers? If its an emergency, go ahead and propose something but put a little bit of a hold on new computer purchasing for a little while or --

President Abell: Uh-huh. Yeah, if you plug it into the wall and it doesn't turn on, give them a new one.

Councilmember Raben: If its not broke, don't fix it.

Matt Arvay: Okay. Alright, thank you.

President Abell: I have a question. Did you have a question, Mr. Sutton, you had your hand --

Councilmember Sutton: No, I'm fine.

President Abell: Anyone else? I have a question. I received a couple, a little harassment about my comments regarding the Sheriff's request for his IT person. So I'd like to know, how much is your salary?

Matt Arvay: I think next year I'll be making approximately \$79,000 --

President Abell: So you make \$79,000 and you handle the entire county with the exception of public safety and Mr. VanCleave handles the courts, is that correct?

Matt Arvay: And then all the city, which includes –

President Abell: And you handle all the city, correct? Mr. VanCleave, how much is your salary?

Tim VanCleave: This year, my salary is \$56,000 and some change.

President Abell: And you have one assistant, Steve –

Tim VanCleave: Compton.

President Abell: And what is his salary?

Tim VanCleave: I believe it is 39 or 40.

President Abell: Okay. And for the record, everyone knows this is a public record, so I'm not asking anything confidential here. Mr. Arvay, do you have any assistants?

Matt Arvay: No, I mean, as far as another employee, I use the contracting help.

President Abell: And that would be with –

Matt Arvay: MRC.

President Abell: MRC. And MRC is included in our 925 – the Facilities Management.

Matt Arvay: And they have approximately 17 people.

President Abell: That's what I was going to ask you, they have 17 people including him or in addition –

Matt Arvay: Including him.

President Abell: That helps me out. I appreciate that. Thank you. Anyone else have a question? Mr. VanCleave, did you have anything you needed to add?

Tim VanCleave: No, I was here in case there was any questions about the courts projects or the courts budget line items.

President Abell: Is your project going well?

Tim VanCleave: It is going well. We've actually been seeing the court reporters are reporting that they are being able to get properly prepared for court again. We were starting to run into some slow down and productivity issues and the technology refresh does appear to be resolving those issues.

President Abell: Good. Thank you. Appreciate that. Thanks for coming.

COUNTY COUNCIL

President Abell: Okay, we are down to our own budget, County Council budget.

Sandie Deig: I can make a few changes.

President Abell: Page 124.

Sandie Deig: And then you can ask me questions. 2610, you can set that in at zero because the Auditor is covering that expense for next year.

President Abell: 2610.

Sandie Deig: The consultant was raised 5,000 because of the contract that was approved by this Council earlier this year.

President Abell: What line item is that?

Sandie Deig: That would be 3460.

President Abell: Oh, you've already got –

Sandie Deig: Its already in there, uh-huh. And then, 3461 Court Technology, that would be the decision of this Council if you want to place money in that, 3860 the same thing, 1.75. It's a duplicate entry for this request. The Computer Services have it, too, so that will probably be a reduction in the total budget of about 1.8 million.

President Abell: Does everyone understand that? That was the previous budget is duplicated in here.

Sandie Deig: Okay, and then line 3700, I did ask for an increase of \$250 due to the increase in NACO fees and the Fair Labor Standards updates. And that's all I have.

President Abell: Any questions?

Councilmember Raben: None, other than it would be my wish to keep the computer, contractual computer account within our budget.

Sandie Deig: One thing I did want to mention, we have carried for the last three or four years, I believe, in our budget, on the computers, the hardware and the software in our budget for the entire county.

President Abell: And I think we'll go through this budget and everyone who has requested computers this time, we'll do the same thing, put them in our budget. It doesn't mean they can't have them, but it just means that they need to run their blue slip through us. I think it has really helped the control of people purchasing computers.

Councilmember Raben: The, Madam Chairman, with the exception of the township assessors –

President Abell: Reassessment, sure.

Councilmember Raben: And any joint shared city/county offices.

President Abell: Correct. Any other questions or comments? This is your last chance, this is our last day.

Councilmember Raben: I've got a comment. I think everybody knows where we need to – what the bottom line is and now if everybody spends the next three or four days, five days, however long it takes to craft as many cuts as they can, and I'll make myself available to record those and we can compare notes individually in hopes of having eight million dollars worth of cuts in the next two weeks. So, Madam Chairman, thank you.

President Abell: Any other comments? I agree with Mr. Raben, and if anyone has any questions about anything as they are going through the budget, I'm sure Mr. Raben would be happy to answer your phone call as would I. And I know Mrs. Deig is always available to help you, too, so lets do our hard work and we'll meet back here on the 28th and see what we've got. We're adjourned.

(Meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Marsha Abell

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Tom Shetler

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 28, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 28th day of August, 2007 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by County Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: Call to order the meeting for the Vanderburgh County Council. We will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Raben, would you lead us in the Pledge?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: Thank you. I will turn the meeting over to Mr. Raben for the budget cuts.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Madam President. Good morning, everyone. How I would like to proceed today is, everyone has been given a list of the proposed budget cuts. I'd like to work from that list and I'd like to open with the motion that all salary lines including FICA, PERF & Insurance will be set at our final meeting September the 12th. That will be a standard motion throughout the morning. Do I need a motion to that effect? Do we need to vote on that now? Okay, I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CLERK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first we'll start with the County Clerk, 1010. Starting with account 2600, I'd like to move to set in account 2600 at \$60,000, 3540 16,000, 3603 at 80,000, 3700 at 300, and 4210 in at zero. All other accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1010-2600	Office Supplies	60,000.00
1010-3540	Maintenance Contract	16,000.00
1010-3603	Record Storage	80,000.00
1010-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	300.00
1010-4210	Office Furniture	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Auditor 1020. 2600 at 11,500, 2700 at 4,000,

3310 zero, 3370 zero, 3530 5,000, 4210 zero. All other accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1020-2600	Office Supplies	11,500.00
1020-2700	Other Supplies	4,000.00
1020-3310	Training	0.00
1020-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	0.00
1020-3530	Contractual Services	5,000.00
1020-4210	Office Furniture	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Next, County Treasurer 1030. First line 3310 \$500, 3410 \$55,000, 3700 \$5, all other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Abell: I think you said the last one wrong.

Councilmember Raben: 3700 \$500.

President Abell: You said \$5.

Councilmember Raben: Oh. Sometimes you have to cut a little extra.

President Abell: Does anyone want to second that?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Could you repeat the numbers just to –

Councilmember Raben: 3310 in at \$500, 3410 in at \$55,000, and 3700 at \$500.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1030-3310	Training	500.00
1030-3410	Printing	55,000.00
1030-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RECORDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, 1040 County Recorder 1900 , 1990, excuse me, in at zero. One special note on this budget that we’re not seeing here today is, there is another \$172,000 in Insurance and some of the 1000 accounts that’s going to be reimbursed by this officeholder, but today we have 10,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1040-1990	Extra Help	0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1050 Sheriff. Starting with account 201 zero, 202 zero, 203, 204, 213, 214, 223, 224, 225, and 226 all in at zero. Account 1300 \$300,000, 1301 25,000, 1531 2,500, 1540 zero, 2210 225,000, 2230 80,000, 2670 7,500, 2700 5,000, 2760 5,000, 3370 5,000, 3530 65,000, 4230 zero and 4290 zero. All other accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1050-1130-0201	Process Server	0.00
1050-1130-0202	Process Server	0.00
1050-1130-0203	Process Server	0.00
1050-1130-0204	Process Server	0.00
1050-1130-0213	Process Server	0.00
1050-1130-0214	Process Server	0.00
1050-1130-0223	Process Server	0.00
1050-1130-0224	Process Server	0.00
1050-1130-0225	Process Server	0.00
1050-1130-0226	Process Server	0.00
1050-1300	Overtime	300,000.00
1050-1301	Civilian Overtime	25,000.00
1050-1531	Civilian Shift Differential	2,500.00
1050-1540	Proc. Server Vacation Coverage	0.00
1050-2210	Gas & Oil	225,000.00

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1050-2230	Garage & Motor	80,000.00
1050-2670	Identification	7,500.00
1050-2700	Other Supplies	5,000.00
1050-2760	Court Security	5,000.00
1050-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	5,000.00
1050-3530	Contractual Services	65,000.00
1050-4230	Motor Vehicles	0.00
1050-4290	Vehicle Equipment	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Next 1051 Jail. 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379 and 380 all in at zero. 1301 \$2,000, 1750 60,000, 1751 \$375, 1950 7,400, 2200 100,000, 2240 400,000, 2260 500,000, 2600 25,000, 3310 5,000 and 3520 5,000. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman, could you repeat line 1301 and 1530 and 1531?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1301 2,000, and which one?

Councilmember Winnecke: 1530. Is that 60?

Councilmember Raben: 1530? I don't...

Councilmember Winnecke: This is the Jail, right?

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, give me just a moment. Yeah, there is nothing for 1530. 1530 was Shift Differential, the requested amount was 45,000 and it remains 45,000.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

President Abell: Further questions, Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No, I'm good.

President Abell: Do we have a second?

Teri Lukeman: Yes.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1051-1130-0372	Confinement Officer	0.00
1051-1130-0373	Confinement Officer	0.00
1051-1130-0374	Confinement Officer	0.00
1051-1130-0375	Confinement Officer	0.00
1051-1130-0376	Confinement Officer	0.00
1051-1130-0377	Confinement Officer	0.00
1051-1130-0378	Confinement Officer	0.00
1051-1130-0379	Confinement Officer	0.00
1051-1130-0380	Confinement Officer	0.00
1051-1301	Civilian Overtime	2,000.00
1051-1750	Clothing Allowance	60,000.00
1051-1751	Civilian Uniform Allowance	375.00
1051-1950	Teamsters Education Fund	7,400.00
1051-2200	Jail Expense	100,000.00
1051-2240	Medical	400,000.00
1051-2260	Food	500,000.00
1051-2600	Office Supplies	25,000.00
1051-3310	Training	5,000.00
1051-3520	Equipment Repair	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Coroner 1070. Starting with 2230 1,500, 2730 1,500, 2740 1,000, 3160 2,000, 3190 4,000, 3200 13,500, 3520 2,000, 3540 8,000, 3640 35,000, 3650 180,000. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1070-2230	Garage & Motor	1,500.00
1070-2730	Sanitary Supplies	1,500.00
1070-2740	Chemicals	1,000.00
1070-3160	Radio/Pagers	2,000.00
1070-3190	Solid Waste Disposal	4,000.00
1070-3200	Utilities	13,500.00
1070-3520	Equipment Repair	2,000.00
1070-3540	Maintenance Contract	8,000.00

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1070-3640	Diagnostic Studies	35,000.00
1070-3650	Autopsies	180,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: 1080 Prosecutor. Account 2700 \$1,000, 3130 2,000. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1080-2700	Other Supplies	1,000.00
1080-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR IV-D

PROSECUTOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Councilmember Raben: Okay 1081 Prosecutor IV-D, starting with 1300 zero, 1310 zero, 2700 2,000, and 3120 4,000. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

President Abell: Is there a second?

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I'm going to add one other budget with that. 1083, which is the Prosecutor's Drug Law Enforcement Program, account 3994, the correct figure is 132,308. I would like to include that with my other motion.

President Abell: Is there a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm going to vote for this but I want to make sure we can, I know we've got some issues, we're trying to improve our child support collections, so if we can do whatever we can to make some adjustments to that at some point in time to address that. He's requested two positions and I realize we're trying to hold the line on all positions across the county. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PROSECUTOR IV-D

1081-1300-1081	Enforcement Officer	0.00
1081-1310-1081	Enforcement Officer	0.00
1081-2700	Other Supplies	2,000.00
1081-3120	Postage/Freight	4,000.00

PROSECUTOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

1083-3994	Special/Matching Grants	132,308.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY ASSESSOR
ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR
CENTER ASSESSOR
GERMAN ASSESSOR
KNIGHT ASSESSOR
PERRY ASSESSOR
PIGEON ASSESSOR
SCOTT ASSESSOR
UNION ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, we'll begin the County Assessor and Township County Assessor departments. Just a matter of clarification, all the – and I'd like to take these all in one motion. Beginning with the County Assessor, Armstrong Assessor, Center Assessor, German Assessor, Knight Assessor, Perry Assessor, Pigeon Assessor and Scott and Union Assessors, all 2, 3, and 4000 accounts to be set in at zero and, Madam President, we will finalize these and insert those September the 12th. We're simply moving these lines into Reassessment. So the motion today is for all Assessors that I've read, all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts set in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Mr. Raben, just for clarification, there are some questions that I had on some of them and we can make those yet? They're not being moved over there as they were requested?

Councilmember Raben: No.

President Abell: Okay, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

1090-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1090-2700	Other Supplies	0.00
1090-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1090-3530	Contractual Services	0.00
1090-3540	Maintenance Contract	0.00
1090-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00
1090-4210	Office Furniture	0.00
1090-4220	Office Machines	0.00

ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR

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

CENTER ASSESSOR

1110-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1110-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	0.00
1110-2820	Red & Blue Books	0.00
1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1110-3310	Training	0.00
1110-3380	Photography/Blue Prints	0.00
1110-3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	0.00
1110-3410	Printing	0.00
1110-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1110-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00

GERMAN ASSESSOR

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

KNIGHT ASSESSOR

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

PERRY ASSESSOR

1140-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1140-3000	Bond & Insurance	0.00
1140-3120	Postage/Freight	0.00

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1140-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1140-3141	Communications	0.00
1140-3200	Utilities	0.00
1140-3310	Training	0.00
1140-3380	Photography/Blue Prints	0.00
1140-3410	Printing	0.00
1140-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1140-3600	Rent	0.00
1140-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00

PIGEON ASSESSOR

1150-1990	Extra Help	0.00
1150-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1150-2820	Red & Blue Books	0.00
1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1150-3310	Training	0.00
1150-3371	Computer Hardware	0.00
1150-3372	Computer Software	0.00
1150-3410	Printing	0.00
1150-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1150-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00

SCOTT ASSESSOR

1160-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1160-2700	Other Supplies	0.00
1160-3120	Postage/Freight	0.00
1160-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1160-3140	Telephone	0.00
1160-3141	Communications	0.00
1160-3200	Utilities	0.00
1160-3371	Computer Hardware	0.00
1160-3372	Computer Software	0.00
1160-3410	Printing	0.00
1160-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00

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1160-3540	Maintenance Contract	0.00
1160-3600	Rent	0.00
1160-3605	Moving Expenses	0.00
1160-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00
1160-4220	Office Machines	0.00

UNION ASSESSOR

1170-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1170-3120	Postage/Freight	0.00
1170-3130	Travel/Mileage	0.00
1170-3140	Telephone	0.00
1170-3410	Printing	0.00
1170-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1170-3540	Maintenance Contract	0.00
1170-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)***ELECTION OFFICE***

Councilmember Raben: Okay 1210 Election Office, 2600 \$1,000, 3120 \$1,000, 3130 \$750, 3410 8,000, 3420 1,000, 3520 250, 3530 12,000, 3570 2,500, 3600 8,000, 3630 1,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1210-2600	Office Supplies	1,000.00
1210-3120	Postage/Freight	1,000.00
1210-3130	Travel/Mileage	750.00
1210-3410	Printing	8,000.00
1210-3420	Legal Advertising	1,000.00
1210-3520	Equipment Repair	250.00
1210-3530	Contractual Services	12,000.00
1210-3570	Janitorial Service	2,500.00
1210-3600	Rent	8,000.00
1210-3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Councilmember Raben: 1220 Voters Registration, account 3700 at \$75, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1220-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	75.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Next 1230 Co-Op Extension Service, line 2600 4,500, 3130 6,500, 3200 5,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1230-2600	Office Supplies	4,500.00
1230-3130	Travel/Mileage	6,500.00
1230-3200	Utilities	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: 1240 Area Plan 2810 \$2,000, 3310 500, 3410 1,500, 3520 500, 3610 35,000, 3710 zero, 3740 zero, and 4250 zero. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1240-2810	Drafting Paper	2,000.00
1240-3310	Training	500.00
1240-3410	Printing	1,500.00
1240-3520	Equipment Repair	500.00
1240-3610	Legal Services	35,000.00
1240-3710	Employee Education	0.00
1240-3740	Intern Program	0.00
1240-4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMPUTER OPERATIONS/MANAGEMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next 1250 Computer Operations/Management. Just as a matter of clarification, this budget is also in the County Council budget and then what represents the Courts is also in their budget. So I'm going to move that this entire budget starting with 2600, 2700, 3461, 3520, 3530, 3540, 3870 and 4115 all be set in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1250-2600	Office Supplies	0.00
1250-2700	Other Supplies	0.00
1250-3461	Court Technology	0.00
1250-3520	Equipment Repair	0.00
1250-3530	Contractual Services	0.00
1250-3540	Maintenance Contract	0.00
1250-3870	Computer Facilities Management	0.00
1250-4115	Capital Improvement	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VETERANS SERVICES

Councilmember Raben: 1270 Veterans Services, account 2600 \$1,000, 3060 40,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1270-2600	Office Supplies	1,000.00
1270-3060	Veterans Burial Allowance	40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: 1300 County Commissioners. Starting with account 2600 \$2,000, 3001 \$190,550, 3030 279,000, 3100 176,975, 3120 375,000, 3130 20,000, 3140 200,000, 3142 12,000, 3210 141,238, 3280 100, 3410 100, 3420 20,000, 3490 20,000, 3535 zero, 3600 4,565,626, 3610 100,000, 3760 20,000, 3850 438,964, 3931 20,000, 4433 zero, and all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Raben? The item after, could you repeat from 3280 down through about 3610? I want to make sure I've got those correct.

Councilmember Raben: Gladly. 3280 is \$100, 3410 100, 3420 20,000, 3490 20,000, 3535 zero, 3600 4,565,626, 3610 100,000, 3760 20,000, 3850 438,964, and 3931 20,000, and 4433 zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Raben, I have a question on 3850. It says 436,007 and then the cut has -2,957, but I think we added it.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, we did. What was listed in the book was incorrect. The correct amount needed was 438,964, so its actually an addition of 2,957.

Councilmember Sutton: So a negative is a positive on the sheet.

President Abell: Just wanted to make sure that it wasn't a typographical error.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: Councilwoman Abell?

President Abell: Did you have a second to your motion?

Councilmember Leader: I did. I seconded it.

President Abell: Roll call vote. I'm sorry, Mr. Shetler.

Councilmember Shetler: Just a point here, 3030 is the ARC funding and I know things are tight and we've got to watch the line on the county tax dollars and I understand that and appreciate that. I would hope, though, that we would be able to find some kind of an increase in one of the funds that we might be able to help out the ARC. They do a lot for our community and I think its an important activity and stuff that they do for us. So I would hope that, in this process in the next couple of weeks, we could find another source to increase their funding somewhat, because I think its been stagnant for the last 15 years or so. So just a comment, thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler, you might want to check. I asked the County Commissioners to see if there's any possibility to use their Welfare-to-Work money for that. You might want to check with them on that. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Just kind of to respond back to that last comment. I think there might be some sources, but we can, on that Riverboat dollars, there's some unappropriated balances they might be able to look in that direction. The Welfare-to-Work money, I think we would shy away from, if we could, from that particular line item. Other than that, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1300-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00
1300-3001	Self Insurance	190,550.00
1300-3030	E.A.R.C.	279,000.00
1300-3100	Animal Control	176,975.00
1300-3120	Postage/Freight	375,000.00
1300-3130	Travel/Mileage	20,000.00
1300-3140	Telephone	200,000.00
1300-3142	Televised Meetings	12,000.00
1300-3210	Emergency Management	141,238.00
1300-3280	Examination of Records/Audit	100.00
1300-3410	Printing	100.00
1300-3420	Legal Advertising	20,000.00
1300-3490	Y.M.C.A.	20,000.00
1300-3535	Voices for I-69	0.00
1300-3600	Rent	4,565,626.00
1300-3610	Legal Services	100,000.00
1300-3760	Occu/Med	20,000.00
1300-3850	Building Commission	438,964.00
1300-3931	Youth Services	20,000.00
1300-4433	SW Indiana Disaster Resistance	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next 1302 Weights & Measures, 3141 \$960. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1302-3141	Communications	960.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: 1303 Public Defender, account 3000 2,500, 3130 3,500, 3310 3,000, 3943 20,000, 3947 50,000, 4210 zero. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: We did say at the early part of the meeting that the assumption is that we're still working, and, of course, we've got some things worked

out, but the assumption is a three percent increase on salaries for next year.

Councilmember Raben: That is the intent with this budget, yes. I'm glad you mentioned that. We probably should have discussed that in the early going, but yes, that is my intent and I hope everyone's here, that, in the passage of this budget, we'll be able to provide the three percent.

Councilmember Sutton: Because I know there's been some budgets along the way that we've covered and we're going to cover, that weren't step increases necessarily, that were above the three percent range. I just wanted to make sure we're very clear that we are staying along that vein with a three percent.

Councilmember Raben: Exactly. If it's not a step increase or, you know, something like that, they'll all be set at three percent.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1303-3000	Bond & Insurance	2,500.00
1303-3130	Travel/Mileage	3,500.00
1303-3310	Training	3,000.00
1303-3943	Pauper Expense	20,000.00
1303-3947	Pauper Transcripts	50,000.00
1303-4210	Office Furniture	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: 1310 Superintendent of County Buildings 2860 6,000, 3510 1,000. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1310-2860	Building Supplies	6,000.00
1310-3510	Other Operating	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: 1360 Circuit Court, starting with 1220 38,041, 1600 zero, 2610 4,000, 3620 7,000, 3723 1,000, 3944 20,000, all other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote. I'm sorry, Mr. Goebel, did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: No.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1360-1220	Probation Officer	38,041.00
1360-1600	Special Stipend	0.00
1360-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	4,000.00
1360-3620	Copy Machine Lease	7,000.00
1360-3723	Psychological Evaluations	1,000.00
1360-3944	Special Reporter	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Raben: 1361 Community Corrections, account 1190 zero. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1361-1190	Maintenance	0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: 1370 Superior Court. Starting with 1990 2,000, 3050 500,000, 3054 7,000, 3620 10,000, and 3941 12,000. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1370-1990	Extra Help	2,000.00
1370-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	500,000.00
1370-3054	Juvenile Home Detention	7,000.00
1370-3620	Copy Machine Lease	10,000.00
1370-3941	Guardian Ad-Litem	12,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: 1371 DADS program. 3370 set in at zero. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1371-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: 1450 Burdette Park. 1180 \$475,000, 1190 50,000, 2210 14,000, 2310 9,500, 3140 4,000, 3190 7,500, 3200 135,000, 4220 zero. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	475,000.00
1450-1190-1450	Security	50,000.00
1450-2210	Gas & Oil	14,000.00
1450-2310	Laundry & Cleaning	9,500.00
1450-3140	Telephone	4,000.00

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1450-3190	Solid Waste Disposal	7,500.00
1450-3200	Utilities	135,000.00
1450-4220	Office Machines	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID

Councilmember Raben: 1460 Legal Aid. Account 3130 500, 3250 1,500, 3450 1,500. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1460-3130	Travel/Mileage	500.00
1460-3250	Law Books	1,500.00
1460-3450	Yellow Pages	1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: 1480 County Council. Starting with 2610 zero, 3370 26,000,

3461 350,737, 3860 1,507,328. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Raben, one more time on that last figure, on 3860, what was that figure again?

Councilmember Raben: The correct figure or the figure is 1,507,328.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you. Yes.

President Abell: I think he's started.

Teri Lukeman: That's a yes. Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

1480-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	0.00
1480-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	26,000.00
1480-3461	Court Technology	350,737.00
1480-3860	Contractual Computer	1,507,328.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next 2010 County Highway. Starting with account 1069 zero, 1930 3,000, 2210 125,000, 2220 30,000, 2230 35,000, 2300 20,000, 2530 80,000, 2540 750, 2550 10,000, 2570 zero, 2580 80,000, 2590 250, 2600 2,000, 2780 zero, 3120 100, 3140 6,000, 3160 2,000, 3200 35,000, 3370 5,000, 3410 500, 3530 2,000, 3610 3,000, 3630 zero. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

2010-1069	Laborer	0.00
2010-1930	Unemployment	3,000.00
2010-2210	Gas & Oil	125,000.00
2010-2220	Tires & Tubes	30,000.00
2010-2230	Garage & Motor	35,000.00
2010-2300	Uniforms	20,000.00
2010-2530	Bituminous Materials	80,000.00
2010-2540	Lumber	750.00
2010-2550	Sand & Gravel	10,000.00
2010-2570	Hardware & Tools	0.00
2010-2580	Calcium & Chloride	80,000.00
2010-2590	Paint	250.00

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2010-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00
2010-2780	Office Material	0.00
2010-3120	Postage/Freight	100.00
2010-3140	Telephone	6,000.00
2010-3160	Radio/Pagers	2,000.00
2010-3200	Utilities	35,000.00
2010-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	5,000.00
2010-3410	Printing	500.00
2010-3530	Contractual Services	2,000.00
2010-3610	Legal Services	3,000.00
2010-3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, 2030 Cumulative Bridge, starting with 1260 zero, 2210 10,000, 2230 35,000, 2530 120,000, 2560 15,000, 2600 1,500, 2700 1,500, 3130 1,200, 3140 1,000, 3141 1,750, 3310 1,500, 3520 25,000, 3610 4,000, 3930 75,000, 4230 50,000, 4250 35,000, 4417 1,100,000, 4429 15,000. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

2030-1260-2030	Laborer	0.00
2030-2210	Gas & Oil	10,000.00
2030-2230	Garage & Motor	35,000.00
2030-2530	Bituminous Materials	120,000.00
2030-2560	Concrete	15,000.00
2030-2600	Office Supplies	1,500.00
2030-2700	Other Supplies	1,500.00
2030-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,200.00
2030-3140	Telephone	1,000.00
2030-3141	Communications	1,750.00
2030-3310	Training	1,500.00
2030-3520	Equipment Repair	25,000.00
2030-3610	Legal Services	4,000.00
2030-3930	Other Contractual	75,000.00
2030-4230	Motor Vehicles	50,000.00
2030-4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	35,000.00
2030-4417	Baseline Road Bridge #203	1,100,000.00
2030-4429	Engineer Equipment	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CCD

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next we'll move to 2031-1300 CCD. Line 3538 50,000, 4122 zero, 4129 567,808, 4130 100,000, and 4230 250,000. All other accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

2031-1300-3538	Old Courthouse Contractual	50,000.00
2031-1300-4122	Buildings & Equipment	0.00
2031-1300-4129	Energy Savings Contract	567,808.00
2031-1300-4130	Park & Playground	100,000.00
2031-1300-4230	Motor Vehicles	250,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES

Councilmember Raben: 2042 Division of Family and Children. Starting with account 30090 the correct amount is 327,338, 32500 is 3,747,000, 32520 is 7,212,625, 32530 the correct amount is 17,950, 32540 2,864,745, 32550 192,330, 32560 5,000, 32600 4,144,000, 32700 15,500, and 32920 2,000. All other accounts as listed and I make it in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I could amend my motion to also include account 2045 Children's Psychiatric.

President Abell: At 145,000?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, account 32926 in the amount of 145,000.

President Abell: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll amend my second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN

2042-30090	Child Welfare Services	327,338.00
2042-32500	Out of Home Placements-Foster	3,747,000.00
2042-32520	Out of Home Placements-Institutions	7,212,625.00
2042-32530	Independent Living for Wards	17,950.00
2042-32540	Preservation Services	2,864,745.00
2042-32550	Miscellaneous Cost of Wards	192,330.00
2042-32560	MRO	5,000.00
2042-32600	Adoption Services	4,144,000.00
2042-32700	Foster Parent Insurance	15,500.00
2042-32920	Interest on Temporary Loan	2,000.00

CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES

2045-32926	Other Services & Charges	145,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay 2130 Health Department. Starting with 1990 zero, 2210 7,500, 2600 6,000, 2700 5,000, 2721 30,000, 3120 2,000, 3130 12,000, 3310

1,000, 3410 4,000, 3510 10,000, 3530 2,000, 3540 10,000, 3700 800, 3790 20,000, 3930 10,000, 4220 zero, 4222 zero and 4230 zero. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

2130-1990	Extra Help	0.00
2130-2210	Gas & Oil	7,500.00
2130-2600	Office Supplies	6,000.00
2130-2700	Other Supplies	5,000.00
2130-2721	Laboratory	30,000.00
2130-3120	Postage/Freight	2,000.00
2130-3130	Travel/Mileage	12,000.00
2130-3310	Training	1,000.00
2130-3410	Printing	4,000.00
2130-3510	Other Operating	10,000.00
2130-3530	Contractual Services	2,000.00

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2130-3540	Maintenance Contract	10,000.00
2130-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	800.00
2130-3790	Professional Services	20,000.00
2130-3930	Other Contractual	10,000.00
2130-4220	Office Machines	0.00
2130-4222	Dental Clinic	0.00
2130-4230	Motor Vehicles	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: 2160 Local Roads & Streets. Starting with account 2220 \$10,000, 2230 80,000, 2530 900,000, 2550 25,000, 3130 3,000, 3310 500, 3610 5,000, 3630 12,000, 3820 25,000, 3830 25,000, 3930 500,000, 4310 25,000. All other 2, 3, and 4000 accounts as listed.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

2160-2220	Tires & Tubes	10,000.00
2160-2230	Garage & Motor	80,000.00
2160-2530	Bituminous Materials	900,000.00
2160-2550	Sand & Gravel	25,000.00
2160-3130	Travel/Mileage	3,000.00
2160-3310	Training	500.00
2160-3610	Legal Services	5,000.00
2160-3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	12,000.00
2160-3820	Tractor & Truck Repair	25,000.00
2160-3830	Road Equipment Repair	25,000.00
2160-3930	Other Contractual	500,000.00
2160-4310	Road Equipment	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Next, Madam President, I would move that, which I'd like to stop there. We could set in the Reassessment budgets today, but there's really no need. We can finalize those at our September 12th meeting. For some of you, this is new material, so I'd like to give you a little more time to look at it. But what I would like to do is make another motion that simply states, any budgets that we have not made cuts in today, with the exception of Reassessment budgets, will be approved as listed. We will follow up and give this our final blessing on September the 12th. And I guess just to clarify some things for folks in the audience, the Airport, the Convention & Visitors Bureau, any budget that was not discussed today or cuts made, they'll be approved as listed. And again, that will all be finalized September the 12th. But that's my motion.

President Abell: It's your intent that they won't be touched, but we might have to?

Councilmember Raben: That can apply for any budget in this.

President Abell: Just wanted to make sure that someone didn't feel comfortable and we might be having to take something out of their budget. Is that a motion, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, ma'am.

President Abell: I need a second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and, Madam President, just to give everybody an update as to what these cuts represented today, these cuts represent a little over 6.1 million dollars before we make salary adjustments that Councilman Sutton referred to earlier and that's before we set in our final insurance line that's within the County Council's budget. So the total cuts, you know, if everything goes as planned, September the 12th, we should be knocking on the seven million dollar door. So that's where we're at today.

President Abell: Good job. Anyone have any questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'd just like to thank Councilman Raben for all his hard work and, going through this, he's helped us a lot to understand procedure and he's spent a lot of hours and he deserves a lot of credit. Thank you, James.

Councilmember Raben: That's very kind of you. I did, since you're thanking people. I did neglect to – and I usually save this for September the 12th, but there are some folks in here that really dedicate a lot of time as well with this budget and that's our Executive Assistant, Sandie Deig, our County Auditor, Bill Fluty, and Sandie's assistant, Sarah Nunn. So those are the folks that really work hard, too. So thanks again.

President Abell: Anyone else? We're running out of tape, so I'm going to make this quick, but just for the officeholders who did voluntarily cut your budgets, thank you. We're adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Marsha Abell

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Tom Shetler

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 12th day of September, 2007 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President, Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I would like to call to order the September 12, 2007 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Mr. Goebel, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: Could we have attendance roll call please?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	
President Abell	X	

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President Abell: Do I have a motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2007 special meeting, the August 1, 2007 regular meeting –

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Abell: -- and the August 14, 15 and 16th meetings?

Councilmember Raben: Still so moved.

President Abell: Okay. Do I have a second to all of those meetings?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Any discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Present, no, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Abell: Appropriation ordinance.

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first, Madam President, under Jail, 1051-1900, FICA, in the amount of \$18,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1900	FICA	18,000.00	18,000.00
Total		18,000.00	18,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, under County Assessor, and, Madam President, I would like to call attention to our sheet that we'll actually initial and sign, you'll need to write in a few corrections, this being the first one. Under County Assessor, 1090-1972, Level II Certification, the correct amount is \$167. On 1090-1900, FICA, \$13, 1090-1910, PERF, \$12, for a total appropriation of \$192. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1972	Level II Certification	500.00	167.00
1090-1900	FICA	39.00	13.00
1090-1910	PERF	34.00	12.00
Total		573.00	192.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Pigeon Township Assessor, 1050-1120-1150, the correct amount is \$18,513. FICA is \$1,417. PERF is \$1,250, for a total of \$21,180. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Mr. Raben, did you say \$1,250 or \$1,215?

Councilmember Raben: One thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

President Abell: Okay, thank you. Any discussion?

Teri Lukeman: Did you mean for that to be line item 1150-1971, rather than 1150-1120?

Councilmember Raben: That is correct. 1150-1971, is that first account. So, you need to make that change as well, 1150-1971-1150.

President Abell: Any other discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: Did we talk about this last time?

President Abell: Oh, yeah.

Councilmember Winnecke: We did?

President Abell: We talked around it.

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, we did? Okay, sorry.

Judy Stricker: Judy Stricker. I was unable to be here—

Councilmember Winnecke: Could you turn your, push the button.

Judy Stricker: Oh, push the button?

Councilmember Winnecke: The blue—

Judy Stricker: Oh.

Councilmember Winnecke: Talk.

Judy Stricker: Oh.

Councilmember Winnecke: There you go. Thanks.

Judy Stricker: Anyway, I wasn't able to be here two weeks ago. I had ear surgery, so I can't hear real well. I've still got a lot of packing. So, if you would, speak up. I know there was discussion on this last time. This is a buy-out because someone will be replacing Paul Hatfield October 1st. I am running, but if I get elected, there's still a buy-out. If I don't get elected, I'm leaving, so there will still be a buy-out. If I stayed in and worked, you know, and didn't have a Chief Deputy until the end of the year, it would only be \$6,295 on the Chief Deputy part. Then that is what you would have to still pay, yeah, the \$6,000, you know, till....because it will be February before somebody can put a Chief Deputy in without the buy-out, of next year, four months. So, if I was to stay in as the Chief Deputy, I mean, as the Assessor, I would be willing not to have a Chief Deputy. It would only cost the county \$6,294, because of what's remaining in the Chief Deputy budget. But, if I'm not in there, I don't care if the other person has one or not, either. That's up to the Council.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm not quite clear I understood what you just said. If you succeed Mr. Hatfield—

Judy Stricker: Yeah.

Councilmember Winnecke: —and—

Judy Stricker: And didn't have a Chief Deputy until the end of the year, then it would only cost the Council \$6,294, plus what's already in the budget.

Councilmember Winnecke: So—

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Councilmember Winnecke: So, I guess the question is, do we need to do this today?

Councilmember Goebel: It seems pretty muddled right now, I think. I don't know if I understand exactly what's taking place.

Judy Stricker: Okay, let me try to make this clear. Alright, I am running for office, but, you know, rumors, you know, there might be a couple of other people running, also. If I was to get elected, there would still be a buy-out. The buy-out is \$18,513. That's counting, that's not counting what's in the budget. If there wasn't a Chief Deputy for the rest of the year, it would only be \$6,294, because then what's already budgeted for this year, I could use for my buy-out.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, there's one point to maybe understand here. If, and you're right, this is a little muddy, if she should not succeed as the replacement for Paul Hatfield, then the Chief Deputy line would sit empty because you would have to pay her out on her comp, you know, her buy-out, you know, her sick days, vacation days, you know, whatever those are, which amounts to—

Judy Stricker: Four months.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, several months. So, if you don't do anything, that's

the risk that's involved here. That whoever comes in to replace, or the new Assessor, should it not be her, will not have a Deputy.

Judy Stricker: Whether it's me or someone else, they won't have a Chief Deputy until the first of the year, and it still would cost the Council \$6,294 for January of next year.

President Abell: I have a question.

Judy Stricker: Yes?

President Abell: Has Mr. Hatfield officially given anyone a resignation?

Judy Stricker: He has the central committee.

President Abell: But, has he given anyone of authority in the county an official resignation, an official retirement date?

Judy Stricker: He did the Auditor's office.

Bill Fluty: I believe we have a letter on file from Mr. Hatfield.

President Abell: What does he say his date, his last—

Bill Fluty: It's October 1st, I believe.

Judy Stricker: Uh-huh, that was the last time. It was November 1st, then it's October 1st, then it wasn't —

President Abell: That's exactly my point. I thought it was November 1st at one point. You know, he could decide he's not going to retire. Isn't that true? I mean, has he done more than just ask you what his buy-out would be, or has he actually said, I'm resigning?

Bill Fluty: I think he's sent us a letter stating that he's going to retire October 1st. Obviously, that could change if he would send us another letter.

President Abell: If he retires October 1st, they have what, 30 days to call a caucus?

Judy Stricker: They're having it the end of this month.

President Abell: The end of September? You can't have a caucus before someone resigns.

Judy Stricker: Yes, you can, as long as he's turned in his resignation to the Central Committee. I've already asked Susie Kirk, and she says he can. The Central Committee says he could. So, they've already set a date.

Bill Fluty: When is the date?

Judy Stricker: September 29th. So, whoever wins the 29th, takes office that Monday.

President Abell: Well, you know, I mean, I certainly wouldn't want to argue with the Democratic Party, they know what they're doing, but I used to be the Clerk of the

Court, and if you have a caucus on September the 29th, and Mr. Hatfield hasn't retired yet, and he doesn't like who's elected, he can just decide I'm not going to retire. Then we've got this budget set for a retirement, you can't, he can't be forced out until he actually retires, or resigns, or whatever he's calling it. If his isn't effective until October 1st, and you have a September 29th caucus, and he says, well, that ain't who I wanted to have succeed me, and I don't know that he even cares, but if he were to say that or feel that way, and then not resign, then we have this line item loaded up for two people and we've only got one person that's going to be sitting in the seat.

Judy Stricker: I don't know. I just know what they tell me. I've asked Susie Kirk if, you know, if they could have one, and she said, yes, they can as long as central committee gets a letter of resignation from Mr. Hatfield. He did that quite a while ago.

President Abell: I would like to see this put off for a month. I don't want to run the county business based on some political thing that might go on and might not go on.

Councilmember Winnecke: I mean, my personal—

President Abell: Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry. I'm not opposed to this. I just think the timing is, we might just be a month early, I think. I mean, I understand everyone's position, I just, it seems to me we need to let everything take its course and then put the money in place. I don't know that anyone here is opposed to this, but that would be my personal feeling.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, did you have something?

Councilmember Goebel: I just think we can remove the political aspect and just look at what is legal, if we can approve this today or not. But, if it's agreeable that we wait until October, I guess, that might be a good move at this point.

Councilmember Raben: I think we can do that. The only risk involved is the new office holder will be without a Chief Deputy while the time is being paid out of this salary line. So anyway, but I'm fine with that. Madam President, I would like to—

President Abell: Mr. Shetler wants to ask a question.

Councilmember Shetler: I guess, the only point is, is that our next meeting is October 3rd, I believe, so, they would only be without for two days, at the most, and I think during that period of time that they'll have a difficult time trying to hire somebody within a few days time anyway. So, given the whole circumstance here, it makes sense to me to hold off. So, I think it makes sense. I don't know, is there a motion on the floor? To approve this? If there's not a motion—

President Abell: I don't—

Councilmember Shetler: —then my motion would be to—

Councilmember Raben: I'll withdraw the motion.

President Abell: Do we have a second to that motion? Ms. Leader?

Councilmember Leader: I'll second.

President Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Abell: Do you understand what we're doing?

Judy Stricker: Okay.

President Abell: We're just putting it off.

Judy Stricker: Okay, but if I'm not here October 3rd, would somebody please make sure I get my buy-out?

President Abell: Well, you know, and you could change your mind. That's the problem, we're going on the theory that all this stuff is going to happen, and we need to be doing stuff based on what has definitely happened, and what—

Judy Stricker: Sure.

President Abell: —and you don't, we're not going to knock you out of any money, I promise you.

Judy Stricker: Okay.

President Abell: Okay. Thank you.

Judy Stricker: Was there any questions on the Extra Help thing while I'm here?

President Abell: Any questions for anyone? Evidently not. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, Madam President, at this time I would like to make a motion to set in Pigeon Township request at zero.

President Abell: Is there a second to that?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-1971	Accrued Payments	23,974.00	0.00
1150-1900	FICA	1,835.00	0.00
1150-1910	PERF	1,739.00	0.00
Total		27,548.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Next, Union Township Assessor in the amount of \$562, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Does that need to be pro-rated, also?

Councilmember Raben: No, that's for the Chief and the Assessor. So, that's the correct amount.

President Abell: The correct amount is the \$562? We have a second on that from Mr. Sutton. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1170-1972	Level II Certification	500.00	500.00
1170-1900	FICA	39.00	39.00
1170-1910	PERF	23.00	23.00
Total		562.00	562.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Next, under Area Plan, 1240-1971, in the amount of \$2,285, 1240-1900 for \$175, and 1240-1910, PERF, in the amount of \$155, 1240-3142, Televised Meetings, in the amount of \$2,000, and 1240-3610, Legal Services, in the amount of \$10,000, for a total of \$14,615. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Sorry. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-1971	Accrued Payments	2,285.00	2,285.00
1240-1900	FICA	175.00	175.00
1240-1910	PERF	155.00	155.00
1240-3142	Televised Meetings	2,000.00	2,000.00
1240-3610	Legal Services	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total		14,615.00	14,615.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Circuit Court, 1360-1944, Special Reporter, in the amount of \$5,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Would you give that number again? 1360 what?

Councilmember Raben: 1360-3944.

President Abell: Okay, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-3944	Special Reporter	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, Legal Aid has been withdrawn.

LEGAL AID		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1460-1910	PERF	300.00	Withdrawn
Total		300.00	Withdrawn

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: So, I'll move down to County Council, 1480-3460, in the amount of \$15,000, and 1480-4220, in the amount of \$699, for a total of \$15,699. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-3460	Consultant	15,000.00	15,000.00
1480-4220	Office Machines	699.00	699.00
Total		15,699.00	15,699.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/TREASURER
REASSESSMENT/ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Madam President, under Reassessment Fund appropriations, I'm going to move that the requests for the Treasurer, Armstrong Township and Pigeon Township be approved as listed.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1030-3410	Printing	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total		25,000.00	25,000.00

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1100-1990	Extra Help	800.00	800.00
2490-1100-1900	FICA	62.00	62.00
Total		862.00	862.00

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1150-1990	Extra Help	15,000.00	15,000.00
2490-1150-1900	FICA	1,148.00	1,148.00
Total		16,148.00	16,148.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, 2600-3130, in the amount of \$4,000, 2600-3530, in the amount of \$5,000, and 2600-4120, in the amount of \$21,550, for a total of \$30,550. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-3130	Travel/Mileage	4,000.00	4,000.00
2600-3530	Contractual Services	5,000.00	5,000.00
2600-4120	Buildings	21,550.00	21,550.00
Total		30,550.00	30,550.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID UNITED WAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, under United Way, United Way Legal Aid has been withdrawn as well.

LEGAL AID UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-1960	Special Stipend	5,000.00	Withdrawn
4290-1900	FICA	383.00	Withdrawn
4290-3990	Miscellaneous	1,364.00	Withdrawn
Total		6,747.00	Withdrawn

TRANSFER REQUESTS

AUDITOR
JAIL
REASSESSMENT/PTABOA
REASSESSMENT/PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
REASSESSMENT/SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION
COUNTY ASSESSOR (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: I will move on to transfers. I will move that all transfers be approved as listed.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-2600	Office Supplies	19.00	19.00
To: 1020-3540	Maintenance Contract	19.00	19.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1900	FICA	18,000.00	18,000.00
To: 1051-1530	Shift Differential	18,000.00	18,000.00

REASSESSMENT/PTABOA		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1091-3530	Contractual Services	2,000.00	2,000.00
2490-1091-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00

REASSESSMENT/ PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1140-3520	Equipment Repair	800.00	800.00
To: 2490-1140-3540	Maintenance Contract	800.00	800.00

REASSESSMENT/ SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1160-3371	Computer Hardware	3,000.00	3,000.00
To: 2490-1160-4220	Office Machines	3,000.00	3,000.00

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2861-4431	Hazmat Response Equipment	500.00	500.00
To: 2861-3310	Training	500.00	500.00

COUNTY ASSESSOR REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 1090-1160-1090	Bus/Personal Property Deputy	6,572.00	6,572.00
To: 1090-1970	Temporary Replacement	6,572.00	6,572.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, did I skip a, no, there was one late transfer.

President Abell: There is a late transfer. Do you have the—

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I said all transfers as requested.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, under the amendments to the salary ordinance, first, under County Assessor, I move we amend salary line 1090-1972, Level II Certification, to include Level II for Assessor Chief Deputy Lori Gonyer. Appropriation approved for the last four months of 2007. Under Union Assessor, amend salary line 1170-1972, Level II Certification, to include Level II for both the Assessor Joe Steinkamp and Chief Deputy Joni Steinkamp. The appropriation was approved for the last four months of 2007. Area Plan, amend salary line 1240-1971, Accrued Payments, as previously adopted. Accrued payment is for buy-out for former employee. The employee retired effective August 31, 2007. Armstrong Assessor, amend salary line 2490-1100-1990, Extra Help, as previously approved. Pigeon Township/Reassessment, amend salary line 2490-1150-1190, Extra Help, as previously approved. Jail, salary line 1051-1530, Shift Differential, as transfer previously approved on August 29th. Election Office, amend salary ordinance to allow part-time Election Office employees to be paid up to \$8.50 per hour. County Assessor, amend salary line, 1090-1970, Temporary Replacement, as transfer previously approved. That is all for the amendments. That's a motion.

President Abell: I was going to ask you if that was in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Raben.

<p>ORDINANCE APPROVING ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE FROM THE STATE OF INDIANA</p>
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President Abell: Under old business, the ordinance approving the acquisition of real estate from the State of Indiana, we are pulling that from the agenda, and pulling it entirely until the County Commissioners give us a final decision of what they want to do with that. Then, we can advertise it and put it back on. I just talked to them, and I understand that there's someone at Soil and Water Conservation that's considering purchasing this land. I don't know where it is. We're going to quit keeping it on our agenda, it's been on here for a while, until they make a decision. So you can take that off the agenda.

<p>PIGEON CREEK GREENWAY PASSAGE ORDINANCE SECOND READING</p>
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President Abell: The Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage ordinance, which we've already had on first reading is ready for the second reading.

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam Chairman? I would move that we pass on second reading the previously adopted Pigeon Creek Greenway ordinance.

President Abell: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Any discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">BKD LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GENERAL ASSEMBLY INCOME TAX PROPOSAL</p>

President Abell: Under new business you have a letter from Mr. Deisher regarding the BKD engagement for review of two offices that we're going to start working on. Also, under new business, this is not on your agenda, I'm appointing a committee made up of Mr. Raben and Councilman Leader and Cathy Edrington, who is a member of the Taxpayers Association, to look into the tax relief that has been given by the General Assembly regarding our ability to tax a one percent income tax to offset property taxes. We are just at this time looking into this to, that's basically what this committee is going to do. I appreciate you're meeting and letting us know what your feelings are on this particular item. If anyone else has any interest in that and wants to give any input, please feel free to contact either Mr. Raben or Councilman Leader. I guess, we're going to take a motion to approve this BKD letter, even though we appropriated the money and we're going to do it. You have it on your desk, and I will entertain a motion to accept that letter.

Councilmember Leader: I so move.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Winnecke: Madam President?

President Abell: Yes, Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Just, back to the point on your committee, I think it's a great idea, it might be a good, not to increase more work for the Auditor's office, but Mr. Fluty might be a good resource for that committee.

President Abell: I think he would, and I think they do intend to contact you regarding the percentages, so that we'll know where we are. Also, Ms. Leader, I gave you all the documentation. There is a name of Representative Crouch's administrative assistant on there, he might be able to give us some indication on the income tax amounts, so you'll know what we are looking at on that, so that if this does come before us, we're all properly informed as to...the bill is this thick, I don't think anyone wants to read it. It took my printer a long time to print it off. Ms. Leader and Mr. Raben can read it and give us the CliffsNotes on it. Is there any other business to come before the Council? We have someone in the audience that wants to make—

<p style="text-align: center;">GERALD REDDICK COMMENTS REGARDING SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND STREETS IN BOHANNON ESTATES SUBDIVISION</p>
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Gerald Reddick: I don't know if this is the right time.

President Abell: You can come and give your name at the microphone and tell us what you want to discuss with us.

Gerald Reddick: My name is Gerald Reddick, and I live at 11711 Bohannon Drive.

What I'm here about is the article that appeared in the paper on August the 29th concerning the Scott Township Assessor wanting to rent his property. I don't think it's appropriate. So, I'm here, if this is the time, I typed a letter, I would like to read it.

President Abell: It would be appropriate for you to read it to us, if you would like.

Gerald Reddick:

"I am here today concerning the article that appeared in the Evansville Courier Press on August 29th of '07, concerning the request of Scott Township Assessor John Habermel to move the Assessor's office from its existing location to property that he owns. First off, let me tell you that I'm against renting, period. Why should public records be kept in a private residence in the first place? It seems odd that after less than ten months in office, Mr. Habermel would approach this Council with this request, as well as a request to more than double his salary. It would seem that there's appearance of personal gain at the taxpayers' expense. I have been in the Scott Township Assessor's office at its present location, which is the Scott Township Fire Department on North Green River Road. I have not found it to be any kind of a liability going into the building and walking around that fire truck. There is more than ample room. The possible liability that Mr. Habermel spoke of could be removed very easily. There's an entrance door on the north side of that building. You open that door and step inside and you are in the Assessor's office. All that would need to be done is to pour a sidewalk from the parking area to that doorway, which would be approximately 25 feet. That would alleviate his possible liability of anybody getting hurt going around that fire truck. Since this article appeared in the newspaper, I have went to the Assessor's website and located the property on the map and have some measurements which are approximate only, that this Council might be interested in reviewing. The lot dimensions are approximately 143 by 212 feet deep. There's approximately 93 feet from the back of the main building to the back of the property line. There's ample opportunity to build on this property. There's 35 feet between the south end of the second building to the south side property line, which is enough room to put a driveway around that front building. The original building --"

--or the additional building. I think this may be the second building that was built. There's two buildings on this property, which are just joined by a little passageway.

"The building that the fire truck is stored in is approximately 40 feet wide, and with the approximate 93 foot distance to the rear, or the east property line, why not construct a building of approximately 40 by 40 for the use of the Scott Township Assessor's office? This would leave a large area for parking, and would certainly increase the size of the Assessor's office."

Now, I realize that this property is owned by Scott Township Fire Department, but I'm sure that there's some way that this Council or...and, and, understand me, folks, I'm not a government person, okay? I'm just a plain old, simple, everyday working stiff, which I've retired, but I made my living with the use of my hands. I know there's ways that things can be done. I don't understand why we pay people rent for years and years and years and years, and then they get out of office, and all of a sudden

we've got to scramble to find some place to put all these public records. If we had a building that we owned, we maintained, wouldn't that make a lot more sense than to pay somebody rent for eight, ten, twelve, sixteen years, and when that person is gone, you're grabbing all your stuff, and all you've got is your hat in your hand, but look at the money that you've wasted all the years by renting. Now, you know, maybe I'm out of step with reality, I don't know, but, it just does not make sense to me that Mr. Habermel would get into office and...after reading the article on August 29th, I don't know this man from Adam, but I don't like him. I mean, to me, it seemed to me like he sat in his recliner at home and thought, you know, if I could get this Assessor's job, I could get this office moved to my house at the corner of Boonville-New Harmony and Old State and I could get the county to pay my mortgage. I don't like it. I don't know how you folks feel about it, but I think it's a crock myself.

President Abell: Well, let me assure you, we didn't give him the salary increase, and we didn't move his offices.

Gerald Reddick: That was in the article, and I appreciate that. I mean, just because, and the way I'm looking at it, he does not take the county offered insurance. Well, if he's still working, that means his employer provides him with a better policy. If the county provided a better policy than his employer, I'm sure he would be on the county rolls, but apparently his employer does it. But, just because you're getting insurance somewhere else, that don't mean you can take what we would have give you and put it in your pocket, too. I mean, if that ain't double dipping, I don't know what it is. Like I said, I don't know this man from Adam, I wouldn't know him if I bumped into him on the sidewalk, but I think he's gone the wrong direction.

President Abell: Well, and to address your concern about public records, there's a committee in this building right now that's looking at our, we have excess space here from the jail that moved out of here, and we are looking at bringing public records here for some storage. So, some of the public records could easily be moved into here. They only need some current things at their fingertips. So, I think we are going to address the issues that you have brought forward.

Gerald Reddick: Well, I think it needs to be. I mean, and I realize it would be a little inconvenient for people that live in the outlying areas if they have to go to the office to come all the way down here, but, like I said, in fifteen years, I know the Assessor's office is going to be right here in room number "x" regardless of who the Assessor is. It shouldn't matter. You know, I just, well, I'm up in arms, and I'll tell you why, because last year I bought into the subdivision that I'm living in now. When I bought into Bohannon Estates I was not aware that the streets in that subdivision were private. Now, we've got to have new roads, we've got to have new ditches, we've got to have sewers. Which, the sewers is okay. I'm not, that's not the problem, but the streets are a problem, because some thirty odd years ago that subdivision was developed, and the county did not accept the roads. Now, my thinking with that is, the county should have went back to the developer and said, now, this is what we expect you to do, and this is the way we want it done. You're going to have to do it, or we'll do it and bill you. But, no, the county allowed the roads to stay and took the easy road out and said, just leave it alone, we don't have to accept them. Well, thirty some odd years down the road, we're getting screwed, to put it bluntly. To the tune of over \$11,000 per property owner. I think it's a crying shame that the leaders of this community, back then, could not stand up on their two feet and say, this ain't the way it's supposed to be. This ain't the way it's going to be. You're going to have to do it our way, or we'll do it and you're going to pay for it. I'm sorry. There was a lapse in judgement then, and now we're paying the bill for it. None of us like it. We've been to the Commissioners, and, well, we've got what we got. But, if I had

known a year ago what was there, my house on Green River Road would still have me in it.

President Abell: We understand. There have been a lot of changes in thirty years over the acceptance of roads and our forcing developers to do a better job at building those roads. I'm sorry that thirty years ago that wasn't that way, but I wasn't here thirty years ago.

Gerald Reddick: Well, I think thirty years down the road, we should get a little bit of help on this bill, because I don't think we should have to foot the bill. I wouldn't care to pay part of it, don't misunderstand me, but, when I come in, when I drive on a county road, I would assume, or when I drive on a road that's in the county, I would assume that that's a county owned road. Or at least a county maintained road. I bought a place only to find out that it wasn't. I didn't like it then. I don't like it now, and I'm not going to like it next week. When we can't get any help on paying the bill, that just kind of throws a little bit of salt on the wound.

President Abell: I understand, sir.

Gerald Reddick: Thank you all for your time.

President Abell: Thank you. Anything else to come before this Council? We are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Marsha Abell

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Tom Shetler

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 12th day of September, 2007 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by County Council President Marsha Abell.

President Abell: Call to order the final budget hearing, September 12, 2007 of the Vanderburgh County Council. Roll call, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler		X*
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	
President Abell	X	

*Councilmember Shetler arrived shortly after roll call.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: This is the final budget hearing and the purpose is to complete the adoption of our budget and establish the salaries and all employee benefits, and also to recommend to the state what would be the proposed tax rate. Today the chair will only recognize Councilmembers until after the finance chairman has completed his duties. At this time, I am going to ask Councilman Raben, the finance chairman, to begin with the corrections, amendments and additions.

REASSESSMENT BUDGETS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Madam President. Good morning. First, I'd ask all Councilmembers to check the listing of reassessment budget changes, which is in front of them. These are only changes and I will move that we approve the changes and all other lines as listed in the Reassessment budgets.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Would everyone like a few minutes to look at those? Does anyone have any questions? Seeing none, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p>2008 SALARY ORDINANCE AND SALARIES FOR FULL-TIME VANDERBURGH COUNTY, AIRPORT AND CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU EMPLOYEES</p>

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Madam President, I'll move that all full-time county employees receive a three percent raise for year 2008 as listed in the 2008 salary ordinance for all salaries in accordance with the county's salary ordinance. All Airport Authority employees and Convention & Visitor Bureau employees to receive a three percent raise for 2008. All salaries and rates as listed in the 2008 ordinance and I'd like to make the salary ordinance a part of the record, too, as well. I'd also like to include all FICA & PERF to be adjusted accordingly, as well.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AMENDMENT TO LIST A

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Abell: Do you have an amendment, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, did I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, you did. I seconded it.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to amend my motion on List A, the last line needs to be zero, and that would be 4290-1960.

Councilmember Sutton: I'll accept that amendment to my second.

President Abell: Is there any discussion about that? Does everyone understand what we've done? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

EXHIBITS A THROUGH H AS LISTED IN THE 2008 SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Madam President, all Councilmembers have been given a list of the additional cuts and/or additions. I move that – excuse me, let me back up. I'm going to move that we approve Exhibit A through H as listed in the 2008 Salary Ordinance. A through H are the back pages in your salary ordinance, which basically are your rates, step increases, everything that makes up our salary ordinance.

President Abell: Do we have a second on that?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Any discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**LIST A
CORRECTED POSITION TITLES AND SALARIES**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I ask all Councilmembers to check the listing of salary position title changes from the budget book and move to approve List A and make it also part of the record.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Any discussion? This is the one from which we removed the last item on page 3. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>LIST B ADDITIONAL CUTS/ADDITIONS/CHANGES</p>

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all members have been given a list of additional cuts and/or additions, which is List B. I will move that List B be approved and made part of the record.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: We're going to have to make a change on that, too. We have to delete the benefits section of the one that we took off on Legal Aid. Look on page two, the bottom of page two, you'll have to take off the PERF and –

Councilmember Raben: Yes, we will. I would like to amend my motion to set 4290-1960 in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll amend my second.

President Abell: Any discussion? Roll call vote.

Councilmember Leader: It was my second. Do you want me to amend it?

President Abell: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought it was amended.

Councilmember Leader: That's okay.

President Abell: You – we have two seconds. One amended and one unamended. And Donna amends it, so we have two seconds amended.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, all Councilmembers have been given a copy of the final insurance data. I will move that the County Council approve the 2008 insurance budget as listed. These figures represent the county's share of the 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 insurance budget made and entered into the minutes. I'd like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

2000, 3000 AND 4000 ACCOUNTS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, I'd move that all 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts for the 2008 budget be adopted as previously approved for the following – its quite a list: 911 Emergency Service, Airport Authority, Area Plan, Armstrong Assessor, Armstrong/Reassessment, County Assessor, County Assessor/Reassessment, Auditor, Auditor/Reassessment, Bond Insurance, Burdette Park, Center Assessor, Center Assessor/Reassessment, Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center, Circuit Court, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Clerk, Clerk IV-D, Commissioners, Commissioners/CCD Fund, Computer Operations Management, Convention Centre Operating Fund, Convention & Visitors Bureau Commission, Co-Op Extension, Coroner, County Council, Cumulative Bridge, Drainage Board, Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services, Election Services, German Assessor, German/Reassessment, Health Department, Highway, Jail, Jail Bond, Knight Assessor, Knight Assessor/Reassessment, Legal Aid, Legal Aid/United Way, Drug Free Community, Local Emergency Planning Commission, Local Roads & Streets, Perry Assessor, Perry Assessor/Reassessment, Pigeon Assessor, Pigeon/Reassessment, Property Tax Adjustment Board of Appeals/Reassessment, Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D, Prosecutor Drug Law Enforcement Program, Prosecutor Fees Check Recovery, Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion, Prosecutor Stop Domestic Violence, Prosecutor Victims/Witness Assistance Program, Public Defender Commission, Recorder, Riverboat, Sales Disclosure Fees, Scott Assessor, Scott/Reassessment, Sheriff, Sheriff Community Corrections, Sheriff/Misdemeanor Housing, Sheriff/Vanderburgh County Community Corrections, Misdemeanor Offender, Superior Court, Superior Drug Court, Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Superintendent of County Buildings, Surveyor, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund, Surveyor Maps, Surveyor Corner, The Centre, Tourism Capital Improvement, Treasurer, Treasurer/Reassessment, Union, Union/Reassessment, Vanderburgh

County Department of Child Services and Division of Family Resources, Veterans Administration, Voters Registration, Weights & Measures, and that's it. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Abell: Anyone want to second that?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I can cover that again if anybody would like.

President Abell: I don't think anybody is going to question whether you left anyone out. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY TAX RATES AND LEVIES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Madam President, I'll move that the County Council set the county tax rate as deemed appropriate by the Indiana State Tax Commissions following review of our budget.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Any discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE TAX RATE

Councilmember Raben: Next, I move that we set the Cum Bridge tax rate in at three cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX DESIGNATION TO LOCAL ROADS & STREETS FUND</p>
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Councilmember Raben: And last, Madam President, I move that we set one million dollars of COIT into Local Roads and Streets.

President Abell: Second on that?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and that concludes the business that we had before us for finalizing our year 2008 budget. Madam President, the cuts that we have set and finalized today represent about seven million dollars in cuts, which should allow for fully funded budgets within all county offices and departments, as well as a healthy general fund operating balance for next year. So I'd like to thank everybody and that concludes this budget session.

President Abell: Any comments or questions from any Councilmen?

Councilmember Sutton: I think we did make mention of it at our last meeting, but again, I want to congratulate our finance head, Councilman Raben, fantastic job you did on paring and organizing and meeting and so many other things that he does to help make this process really go extremely well. Its been a very good budget, I mean, just been able to get through this and hopefully everyone has had their questions responded to. I think we've opened it up to make that happen and then also to make it efficient as well, and the staff that's been involved with this, Sandie and Sarah, and the great job that you guys do in helping to make this thing work well. Your efforts, we don't want those to go unnoticed. You did a great job for us.

President Abell: Thank you, Councilman Sutton. Anyone else?

Councilmember Raben: Very kind words. Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: I'll second that.

President Abell: I just have one thing I wanted to point out. I noticed in the newspaper this morning, there was an article in the finance section regarding the substantial increase in healthcare across the country. I think it even indicated it was about eight percent, if anyone read that article. And we here spend a lot of taxpayer money providing health insurance to our employees. And we consider that to be one of the reasons we're able to keep such good employees who might not make the same kind of salary that they would make on the open market, but they do realize the benefits and that this is one business that's not going to close their doors next week and move to Mexico. So we want to indicate to all of our employees that we work very hard to make sure that you have good working conditions and a good salary and we hope that you're as happy with this budget as the rest of us are. Is there anyone else who would like to make a comment? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, I'd like to take one second to thank Auditor Fluty and his assistant, Joe Gries for providing us with a pie chart that gives the Vanderburgh County tax breakdown for 2007 and he's also provided on the easel, a large section so people can, I think just for our own personal education and just a general statement as to where the funds go, are allocated for Vanderburgh County, for 2007. And I think this group has done a great job as far as holding the line as far as increases, and I'm proud to be a member of this Council. And thank everyone for their work. Thank you.

President Abell: Anyone else? I know we have a County Council meeting scheduled at 10:30. Do we have to wait till 10:30, Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Abell: We have to wait till 10:30. Well then, this meeting will adjourn and we will have our Council meeting at 10:30.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Marsha Abell

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Tom Shetler

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Donna Leader

Recorded and transcribed by Teri Lukeman.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd day of October, 2007 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President, Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the October 3rd, 2007 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. I'd like to apologize in advance for my voice this morning. I have a bad cold, so I'll try to make this short and sweet. Could we have the attendance roll call please?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke		X
President Abell	X	

<p style="text-align:center">APPROVAL OF MINUTES BUDGET HEARING AUGUST 28, 2007 BUDGET ADOPTION SEPTEMBER 12, 2007 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2007</p>

President Abell: I'd like to entertain a motion for approval of the minutes of August the 28th, September the 12th and the final budget hearing of September the 12th.

Councilmember Leader: So moved.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Are we going to do the Pledge?

President Abell: I am so sorry. Let's do this and then we'll do the Pledge. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Abell: I'm sorry. Mr. Sutton, would you like to lead us in the Pledge?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: Never come to a meeting with a fever and sick. I'm going to turn the meeting over to our Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Madam President. Good morning. First on the agenda, under Sheriff, 1050-2220 in the amount of \$6,000, 1050-2210 Gas & Oil 101,000, 1050-2230 Garage & Motor 23,000, for a total of 139,000. I move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Sutton: Just a second. Councilman Raben, were you meaning 110 or 101? You said 101,000.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, excuse me. Gas & Oil 110,000, for a total of 139,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2220	Tires & Tubes	6,000.00	6,000.00
1050-2210	Gas & Oil	110,000.00	110,000.00
1050-2230	Garage & Motor	23,000.00	23,000.00
		139,000.00	139,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Next under Jail, 1051-2200 Jail Expense zero, 1051-2260 Food in the amount of 225,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2200	Jail Expense	16,000.00	0.00

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1051-2260	Food	225,000.00	225,000.00
Total		241,000.00	225,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Superior Court, 1370-4220 Office Machines for \$6,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-4220	Office Machines	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total		6,000.00	6,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, the Centre. 1440-1850 Union Overtime for \$20,000, 1440-1900 FICA and 1440-1910 PERF for a total request of 23,331, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second. I would like to – I've been reviewing the contract and some other things, maybe we'd be able to get with one of the Commissioners,

Bill Nix, perhaps, and Jeff, and the staff there at the Centre, to go through a little on the contract, along with maybe the Teamsters representative so that we can maybe work out something that may save the county some tax dollars here because the amount that we're spending on overtime, I think, you know, by tweaking the management process there a little bit might save considerable tax dollars. So anyway, I'd like to have permission to sit down with that group and see if we can't work a few things out.

President Abell: I think that would be fine. You might want to include Councilman Raben in that, the Finance Chairman.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

President Abell: Any other questions or comments? Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Sutton: I did have one – as I understand this request, this is to take them through the balance of the year. Now I did have some questions about the number of hours that this request is adding up to and I think they said like a thousand hours, and it's a lot of overtime. I know they've got the staff there, but I want to make sure, too, that at the end of the year, say come December or so, if they need to make a repeal, that they do that. Because I think this 20,000, it seems a little high for me in light of the number of events that we do have over there. They're a better judge, they're over there every day, I'm not. But still, I'd like to know that they are sensitive to the amount of the request that we're making here and take the steps, when they look at the end of November and see that there is a balance there, that they come back with a repeal for our December meeting. So I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1850	Union Overtime	20,000.00	20,000.00
1440-1900	FICA	1,531.00	1,531.00
1440-1910	PERF	1,800.00	1,800.00
Total		23,331.00	23,331.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay next under Burdette Park, 1450-1180-1450 Other Employees in the amount of 25,000, 1450-1900 FICA in the amount of 1,913, for a total of 26,913. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	30,000.00	25,000.00
1450-1900	FICA	2,300.00	1,913.00
Total		32,300.00	26,913.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Auditor, 2490-1020-3530 Contractual in the amount of 25,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1020-3530	Contractual Services	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total		25,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

SHERIFF
SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL ROADS & STREETS (TWO)
REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION
AUDITOR (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that does it for the appropriations. We'll move into transfers. Does anyone – well, let me make a few amendments first. First, under Sheriff, 1050-1130-0017 the correct amount is \$10,000, 1050-1130-0218 zero, for a total of 10,000. Under County Council, 1480-1920 Insurance, the correct amount is 20,524.

President Abell: Would you say that again, please?

Councilmember Raben: 20,524. Just below that, Accrued Payments line, the correct figure will be 17,940, FICA 1,373, and PERF \$1,211. And, Madam President, with those changes, I would like to move that all transfer requests be approved – all other transfer requests be approved as listed.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Are you including the late transfer in that?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Abell: Okay. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0017	Deputy	22,000.00	10,000.00
1050-1130-0218	Post Command Receptionist	3,000.00	0.00
To: 1050-1971	Accrued Payments	25,000.00	10,000.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-3520	Equipment Repair	300.00	300.00
To: 1370-4210	Office Furniture	300.00	300.00

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-1920	Insurance	21,180.00	20,524.00
To: 1480-1971	Accrued Payments	18,513.00	17,940.00
1480-1900	FICA	1,417.00	1,373.00
1480-1910	PERF	1,250.00	1,211.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2160-2550	Sand & Gravel	70,000.00	70,000.00
To: 2160-4122	Buildings & Equipment	70,000.00	70,000.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2160-4328	Mt. Pleasant Road	5,000.00	5,000.00
To: 2160-3610	Legal Services	5,000.00	5,000.00

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2490-1090-3530	Contractual Services	4,000.00	4,000.00
2490-1090-3130	Travel/Mileage	500.00	500.00
2490-1090-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	500.00	500.00
To: 2490-1090-4220	Office Machines	1,000.00	1,000.00
2490-1090-3540	Maintenance Contract	1,000.00	1,000.00
2490-1090-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
2490-1090-3141	Communications	500.00	500.00
2490-1090-2700	Other Supplies	500.00	500.00

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2861-2600	Office Supplies	308.00	308.00
To: 2861-3313	Education & Public Outreach	308.00	308.00

AUDITOR **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1020-3520	Equipment Repair	500.00	500.00
To: 1020-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	500.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now for the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. First, under the Centre, amend salary line 1440-1850 Union Overtime as previously approved. Burdette Park salary line 1450-1180 Other Employees as previously approved. Sheriff, salary line 1050-1971 Accrued Payments as previously approved. And County Council, salary line 1480-1971 Accrued Payments as previously

approved. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Raben. Is there any old business to come before the Council? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: One item. Sandie, I don't know if we have been able to – at our last meeting we had some discussion and the meeting before that, about the Chief Deputy in the Pigeon Township Assessor's Office. Have we been able to come up with a figure that's accurate on that buy-out?

Sandie Deig: Yes, we have. That's what was approved in the County Council transfer. Its been adjusted to the \$17,940, and that was the buy-out. I think the original one was like 21 or 23, something like that. But this is the correct figure.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Abell: Anything further? Any new business? Teri has reminded me, we have three sets of minutes to sign so if everyone will make sure that they stay long enough to get all three sets signed. Anyone, anything else to come before the Council? We stand adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Marsha Abell

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Tom Shetler

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Donna Leader

Recorded and transcribed by Teri Lukeman.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of November, 2007 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President, Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the November 7, 2007 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Could I have the attendance roll call please?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton		X*
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler		X
Councilmember Goebel		X*
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	
President Abell	X	

(Councilmembers Sutton & Goebel arrived after roll call taken)

President Abell: Would you join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Abell: We do anticipate that we will have a couple more Councilmen here in a few minutes, but we're going to go ahead and get started.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2007**

President Abell: I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2007 meeting.

Councilmember Leader: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 4-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Abell: The Appropriation Ordinance, I will turn the meeting over to the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning.

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: First on the agenda, under Treasurer, 1030-3610 Legal Services in the amount of \$1,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-3610	Legal Services	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		1,000.00	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 4-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Superintendent of County Buildings, 1310-3200 Utilities in the amount of 30,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-3200	Utilities	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total		30,000.00	30,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 4-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: Next, Health Department, 2130-4230 Motor Vehicles in the amount of 28,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes. And I'd like to say that just, for the record, that we discussed this last week. Mr. Sutton was concerned about depleting the General Fund, and this does come out of the Health Department's funds alone. So its not a part of the General Fund.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2130-4230	Motor Vehicles	28,000.00	28,000.00
Total		28,000.00	28,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 4-0)

REASSESSMENT/PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, under Perry Township Assessor, Office Supplies in the amount of \$500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1140-2600	Office Supplies	500.00	500.00
Total		500.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 4-0)

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Pigeon Township Assessor, Office Supplies, in the amount of 800, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1150-2600	Office Supplies	800.00	800.00
Total		800.00	800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 4-0)

REPEAL REQUESTS

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Sheriff, 1050-3370 Computer in the amount of 18,318, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: That's a repeal.

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

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	18,318.00	18,318.00
Total		18,318.00	18,318.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: We have another repeal under Reassessment/County Treasurer, Printing in the amount of 25,000, I'll move approval.

President Abell: That has been – excuse me, go ahead.

Bill Fluty: That also has a transfer back farther, so maybe you want to talk about those at the same time. She'd like to withdraw that.

President Abell: The Treasurer is here, I think she is going to explain it.

Councilmember Raben: Well okay, I'll withdraw that motion.

Z Tuley: I'm Z Tuley with the Vanderburgh County Treasurer's Office. The original thought was to withdraw that but it would be best served if it was put under Contractual Services so that we can do some additional programming to take care of all the appeals that are still pending. And without this programming, we would not be able to complete that task in any kind of timely fashion because we would have to wait until March when we go to do the roll.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so we'll handle the transfer and withdraw the repeal. Okay, Madam President, under County Treasurer Repeal, I move that we set in 2490-1030-3410 in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote. Wait a minute.

Bill Fluty: I think we want to withdraw it and then do the transfer is what we want to do.

Councilmember Winnecke: Instead of zero?

Bill Fluty: Instead of setting it in at zero.

Councilmember Raben: In the past we've zeroed out items that have been withdrawn for the official record, but I will amend my motion to County Treasurer, Printing, in the amount of \$25,000 to be withdrawn.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll amend the second.

President Abell: Does everyone understand what we've done? We've withdrawn it. Okay, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1030-3410	Printing	25,000.00	Withdrawn
Total		25,000.00	Withdrawn

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

- CORONER
- VETERANS SERVICES
- PUBLIC DEFENDER
- COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
- FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES
- AIRPORT AUTHORITY
- REASSESSMENT/ARMSTRONG
- REASSESSMENT/TREASURER (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, next under Coroner, we have transfers from Training in the amount of 1,000, Maintenance Contract in the amount of 2,000 into Gas & Oil and Solid Waste. Veterans Services, Equipment Repair in the amount of 300 into Office Supplies in the amount of 300. Public Defenders office, Training in the amount of 1,000, Telephone in the amount of 2,500, Travel/Mileage in the amount of 1,000 into Investigative/Contractual Services in the amount of 4,500. Community Corrections, we have Confinement Officer in the amount of 7,000 transferred into Union Overtime. Family & Children Services, Out of Home Placement-Institutions in the amount of 274,250 into Preservation Services in the amount of 274,250. The Airport, we have several items, Bond & Insurance and Judgement & Refunds into Telephone, Training, Contractual Services and Other Supplies. Armstrong/Reassessment, we have Other Supplies in the amount of \$85 into Maintenance Contract for \$85. And Reassessment, under Treasurer, Printing in the amount of 25,000 into Contractual Services. I make that in the form of a motion, that all be set as submitted.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1070-3310	Training	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-3540	Maintenance Contract	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1070-2210	Gas & Oil	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-3190	Solid Waste Disposal	2,000.00	2,000.00

VETERANS SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1270-3520	Equipment Repair	300.00	300.00
To: 1270-2600	Office Supplies	300.00	300.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1303-3310	Training	1,000.00	1,000.00
1303-3140	Telephone	2,500.00	2,500.00
1303-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 1303-3482	Investigative/ Contractual Services	4,500.00	4,500.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1361-1360-1361	Confinement Officer	7,000.00	7,000.00
To: 1361-1850	Union Overtime	7,000.00	7,000.00

FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2042-32520	Out of Home Placement-Institutions	274,250.00	274,250.00
To: 2042-32540	Preservation Services	274,250.00	274,250.00

AIRPORT AUTHORITY REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2140-3000	Bond & Insurance	78,500.00	78,500.00
2140-3230	Judgements & Refunds	5,000.00	5,000.00
To: 2140-3140	Telephone	11,500.00	11,500.00
2140-3310	Training	2,000.00	2,000.00
2140-3530	Contractual Services	55,000.00	55,000.00
2140-2700	Other Supplies	15,000.00	15,000.00

REASSESSMENT/ARMSTRONG REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2490-1100-2700	Other Supplies	85.00	85.00
To: 2490-1100-3540	Maintenance Contract	85.00	85.00

REASSESSMENT/TREASURER REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2490-1030-3410	Printing	25,000.00	25,000.00
To: 2490-1030-3530	Contractual Services	25,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: And last, Madam President, the Salary Ordinance, we have Community Corrections, I move that we amend salary line 1361-1850 Union Overtime as previously approved. Under Sheriff's department, salary line 1050-0028, and basically, we're changing classification from Sergeant to Deputy. The former employee was paid accrued payments out of this line as a Sergeant. This salary line cannot be filled until the funds are available in January of 2008. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Abell: Is there any Old Business to come before the Council?

<p>ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY SHERIFF TO CHARGE ANNUAL SEX OR VIOLENT OFFENDER REGISTRATION FEES, SEX OR VIOLENT OFFENDER ADDRESS CHANGE FEES AND ESTABLISHING A SEX AND VIOLENT OFFENDER ADMINISTRATION FUND CO.10-07-013/FIRST READING</p>

President Abell: Under New Business, we are taking up the ordinance requiring the Vanderburgh County Sheriff to charge an annual sex and violent offender registration fee, sex or violent offender address change fees and establishing a sex and violent offender administration fund. I think all of you have seen a copy of this. I trust that you have. I can tell you that I have discussed this with the Commissioners' attorney and I believe maybe Mr. Ahlers and I have had a couple of emails about it. I was a little concerned that charging a fee might cause someone to not register and we certainly want them to register, but I've talked this over with Sheriff Williams. He's going to monitor the situation, but he doesn't feel that that's going to be a detriment to it, so that was my only question. If any of the rest of you have a question, and I notice that Sheriff Williams is here, if you'd like to address any questions.

Councilmember Leader: Could we just ask the Sheriff how that will actually work?

President Abell: Sheriff Williams?

Eric Williams: Good morning, Sheriff Williams. And your question, again?

Councilmember Leader: How will you actually, once somebody is found guilty, I mean, do you find them – how does that work? How is that going to work?

Eric Williams: Once we find out that somebody is required to register, we notify them by letter or in person, somehow that they need to report to us for a registration. At

that point in time, we will charge them the initial fee. We'll recharge that fee annually when we re-register them. We'll also charge them a \$5 fee anytime they change addresses because that's a significant amount of paperwork for us. You know, there is still a significant number of people out there that should be on the registry that are not, that we look for, but, you know, its just a matter of time, the community helping. This is a, from my perspective, this is a classic user fee. It's a very limited pool of people that are required to use this registry and yet, its taking up one and a half full-time people within my staff to maintain and monitor it. And when the legislature passed this law allowing us to do this, you know, its my belief that this is a good example of charging those that specifically use this service to pay the way. And it won't pay the whole way by any means, but it will make a dent.

Councilmember Leader: How many people would you initially need to charge the fee to? Do you have an idea?

Eric Williams: Well, it's the sex and violent offenders, and currently, we have a little over 400 on our registry and we estimate that that's probably about 60% of those that truly are required to register that we know about.

President Abell: Any other questions? Sheriff Williams, is this to take effect in January?

Eric Williams: I'm not exactly sure how the County Attorney altered it, but I think it was immediately when I submitted my proposal to them, but it may be January 1st. I haven't read the final draft of it, so –

President Abell: If we make our final vote on it, first vote today and our final vote next month, that won't cause you any problem?

Eric Williams: No.

President Abell: Okay. Any other questions for the Sheriff?

Councilmember Raben: Madam President, I'll move approval.

President Abell: Okay, do we have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Abell: This is the first reading and we'll have the second reading next month.

Eric Williams: And to answer your question, we've talked with other counties in Indiana that have enacted this and they haven't seen a significant problem with people not registering as a result of this. So if it should look like that is becoming a problem then we will definitely re-address it because, ultimately, we want the people to know where these people are and that they register properly.

President Abell: I appreciate that. That was my only concern and I think you and I addressed that earlier.

Eric Williams: It was our concern, too, when this was presented to us as an option.

President Abell: Is there any other business to come before this Council?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, one other thing.

President Abell: Okay, Mr. Sutton.

LARGE ANTICIPATED FUTURE PROJECTS
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Councilmember Sutton: Madam President, in looking at our sheet that we get from the Auditor's office that breaks down all of the different funds and accounts and their appropriations and the balances that we have across the board from the General Fund all the way across to COIT Windfall, we've got that one area where we've got roughly 3.2 million in the Jail Project Fund budget and trying to get an idea if we are anticipating any costs say over the next twelve to fifteen months. I know we've talked about the sally port and all those things, and I know we're wanting to leave some in there, but if we have any projections on what that those costs might be that would potentially hit this Jail Project budget. Councilman Raben, would you have any insight on that?

Councilmember Raben:,I can speak to one that is coming before us in the near future and, in fact, I might ask Sheriff Williams to come back before the Council. But there's some improvements, some new fencing, some soundproofing, and some extra security cameras that he's in need of at the jail, and I'll let him take over.

Eric Williams: We've been working with the Building Authority for the last six to eight months just, you know, when we moved into the building, we really wanted to settle in first before we just went and said, well, we need to do this, and do this differently. Now the true operation of the facility is sometimes different than it appeared on paper. We have a couple of issues that are just mechanical in nature through the

Building Authority, but I'll be presenting a request next month from this fund for 347,000. That includes some security issues, some new fencing, some outdoor lighting for security reasons, soundproofing within the housing units. We did one as a test in one of the housing units and it made a significant difference in your ability to operate and manage the facility. There's some camera needs, we've found some blind spots in the facility that we'd like to be able to cover and monitor. There's some issues with the negative air system within the medical unit which is where we'd house prisoners that have airborne contagious diseases, so that's a safety issue. But I'll have all those detailed, and we're going to present that next month for you.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess where I'm kind of going with this, trying to get a sense and feel of how much we're intending to tap into this particular area, so if you've got some things that you know of –

Eric Williams: That was \$347,000.

Councilmember Sutton: -- and if there's some, I know we've had some other discussions on some other projects, and looking at that project with that pretty healthy balance, if we don't anticipate that we're going to need this total amount, I'd like to see a certain amount set aside for jail issues. But then the remaining amount, if we don't anticipate anything, maybe putting that in a rainy day fund of some type. We had one once upon a time and then we used it for some other things. So, I'd like to maybe first see what we are, on this list of things, say over the next twelve to eighteen months, that we're anticipating before we maybe take that step of moving things around.

Eric Williams: I can't speak for the Building Authority and the mechanical nature of the building, you know, that is something that would come from Building Authority. But operationally, you know, we purposely sat back and waited and really analyzed our needs to make sure that we didn't come to you all on a frequent basis saying we need this, we need that. We wanted to make one request and say this should suffice for a significant period of time and we think this will address the major part of our security concerns out there. I don't foresee any operational requests from the office other than this one for sometime to come.

Councilmember Raben: And Royce, basically, I mean, this is somewhat of a rainy day fund with a different name. We can, at any given point, change the name of this fund to whatever we want to. But initially, that's where it was placed and it will serve any purpose. I would like to remind Council, there are two very large projects on the board within the County: Green River Road widening and University Parkway phases two and three, and eventually, all the way to I-64. But, you know, those are what, you know, if I had my choice what we would hold onto the balance of these funds for, for our matches and acquisition of right-of-ways and what-have-you, so we really don't know. And I know the Commissioners are working hard to get federal funding, but along with that, is always a local match, so this will be a valuable source to tap at some point in time to see those two projects through.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, that's kind of what I was, had in mind in terms of some of those larger projects we've got coming up down the road. And since we've got it labeled as Jail Project, I didn't want us to not be able to utilize those funds in some way or another, so if we can get a sense of what we've got coming up, that will be a great start for us.

Councilmember Winnecke: Two other thoughts: first, there is a third large ticket project that's kind of looming out there and that's the renovation of the old jail space

within this building. You know, at some point, I would anticipate in the new year that, you know, there might be some specific requests on that. But secondly, Auditor Fluty does remind me that we do have one rainy day fund that's not reflected on our financial statement with a balance of about 600,000, so not nearly this amount, but I think it is good that we kind of keep these large ticket items sort of forefront, so we know where we might potentially spend this money.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Abell: Any other comments? And I think we always have to be mindful when we build a building, it always is going to have something that's going to have to be done from time to time. And unfortunately, I've noticed a lot of our municipal buildings are built with the thought in mind that they will never have to have a new roof or a new parking lot or anything else, and we know that that's not true. Is there any other business to come before this Council?

Councilmember Winnecke: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Abell: Today?

Councilmember Winnecke: Or do you want to do it next time?

President Abell: We'll make it next time. Mr. Winnecke was asking me about the Pigeon Creek Greenway appointment. We'll make that next month. We've got a couple of names we're looking at. Any other business to come before the Council? We stand adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Marsha Abell

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Jim Raben

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Tom Shetler

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Donna Leader

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2007**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of December, 2007 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Council President, Marsha Abell.

President Abell: I'd like to call to order the December 5th, 2007 meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Attendance roll call, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Leader	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	
President Abell	X	

President Abell: Mrs. Deig, would you like to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align:center">APPROVAL OF MINUTES NOVEMBER 7, 2007</p>
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President Abell: I trust everyone has read their minutes from the November 7th meeting and would entertain a motion to approve.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

President Abell: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Leader: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Abell: Appropriation Ordinance, Mr. Raben.

**SHERIFF
JAIL**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning. First on the agenda under Sheriff, we have a request in the amount of \$3,100 and I'm going to go ahead and include the Jail, which is 1051-1850 Overtime for 5,000. This is here as an appropriation and also as a transfer, so I'm going to move that we set the appropriation request in at zero and approve the transfers.

Councilmember Sutton: Which one at zero, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Both. Both Jail and Sheriff requests.

Councilmember Sutton: So the motion is just only on the appropriation and when we get to the transfers –

Councilmember Raben: We'll approve the transfers.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1210	College Incentive	600.00	0.00
1050-1301	Civilian Overtime	2,500.00	0.00
Total		3,100.00	0.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1850	Union Overtime	5,000.00	0.00
Total		5,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Voter Registration in the amount of \$1,131, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

VOTER REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1220-2600	Office Supplies	600.00	600.00
1220-3410	Printing	531.00	531.00
Total		1,131.00	1,131.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, under Reassessment, Pigeon Township Assessor, Maintenance Contract, in the amount of \$772. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/ PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1150-3540	Maintenance Contract	772.00	772.00
Total		772.00	772.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL PROJECT

Councilmember Raben: Jail Project, 3660-4196 in the amount of \$374,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Leader: Second.

Councilmember Shetler: I have a question in one area here. I'm trying to find it real quickly. I think it had to do –

President Abell: Mr. Shetler, do you want the Sheriff to come up?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes, if he could, please. The medical negative air, \$21,000, and the question I have on that is, I believe that this might be something involved with a design element, at least I think its in question here, I think, between the Commissioners and the original people who designed the building. So, I don't know, Sheriff, if you could –

Eric Williams: I think that's – Sheriff Eric Williams. Councilman Shetler did come out to the building and we went through each one of those items on the list last week, and I appreciate that. Yes, that one item is one of the items that we feel is probably a design error or oversight and I do believe the Commissioners and Building Authority are working with the design people and the building people to correct that. It is our intention just to get that corrected as quickly as possible because of the Health Department and our needs, but yeah, I think that falls into that category of it probably is an oversight or a design error.

Councilmember Shetler: So I didn't know if it was something we want to appropriate now within this bundle here or if its something we should wait on to see how far they can get with the contractors on it from past on it, and if we can get that money from them. So that's kind of where I was at the point right now.

Eric Williams: I have no issue if you want to subtract that amount from the total amount at this point in time because of that reason. We're going to have to get it fixed one way or the other down the road.

President Abell: Do you know how long, how far in the process the Commissioners are?

Eric Williams: I know the Building Authority has hired an outside source and they have been going to meetings and reviewing back and forth. And I can't speak on their behalf but I know its an ongoing process trying to work those details out. I believe Mr. Rector is here if you'd like to ask him. He may be able to address that more closely.

President Abell: Mr. Rector, could you come to the microphone?

Dave Rector: Good morning. Dave Rector, Building Authority. Commissioner Nix and I have had several meetings with the design firms and architects. We are, in fact, this week trying to schedule a conference call with them to resolve some issues and hope to have resolution to some of those issues, I don't know that we will or not. The negative pressure in the area for the medical isolation is a necessity. We'll have to do it one way or the other. But, like the Sheriff, I understand if that's something you want to remove from there and we'll handle it in another way. But it will have to be done.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to ask, with the, I mean, you've got a lot of different items within this request here, are you intending to bundle this all into one bid package or has that process already begun?

Dave Rector: Those numbers you see are reflected from either contractor quotes or estimates. If we get approval for this money, then I'll go out and actually get firms quotes on these items that are required to do the projects.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I guess I'm – I don't know if, from our standpoint, if at some point in time that is drawn up on the original contractor, the one element and pulled out, unless we believe that there is going to be some overspending here, I don't know if there's necessarily any need to delay approving this, I guess, request today, so that you guys can begin the bidding process. And so I guess we will be anticipating a repeal at some point in time if the contractor does come back and make good on the other item.

Dave Rector: Yeah, I hate to see the whole list of projects held up because of this one item. And so if that's important to all of you to take that out, please do so and we'll move forward with the others and we'll try to resolve this issue with the negative pressure in another manner.

Councilmember Sutton: And that's kind of the point I'm making, so I mean, if you can just keep us in the loop where that – I mean, how long do you anticipate the bidding process to take on all of these projects?

Dave Rector: We'll immediately get to that. This time of year, we all know the holidays, it will delay, but I hope by the end of January we'll have firm pricing on all of this. And then weather dependent on some of them, as you can see, we'll get started in early spring, some of them this winter if its approved like the sound insulation in the pods, that can be done during the wintertime. The outside projects will wait till the spring, but we'll go ahead and start getting pricing on them immediately.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, and I guess my other issue is just there are a couple of things in there that are security areas that I really wouldn't want us to delay on, like the camera situation, the glass that shields from the public. I'd like to see us not delay on at least those projects.

Dave Rector: We'll start the projects we can immediately and the Sheriff, with our security vendor that did the original jail, we'll work with them to install the additional cameras.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler, did you have something?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I might point out, I'm really solidly in favor of every aspect of this and I'm really in favor of even the medical negative air aspect, except that I would hate for that to interfere with the negotiations going on and then for some reason we're not able to get the \$21,000 back from the architect/designer on that, and that's my main concern. I'd like to see the county be able to keep that money in their pocket, so I would like to see us approve everything but leave that out for the time being, and then if the negotiations break down and we're not able to do it, then we can take that matter up, because it needs to be done. It has to be done, but it's something we can deal with at a later point in time, I think. That's my feeling.

Dave Rector: And I'll talk to Commissioner Nix, but at some point when I hope we resolve these issues, we'll update you on how things turned out.

President Abell: And possibly by the time you get the actual figures on it, it will be resolved anyway, so –

Dave Rector: I hope so.

President Abell: Mr. Goebel, did you have something?

Councilmember Goebel: I was just curious, Mr. Rector, this has not been addressed through the duration or the length of time we've been using that jail, what type of setting or time frame do you think we have to have the negative air pressure in place?

Dave Rector: Immediately. It worked at first. We had the area under negative pressure and then we started quarterly checking the balancing reports and it's just diminished over time until the point where it was failing and continues to fail and we have a new design to correct that so that we can get it under the negative pressure. The Health Department, I believe, had told the Sheriff, do not use it until it's corrected, so we'll have it corrected. I mean, we have the design complete, to begin on it.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I mean, are we relatively sure that we do have a legitimate complaint with the original contractor and that there is a better than not chance that we are going to get reimbursed for this?

Dave Rector: There is no doubt it's a legitimate design error that it wasn't working for whatever reasons. Do I know that there's going to be resolution through them for that? No. I do know that we will correct it one way or the other because the Health Department has said so. But it's a flaw in the pressurization across the coils and the reheat coils and the filters, and it was just – we need to beef up the motors, actually, and change out some fans, that's what we're going to do.

Councilmember Raben: And you had stated that the Health Department has told us, don't use it until it's corrected. How does that affect us? What are we – is this the entire unit?

Dave Rector: Sheriff, has that impacted you?

Eric Williams: It hasn't caused great grief yet. The negative air section of the

medical unit is for those areas where we would house an inmate that has tuberculosis or something, we're still using the cells, the standard cells when we need to, but when we encounter an inmate that would need that kind of treatment, we're at a loss. We're right back where we started before we even built this section. At this point in time it hasn't created a lot of grief yet, but you know, tomorrow we could get an inmate in our custody that would have to be in that kind of setting.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. The other option is take them to Deaconess as an example and let them –

Eric Williams: That's one option. The other, you know, historically, a lot of times you've just done your best to do it by keeping them in the far corner of the jail and hoping for the best.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we could probably spend it in outside medical care if we had one or two episodes between now and fixing it. But I would encourage you, and certainly urge you to fight it and try to get the county reimbursed for this.

Eric Williams: I think that's everybody's plan.

President Abell: Any other discussion? Mr. Raben, do you want to present a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I thought I had. The motion was –

President Abell: I didn't know if you wanted to change it or leave it with the 374?

Councilmember Raben: The original motion was for 374. I was going to allow it to stay at 374 with hopes of being reimbursed and not spending it with outside providers should we run into the situations that the Sheriff had described. We could be out this in a few days, probably.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3660-4196	Facility Improvement	374,000.00	374,000.00
Total		374,000.00	374,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Eric Williams: Thank you, and once we get the projects done, anything that’s left in there, we’ll definitely repeal back to that fund for you.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

- SHERIFF
ELECTION OFFICE
WEIGHTS & MEASURES
CIRCUIT COURT
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
REASSESSMENT/PTABOA
CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL
GERMAN ASSESSOR (LATE)
BURDETTE PARK (LATE)
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (LATE)
REASSESS/KNIGHT ASSESS. (LATE)

JAIL
COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC DEFENDER
SUPERIOR COURT
FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES
REASSESS/PIGEON ASSESS.
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMM.
SUPERIOR COURT (LATE)
COUNTY COUNCIL (LATE)
REASSESS/GERMAN (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, we have a lot of transfers including some late transfers. I’ll give everybody an opportunity to review the ones they’ve not already seen. We can ask if there’s any questions of any of those transfers. If not, we’ll lump them together. I do have a request on the County Assessor’s regular budget transfer.

President Abell: Mr. Weaver? I don’t think he’s here, Mr. Raben. We could – do you want me to have Sarah call him and ask him to come in?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Abell: Would you have Sarah call Mr. Weaver and ask him to come in?

Councilmember Raben: My question on this one is, back in March we approved like \$120,000 for outside contractual services for doing the commercial and industrial trending and I want to first find out if that trending is completed before we pull \$13,000 out of there. Does anyone have any other questions if we – we’ll skip over this one – is everyone okay with all the other transfers?

Councilmember Leader: I’d like to ask Mr. Craig to come up and ask him about the request at Burdette for Other Employees we’re transferring into Security, unless you’ve spoken.

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, manager at Burdette. Good morning.

Councilmember Leader: Thank you. If you would, Steve, discuss that transfer from Other Employees into Security. Are you adding additional hours for security or what is that \$3,000 for?

Steve Craig: Well, there's several things that is involved in that in a year. One of them is the amount of hours that the security works if the Discovery Lodge is rented, then my security stays until everyone leaves the building. They're supposed to be out of the building at 12. In a perfect world they'd all be out of there at 12, but a lot of times they're not. Some of the venues have seven - eight hundred people. Bands, stuff like that, the security stays over so that they can lock the building down and set the alarms. Some of the other ones, I have not got any extra money in the last few years in the security and every year we've got a raise, especially on my Sheriff's Department. The Sheriffs that I employ have got a raise every year just like we do, a three percent, and it finally caught up with us. A lot of times I try to cut them back some on weekdays when we're not as busy, but like I said, when we have buildings rented all the way until midnight, sometimes they don't get out until later. And over a year, it adds up. And then we're transferring the money out of our part-time account.

Councilmember Leader: This is through the end of December, would you anticipate additional security costs next year as well?

Steve Craig: We could have it. Like I said, I try to keep it down and then there's instances where we can save without compromising the integrity of the security, but I may be back here next December asking to transfer some, too.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Craig. Any other questions of anyone?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Is anyone here from Superior Court?

Sandie Deig: They just left.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, well, their request, they're transferring out of that YCC Operating cost and really, -- do you know something about that, Bill?

President Abell: I think Mr. Fluty can answer that question. Mr. Craig, you can sit down.

Bill Fluty: Yes. We have some bills that came in from, I think, the Patient/Inmate Care is for the ones we send out of county. And then they have enough money in their YCC account, which is really just the same money, to pay the November and the December bills for that, and this will take care of the rest of the ones they send out of the county. So we asked them to move that money over. And then, of course, they will get new money January 1st.

Councilmember Sutton: Does this take care of Patient/Inmate Care for the year?

Bill Fluty: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, are we anticipating this kind of surplus in the— even though it is the same thing, the YCC account in 2008? I mean, are we over budgeting there?

Bill Fluty: It varies between – you know, that cost goes up depending on how they are sentenced and at this time, that's where the money is. So its just – its used for the same purpose whether they're locally detained or if they're sent out of the county.

President Abell: Mr. Sutton, I think one of the reasons there's some money in the original YCC account is, as I recall, could be because we didn't use, the building wasn't ready. We had budgeted for being in there last year in January , February and they didn't have it ready. So we have – yeah, it was a long time, I remember, and so there's a surplus because of that. That's why that money is there.

Bill Fluty: That is one of the reasons. Actually, they didn't have the opportunity to send anybody to the local facility and, of course, they had to move them out of the county, so it did leave some extra money in there.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Abell: I noticed Mr. Weaver is here if you want to ask him a question, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry, oh, there he is. Okay.

Jonathan Weaver: Good morning. Jonathan Weaver, Vanderburgh County Assessor. I'm sorry for my tardiness. The last time I came up here I got stitches above my eye a couple of months ago, so I haven't been back. What's up?

Councilmember Raben: The question is, on Contractual Services 1090-3530, this is in your transfer, your General Fund budget, that Contractual Services money was monies we put in place in March for commercial and industrial trending to be completed this year. Is that completed now?

Jonathan Weaver: Oh yes. It was completed on time – well, it was completed in September.

Councilmember Raben: Completed and its just this much under budget, then?

Jonathan Weaver: Yeah, from what I understand, its being transferred for Office Supplies.

Councilmember Raben: And that would be the next question. That's a lot of money in Office Supplies and Office Machines. Do you have a particular –

Jonathan Weaver: Well, from what I understand, you know, we have 9,600 appeals, we need folders, we need toner, we need paper to make all the copies, so this has been what we've been about basically all this year is trying to organize all this stuff.

Councilmember Raben: Questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Is that an error on your transfer request, Mr. Weaver? It doesn't list that there was an amount budgeted for Supplies, Machines, well, you've got two office supply accounts there, and, of course, this is showing a balance of zero, were you guys not budgeted anything in those line items?

Jonathan Weaver: I'm sorry to appear unprepared but, yeah, I was going over it with my Chief Deputy right before and as far as I knew, this is money that was there that we just wanted to be transferred for stuff we needed like those folders and toner, office supplies in general.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I asked because that's really, on these forms, that's really helpful for us to be able to see the amount that's budgeted and then how much has been dispersed during the course of the year. So, you know, when people come back for requests we can kind of get a good sense of the spend rate on those requests.

Jonathan Weaver: So what do you need from me?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, on this form here, on the transfer form, it lists in this area, you plug in how much was budgeted for the year and then how much you've actually spent, and then that gives us, because its right here, there's zeroes all across and I assume there should be some numbers in here, some way or another unless we were anticipating you finding another way for you to pay for your office supplies and what have you.

Councilmember Raben: I might be able to answer that. If you recall, that probably went into the Reassessment side, all the 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts, we put on Reassessment. But there is also another transfer for like \$1,050 in the Reassessment side as well. I guess this just kind of – sends up a flag because I don't know of another office that we appropriate \$10,000 in Office Supplies. Well, with the Reassessment side, it's a little over \$11,000 in Office Supplies, so I'm just curious what the real needs are there if we're talking about –

Jonathan Weaver: Let me talk to the person that –

Councilmember Raben: -- I mean, that would be a lot of supplies.

Jonathan Weaver: Do you want me to run downstairs and come right back up with an answer or –

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that would be great.

Jonathan Weaver: Okay. I apologize for being unprepared.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Madam President, we'll do that. I'm going to move that all other transfers with the exception of the County Assessor/General Fund budget and County Assessor/Reassessment budget be approved.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0074	Deputy Sheriff	3,100.00	3,100.00
To: 1050-1210	College Incentive	600.00	600.00
1050-1301	Civilian Overtime	2,500.00	2,500.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0407	EMT	5,000.00	5,000.00
To: 1051-1850	Union Overtime	5,000.00	5,000.00

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1210-2280	Precinct Meals	4,300.00	4,300.00
1210-2700	Other Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
1210-3410	Printing	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1210-1120-1210	Election Assistant	8,300.00	8,300.00

COMMISSIONERS **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1300-3020	Southwestern Mental Health	15,000.00	15,000.00
To: 1300-1930	Unemployment	15,000.00	15,000.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1302-2700	Other Supplies	500.00	500.00
To: 1302-2210	Gas & Oil	500.00	500.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1303-1180-1303	Public Defender	4,554.00	4,554.00
1303-1290-1303	Public Defender	4,554.00	4,554.00
To: 1303-1970	Temporary Replacement	9,108.00	9,108.00

CIRCUIT COURT **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1360-3723	Psych. Evaluations	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1360-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00	2,000.00

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

From: 1370-3941	Guardian Ad-Litem	3,000.00	3,000.00
1370-1311-1370	Bailiff/Trans-Officer	442.00	442.00
To: 1370-3980	Trans. Child & Misc.	3,000.00	3,000.00
1370-1370-1370	Bailiff	442.00	442.00

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

From: 2030-4333	Baseline Road Culvert #130	66,000.00	66,000.00
2030-4335	Kuebler Road Bridge #1160	48,000.00	48,000.00
2030-4376	Green River Road Bridge #710	350,000.00	350,000.00

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2030-4410	St. Joe Ave. Bridge #1921	200,000.00	200,000.00
2030-4418	St. Joe Ave. Bridge #1924	15,000.00	15,000.00
2030-4419	Bromm Road Culvert #1338	10,000.00	10,000.00
2030-4421	Boonville-New Harmony Culvert #192	49,000.00	49,000.00
To: 2030-4373	First Avenue Bridge #111	738,000.00	738,000.00

FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2042-32600	Adoption Services	242,500.00	242,500.00
To: 2042-32540	Preservation Services	242,500.00	242,500.00

REASSESSMENT/PTABOA		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1091-3130	Travel/Mileage	500.00	500.00
To: 2490-1091-2600	Office Supplies	500.00	500.00

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1150-3371	Computer Hardware	1,224.00	1,224.00
To: 2490-1150-3540	Maintenance Contract	1,224.00	1,224.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2600-1980	Other Pay	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 2600-1920	Insurance	2,000.00	2,000.00

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2861-3130	Travel/Mileage	862.00	862.00
2861-3310	Training	305.00	305.00
2861-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	970.00	970.00
To: 2861-3210	Emergency Mgmt.	2,137.00	2,137.00

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

GERMAN TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1120-1910	PERF	89.00	89.00
To: 1120-1972	Level II Certification	84.00	84.00
1120-1900	FICA	5.00	5.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-3052	YCC Operating Cost	124,457.00	124,457.00
To: 1370-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	124,457.00	124,457.00

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	3,000.00	3,000.00
To: 1450-1190-1450	Security	3,000.00	3,000.00

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-1920	Insurance	6,309.00	6,309.00
To: 1480-1971	Accrued Payments	5,514.00	5,514.00
1480-1900	FICA	422.00	422.00
1480-1910	PERF	373.00	373.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-1150-2030	Laborer	4,272.00	4,272.00
To: 2030-1971	Accrued Payments	3,638.00	3,638.00
2030-1910	PERF	355.00	355.00
2030-1900	FICA	279.00	279.00

REASSESSMENT/GERMAN TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1120-3520	Equipment Repair	300.00	300.00
2490-1120-4220	Office Machines	202.00	202.00
To: 2490-1120-3130	Travel/Mileage	502.00	502.00

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2490-1130-3410	Printing	2,237.00	2,237.00
2490-1130-3310	Training	2,555.00	2,555.00
To: 2490-1130-3540	Maintenance	4,792.00	4,792.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move on to the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance. First, under Sheriff, I'll move to amend salary line 1050-1301 Civilian Overtime as previously approved. 1050-1210 College Incentive as previously approved. under Jail, 1051-1850 Union Overtime as previously approved. Election Office, 1210-1120 Election Assistant as previously approved. Public Defender, 1303-1970 Temporary Replacement as previously approved. Superior Court, 1370-1370 Bailiff as previously approved. German Township Assessor, amend salary line 1120-1972, it's a Level II Certification as previously approved and the transfer, this is the Level II Certification for the township assessor, Tim Schaefer. Burdette Park, 1450-1190 Security as previously approved. County Council salary line 1480-1971 Accrued Payments as previously approved. These are payments for an employee on FMLA and will not be returning. Under Cum Bridge, 2030-1971 Accrued Payments as previously approved. These are to pay out the benefits for a deceased employee. And that's all I have, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Abell: Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFERS (CONTINUED)

**COUNTY ASSESSOR
REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR**

President Abell: Mr. Raben, I notice the County Assessor is back.

Lori Gonyer: I'm Lori Gonyer, the Chief Deputy and I'm the one that took care of the paperwork for the transfers, and I guess I don't understand why there are questions, so I'm here to answer any of them.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Well, the question was, is we're transferring money out of a contractual account in the amount of 13,000, and we are putting 10,000 of it into Other Supplies and 3,000 into Office Machines. and 10,000, if that is Office Supplies along with another transfer later that is \$1,050, it just seems like \$11,050 will be a lot of Office Supplies, so we were wondering what was –

Lori Gonyer: Right. What its for is, we are expending a lot of money on toner and paper for all the 9,500 appeals, plus the folders cost us, for five boxes of 100 costs us \$170 and, you know, that's not enough to – like one box of appeals takes over 500 folders and we have tons and tons of folders. And so we've been going through those left and right, and labels. And so all of this is being used for the appeals process and all of the equipment use and, you know, that kind of stuff that we've been using. So that's the reason for all the added expense.

Councilmember Raben: Well, and that's understandable. I don't think we've reached the number of appeals that we've reached this past year.

Lori Gonyer: Yeah, definitely.

Councilmember Raben: So I understand that and I'm good with that. Motion to approve.

Councilmember Sutton: I think, too, you have to understand that you deal with this every day and we come to see your request once a year or twice a year, so helping us to understand the degree to what you are experiencing helps us and then some of the questions that we may ask, it may seemingly raise a flag, you can help shed light on that type of, the situations that you're dealing with.

Lori Gonyer: Okay.

President Abell: Any other questions? Mr. Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: The only question I had is, when we got the explanation, it just said routine supplies and that leaves it pretty wide open on this end. And this is not a routine year as far as appeals go. Do you foresee next year being another landslide or will things settle down?

Lori Gonyer: We're hoping it will be less but, you know, its hard to say. We would think it would be less, but how much less, I don't know. I mean, some people, you know, maybe that didn't appeal this year will see, you know, my neighbor has got it changed so maybe this year I'll appeal, too. So its really hard to say.

President Abell: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, would we be better off taking it entirely out of the Reassessment account and transfer there rather than taking it out of the General Fund?

Councilmember Raben: Well, the funds, I'm sure there's not \$10,000 in Reassessment within their account today. So we would probably have to do an additional appropriation and if they're buying the supplies yet this year, that won't happen until January.

Councilmember Shetler: I didn't know on that line 2490-1090-3530 that shows a balance after it was all said and done of \$19,000, if there was room to take the 10 out of that or...on that Reassessment. I'm talking about on the request for transfer, the bottom part there.

Lori Gonyer: I believe what that's left for is the last installment payment to the commercial/industrial trender. Until the appeals are finalized, his last payment is not paid until that's all complete.

Councilmember Shetler: So this doesn't include December year-end?

Lori Gonyer: Right. So that's what that is.

Councilmember Shetler: Thank you.

President Abell: Any other questions? Mr. Raben, did you have more questions? Just as a note for next year, we look at them pretty close at the end of the year. Its okay to put money back in the General Fund at the end of the year. You don't have to spend it all.

Lori Gonyer: Okay.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton? Or, actually, you don't have a second for this.

President Abell: I'm sorry, we don't have.

Councilmember Leader: I'll second.

President Abell: Okay, now we'll have a roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I wish you would give that speech in some other areas. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1090-3530	Contractual Services	13,000.00	13,000.00
To: 1090-2700	Other Supplies	5,000.00	5,000.00
1090-4220	Office Machines	3,000.00	3,000.00
1090-2600	Office Supplies	5,000.00	5,000.00

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1090-3540	Maintenance Contract	1,600.00	1,600.00
2490-1090-3130	Travel/Mileage	250.00	250.00
To: 2490-1090-3530	Contractual Services	800.00	800.00
2490-1090-2600	Office Supplies	800.00	800.00
2490-1090-2700	Other Supplies	250.00	250.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Jonathan Weaver: Thank you.

President Abell: Thank you, Mr. Weaver. Actually, I have given that speech to my children, Mr. Sutton. Is that all for you, Mr. Raben?

**ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY SHERIFF TO
CHARGE ANNUAL SEX OR VIOLENT OFFENDER REGISTRATION FEES,
SEX OR VIOLENT OFFENDER ADDRESS CHANGE FEES AND
ESTABLISHING A SEX AND VIOLENT OFFENDER ADMINISTRATION
FUND - SECOND READING**

President Abell: Under Old Business, we have an ordinance requiring the Vanderburgh County Sheriff to charge an annual sex or violent offender registration fee, sex or violent offender address change fees and establishing a sex and violent offender administration fund. This is on the second reading. We did pass this last year, last month, excuse me. And we'll need a motion to approve and a second and to vote on it for second reading.

Councilmember Leader: I so move.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Abell: Any questions or comments? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Abell: Thank you, Sheriff, for your work on this.

RESOLUTION TO APPEAL FOR PROPERTY TAX SHORTFALL

President Abell: Under new business, the resolution to appeal for the property tax

shortfall, I think all of you have that on your desk and this is in accordance with House Bill 1001. We take this action every year. The amount is estimated over the actual number that will be determined after the collection figures are received from the Treasurer and our settlement is actually completed. This information is sent along to the Department of Local Government Finance before the end of the year. I need a motion for the resolution and a second and we need to vote on this.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Abell: Anyone have any questions or comments? I'm sure Mr. Fluty could answer any questions you might have.

Councilmember Sutton: Just for the general public, Bill, could you give at least some explanation on, you know, the amount and what this actually does, how it's a benefit to the regular taxpayer?

Bill Fluty: Well, actually, it's the estimated amount we have in there now because we don't have settlement figures from the Treasurer. They will be here shortly and what it does, we're estimating the shortfall because of the appeal process. There's been over, I think, about 6,000 appeals that have been processed, which that will actually have a shortfall to the budget projections. And this is just an estimate to recoup that money. So it will be, as soon as those estimates comes in we will reduce this amount and move it on up to the Department of Local Government Finance.

Councilmember Sutton: And that amount is?

Bill Fluty: Well, we have it in at 2.8 – 2,800,000. It will be quite a bit less than that, but like some of the other restrictions we have: we can have it high and come down, but we can't have it low and go up. So its in there for protection. I expect it will be quite a bit less than that.

President Abell: We have a motion on the floor. Any further discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL FIRE STATIONS TO PAVE PARKING LOTS
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President Abell: Next on our agenda is the discussion regarding the interlocal agreement between the County Highway Department and the local fire stations to pave their parking lots. Mr. Duckworth is here to explain this to us and I think he has passed out to everyone some information.

Mike Duckworth: Yes, good morning, President Abell and members of the Council. Mike Duckworth, Superintendent of the County Highway. I bring to you this morning what I hope is a, and I believe is a win-win situation for the city and the county as well. This is the culmination of a lot of discussion and getting the city and the county attorneys together on this agreement. Basically what it details is, because of the fact that the County Highway Department has the equipment to, of course, pave roads – in the last three years we've paved approximately 90 miles of county roadway – because we have that equipment, and Mr. Mangold, the assistant fire chief, recognizing that, contacted me about the possibility of us entering into an agreement to do some paving for them. This agreement includes three of their fire house parking lots and drives. And basically what would happen is, they would pay the vendor, the asphalt company directly, but they would reimburse the county for the use of our employees and our equipment to the tune of approximately \$18,750. When we initially had talked about doing this, we were going to trade services. We were going to do the paving in exchange for street sweeping, which the utility board has an ongoing contract with Allied Waste Services to do their street sweeping. In the county, there's approximately 24 miles of curbed roads and sediment and sand and debris tends to rest up against those areas and causes conditions that we need to give special attention to. And in the past we were able to get grants from Mr. Ballard's organization and those grants have gone away. And so what we would ask to do is to enter into this agreement and the county would then be paid the \$18,750 at the completion of the work. We would then deposit that money into our Highway account and then at some point in time, probably in the spring, I would come back and ask that that money be reappropriated for street sweeping.

President Abell: And the street sweeping would be less than the money that you're going to get for doing the paving?

Mike Duckworth: I don't know at this time. The estimate for the entire year that I got initially was \$24,000, but in my experience, I don't know, that was for the entire year. I would think that we could probably enter into something, say, starting in March and going through October, which would narrow that down to about the money that we would have available, so basically, it would be a wash.

President Abell: Anyone have any question of Mr. Duckworth? Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, okay, I guess we do approximately 30 miles a year?

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: The fact that we're not doing 35 or 40, is that because we ran out of money or is it because we ran out of time?

Mike Duckworth: Resources.

Councilmember Shetler: Which? Time or money?

Mike Duckworth: Money.

Councilmember Shetler: So if we had more money, then we could do more. So the guys are idle a period of time so you're able to do this?

Mike Duckworth: We are never without –

Councilmember Shetler: Well, I'm saying –

Mike Duckworth: The paver itself is idle because we basically, our paving season runs between April and usually the end of October depending upon weather and availability of mix and that kind of thing.

Councilmember Shetler: And what kind of calculations did you use to come up with the \$18,000?

Mike Duckworth: We based that on the amount of manpower and articulated the different positions, the laborer positions, the operator positions, the truck driver positions, and then we prorated the use of the equipment and we have calculated that by the hour to come up with the figure that we've got here. In other words, the use of the paver is estimated at X amount of dollars per hour. The use of the front end loader is X amount of dollars per hour. The use of dump trucks and so on and so forth.

Councilmember Shetler: I'd be interested in knowing what that X is, I guess, is my question. And also, the hourly rate that we're applying for our manpower to be utilized on the services. I recognize that if you're dealing with private, you'd have a profit margin based upon that and I'm assuming we're not doing that.

Mike Duckworth: No, but we did base it on, not only their hourly rate, but what we pay in FICA and benefits as well.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, that's what I'm concerned about, that we have everything marked up so that we can at least recoup what we're putting in to it, because they're going to be applying private resources, correct? I mean, the street sweeping, more or less, is being done by a private concern.

Mike Duckworth: That's right.

Councilmember Shetler: And so they do have that mark-up of profit in there, so I'm trying to make sure that we get a fair share out of this thing and that we are marking ours up properly.

Mike Duckworth: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: Is where I'm coming from, so that things are balanced.

Mike Duckworth: I can get that information to you. I would just tell you that because we were trying to help another municipality out, you know, we put it as close to a break-even situation as we could because we felt like it was tax dollars in exchange for tax dollars in regards to us paving their property and utilizing our equipment and manpower.

Councilmember Shetler: Still our responsibility versus somebody else's. I'd like to know those numbers a little bit, though, myself. I'm not saying to hold this up, but if I could get some of this information, it would be helpful.

Mike Duckworth: Sure.

President Abell: Could we change the tape?

(Tape Changed)

President Abell: We're back on the record. Anyone else have any questions or comments of Mr. Duckworth? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you, Madam President. Mike, what would be the time frame? Did you say that?

Mike Duckworth: Well, the agreement says 30 days unless, I think it indicates acts of God. In other words, weather –

Councilmember Winnecke: I understand that, but when did they propose actually doing the work? I understand –

Mike Duckworth: We're going to do it within the next week or so.

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, like right away.

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

President Abell: Mr. Duckworth, didn't you tell me that they need to spend their – they've got to do something by the end of this year or their money goes back or...

Mike Duckworth: The money that they are utilizing here was encumbered from 2006, as I understand it. So they have to have at least the written agreements in hand before they will approach their Council to either encumber the money for next year or spend it this year. The best scenario is that we can get it done and then its spent in this fiscal year. If the weather changes and we're not able to do that, then we would have to put it off until the spring and then that's something that they'll have to decide.

President Abell: But they need an answer from us now?

Mike Duckworth: Yes, to go before the Safety Board and the Works Board.

President Abell: Any other comments or questions? We need a motion – I'm sorry, go ahead, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Just so I understand the last paragraph on page one, the city will pay the vendor for the asphalt?

Mike Duckworth: Yes, that's right. We have no exchange of dollars or funding with the vendor whatsoever on this particular project. We didn't want to confuse it with what we pay the different vendors that we use and we'll probably be using a city/county vendor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, you know, I think this is good in a sense that we have equipment this time of year sitting idle and I think sharing equipment back and forth is good for the city, its good for the county and I don't really see any problems to fight this one. So –

Mike Duckworth: Well, the problems have been going through the formulas and identifying and cost coding the different services as far as our labor and our depreciation of equipment and those kind of things and I'll get that information to all of you in regards to how we figured this particular number and show you how we worked that out.

President Abell: Any other questions or comments?

Councilmember Leader: I'd just like to comment, after we've concluded this, I would like to have, even after, it would be interesting to have a summary of how you thought it all worked.

Mike Duckworth: I'd be glad to do that. And, you know, during the tornado, we worked very closely together to help folks and, you know, to me, this is another part of helping with public safety and we have some interlocal agreements already with the city in regards to snow removal. We do some of their roads, they do some of ours, because it really doesn't make any sense to pull the blade up just because there is a line there when we've got people on this side of the city and county at that line, and they're over here on this line, so we've worked all that out and its worked very well.

President Abell: Any other questions or comments? I'll entertain a motion to accept this inter-department agreement.

Councilmember Leader: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Abell: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Leader?

Councilmember Leader: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Abell?

President Abell: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Abell: Mr. Duckworth, I appreciate your work on this and like seeing the city and the county cooperate on getting these things done.

Mike Duckworth: Thank you. I do need, I think, a signature from you, President Abell, in regards to this agreement that I could forward to them.

President Abell: I'll get it to you. Thanks. Before we have, we have a presentation Mr. Sutton had approached me about and I'll let him introduce the presentation in just a second, but I do want to remind you as I discussed with you last week, Saturday morning, it is, as I understand it, 9:00, not 9:30, is meet the legislators at the Browning Room of the Central Library. It may be a good opportunity to discuss with them what their thoughts and feelings and ideas are on this property tax situation. At 10:00 Monday morning at USI in Carter Hall, there will be people from Indianapolis here to try to explain to us what their feelings are on this tax situation and I would certainly encourage as many of us as possible to go to that because we are going to have this facing us and we need to have all the information. And Mr. Raben and Ms. Leader, again, are heading up the committee to look at that and I appreciate your work on that, both of you. Is there any other business to come before the Council? Then, Mr. Sutton, would you like to introduce your guests?

PARTNERS IN CARING REGARDING TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you, President Abell. Oftentimes we do get a rare opportunity to get some organizations that are very effective in what they do out in the community coming before us, talking about what they do and was approached here recently by a group called Partners In Caring. If you're not familiar with Partners In Caring, it's a coalition of several non-profit organizations here in the community that are focused upon the needs of low income and a variety of other folks, and they address key community issues as a coalition, rather than one organization, one non-profit trying to handle the issue all by themselves, but the group comes together, sits down, meets regularly, and talks about how they can effectively, as a community, resolve some of the issues. And the issue that they have, wanted to discuss with us today, I'll allow them to move forward and talk about that. Who is going to speak? You're going to speak? Okay. Alright.

Lynn Hert: Good morning. I'm Lynn Hert from Deaconess and as Mr. Sutton said,

I'm representing Partners In Caring. And Partners has actually been in existence probably about 15 years. It was started by St. Mary's several years ago to look at issues as Mr. Sutton had mentioned. One of the issues, we think we've got the dental problem solved, but one of the things we want to look at now is looking at transportation, particularly for low income families. And we're going to bring some issues to light, I hope, and talk to you a little bit about what we've found and what we're doing on this issue. And principally here to ask for your suggestions on how we can approach this issue.

Sister Mary Ann Woodward: Sister Mary Ann, Partners In Caring - Aurora. What we have done is looked at the various, what we want to look at is the various bus lines within the area which is METS. What we've taken and looked at is also tried to find different places in the city that our people are trying to reach and many of us are working with low income or homeless. What you're going to see on this particular area is looking at work areas where W is going to show you work areas, we're also trying to look at those in the county area that are out of range of the METS line. We've also got health care, that's coming up. That could be your hospitals, that can also be your clinics, any place that people may be going to for needing that. The next one will be colleges or universities. We're looking at, not only USI, University of Evansville, but we're looking at the tech center, what we haven't put on is high schools, but that's also a main area. And then recently, as in this past year, most of the Bureaus of Motor Vehicle have moved offsite of bus lines. They've all moved to new locations. So this just gives you a general picture. You will have this in your handout, but it gives you a description of where we're looking at. On this one we're going to look at bus routes and the first one that's going to come up – this is showing you some of the bus routes that are running every 30 minutes, that go from 6 a.m. in the morning to 6 p.m. These are ones that run every hour, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. These bus lines that are shown in green are going to run every 30 minutes during the day and then in the evening they will switch over to every hour. This map shows you what is available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., either in a 30 minute interval or a 60 minute. As you can see, most of it is clustered right into the heart of the city and very little is going out to some of the work areas. Now if we look at evening routes, which is something that has been added by METS in the last couple of years, we look at routes that are now going every 60 minutes. So the green ones will come back up because they were there before. Two of the other routes are going to combine so that you have a north and south one and then you're going to have an east and west one that's also combining. So your First Avenue and, you know, Mary Street are going together and Tekoppel and Howell will be going together. Those routes are there but they're every 60 minutes, and if you look at them, most of them are going to be into a loop. So if you got on at one place, you could be on the bus for over an hour. And these just go until midnight. There is nothing after 12 midnight, so people that are working second shift, either trying to get to second shift or get home need to find alternate transportation. Thank you.

Emily Baxter: Good morning, I'm Emily Baxter, also with Partners In Caring. And these are just some of the issues that we were faced with right now due to some of our transportation barriers. 2-1-1 is a local information referral line that United Way has located in their office. The call volume is very high for people who cannot get to employment and, you know, maybe get their kids to daycare, things like that. The impact on families, of course, is great. When parents can't work, they can't provide for their families. We did have an instance that an individual did die from the lack of medical transportation, which involved a METS bus picking them up on time. You know, a tragic event, but it did happen. And then safety issues, Goodwill Family Center, you all may be familiar with that center, its out on Buena Vista and, I think, on Kratzville Road, out in that area, they did have a bus that would come directly in

front of that shelter to pick up clients, but when they had some construction going on, they rerouted the bus line and never brought it back to the original destination and so those clients have to walk down a long hill to catch the bus with strollers, with baby carts, things like that, so safety is very, very much a priority at that location. And as Sister had mentioned earlier, there is no Sunday transportation. A lot of our clients do work on Sundays, so these are in a nutshell just some of the things that are happening right now that our clients are faced with every day.

Sister Mary Ann Woodward: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

President Abell: Could you come to the microphone please? Thank you.

Sister Mary Ann Woodward: The first one was a study that was done through the city looking at METS and transportation. This one is looking at Destination Home; one of the key barriers that was recognized in this was transportation. This is just showing what Warrick County has started to do. They're using the Ride Solution. This is comparing some cities that are of local size to us and how many of them, this is going to show how many have Sunday transportation compared to us and the cities are Dayton, Grand Rapids, Lexington, Akron and Lansing, Michigan. This just showed the same study but looking at the frequency of bus routes.

Lynn Hert: And so what Partner's history, what we always do is try to look at and develop a concept paper that looks at how we feel like we need to proceed in this issue and one of the issues that we believe is that METS needs to implement a study to look at their current routes and hours. And the last study was actually done in 1998 and we know the area has changed considerably. We also believe it's important for employers to look at this issue in terms of people losing jobs and not being able to be employed because of transportation issues. And also, talking with the city and county officials to look at sidewalks and trails that have helped community residents to be able to walk to work and to get to school and to other services. I think what I'd also like to do now is to tell you where we've come in terms of looking at this issue. One of the first things Sister mentioned is we spoke with the mayor at the Destination Home committee and we've also met with the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce. They had advised us to actually contact Senator Becker in regards to, I guess she is serving on the state committee looking at mass transit, which we did, and she was very supportive of the issue. Unfortunately, no money for a feasibility study for METS, but was very supportive. She was particularly concerned by the fact that, I'm sure you're aware that the evening GED classes that many of our clients go to when they are employed during the day, there's no transportation now there in the evening to the career and technical center. Also, about a week ago we held a meeting with the city of Evansville staff to look at the METS issues. And what we're going to be doing in terms of that is pulling out the old study. Mr. Cutchin, I believe is his name, will be looking at the old study. And what we've done is arranged to work with USI to do a study utilizing their students that will hopefully replicate the study that cost around \$125,000 in 1998, to be able to gather some information in terms of that. Also, what we've done is, in working with the Chamber, we have put together a list of employers that many of our clients are employed by, for example, AmeriQual, T. J. Maxx, Azteca is one of the other ones. And what the Chamber has agreed to do is to meet or communicate with those particular HR departments to see the impact to transportation. And the other thing, we're actually, all of our partners' members have a responsibility, they're actually meeting with their individual boards to discuss this issue. And you have in front of you, obviously, a copy of this presentation in addition to some strategies and some information. The reason we've come to you today is to ask you for any additional thoughts, any additional assistance or any direction that

we need to go in, we're open to suggestions.

President Abell: Would anyone – Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you, Madam President. Lynn, did you talk about, are you able to quantify how many people are –

Lynn Hert: How many people are missing or not getting –

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, thank you.

Lynn Hert: Yes, that's a really hard thing to know. We hope that we will be addressing that through the feasibility study. One of the things I didn't mention that part of us will be working on, particularly as it relates to medical transportation, we have, Rob Schaefer from the MPO is meeting with us in regards to a grant that's available. We're actually working with a local provider of medical transportation to help us to write a grant to get a new van to help with medical assistance. And I bring that up to you because she tells us that she's actually turning away about 125 people a month who are in need of medical transportation. So as far as ridership, missing ridership, we don't know. And I think one of the things that's kind of interesting, we're not the same kind of city in terms of transportation. We need to look at ridership and kind of be reasonable in looking at that. Are we all going to eventually ride the city bus? I don't know. Certainly, the city is interested in increasing ridership because increasing ridership may change the routes, may increase funding. It all comes down to money, which I certainly heard you talking about that today, so no, I don't have any idea about that. I know a lot of our patients have difficulty in getting to appointments. When you think about being a single mother and getting to McDonald's and having two kids to drop off to daycare before you get to McDonalds to work a four hour shift, it gets a little challenging.

Councilmember Winnecke: I think it would be helpful as the research is done, for this body to know how many workers at Azteca or as an example, outside of the city limits, that are missing, that have no transportation where we could sit down. It would be difficult, I think, for us to sit down with the city and examine funding a route in that direction, as an example, if we don't know how many people would actually use it. So I think the research is a logical next step.

Lynn Hert: And we can certainly come back to you after we talk to the transportation group. Let me also, and I'm not sure if you're aware of this, but many of those employers that are mentioned do not employ through their own HR, they're employed through the temporary services, so its pretty much a revolving door of folks that are coming in and around, and so we're not real hopeful about getting information, but we're willing to take that step. And I guess what I'm saying is we're trying to go forward and meeting with those temporary agencies that are employing people. So that would be one great suggestion. Any other suggestions or direction? Yes?

Councilmember Leader: I just wanted to comment. First of all on the USI feasibility study, I'm aware of the people who are now in charge of those studies and they come from the private sector originally and have a great background and you'll probably get a \$250,000 –

Lynn Hert: We're hoping so.

Councilmember Leader: -- study at no cost, because they're doing some amazing

things. Secondly, I wanted to ask Sister if we could get copies of the slides that had the studies on them. We did not have those in our packet. We'd appreciate that. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: You know, one thing, and this would really involve the County Commissioners, but within their budget, if you recall, its what, \$125,000, \$150,000, there's a line where we pay a private contractor to transport handicapped and elderly individuals. I think that that's what METS Mobility does is the very same thing. So that's something to look at, maybe whether there is a need for two individual services and when you said METS is turning away 120 people –

Lynn Hert: Well, passed, actually.

Councilmember Raben: -- okay, excuse me. I don't really know the contractor that the county is using today, I don't know that there's a situation that they're turning away people. So there may be some room for people to utilize the other service or maybe we don't need two services, maybe – and how we ever got to two, I don't know. But there's a lot of money there that could possibly be worked in to just one effort.

Lynn Hert: Would there be someone I should follow up with?

Councilmember Raben: The County Commissioners.

Lynn Hert: Okay, I'll do that. Anything else?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I think, too, Lynn, as we have tried to do the best that we could as a body to attract new business to our county and we've had some degree of success, you know, most of the businesses and industry that we deal with tend to locate on the perimeters of the county, you know, in our industrial park and so forth. And that's probably something, maybe we need to give some thought to when we have discussions with those companies in talking about transportation issues and how much interest they may have in sharing some of those concerns because some of the pay levels of some of the workers would clearly put them at a level where transportation might be a challenge for some of their workforce. So maybe that's something for us that we need to give some consideration to as we work through economic development issues like that.

Lynn Hert: And that's exactly why we've come here today is to kind of make you aware of these of issues and just so that you use that information going forward. But we'll certainly be willing to come back and give you this, when we get the report back from the Chamber.

Councilmember Sutton: Is there anything else? I mean, we've had some discussions, too, about even the possibility of grants that could be written by the county, I'm sure the city is doing all that they can on their end, if there's any possibilities on the federal or state side that we might be overlooking as a county to help address some of these gaps that you indicated on the map there that clearly would be something that we might be able to help to facilitate something like that?

Lynn Hert: That would be awesome. And we have agreed to start looking for some grants from METS to help them as well. This is not an adversarial relationship. We realize that METS is doing the best that they can with the money. But we do want to help them and that would be a great thing if you could let us know if there's anything we should apply for, we'd be willing to help.

Councilmember Sutton: Approximately, you know, I guess, it was about six or seven years ago I worked with one of the local employers here who at that time was just off one of the bus lines, were able to work with them and they were more than happy, receptive, to work with METS, the city, and so forth to get that route redesigned so that then they could add that route to – and it was really helpful for them.

Lynn Hert: And I think that's one of the things that we thought about, too, is maybe collaborating between T. J. Maxx and AmeriQual, maybe having, if AmeriQual would be willing to support a van that at certain times of the day would pick folks up from T. J. Maxx and take them to AmeriQual. You know, kind of thinking outside of the box. So thank you for your time and –

President Abell: I think Mr. Shetler has a question.

Lynn Hert: Oh, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I didn't know if you looked at the Community Corrections area at all. We end up with literally, I don't know, well over 100 people, I guess, every day that are leaving the work release type program and going out to First Avenue or other places at the fast food joints to work and stuff, and many of those people are on foot. And walking through the neighborhoods and stuff, so to me it's a dual purpose there, not only to get them to a job but to secure those neighborhoods and stuff because they're cutting through houses, I mean, yards and that whole business.

Lynn Hert: And so who would you suggest we talk to in regards to that?

Councilmember Shetler: I don't know. I guess maybe start with the Sheriff, perhaps. But I know that's been a real issue to deal with, changing that whole environment of where the work release was to where it is now, its had to change everybody's work patterns and everything else.

Lynn Hert: Yeah, that's a great suggestion.

President Abell: Any other questions or comments? I just have one when you're talking to the Commissioners you might ask them if they have any money left over in their Welfare to Work fund, that might be another area that you can tap. I know at one time they kept complaining that they weren't being able to spend all of it and nobody was applying and then they tell me they were spending it all and people were waiting in line. I certainly wouldn't want to take away from somebody who needs the money, but if there is money laying around that they're not using, you certainly might want to ask them about that.

Lynn Hert: Thank you.

President Abell: Anyone else? Thank you. You do have something on your desks that tells you the County Commissioners are going to have a meeting next Tuesday to talk about closing Green River Road. That's a pretty strong issue, you may want to attend that meeting. And make note, our next Council meeting is a week from today, okay? We are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.)

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