

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2011**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of January in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Auditor Joe Gries.

Joe Gries: Welcome to the County Council 2011 meeting. Madam Secretary, may I have a roll call, please?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel		X*
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Kiefer	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	

*Councilmember Goebel arrived after roll call taken.

Joe Gries: Would everyone please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Joe Gries: The first order of business today is to elect a president for 2011. May I have a motion please?

Councilmember Shetler: Motion for Mr. Joe Kiefer to be president of the Council next year.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Joe Gries: We have a nomination and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Can I have some time to consider this? I'm just kidding.

Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Kiefer?

Councilmember Kiefer: Thank you very much for the opportunity and I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I look forward to working with Joe and I'll vote yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Joe Gries: Congratulations President Kiefer and I'll turn the meeting over to you.

<p style="text-align: center;">RECOGNITION OF RUSSELL LLOYD, JR. FOR HIS SERVICE AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT IN 2010</p>
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President Kiefer: One of the things I'd like to do before I get started is by way of appreciation to thank Councilman Lloyd for his dedication in the year 2010. I know it was a tumultuous year, a lot of tough decisions had to be made and I thought Russ did a great job guiding us through 2010. And with that, I think the Council would all like to give you token of their appreciation by presenting you this plaque.

<p style="text-align: center;">ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT</p>
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President Kiefer: Okay, as you are aware from seeing the agenda, we have a very busy schedule today, so I'd like to ask for a motion for the election of a vice president.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, I'd like to nominate Tom Shetler, Jr. for Vice President.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Kiefer: Okay, that looks like it passes unanimously. Congratulations, appreciate your service.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL ATTORNEY

President Kiefer: The next thing would be for the appointment of the County Council Attorney and I'd like to have a motion for that, please.

Councilmember Shetler: Move that our present attorney, Jeff Ahlers, be retained as the attorney for Council.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Call for a roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd just like to say, Jeff's done an outstanding job for the Council, and I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: And I'd like to echo those sentiments and say that I'll be leaning over a lot this year to talk to you and seek your advice. With that, I vote yes. That's a unanimous vote. Thank you very much and appreciate your service.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL CHAIRMAN AND FINANCE CHAIRMAN

President Kiefer: The next thing I'd like to do is ask for a motion for the Personnel Chair. Would somebody like to make a motion for that? Or can we do those two together? Okay, can we appoint those or do we need to vote?

Sandie Deig: You appoint them.

President Kiefer: Okay, I'm sorry I misunderstood that. Then, with that, I'd like to ask, Russ, if you'd like to be the personnel chair. It ought to be a fun year. I see that you're getting lots of requests already. And then, Jim, if you'd be willing to serve as Finance Chair, we would appreciate your service.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes sir.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have acceptance of that and thank you very much.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Kiefer: Okay, everybody has had a chance to review the minutes. Would somebody please make a motion to approve the minutes? Oh, I'm sorry, that's the Civil Taxing Units September 29, 2010, Civic Taxing Units October 6, 2010, and regular meeting December 1, 2010. Call for a motion on the approval of the minutes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as submitted.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Kiefer: Do we need to do a roll call or can we just do all in favor? Voice vote, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: None. Unanimously approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS
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President Kiefer: Next, number nine, appropriation ordinance, I'd like to turn that over to our finance chair.

CLERK IV-D

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda is Clerk IV-D, we have a total request of \$70,000. This request is for office supplies, record storage, and office machines. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Are we going to do a roll call vote then? Any discussion? No discussion, okay, call for a vote then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: And we did discuss this at our Personnel & Finance, so I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That's a unanimous vote.

CLERK IV-D

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1011-2600	Office Supplies	45,000.00	45,000.00
1011-3603	Record Storage	15,000.00	15,000.00
1011-4220	Office Machines	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total		70,000.00	70,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, under Sheriff, this is for a Lieutenant buyout in the amount of \$27,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Discussion? Roll call vote then if no discussion.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That's a unanimous vote. Next?

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0007	Lieutenant	27,000.00	27,000.00
Total		27,000.00	27,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, under Circuit Court, this request is a change in salary. It's for a PSI/Probation Officer including FICA & PERF for a total request of \$3,072, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. 7-0 approved.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1360-1360	PSI/Probation Ofcr.	2,650.00	2,650.00
1360-1900	FICA	203.00	203.00
1360-1910	PERF	219.00	219.00
Total		3,072.00	3,072.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Next under County Highway, this is for an Assistant Mechanic. The amount that is on your document is incorrect. The correct figure should be \$37,934. That's \$37,934. That's the base salary plus one and a half. The figure that you see was based on a former employee, so the 37,934 would be the starting base. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Is there any discussion? Question?

Councilmember Lloyd: I think we talked about this December 15th, as well. Mrs. Deig, this was a line item that needed to be added to the budget, is that correct?

Sandie Deig: Yes, it will have to be. There is no money in that line item right now.

Councilmember Lloyd: We don't have a line item?

Sandie Deig: There is a line item, but there's no funds in the line item.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. Alright, but I think Mr. Walsh was in here and requested this position be funded, which I think its been vacant for quite some time.

President Kiefer: I agree and I think there was a big need for keeping their equipment up and it's a critical position that's needed. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I think its been vacant for nearly two years, it's coming up on two years, about a year and nine months. And one of the problems, its forced us, we tried to leave that position alone hoping to save some money. What we were finding ourselves then, is constantly getting into an overtime situation which was probably costing, which was costing us more than having that position filled. So that is what's caused the, looking at the whole efficiency of the operation to fill that position and save some tax dollars in that regard.

President Kiefer: If there's no other discussion, then we can move for a vote then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes, there is a little bit of a question on that. That, because we're passing this, as I understand it, this does not give an immediate approval to hire someone because it has to go through some state approvals because that was not in the budget as a line item. So there's going to have to be a little bit of time here to get through some extra steps that ordinarily would not take place.

Joe Gries: That would be correct. Once the state would approve that appropriation then that money would be available to be used.

President Kiefer: There's a line item, but just no money in it?

Joe Gries: That's correct. It was not budgeted.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, the budget that was submitted to the state had a zero amount in there, so they have to approve that we're going back in and adding this amount back to the budget.

Councilmember Bassemier: Joe, Mr. Gries, I guess after that's approved, it would be retroactive back to January 1st?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I mean, retro, because they can't hire until its approved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, well, I'm just asking, when it is approved, will that mechanic start his pay that day or will it go back to the day we approved it? We approved it here.

Joe Gries: I don't know that he would be able to start until that money is approved by the state, so he wouldn't have worked, I don't believe.

President Kiefer: Joe, how long of a process is that? I mean...

Joe Gries: We have to receive our budget order before they will approve any

additional appropriations. The budget order won't be approved until possibly February or –

Councilmember Bassemier: I know they put that job out for bids and it's going up – today the time is up and I think that mechanic is going to be put in that position today, after today. So whether he gets paid for it, I don't know, but they've already put it up for bids and they ran it through the –

President Kiefer: Somebody may want to contact the department and let them know.

Councilmember Shetler: That's really my point to bring this up, is that there is a little bit of a catch to this that normally we don't see, and Sandie will inform, I assume, Chris out there so that no one is placed in that position because they'll be working pro bono for a while here.

President Kiefer: Okay, I think we had already started the vote. Where did we leave off at?

Councilmember Shetler: I voted yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, and that's 7-0, and they can move forward and I'm sure Sandie will contact Chris on that.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-1061	Assistant Mechanic	38,873.00	37,934.00
Total		38,873.00	37,934.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: And last is Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation. A total request of \$12,391, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Any discussion, please? Call for a vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, 7-0, it's approved.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1320-2600	Secretary	10,691.00	10,691.00
2600-1900	FICA	818.00	818.00
2600-1910	PERF	882.00	882.00
Total		12,391.00	12,391.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, there are no transfers, no repeals, so we can move to old business.

VETERANS SERVICES REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Kiefer: Thank you, appreciate that, Jim. Under old business, we had discussion previously about the Veterans Services, request to fill a vacancy, and I think this is somewhat of an urgent matter. Is somebody here from the Veterans Administration? Okay, I don't see anybody here. So I think we need to approve them hiring.

Councilmember Raben: Let me find my notes.

President Kiefer: Okay, is there some discussion anybody has about this? I will say that I did visit this office and it is a situation where I think the secretary is getting moved into a different position and that's what we're wanting to do today.

Councilmember Raben: And hire a new secretary?

President Kiefer: No, I don't think we're hiring a new secretary. The secretary's position is, she's moving into the assistant's position –

Councilmember Raben: We will be replacing the secretary.

President Kiefer: Well that, – it's left vacant as of today. I don't think we're filling that vacancy –

Councilmember Goebel: That's not – one of those positions has been open for quite a while, correct?

President Kiefer: Right, right. I think what's happening is she is doing work for both the secretary and the assistant. The assistant's position has been vacant. What we're doing is moving her into the assistant position to compensate her for the additional workload duties, which it went through Job Study, so that she can be fairly compensated for the additional responsibilities she has. I don't think today we're asking to authorize to hire a new secretary. That's not the request today.

Councilmember Goebel: I guess I misunderstood. I thought that had been approved earlier and that she had already been moved to that position. But now that's the case as of today, but we're not going to hire anyone else? Not today, anyway?

President Kiefer: No, I don't understand that we're hiring a new secretary or authorizing to hire a new secretary today.

Councilmember Raben: I think we're giving approval for making the switch from secretary to assistant.

President Kiefer: Yes. Right, which has been approved at the Job Study, so we're just doing this today at the Council. So I don't know if somebody is willing to make a motion.

Councilmember Goebel: Make a motion to –

Councilmember Raben: I think we're still going to amend the Clerk Typist or the secretarial pay for that vacant line, right?

Jeff Ahlers: I think you're just moving positions, not amending the title, correct? She's just taking a new job, moving into a new line item, right?

Sandie Deig: We're going to have to fill the Clerk Typist's job.

Councilmember Raben: We have to fill the Clerk Typist position and later in the meeting we're going to amend that salary.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, I mean, this falls under the responsibility of the Commissioners and I would assume the Commissioners are going to take this up January 11th.

President Kiefer: Right.

Councilmember Lloyd: So all we're doing is, it's a three person office. It's my understanding the director is going to retire.

President Kiefer: The Director is retiring, I believe, January 21st.

Councilmember Lloyd: So we're allowing them to fill one of these vacancies.

President Kiefer: Exactly.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll voice my concerns that I had at Personnel. I think this could be resolved by doing some temporary type of moving and put into an acting position, if you will. I have a little bit of a problem of us having, I think it's a three member department today. We have a Director, an Assistant Director and a Secretary is the way it's listed in the budget book, although we're only actually occupying two spaces. And then the recommendation is actually to eventually have a Director and an Assistant Director. I have a problem with having kind of two chiefs and no Indians there, if you will, and –

President Kiefer: I think it's the type of work they're doing, Tom, like when I was there, I believe what the assistant director, if there's simply a clerk or a secretary, then that person is going to do some of the duties that the director would be allowed to do when he or she is away from the office or absent. So this helps them but I think she's going to carry on both duties as – or that person – is going to carry on both duties, the Clerk Secretary plus the Assistant and I think the way their office is set up is they really need a second person to do some of those duties that the director does. But I do think that there's some room for – I don't think they need, in my opinion, I don't think they need a third person because a lot of their workload, what I saw, is from out of Vanderburgh County residents. They service a lot of Warrick County, Spencer County, Henderson County, so that's why I'm not in favor of necessarily giving them a third employee, but I do see the need so that second person has the flexibility to do some of the work of the, what you called, the chief.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, and I understand. The problem is that we're trying to get somebody in there, a third person to get some experience before the Director actually retires, given the 21st. That could all be done by an acting position as opposed to permanently changing the makeup of that office. I'm just not convinced that that position, that clerical position couldn't be moved up a little bit higher on the scale and I don't recall right now if it's a – what ranking it actually is, but it could be moved up a little bit higher on that scale as opposed to putting it into a position of an Assistant Director, and that's where I have a little bit of an issue here. I'm just voicing my concerns on it. I understand differences of opinion and I appreciate that.

President Kiefer: So at this time, I guess, I'm looking, and I think Councilman Goebel, you started, I mean, I'm looking then for some type of motion then.

Jeff Ahlers: I think somebody made a motion and we need a second.

President Kiefer: Well, could you restate the motion?

Councilmember Goebel: I'll withdraw my motion because I don't know what we're voting for at this point in time.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let me, I think I'm fairly clear on where we're going here. They're, starting all over, there's a Director that's going to be leaving. That Director line item is funded. We have a Secretary that the thought was to move that Secretary, the Assistant Director's position is empty. There's nobody there. Right now, there's two people. They're, I guess, my understanding is, the thought is to move the Secretary into the Assistant Director's position, and then the Commissioner's, I think it's up to the Commissioners to replace the Director. They'll replace the Director. But to Tom's point and Mike's point, we are going back to three people because later in the meeting we were also going to amend the Secretary's position back to a starting base. So is the will, what's everybody want? Do you want

to go back to a three person office staff or maintain it with two?

President Kiefer: I'd like to see it maintained at two, but I was feeling comfortable with having that position, since she's doing work along with the Director, I was comfortable with her position being elevated. And I thought that's what we approved at the Job Study. I don't have that paper right in front of me, but I was thinking that was –

Sandie Deig: But you're only going to have three employees until the end of January. You don't have to replace the Secretary after the 21st.

President Kiefer: You don't have to replace the Secretary, is what Sandie is saying.

Councilmember Goebel: Are we saying that the person we bring in as the Secretary will probably move up to the Director?

Sandie Deig: That's correct. That's my understanding. I don't know for sure, but that's my understanding. But they have to have someone in authority, it has to be a veteran that takes over that spot.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes. But that all makes sense. As far as permanently filling the other spot, that's, I think we can debate that later.

Sandie Deig: That's up to Council. Yeah, but that third person is just needed for not even a month.

Councilmember Goebel: It's very important that we keep some continuity and experience in that office and the Secretary moving up, she's been there for a number of years, is that correct?

President Kiefer: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: And she basically does a lot of the work as of now instead of having new people coming in totally.

President Kiefer: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Do you think we ought to table this until we talk to somebody with Veterans Services or the Commissioners?

President Kiefer: Okay, is there a Commissioner here?

Councilmember Shetler: I think she just – Councilman Goebel's point is really where I was coming from, and that's why I was suggesting that we put in there, acting, so we have a temporary kind of replacement until this all kind of fleshes out come March/April, after everything has been done and the changes, and you've got your experience, and you've got where you're going to be. But that's why I was suggesting what we do in a more temporary fashion and not do it in a permanent way.

President Kiefer: Well, I'd still like to because I'd still like to see if we can approve the position of the Assistant that was approved at the Job Study, I'd still like to have that approved, and then the discussion about how filling the Secretary's position, we can discuss that at a later point.

Councilmember Goebel: Who fills the Secretary position? The Commissioners? For the temporary –

President Kiefer: Right. The Commissioners would do that and, of course, they'll come to the Council for the approval of filling that position at that time. But I'd like to still move ahead if possible, you know, I'd like to move ahead.

Councilmember Goebel: We're basically going to move one person up into the position and –

President Kiefer: And then we can deal with the Secretary's position at a later time. We can table that as –

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, I'm sorry, I'm confused then. Sandie, will you –

Sandie Deig: You have to appoint the Secretary so the Secretary's position can move up to Director, if that's what the Commissioners want to do because after the 21st there will not be a veteran in place and you have to have a veteran in place in that office.

President Kiefer: But if we approved the –

Sandie Deig: The Secretary will move into the Director, if I understand correctly. And then after –

President Kiefer: But if we approved that, then that position is then allowed to be, not filled a second time because once it vacates, --

Sandie Deig: Then you don't have to fill it again.

President Kiefer: So we're safe to approve both of these because once the Secretary moves up to become Director after the retirement, then they have to come back before Council again.

Sandie Deig: Correct.

President Kiefer: So we should be safe to do this.

Jeff Ahlers: You're just making approval to fill vacancies. It will be for the Commissioner to determine who fills the vacancies. So all you're doing is approving positions. Funding positions. Right?

President Kiefer: Correct. And I'm confident now that, Sandie, thank you for clearing that up, that they fill the Secretary's position, the Director retires, they move the Secretary to the Director's position, that position becomes open again, which requires them to come back before Council. So we should be safe approving both those positions today.

Councilmember Shetler: One further question. When the person takes retirement on the 21st, because I understand that's the date, will there be any cash payout, so actually hiring someone in that position won't take place right away? I mean, it –

President Kiefer: Well, I mean, they'll have to because you have to have a veteran in there to run the department. I mean, that's the law.

Councilmember Raben: But again, they're going to come in under this Secretarial line item so it doesn't really matter. We'll be able to get a veteran in prior to that day.

President Kiefer: Bottom line is, we should be --

Councilmember Raben: That person will vacate that line item and, you know, it will be up to us whether they can refill it or not then.

President Kiefer: Exactly, so we should be safe today to make these motions. Make this motion.

Councilmember Goebel: The only question I have is, is someone in place to become the Secretary temporarily until he becomes the Director? Do the Commissioners have that person in mind? Because time --

President Kiefer: Time is of essence but they --

Councilmember Goebel: They have to have it by the 21st if the director resigns.

President Kiefer: I believe there is a Commissioner here. Is Commissioner Abell here? Would you like to address that? Thank you. We're going to try to move on because I know we've got a lot of other things on the agenda.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell, Vanderburgh County Commission. We do not have anyone lined up yet. We haven't had our first meeting. And we will be doing that after next Tuesday night.

President Kiefer: Okay, but even at that, they need to know that they can fill the position. So I think we need to do this.

Marsha Abell: We're willing to entertain any application any of you wish to present to us, but we do not have anyone lined up right now.

President Kiefer: Mike, would you like to, again, make a motion? I know you had and then you withdrew, but...

Councilmember Goebel: I make a motion that we approve the two positions. I suppose that's where we are, moving the secretary to the assistant director, and then leaving open the secretary spot to be filled by the Commissioners.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, first by Mike and second by Stephanie. Thank you. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I vote yes and we'll have a chance to revisit the Secretary's position at a later time. With that, that's six to one in favor. Thank you.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Shetler opposed)

APPROVAL OF 2011 AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE
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President Kiefer: Now we'll move on to the new business, approval of the 2011 Amended Salary Ordinance. Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, what that's referring to is, you have your 2011 amended Salary Ordinance book in front of you. And I think that will require a vote, so I'll move – does this require a vote? I think it does, acceptance of this, so...

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That's seven-zero. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT OF LIAISONS

President Kiefer: The next thing I'd like to do, you'll see on the table, the County Council liaison appointments. Hopefully, everybody already is aware of what they're going to be doing, and feel comfortable with their appointments, and I appreciate you doing that. I don't need to read this into the record?

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible)

President Kiefer: If we could attach this, it's the 2011 County Council liaison appointments, and make this a part of the record, that would help.

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

President Kiefer: Appointment of personnel administration committee. That's not a vote, that's just an appointment, right? So, Russ, you'll take that as the president?

Councilmember Lloyd: Can I read them?

President Kiefer: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, since I've been appointed chairman, the members of the committee: Joe Kiefer, Council President; Jim Raben, Council Finance chair; Mike Goebel, Council minority party representative; Wayne Trockman, County Judge representative; Lloyd Winnecke, County Commission representative; Bill Fluty, Republican elected officeholder representative; Rick Davis, Democratic elected officeholder representative; Doug Brown, executive classification representative; Robert Goedde, POLE classification representative; Wallace Corbitt, PAT classification representative; Dana Clark, COMOT classification representative. And that's our committee, Mr. President.

President Kiefer: Thank you, and please attach that for the record, as well.

APPOINTMENT TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION

President Kiefer: The next thing on the agenda is the appointment to the ABC board, and this requires a roll call vote, and would somebody like to make a motion to nominate?

Councilmember Shetler: Make a motion to nominate Bettye Lou Jerrel.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, first and second, any discussion? None? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Bettye Lou has done a great job in there and being in the real estate development business, she always is a good person to call to ask a lot of questions about that, and she does a great job, and I appreciate her service. With that, I vote yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Lloyd: She doesn't charge you either, right?

President Kiefer: No, exactly.

COUNTY COUNCIL BOARD APPOINTMENTS
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President Kiefer: Under new business, item E, other County Council appointments. There's a list on your desk showing County Council appointments for 2011. As you can see, there's a couple appointments that have to be voted on and as we did just the first one, the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the other two appointments have to be voted on by statute, is the Convention & Visitors Bureau. So what I'm going to do is, I'm going to ask that we pull those two out of the County Council appointments, and we'll address that a later time in the meeting. And then is there any other ones that have to be voted on besides that. Are the rest...okay. That's what I'm going to do, I'm just going to quickly read down through here, these appointments, and the board –

Jeff Ahlers: Some of them are already existing appointments.

President Kiefer: And some of them are already existing appointments, which term has not expired. Gene Koch, Burdette Park Advisory Board; Gregg Gerling, Burdette Park Advisory Board; Mike Humphrey, Central Dispatch; Stephanie Terry, Commission on Homelessness in Vanderburgh County; Michelle Kirk, Disability Advisory Board; Russ Lloyd, Jr., Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana; Steve Martin with the same group; Wayne Ellis with Economic Development Commission of Evansville; Michelle Peterlin, Economic Development Commission of Vanderburgh County; Russ Lloyd, Jr., Evansville MPO Policy Committee; Shane Dearing, Evansville Museum of Arts & Science Board of Trustees; myself, with Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville or GAGE; myself, designating JoAnn Kiefer to be on the ITAC; Jim Raben, Jail Overcrowding Assessment Committee; Stephanie Terry, Jail Overcrowding Assessment Committee; Josh Claybourn, Library Board of Trustees; Eric Cake, the M/WBE Utilization Board; Kelly Coures, Old Courthouse Foundation; Jayne Manis, Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage; Carrie Hatt-Figueroa, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals; Ken McWilliams, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals; Russ Lloyd, Jr., Solid Waste Board; Gene Koch, Southwestern Indiana Mental Health Board; Dave Abbott, Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Commission; Jan Meeks, Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Commission; and Ryan Beck, West Side Improvement. At the top, I didn't read those two names but I'll repeat them, Bettye Lou Jerrel, ABC and Ed Bassemier, Area Plan. With that, thank you to all those people that are serving on the board and, as I said, we'll come to the Convention & Visitors Bureau later in the meeting. Do we need a voice vote on that?

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible)

President Kiefer: I'd like to get a voice approval for the County Council appointments. All in favor, say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed, same sign.

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: None. Okay, it's unanimous.

2011 MEETING DATES

President Kiefer: Next on the agenda, approval of 2011 meeting dates. Any discussion on meeting dates? If not, I'd like to ask for voice approval on the meeting dates and have those attached to the record.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: All in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed, same sign?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: None. That's unanimous.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Goebel: I do have one question. Are these adjustable at a later time, the budget hearing dates? I think we usually move those around a bit.

President Kiefer: Yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

<p>CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST TO CHANGE SALARY ORDINANCE LINE 1360-1360</p>

President Kiefer: Next on the agenda is Circuit Court, request to change salary ordinance line 1360-1360. Is there somebody here to speak regarding that?

Karen Angermeier: Karen Angermeier, Administrative Assistant. This is what you previously approved in that line item to change that to a probation officer.

President Kiefer: Okay, does anybody have any questions, any discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as submitted.

President Kiefer: Second, anybody?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven-zero, motion approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL TWO POSITIONS

President Kiefer: Next on the agenda is Superior Court, request to fill two positions. Perhaps Judge Pigman or Judge Niemeier would like to have a few words.

Robert Pigman: Bob Pigman, Vanderburgh Superior Court. As a result of the retirement of Judge Knight and the election of Judge D'Amour, there's been a number of retirements and shuffling in the Vanderburgh Superior Court and as a result, I don't have a bailiff anymore. My bailiff went to work for newly elected Judge D'Amour. My request is to fill that bailiff position. When I was here in the summer, I think when we were talking about filling some other positions, I gave you the information on our caseload and how many of our courts currently are nearing a crisis situation. I need this position and it's a member of my personal staff. Its provided for by state law. It would be very difficult to operate the court currently without that. So I'm asking, not for a new position, but simply to fill a vacancy that's created as a result of some of the shuffling that's gone on. This will result in what Councilman Shetler referred to back when I was here in the summer, we lost two experienced court reporters who were at the high end of the pay scale, and this position is at the very lowest end of the pay scale. So overall, our budget should be, in that regard, less this year than it was last. Any questions?

President Kiefer: Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: So it looks like you would probably have to hire somebody, not necessarily in the court system now or –

Robert Pigman: I have hired somebody pending approval by this Council, who is not in the court system. Well, she was, but she left, and so –

Councilmember Lloyd: But she's coming back?

Robert Pigman: She's coming back.

Councilmember Lloyd: Great. Mr. President, motion to approve as submitted.

President Kiefer: Okay. Thank you for the motion. And second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. And with that, we have a unanimous vote. Thank you very much.

Robert Pigman: Thank you, and I think Judge Niemeier (inaudible)

Brett Niemeier: Brett Niemeier, Judge of juvenile court. I'm requesting a part-time position that pays approximately \$6,700 a year to be filled. Last year, I appreciate you all thinking outside of the box. You allowed me to enter into a professional contract in that position. That contract is now expired and we were rewarded for that professional contract. We actually did receive a grant, got state recognition. The first time ever that a government entity received one of these rewards from the Indiana Youth Institute. But we now have some serious problems in juvenile court, especially in the Child In Need of Service area. That's what we call CHINS, those are the kids who are abused and neglected by parents and have to be removed from their homes. We have over 300 of these children on a waiting list right now to receive CASA's, Court Appointed Special Advocates. In studying this, obviously, we don't have the funds, the means to go out and hire enough people to recruit 300 new volunteers. Someone who has a vast amount of experience from the Department of Child Services recently retired, he has been volunteering for me for the last month. I would like to put him in this part-time position to work between the court, the CASA program and the Department of Child Services to, quite frankly, just band-aid this at least for a few months at least until we can figure out the next step. He would be meeting with the parents personally to go over their rights and make sure that they understand the process and make sure that the Department of Child Services and CASA also are fulfilling their requirements as ordered by the court, so that's the request. Just to let you know, last year alone, in the Children in Need of Service cases, they were increased by 54 percent. So we are booming, unfortunately.

President Kiefer: Thank you very much.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, there's a first and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Thank you very much.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Brett Niemeier: And before I leave, I know one of the upcoming line items that's going to be discussed is filling two Clerk office vacancies, and Ms. Kirk did not put me up to this, I actually called her last week and said that I realized that one of those positions that are open are actually in my court, okay? They're her employees, but, quite frankly, they work for me. I mean, I see them every day. And that person recently left to get a job in the Prosecutor's office. That position's responsibility, in part, is dealing with these Children In Need of Services cases, that have exploded on us. So on Ms. Kirk's behalf, I hope that you at least fill that position.

President Kiefer: Thank you very much, Judge.

COUNTY ASSESSOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Kiefer: On this next line item, if it's to the pleasure of the Council, I'd like to, there's two positions – can we take those together when we consider those or if you prefer, we can do them individually. But to move things along, and then also I see the County Assessor, is he here? Would he like to come up and address?

Councilmember Lloyd: A familiar face, Mr. President.

President Kiefer: Yes, very familiar.

Bill Fluty: See what my luck is on this side. Bill Fluty, County Assessor. I'm here

today to request two positions to be filled. Actually, we are three short: one by retirement and two by termination. One of the positions is a real estate deputy, which you're familiar with and the other is a real estate deputy. So today I'm asking to go forward with hiring two new individuals.

President Kiefer: And that's considering that you lost three, so you are reducing it by one.

Bill Fluty: At this time, that's correct.

President Kiefer: Any discussion? Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: You're reducing by one at this time? But will that be a pretty permanent situation or when the buy-out is over or payout is over...

Bill Fluty: At this time I have no intentions of coming back before this Council and asking for that third position. So hopefully you won't see me on that.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, and we had these discussions December 15th. I think Mrs. Koob retired, is one of these and that's a real estate deputy, which is like a supervisory type position.

Bill Fluty: Yes, that is correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: Kind of a critical position for your office.

Bill Fluty: Yes sir.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll make a motion to approve both of these as submitted.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Lloyd first, and Councilman Bassemier second. Roll call vote unless there is more discussion.

Councilmember Goebel: No, I just think we need to make a note that Mr. Fluty has said that he is not going to try to fill that other spot. Thank you.

President Kiefer: Noted on January 5th. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Just a point of information, I know the two that were terminated last year, I believe the Commissioners are handling that as an employment matter. And, I mean, that's just something that will come up later, but I vote approval on this.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Bill, I'd just like to say thank you, it's a nice way to start the year by, you know, by having three vacancies, only asking for two to be filled and I appreciate your work on that. And with that, I vote yes. It passes seven to zero. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Bill Fluty: I'd like to ask also permission, I do have a new chief deputy that came with me from the Auditor's office. She would like to go forward and earn her Level II, Level I and Level II, and then also proceed forward for her Level III. I also would like to move forward in pursuing education for my Level III, so I'm asking the Council today to let me move forward, permission to get those Level I, II and III for her and Level III for myself.

President Kiefer: Okay, well, it's already in the budget, I'm told, so the money is there.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as requested.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Kiefer: Discussion?

Councilmember Goebel: Back again, we, prior to the changeover and everything, we discussed limiting the number and I know in your case, obviously, you need to have as high a certification as possible, since you are the Assessor, and your top assistant, but are we going to try to limit the number of – I guess, Level II's?

Bill Fluty: Yes sir. We are looking at that right now and meeting with staff, with supervisors and staff to actually look at their duties and actually if it is needed. I see at this time there will be some reduction of people that have Level II now that will drop off after a certain period of time because there is not a need and they're not doing that work.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Kiefer: There was a motion, was there a second? Councilman Raben. Voice vote, all in favor?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: None. Seven-zero. Thank you.

COUNTY ASSESSOR TRAVEL REQUEST

Bill Fluty: Can I give one more – I'm on a roll. I'm down here just a little farther in travel, and that's actually for myself to go to Indianapolis for the state called County Assessor's conference. And I am the only one going and I'll be driving up and back.

President Kiefer: I think that would be –

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as submitted.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, then all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed? None. Approved seven-zero. Boy, you got anything else?

Bill Fluty: No, I'm not going to press my luck. Thank you very much.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Kiefer: Next on the agenda is the Auditor, request to fill one position. Joe, I'm sorry, your predecessor already took those, so none left for you.

Joe Gries: He's actually why I'm here also, but I won't go into that. We are asking to fill the tax supervisor position. This is a PAT IV position, it's a supervisory position for the transfer department, property tax corrections and settlement. The individual works closely with the chief deputy and first deputy during the property tax calculation, and the settlement process for the property taxes each year. We're asking to fill that position.

President Kiefer: Any discussion? Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Joe, I realize you're new in the position. The previous Auditor had indicated to us last year, though, I think on a vacancy that had occurred, that it was a key person and needed to have that filled. But in such time that we had a vacancy in a position that wasn't perhaps as vital on the T.O. chart, that you might be able to find some efficiencies there and might be able to reduce at least one person in that office. Do you, are you privy to those plans or –

Joe Gries: We have talked, Bill and I, about those types of efficiencies. We are looking to work to possibly cut the amount of money that we're using, definitely be willing to look at anything that will help us to save money.

Councilmember Shetler: And I recognize this as being a key position at the moment, but you're saying that in the future, that if there is a vacancy that occurs in another position, that you will not be coming before Council to ask for that to be filled?

Joe Gries: Not knowing who is going to go in this position, but would be definitely willing to look at that and work with the Council on that. Definitely.

President Kiefer: Okay. If no other discussion, I'd like to ask for a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as submitted.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: First and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Kiefer: Next on the agenda is the Prosecutor and would like for our new Prosecutor to come forward and if possible, maybe you can just, we can combine line item K & L on the agenda, which shows change part-time deputy prosecutor to a full-time, and then also the three full-time deputy prosecutors and one full-time clerical, if we can just combine everything together.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

President Kiefer: So I'm just trying to combine things here, so we can move along.

Nick Hermann: Nick Hermann, County Prosecutor. Congratulations, Mr. Kiefer, on your election.

President Kiefer: I think.

Nick Hermann: Yeah, you think. We have a couple of different things before the Council today. One is, we're asking to fill three full-time deputy prosecuting positions. One of these is the person in charge of child sex crimes, and two of those are drug crime deputies, for our (inaudible) division. And then the change is to change Sheila Corcoran was selected to fill the magistrate position vacated by Rich D'Amour. She held a part-time position in our office. We're asking to have that made into a full-time position and that is for a felony deputy prosecutor. And we also have a full-time clerical position to fill and we're asking for permission to fill that. And I would also move that the Council approve the Clerk trying to fill that position, because we are hiring out of her office.

President Kiefer: Okay, Nick, if you don't mind, and I don't want to take too much time on this, but if you can give us an abridged version, I mean, I understand you're making some substantial changes in your office and maybe you can fill us in on how this plays in to what your goals and objectives are on how you're restructuring your office.

Nick Hermann: Sure. What this is, these are vacancies that occurred, one of our deputies got elected prosecutor and took someone with him. We had another deputy prosecutor that left, we're just seeking to fill those positions at this point. As far as the part-time, there's only a difference, I believe, of \$16,014. I believe that was approved by Job Study to move a vacant part-time into a full-time position. That allows us to get a lot more work, quite frankly, out of that individual.

President Kiefer: I was thinking you made like a strategic change, like you have your deputies handle a case or your lawyers handle a case all the way through instead of the way it used to be done.

Nick Hermann: We're in the process of making that change. What's going to happen is all the deputy prosecutors are going to be assigned to a case day one and they're going to follow that through trial. To do that, we've had to set up into a pod type system and we're going to have ten deputy prosecutors in the general felony division to handle the 2,300 felony cases that we have each year, they're going to be split equally between those.

President Kiefer: Okay, any discussion? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Hermann, this new format that you propose, is this a copy of other entities somewhere else, because it's somewhat different and it seems like it's going to work for you, I just wondered where you got the idea.

Nick Hermann: I would love to come before Council and ask for additional spots throughout our office, but I realize with the fiscal situation that I can't do that – or I guess I could, I don't think I'd have much success. What I'm trying to do is, I'm trying to run this office as efficiently as possible so that we can provide an adequate level of service to the community and to the victims and law enforcement. Everyone that's been up here today has talked about the court system and how the number of cases have been exploding. We're on 100 percent of all criminal cases and that explosion has affected us as well.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: And to Mike's point, this is no net gain in people, it's just

replacing what you lost through the transition?

Nick Hermann: That's correct.

President Kiefer: Additionally, I just want to ask, I mean, Mike, if you're uncomfortable, but, I mean, I'm asking that we vote on this all together, unless you want to break it apart and do them separately. I could do that as well, but otherwise, I would ask for a motion for all these together.

Councilmember Lloyd: Item K and item L, motion to approve as submitted.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, there's a first and second, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Nick, this is only a \$16,000 increase from --

Nick Hermann: That's correct. I believe the letter that was furnished to the Council said 15,220. It was submitted November 23rd, that didn't include the 1 ½ percent increase from last year. I don't think we had those numbers yet. It's actually 16,014.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you. I vote 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Unanimous and so approved. Thank you, Mr. Prosecutor and good luck to you this year.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Nick Hermann: I did have one additional item, and I'm not sure that this is the right venue to bring this up, so I thought I would ask the advice of the Council. We have a need in Child Support to reduce and to better manage the case file system that we

have there. And we have a Child Support Incentive Fund that is given to us by the state. And I would like permission to hire a part-time position at \$14 an hour, which would obviously cap out at 39 hours maximum per week. It would not cost the county an additional penny, I would just be asking permission to hire a position out of that fund and I guess to create a line item. I'm not sure if this is the appropriate place to bring that up or does this have to go to Job Study?

President Kiefer: Yeah, it has to go to Job Study.

Nick Hermann: Alright, I'll get that submitted.

President Kiefer: Yeah, you can get that submitted and they can get that reviewed and come back before us.

Nick Hermann: Alright.

President Kiefer: Thank you, Nick.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President? And we will have a Job Study meeting in January, and I think the date is to be determined, but we should have that in the next couple of weeks.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you.

SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES
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President Kiefer: I'd like to move on, if the Sheriff would like to come up and talk a little bit about his request to fill some Deputy Sheriffs and Confinement Officers.

Eric Williams: Good morning, Sheriff Eric Williams. I believe these are the positions I spoke of during your previous meeting.

President Kiefer: Okay, does anybody have any discussion, questions? Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: First and a second.

Councilmember Lloyd: And the total number of Confinement Officers, so you have these ten, I guess are vacant, so I guess, are we working overtime in that regard?

Eric Williams: We're doing fairly well managing, but it's getting more and more difficult to keep the schedules as full as they need to be. But we're trying to and I've said many times before the Council, I'm trying to stave off and hold off hiring as long as we can to get by.

Councilmember Lloyd: And then on the Deputies, they would come in, they would just go to the bottom of the pecking order as far as general assignments or road assignments?

Eric Williams: Bottom of the totem pole would be a good way to describe it. Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. How long have those been vacant?

Eric Williams: They vary from probably four to five months to current. I have more than that vacant now with the beginning of the year, so I'll be making a similar request next month to fill those spots.

Councilmember Lloyd: And then on the Confinement, is there a pretty good turnover on those?

Eric Williams: Yeah, that tends to be a position that turns over, that is a common place to take employees from for other police agencies and within the Sheriff's office. I tend to hire Deputies out of that pool of people.

President Kiefer: But all of those confinement officers pay comes out of user fees?

Eric Williams: The ones that are listed within the user fee accounts. I think there's a variety of –

President Kiefer: Seven of them. Okay, was there a motion? First of all, is everybody okay taking these all in one motion? If so, was there a motion on the floor and a second? Okay, then roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that's seven-zero, approved. Thank you, Sheriff.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Kiefer: Next on the list is County Clerk. I see, I thought I saw Susie Kirk

out here earlier. Okay, she's not here, but request to fill two vacant positions.

Donna Porter: Good morning, Donna Porter, Chief Deputy.

President Kiefer: Hi, Donna. Thank you.

Donna Porter: And, of course, I'm looking to fill our line items 1560 and 1130. You've heard from, of course, Judge Pigman and Judge Niemeier and, of course, Mr. Hermann, and I need to have these two filled.

President Kiefer: You want to give your sales pitch, you know, on these two –

Donna Porter: Well, we lost, of course, the good pitch on it would be that these would be positions coming in new, which would, of course, decrease our budget with the new salary that's in place. The workload, of course, is so tremendous, we could not do without them and it's just to the point now where we're just trying to keep our heads above water. We did lose the one, of course, to the Prosecutor's office and that's the one that Judge Niemeier was talking about. And our other one is in misdemeanor traffic, she prepares all of the court calendars, does the phones, all the relationships with the BMV and it's just two positions that are already currently with us and we would like to replace them.

Councilmember Lloyd: What was the line item? One of them was 1560?

Donna Porter: Uh-huh, it's 1560 and 1130.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I was just curious, do we have any obligation to them, any of the employees who left as far as a buy-out or anything like that?

Donna Porter: Well, Sandie, I do believe that 1560 is going to the Prosecutor's office.

Sandie Deig: There's no buyout there. We do have a buyout for one of them that will be up. I'm not sure, Joe,...

Joe Gries: I'd have to check on the information.

Sandie Deig: I think she has like three weeks maybe, at the most.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Goebel: No, I just think that until that buyout is fulfilled, that we don't replace, and after that go.

Sandie Deig: They can't replace that person until the line is available.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, my point all along has been, you know, I understand specific areas that may, from time to time, have a vacancy and we get a little short

on help. When you go to hiring, you won't be hiring green or new people into those couple of positions that you need, though, right? You'll be transferring something around in the office.

Donna Porter: Well, I'm not sure...

Councilmember Shetler: And then filling another vacancy.

Donna Porter: I have not seen anybody apply for those jobs as of yet.

Councilmember Shetler: And my point is, is that, you know, out of that office, I think we've reduced it by one person.

Donna Porter: Yes, we have.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, in the last couple of years as a net, that, you know, I understand there's certain real vital areas that do get taxed and a bit overwhelmed on the workload. But if there isn't ways of consolidating and overlapping within the department that might create greater efficiencies, that's been my stance all along and I really haven't changed from that unless I could be convinced otherwise. But I really would like to see more attention given to that, working towards that objective anyway. So that's my point. Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: I make a motion to approve as submitted.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, and then if no further discussion, we'll call for a roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I have typically not supported most of them because I really do feel like we've got to find some savings. I'm going to vote yes in this case and hope that as we go forward, though, that we're able to find some efficiencies in the County Clerk's office to reduce by at least another full-time employee somewhere along the line here in the next twelve months, so I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I echo the sentiments of Councilman Shetler, but I do vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, I would agree with Councilman Shetler and Councilman Goebel that we want to find the efficiencies. In this case, I would vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I'll echo those sentiments and I'll vote yes. And so it's approved 7-0.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Donna Porter: Thank you very much.

President Kiefer: Thank you. Before we move on though, talking about all these job vacancies and filling these, Sandie, if you wouldn't mind, can we get, what is the total, I mean, I know you don't have these at your fingertips now, but if you can get us the total number of county employees as of, like say, January 2010, maybe where we were at mid-year, where we are at the end of the year and where we're at today, so we can see how our totals are fluctuating. I'm just curious because I know there's been some positions we haven't filled, some we have and I'd like to kind of, I think the Council might be interested to know what that rolling average looks like.

Sandie Deig: I'll work with the County Auditor if it's alright with you.

President Kiefer: Yeah, that would be fine.

Joe Gries: President Kiefer, that's information we can help Sandie obtain and get that to you.

President Kiefer: Okay, I just think that's something the Council would like to know where we're at on total numbers of employees. Thank you very much.

Donna Porter: Thank you.

COUNTY CLERK TRAVEL REQUEST

President Kiefer: Do you want to stay up here for the travel request for Clerk? I forgot about that. We'll just go ahead and move right in the travel request. Do you want to tell us what you're doing?

Donna Porter: Well, I don't have anything on that, so I was just here for the employees. I'm sorry, I don't have the travel request with me, but it's probably for the spring conference?

Councilmember Lloyd: Dottie Thomas, record reports training.

Donna Porter: Oh yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: And the money would come out of IV-D incentive, so \$187.

Donna Porter: Yeah.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: None, so approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT TRAVEL REQUEST
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President Kiefer: We already did the Assessor, so Commissioners Soil & Water. Is there anybody here about that? Is Bonnie Bittner here? I want to ask a couple of questions about –

(Tape changed)

– but we can go ahead and if somebody wants to make a motion to approve or have any discussion regarding this. It's attending the Indiana Association Soil & Water Conservation District annual conference. And it's not a state called meeting, that's why I just wanted to ask if this was something that could be done every other year or if it's really a bunch of useful information that they get out of it. I don't know if, Marsha, if you know anything about it? I guess what I'm trying to get at is on these travel requests where it's not state required, you know, I'd just be interested to know if we could do this every other year or is it so much good information that it's really important that they attend every year?

Marsha Abell: I think you should pull it from the budget. They're not here to ask for it, I wouldn't approve it.

President Kiefer: One of the things I also want to ask her about was, I was told that they moved their office to Boonville, and so I was wanting to –

Marsha Abell: Which is another reason I think you should pull it, we shouldn't be spending any more until we get some clarification. They're now being housed in Warrick County, so maybe they can go to Warrick County and get this money.

Councilmember Shetler: Move that we table.

President Kiefer: Okay, we're going to table this.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: All in favor, say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: Okay, this is tabled.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY ENGINEER TRAVEL REQUEST

President Kiefer: Next is the County Engineer. Thank you, John.

John Stoll: Good morning, John Stoll, County Engineer. The storm water conference is an annual conference out at Purdue every year. We've always sent a couple of people up there. I know it's not a state called meeting, but typically they split it up into two sessions, one where they typically have gone over software to do drainage calculations and separate sessions for things like storm water quality management which is part of the IDEM regulations. The other request is for the LPA training in Huntingburgh, and that's a state requirement that all offices that receive federal funds for road projects have to have a certified person by INDOT in the LPA, which is local public agency, requirements that INDOT has a manual that we have to go through. So I've been certified in that in the past and I would like to have Pat Seib go along as well, just in case I was out of the office, that way he could handle any issues that came up on federal funding.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

President Kiefer: Okay, discussion? Under discussion, I'd like to just ask, John, I know this is not a big ticket item, but if you notice the Council, at least in the two years I've been on here, you know, we scrutinize every dollar, you know, even if it's only ten dollars, Councilman Shetler, Raben and everybody else has done a good job on this Council. And one of the questions I have is, some of the things we're doing in the private sector is, when we go to a conference, instead of sending say three people, now days we're sending one person and then they gather and collect as much information as they can and they come back and educate the other members. Is this the type of situation we really need all three there or it's better to have or could you have one or two people go and come back and share that information with the office?

John Stoll: I could drop it from three to two. Like I said, in the past, it's always been, and I believe the current agenda is the same way, they have a session where one involved software training and the other involves technical sessions associated with ongoing storm water issues. So –

President Kiefer: I mean, I'm not asking you to jeopardize the quality of the service that you provide and what you're trying to accomplish, but, yeah, if you could do it with two instead of three and it's not going to ill affect anything, I would be in favor of that.

John Stoll: Yeah, I'll reduce it to two.

President Kiefer: Okay, and so that will affect the dollar amount, and I don't know what the amount is, but if you want to amend your motion?

Councilmember Lloyd: Can you give me an estimate on that, John? Instead of 650, 500?

John Stoll: Yeah, that probably would be a good ballpark number.

Councilmember Lloyd: Alright, I'll amend the motion to approve the storm water drainage conference \$500 and the other conference for 50.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: All in favor by voice vote?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: None. It's approved seven-zero. Thank you, and I appreciate working with us on that. I know it's a small bit of money but, you know, in these economic times, every dollar counts. Thank you.

John Stoll: We'll keep looking at that in the future and try not to have any duplications so that way, if we can get by with one or two, we'll do that.

President Kiefer: Thank you. And to the future, you know, if every department could take that as a consideration when you're doing travel, say hey, can we do this with one or two instead of three or four, come back and then educate the rest of your staff, I mean, that would probably be a good approach. I think next is the Health Department.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRAVEL REQUEST

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you have concerning the request.

President Kiefer: Well, I just have the same question that I asked John before, I mean, I notice you've got one, two, three, four, you know, multiple people, four going to one and three going to another. Is this something that every one of them really, drastically need to be there or can you send a couple of them and have them come back and educate the others?

Gary Heck: The one that's for the tuberculosis symposium, they all are involved with that, they all need to attend that particular one. The other one that the three are listed on is to, this is for an annual request just to perform disease investigations and any one of these three people, they wouldn't be going all at once but any one of them could be responding. The way they have it on the request is they estimate its about twice a month they would go to the Deaconess Hospital in Warrick County to follow up on a disease investigation that started in Vanderburgh County. So this is kind of a blanket request just to let you know that they need to do, its job related, it's not a state required, and we normally try to use a county vehicle if it's available. But if not, this request would just cover the personal mileage if they have to go. There may not be a disease investigation and they may not have to go on this particular one. Our understanding is we need this to be covered under workers comp, that's why the requests are there, and that's the reason the requests were made to the Commissioners.

President Kiefer: Any discussion?

Gary Heck: So it is a job related, I don't know how to explain other than that is just to say they will be required to go one way or – they're going to be required to go to follow up on a disease investigation.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, I think the Indianapolis one, tuberculosis, I mean, that's a serious communicable disease, I don't think that's out of line, so I guess I would make a motion to approve as submitted.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel? Oh, Councilman Terry, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Terry: Gary, are they all registered nurses?

Gary Heck: Yes.

Councilmember Terry: Okay. And so this type of training gives them credit for their CE's they need in order to maintain their license?

Gary Heck: Well, not only that, but they also work with the specific clients associated with TB and they need to keep certification in that particular disease discipline.

Councilmember Terry: Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: And the trip is all the way to Cross Pointe, correct?

Gary Heck: No, that's on the disease investigations, and that's true, it's right across the county line, but it doesn't change the county's policy, so we're just trying to comply with the county policy.

Councilmember Goebel: Seems to be reasonable.

President Kiefer: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Gary, continuing ed as such, in the private sector, are they reimbursed for that or is that your own responsibility?

Gary Heck: If you're talking about individual license certification, generally that's up to each individual nurse. If you're talking about a specific communicable disease that's job related, then in the private sector, I believe, it varies, but it's my understanding that at least at the hospitals, they maintain, they try to maintain the certification for folks who are going to be in the public health arena, I should stay with, and other public health departments, it's all, this is how it's all handled. I can't speak to everything in the private sector. I would think that, though, registered nurses or doctors or anybody as a professional, you need to maintain your own professional credentials. I mean, that's what I believe. But from a communicable disease where you're protecting the public, it's my understanding that this is something that is required for health departments.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, that would qualify, though, if you worked with my own doctor's office, you know, the nurse there is dealing with all sorts of diseases or potentially could be and I'm just curious and maybe I'll look into it to see. But I would venture to believe that so much of this is your own responsibility and not –

Gary Heck: I don't think the TB symposium for TB, to have the TB credentials is the requirement for just a registered nurse. It's probably important from a communicable disease standpoint that they have these credentials but I don't know that every RN is required to have TB training or certification. So in this particular respect, I do believe that this is a public health certification that should be covered.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, thank you.

Gary Heck: Yes sir.

Councilmember Shetler: Councilman Raben, I think your point is well taken, and as I think about across the county lines here, we probably need to establish a policy because I think we probably have some attorneys and given offices that are doing some kind of continuing education, we certainly saw that in the County Assessor's office where they're going on to get other certifications and stuff, sometimes we're paying for it and sometimes they're paying for it on their own and I think for those kinds of continuing education and we probably need to develop a county-wide policy on what the county actually will pay for and what we expect the employee to pay for, you know, in the future. So I think your point is well taken and I'd go a step further and say we need to open it up and really look at that whole can of worms there.

President Kiefer: Well, in that case, you made a motion and there was a second, okay, then let's just do a roll call vote on this one.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Gary Heck: Thank you. I can tell you that we are one less than we started out the

year with from an employee standpoint. So there has been at least one full-time reduction at the Health Department when the Deputy Registrar line item was terminated and the part-time help extra help was put in. I believe our current full-time equivalent is 62.05 when you look at all Health Department and grant funded positions, which is probably down from four if you go back four years ago. That's a moving target because the grants come and go, but I would think that if you – and when you were to look, overall, the Health Department is probably four full-time equivalents less today than we were four years ago. And we are definitely one full-time position less than we were on January of last year as far as authorized strength.

President Kiefer: Thank you very much.

Gary Heck: Thanks.

<p style="text-align: center;">DAVID DUNN CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU</p>
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President Kiefer: Okay, we're going to deviate from the agenda here just slightly. What we're going to do next is, we're going to go back to the County Council appointments where we had a question regarding the Convention & Visitors Bureau. And also, I want to recognize that David Dunn is here and he's been here since 8:00 and thank you for showing up today. And if it's the pleasure of the Council, David, if you'd like to get up and address the Council unless there's some comments or discussion the Council wants to have first. David, thank you very much.

David Dunn: David Dunn, current board member of the Convention & Visitors Bureau. Good morning, I appreciate the opportunity to address the Council especially as it relates to my tenure on the board of the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau. I have served as one of your two appointments for approximately 25 years. During that time, I have served in many capacities including one of only four presidents that have served since the board's inception. For the past six years I have served as the chair of the Destination Evansville committee charged with identifying attractions that could be developed that would offer a significant impact to our community. This position is a voluntary uncompensated position, but one that I've been proud to serve. Over the years, the CVB has been instrumental in numerous accomplishments. As a member of this board, along with Joe Vezzoso, Gloria Altman, and several others, we were successful in the efforts to bring riverboat gaming to the state of Indiana and, more importantly, to our community. Regardless of your position on gaming, it's impossible to deny the positive impact that has been realized here due to the revenues and tax bases created by gaming. Our community has certainly benefitted and is in a better position today because of it. Later, we lobbied to have the Innkeepers tax increased for the sole purpose of creating a revenue stream to fund tourism capital development projects. Since then we have invested over 8.5 million dollars in numerous projects that have not only enhanced our community, but have been a catalyst for tourism growth. As previously mentioned, our focus of late has been identifying a major attraction to develop, which would offer a significant impact to our community. We've spent years studying a variety of options, eventually selecting a project that is estimated to deliver a much larger overall impact than all of our previous capital development projects combined. A project that is estimated to bring over 100,000 new visitors, 40,000 additional room nights, and 10 to 12 million dollars worth of direct spending annually in our community. A fully funded project that would benefit our community with its economic impact and also by improving existing conditions and providing a facility that can be utilized and enjoyed locally as well as by out of town guests selecting Evansville and Vanderburgh County as their destination. Over the years,

tourism has grown into a 500 million dollar business for our community, a half a billion dollars annually is related to the economic impact associated with tourism. That does not happen by itself. Instead, it requires vision, leadership, and dedication. It requires individuals willing to donate their time and their talent. I'm proud of our accomplishments and I'm privileged to have served with such talented capable leaders. As I look to the future, there are so many opportunities, so much work to be done, and a greater impact that can be made. But I stand before you now numbed by the chain of events that has transpired within the past 48 hours. Whether you feel it was appropriate or not, an event that became customary at the bureau was a year-end dinner hosted by the executive director. A time when we recognized and celebrated our accomplishments during the year and discussed our strategic initiatives for the coming year, an event when the executive director expressed their appreciation not only to the board, but to the supportive spouses as well. Such an event occurred several weeks ago with Bob Whitehouse serving as host in his role as the interim executive director. Monday I was contacted by a reporter writing a story of this dinner. To my surprise, the context of the article was based on excessive cost and I nor any other board member had any knowledge of the cost. It was indicated by the reporter that not only were county officials outraged by the expense, but were calling for the resignations of the entire board, even though no attempt was made prior to gather facts before devastating allegations and implications were levied against each of us. Not once was there an effort made to contact a single board member to obtain a better understanding of what occurred or what our intentions were for the bill. Bob Whitehouse did not reach out to any board member to express any concerns or to inform us of the charges. It's also important to understand that our board had yet to take any action regarding this expense since it would not have been presented to us until our next board meeting scheduled for January 31st, unless, of course, the acting executive director communicated to one of us prior to the meeting. Even before our board was allowed to take any actions on the matter, we were not only accused, but we were also convicted publically by the demands of our resignations and the smear attack. Regardless of the value of this dinner, you can form your own opinions whether this event has ever been appropriate. The fact remains that it has been a long standing customary practice. It is also a fact that while we are an uncompensated board, we can legally receive gifts. Finally, as stated, our board had yet to take any action on this issue and would not until the next board meeting. Even so, I, like two others before me, have reimbursed the CVB for my portion of the dinner. While I have served on this board with passion for approximately 25 years, I have tried to conduct myself with the highest level of professionalism and an even higher degree of integrity. I find it appalling that individuals chose to react and conduct themselves in the fashion they did before our board had an opportunity to take any action regarding this matter. I find it unconscionable that our names, our reputations, and our integrity were drug through the mud in the fashion that it was. I liken the process to a modern day witch hunt. I understand that I serve on this board at the pleasure of this Council, and that privilege can be revoked at any time should the confidence of my performance ever be in question. At this time, I, too, have lost confidence in the system and therefore am no longer willing to make myself available to serve in this capacity, and therefore, tender my resignation effective immediately.

President Kiefer: David, thank you very much for those comments and I don't want to get into all the politics and any innuendos or anything else. I do believe that a lot of the important projects that the Convention Bureau is going to be trying to move ahead on, which I believe are very important projects, will take the confidence of the public and I am not making any personal indictments against you or any other individual board member, but I do accept your resignation and thank you for your service, and believe that new board members, whether right or wrong or indifferent,

or whatever the situation was, will allow the public to have confidence to move ahead on some very important projects. And with that, I'd like to open it up to the Councilmembers for any discussion or any other talk regarding this matter.

Councilmember Bassemier: Joe, I got a question to ask. Mr. Dunn, probably your last board meeting before the Christmas party, you all voted on to have the Christmas party and, I guess you did, my question is, when you make a motion or however you do it to have a Christmas party, do you just have an open checkbook? I mean, do you tell, where ever we go, we're just going to serve whatever everybody wants? What's you all's process?

David Dunn: The process in the past has been that it's an event hosted by the executive director. It's not action that the board had taken in advance. There was no motion to have a party like that, it's just been at the discretion of the executive director. It's been, as long as I've served on this commission, I can never recall a year where it didn't occur.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, what, in the past, over the several years, what did these parties normally cost? Is it around \$3,000 or can you recall what the bill has been in the past?

David Dunn: I cannot recall.

Councilmember Bassemier: And it's just opened up for liquor or whatever you wanted to –

David Dunn: It has been in the past, yes.

President Kiefer: Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: And I've had conversations with David and Kristen Tucker, who is the other appointee of this Council, among the seven member board, --

President Kiefer: And we're only responsible, this Council is only responsible for two board appointments, we don't have a say on the other appointments.

Councilmember Lloyd: And I also had, I guess, some conversations with Mr. Ahlers, one of the things that Ms. Tucker had mentioned and I echo what Councilman Kiefer said, but I guess just one accounting question, what account would that dinner have been charged to or do you know offhand?

David Dunn: I don't know offhand.

Councilmember Lloyd: Because when you look at the budget, you know, on this Council, we approved in August with all the regular budgets that were submitted, we approved the Convention & Visitors commission operating budget, but if you look at some of the line items where that expense could have been charged to, it's hard to tell. I mean, Convention Services, Community Relations, Support Sales & Service, there is not just an entertainment type account. There's a travel, Travel & Mileage, so it could be there. You know, it's a difficult situation. I think all of us have heard from the public on this issue as well, that it was brought, the bill was brought to public light. I know most private businesses, I mean, the rules on these types of private parties would vary greatly, but I think the feeling in the community and the feeling that I get was that the alcohol was excessive as a part of the bill. And one of the things that I was trying to get to, Mrs. Tucker indicated that the board would

look at this billing at the January board meeting and approve it. So prior bills in January have been approved. Based on that, it may be it's part of a big line of expenses that the executive director would bring to the board. I don't know, but I mean, I think it's a little disingenuous to say this hasn't been approved. I mean, the credit card was paid, Biaggi's Restaurant was paid, and I think there was a tacit approval of the board that this expense should be paid. To sit there and say, well, we're going to look at it in January, it may not be approved. I don't think that's realistic. The only other point I'd like to make is this is Innkeeper's tax money. I mean, it's collected from hotels in Vanderburgh County and the board, the Convention & Visitors Bureau, needs to be good stewards of this money and I think this was just an egregious lapse of judgement. And, I mean, it's unfortunate that it had to come out this way, but that doesn't change the facts of the situation.

President Kiefer: Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, first, David, I'd like to thank you for your service because I know that we worked closely on the ballfields and trying to work that out and I know the time and attention that you've paid to this community not only serving on this board but in many, many other ways, and your entire family over the years have been greatly involved in our community. Like all, I think, sitting up here we've had probably numerous phone calls and different aspects of it, and one call that I did receive yesterday afternoon was, and I guess the question that I'd have to address is that there appeared to be at least one person that was at the party that was a vendor, I guess, for lack of a better word, that was present. And I guess the first question is, how was that person invited along with the group?

David Dunn: I can't answer the question. I didn't extend the invitation. I didn't organize the dinner, I didn't plan the meal, I didn't order the wine, I was there as a guest.

Councilmember Shetler: The second part that most have asked me or several have asked, and that is a couple that have been involved in the same line of work that this vendor that was present, you know, in advertising and public relations and that kind of thing, said, you know, on both sides of the fence, as public relations firms and also as people who use public relations firms, and that is what is really uncommon or unique for them not to, as a vendor, in getting a considerable amount of business from the board, that they wouldn't be the ones signing the tab and picking up the tab instead of being the recipients, you know, of that kind of an evening. So that scenario, I think that the public is a little bit alarmed about, as well, not only to say some of the expense of drink that was taken that evening, but it is unfortunate, you know, that the whole event took place and I think it's alarming. I don't know whether you agree with the blogs or you don't agree with it, and normally I don't get on it and look at it, but the numbers are overwhelming in comparison to other activities that happen in our community, it's obviously something that is the talk of the town.

President Kiefer: Okay, David, thank you very much and I do appreciate you coming today. I know you had to wait and I'm sorry you had to wait through some of the other business, but appreciate your comments and echo the sentiments and I thank you for your service and appreciate you coming today and expressing yourself. Thank you, David.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd like to echo that, too, and thank David for his service, and while we didn't agree on everything, he's been dedicated to tourism in our community.

President Kiefer: Yes, now there's two appointments that we had to address regarding Council making appointments to the Visitors and Convention Bureau. The other one is still out there, obviously Mr. Dunn has tendered his resignation. What is the pleasure of the Council regarding the other appointment?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move that Kristen Tucker be removed for cause from the Convention & Visitors Bureau Commission.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, I'd like to open it up for discussion.

Councilmember Raben: You know, much of what has already been said and it's very unfortunate. I mean, just as with David, I mean, 25 years is a long time and it's a lot of service. Kristen Tucker has done a great job as well. It's a shame that a bad decision or not really thinking through their Christmas party took them in this direction, but its overshadowed all the good will that they've created for a great number of years. And I hate it for them, but it leaves us with no direction but to take the action we're taking.

President Kiefer: Yes, Councilman Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, I would just say, Kristen Tucker served for six years and I appreciate the work she's done as well. She came in to see me yesterday, so we had a conversation about this. Didn't know if she would resign or not. I asked her if she would consider that and she did. And I guess, at this point, she communicated to us that she would not. And based on the whole situation, based on just kind of the way this thing has unfolded, I think that this Council should just remove her, thank her for her service. I mean, she has been a dedicated board member, and she indicated to me that she was frustrated with the board and ready to do other things. So I wish she would have resigned like Mr. Dunn, but I guess, at this point she said she wouldn't. But I think from the public's point of view, we need to make a clean start for the Council appointments on this board and bring in a new set of individuals, one affiliated with the hotels that can try to restore some of the purpose back to the board and get them moving in the right direction and moving in the right ethical direction. And I'm not sure what we've seen so far is the end of this. I think there's other things being looked at and there may be more things coming out as well.

President Kiefer: Anybody else? Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: I think, just in general, the CVB is essential to our community and has done so much good for the greater Evansville and Vanderburgh County area with the attractions they brought in and the movement we've taken. I don't think anyone can defend some of the expenses at this Christmas party, and I would without a doubt think that if they could have a do over, that it wouldn't have occurred, and maybe go back the number of years that its happened. Evidently, this has been common practice over the years and I don't think anyone sitting here or most of us have indulged like that when the, from the source of income. I do think, also, that perhaps some good, long term, will come of this. This practice or this type of Christmas party won't happen again and maybe we can restore some confidence in that regard and I think that any other entity that perhaps has entertained such activities will cease. I only hope that we can do this at the state level and federal level, but that's going a little bit too far, I believe. I do believe the CVB overall certainly is a very major part of the good things that happen in Vanderburgh County.

I would also like to see what the other entities are going to do with their appointments or understand that because I think whatever we do, it should be followed across the board, period. And that's why I have a little bit of a reservation about asking Ms. Tucker today for that reason. I think it should be a unified plan. Maybe – are they all going to be removed because all were involved equally?

President Kiefer: I'd like to echo Councilman Goebel's comments in that, it's hard to pinpoint, you know, one individual, but as a group, as a board, you know, obviously there was some bad decisions made regarding the dinner and what I'm concerned about, wholly concerned about is that the community perceives this Council as making appointments where we can return some confidence back to that Convention & Visitors Bureau, so that way some of the projects that are out there that are important to the community can be moved ahead with a high degree of confidence. We want board members who are frugal and concerned about every dollar whether it's for dinner, lunch, or an 18 million dollar ballpark project, because every dollar counts. And as Councilman Goebel said, I hope the other bodies that appoint these board members will also follow suit and replace the board members so we can get the confidence that we need in the public, because, obviously, looking at what's going on in the community, whether, you know, there's been concerns with GAGE, whether it's been concerns with Knight Township, we need to restore confidence and I think having new board members restores that confidence.

Councilmember Lloyd: I was just going to say that the Commissioners, Commissioner Abell is here, if she wanted to address what they're going to do. Their board, their two members expired December 31st.

Marsha Abell: We haven't had a meeting, so we don't really have a decision as to how –

President Kiefer: Your appointments are new, so –

Marsha Abell: Our appointments expired December 31st, and I think the decision had already been made, casually. Before I took office I was allowed to speak with Mr. Melcher and also Mr. Winnecke, and we, I think that we had already figured that Mr. Vezzoso would not be reappointed. We felt he had a conflict of interest because of his job position at French Lick as a promoter of that facility. Our other appointment, Mr. Gee, I don't think there's any question in anyone's mind here that I do not think anyone should be reappointed. I would suspect from what I have heard in the office that Mr. Winnecke and Mr. Melcher have commented, I would feel that we are not going to reappoint Mr. Gee either.

President Kiefer: You said none of the board members. What about the one individual who was not in attendance, Mr. Roeder, who did not attend the Christmas –

Marsha Abell: He is a mayoral appointment.

President Kiefer: Right, okay, so I guess the question is, you see what the Council appointment is doing, you can hear what the Commissioners intend to do, Mike, perhaps as the minority leader you can have a conversation with mayor's office and see what their intent is.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't think politics have anything to do with it because both parties are deeply involved with this –

President Kiefer: Oh, I'm not saying parties have anything to do with it, I'm just saying the other appointment is from the mayor's office.

Councilmember Goebel: The Commissioner's situation is a bit different because those terms have expired, we're talking about removal and I think it should be done across the board the same way. And I don't know if the person who was not present at this party had been present at prior parties, does that exempt him now? I don't know – we're just trying to collect the information. I found out about it reading in the newspaper yesterday and from the media. So to make even a legal decision at this point would be pretty difficult, I think. And I don't think the Convention & Visitor's Bureau is going to pass any type of expenditure during these few months because – we don't have the appointment right now, we would have to remove and then make a new appointment, is that correct?

President Kiefer: Right, and I think –

Councilmember Lloyd: We haven't voted. We have a motion and a second for removal, but we haven't voted.

President Kiefer: We haven't voted yet and then the appointments, we have no names, so, I mean, that would be probably at our next meeting we would. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I think this is a first step, but we will have learned nothing by this terrible experience unless we really do, and it's probably, I guess, the Commissioners that will take the first step in this, and that is to put forward an ordinance that maybe forbids the use of taxpayer dollars for private parties – somehow, you know, we've got to be careful on how that's exactly worded but, because you don't want to stifle their abilities to go out and recruit and do the kind of things they need to do to get clients on board and stuff, but I think we need to look real hard and not only just what's going on here, but this may be happening in a few other departments, I don't know, I'm not pointing the finger, but to keep this from happening anywhere again, we need to develop some kind of an ordinance that forbids this and the people understand that we're serious about having a government that's run above board and with integrity. I think when they understand that this is clear and it's open policies that we have, I think they'll regain the confidence in elected officials and government that they have lost over the years. So that would be my recommendation.

Marsha Abell: I think that's an excellent suggestion and I will be happy to discuss that with the other two Commissioners. I think it's a – I guess all of us probably felt it was something we shouldn't have to put in writing that you would think someone would know they couldn't do, but we certainly will entertain an ordinance. While I am here, I would like to say one thing, and not to reiterate through the whole fiasco of what has occurred, but I was at the CVB meeting that afternoon at 4:00 before this party occurred. And I could tell from talking to him, since I happen to know him, Mr. Whitehouse did not want to go to that party. He was very hesitant and I wanted him to go because I was pretty sure there weren't going to be any good comments made about me because of my position on their ballpark, and I just sort of wanted to know what was going to happen. I had no idea how it was going to be paid. A few days later, I happened to call Mr. Whitehouse and ask him about this, and that's when he – and he didn't volunteer anything. But when you're talking to someone and they're extremely nervous about talking to you, you can tell it. And I said, well who paid for that party? And that was when that information was forthcoming. I don't think Mr. Whitehouse has any blame in this at all. He is actually a whistle blower. Had it not

been for him telling us, we wouldn't have known it and I think that for anyone to stand up here and say that the Executive Director hosted them when they are actually the ones that hire the Executive Director, is ludicrous. That's like saying that the secretaries took the attorneys to lunch but the attorneys paid for all of it. The secretaries didn't take anybody to lunch, they just happened to be there with them. The executive board of that CVB are the ones who okay the payment of those credit cards. You can be assured, if Mr. Whitehouse had used that credit card to take his family out to lunch, there would have been a lot said about it. He does not have the freedom to use that credit card without their approval. That would be the tail wagging the dog and I think it is ludicrous to try to blame this on Mr. Whitehouse. He was a reluctant participant in this and he's the one who actually did what he should have done. He came forward jeopardizing his own job knowing that they could fire him because they are his bosses. But yet he still was forthcoming with the information. And when I asked him for a copy of the receipt, once I had been sworn in as County Commissioner, he gave it to me. So I think to blame it on him is totally unjustified.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't think anyone here blamed anyone. But did Mr. Whitehouse participate?

Marsha Abell: He was told to go.

Councilmember Goebel: Did he participate?

Marsha Abell: Well, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't know how you make exceptions.

Marsha Abell: Well, I think if my boss told me to go somewhere and I needed my job, I'd go. Thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, I believe there was a motion and was there a second? Okay, motion and a second. We'll have a roll call vote then. Oh, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: I still think that this should be across the board, if we want to remove the people who participated in this, for participating in the Christmas dinner, we don't make exceptions. And I know our only option is right now with the one position.

President Kiefer: Yeah, we have the one position and then the new board, whoever that shall be, will be able to review, because we don't hire and fire Bob Whitehouse or the employees, so the new board will then review his position and determine whether or not they want to get rid of him and hopefully the new board will do what they see is the right thing to do.

Councilmember Lloyd: I think what Councilman Goebel is getting at, the mayor, yesterday, indicated he thought that this was terrible conduct and that the board members that he appoints should pay it back, but he didn't address the situation of resignation. Maybe we would ask, in the spirit of bipartisanship, I guess our Council President could either send a letter, communicate to the mayor's office, tell them the action that we've taken and that we would ask him to ask for the resignation of those that attended.

Councilmember Goebel: We could ask for the resignation and I think the mayor

probably is watching right now, so he knows what we're doing. But I don't know, I just think it should be across the board.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, you think the punishment should be equal to each participant.

Councilmember Goebel: If we're going to punish them, if we're going to punish one, we punish all.

President Kiefer: Mike, I totally agree with you that, you know, again, as I said earlier, I'm not pointing a finger at any one individual. I'm saying the board needs to be replaced to restore confidence and we're going to act on the two appointments that we have and I will send a letter to the mayor, as president, and request that he act in the same accordance as we did. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: The whole kind of issue bothers me a little bit in that I guess I slightly disagree, Councilman, in that while I find the whole thing despicable, I mean, it is – I'm involved in a private business that did fairly well in a pretty down economy and a Christmas party with senior execs that happened two or three days later, and I can tell you two or three times as many people were there but we didn't spend that much money. So it was private money so we're able to do whatever. So it's appalling to me to hear those kind of numbers. Make no mistake about that, but at the same time, I've also been involved in dinners and situations where someone has tapped me on the shoulder, a waiter, and said, do you want red or do you want white, and I didn't turn around and ask, well, how much is that stuff anyway? You know, I had no idea if I was being served Boone's Farm or – I've never even heard of Opus One. But I'd never, so I had no clue to it, but by the same token, I certainly would be appalled if I found out later. I hate the fact that we're kind of painting the whole thing with such a broad brush here, that there are some innocent people sitting perhaps even on the board, that have gotten caught up in the whole situation. And that's unfortunate, but their reputations, and they're wanting to serve the public, you know, are being tarnished by that fact. But that's as it is. I'm not taking up for any one particular person or any one situation here, I think, and I shouldn't not only take Jeff's job here, but I would think, legally, to go beyond, particularly to a higher personnel at this point in time might create a problem in that you would have the argument that's similar to when you have a sexual situation there and you've got somebody who was taking advantage of an employee. And I would think that if he feels like he's being coerced into going along with something, that one could argue that his job was on the line and he felt compelled to do it, and I think we'd find ourselves in a whole different legal ball game here. So, and again, I don't mean to take your job, Jeff, and you can elaborate if you feel like I'm wrong on that or if you feel as if we'd be open to doing something further than just our two members.

Jeff Ahlers: I would just say that, you know, obviously, as the Council, you all are free to express your opinions on what to do about that situation, but in terms of actual hiring and firing of the staff members at the Convention Bureau, that would be done by the actual board. Certainly, when you all appoint new board members or the mayor or the Commissioners appoint new board members, you can certainly, I suppose, give your directive or well wishes to your appointees as to what you would like to see them do, but ultimately, that would be their decision from a legal standpoint.

Councilmember Shetler: And I will say, I probably have more questions about this thing than I have answers, for sure, and I would really, beyond seeing the Commissioners do something to prevent this from happening with any of the other departments in the future, I would also like to see us have a really complete

investigation so that we know of other expenditures and things that may have been going on within this department as well. So I think it's time to open up the door and find out what's there.

President Kiefer: Yes, Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: A few quick comments and then we'll move on to salary amendments, but it's important that we take the action we're taking today and what the mayor's office does, you know, Joe is going to send a letter and try to move them in that direction, but, you know, there are matters pending, and I don't know how much time we've got, so I just want everybody to know, it might be necessary for us to call a special meeting before our 26th meeting. You know, there is a pending lawsuit that may require board action. You know, I know that whatever the makeup of the new board is, they're going to have to look at leaving on some of the existing legal counsel that's working on the pending case, so we need to get a board in place as soon as we can, so I don't think we really have got a lot of time to try to coordinate this with three different bodies. I think we need to take action so we can move on and start fresh with our two appointments as soon as possible with hopes that this board can be in place and be taking whatever action they need to take by the end of the month.

President Kiefer: Yes, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: I am not in any way defending, don't misunderstand me. No one can excuse the expenditure for the alcohol, particularly, at the dinner. But I think that usually in our country we have, when we apply law and things like that, its applied across the board. And this was technically a law, I guess. I would like to give her time to turn in her resignation.

President Kiefer: I talked to her this morning, Mike, just so you know, and I don't think she's interested in doing that, not because of there's not a lack of frustration or something, but because she expressed that, you know, that would be indicative of some type of guilt and she doesn't want to express that because she felt like she was an innocent bystander attending a meeting. And I'm not going to argue one way or the other with that, I just feel like we need to have a new slate in there just to get the public confidence back and I'm not –

Councilmember Goebel: I'm not arguing that –

President Kiefer: And I'm not pointing a finger at any one individual. None. I'm not pointing a finger, but I do believe we need to have a new board in there and we have a motion and a second, and if we could call the roll.

Councilmember Terry: Could I have a restatement of the motion? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: The motion is to remove Kristen Tucker for cause from the Convention & Visitor's Bureau Commission.

Councilmember Bassemier: Who seconded it?

Councilmember Lloyd: I seconded it.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'll go along.

President Kiefer: What was the vote?

Councilmember Goebel: I will go along because it's going to happen anyway. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Again, I want to express that this is a statement, Mike, for me personally to say that we need to restore confidence to the board and I'm not pointing a finger at Kristen Tucker, but I am saying this Council needs to send a message that this kind of thing is not going to be tolerated and that we expect all individuals operating with government money to do so with extreme care and with that, I vote yes. Seven-zero, and the motion is passed.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Before we adjourn, we need to –

President Kiefer: Yeah, I know, I was going to go into the salary ordinance next.

Councilmember Raben: Everybody has before them three pages of salary ordinance amendments. Mr. President, I'm going to move that this be entered into the record and make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS

President Kiefer: With that, we're approved and before we go into public comment, I'd like to make some president comments, and I wish all the – I should have done this earlier because a lot of the department heads have left.

Councilmember Lloyd: Media is leaving, too.

President Kiefer: Pardon?

Councilmember Lloyd: The media is leaving, as well.

President Kiefer: The first thing that I had under president's comments are what I call strategic focus for 2011. And much of what we discussed, the very first thing I put on there was government accountability. All agencies and boards should be held to the highest standards as stewards of public money to provide the highest quality service for the lowest cost to taxpayers, and that includes boards, agencies funded by the county, county departments, township government, anywhere where county dollars are spent. The second thing under strategic focus is government efficiency. All departments, and I'd like to ask you, Sandie, to send this, a copy of this out to every department head so they have this, but all department heads should seek ways to reduce the cost of providing services while meeting the needs and expectations of the customers it serves. Ask each department head, agency and township government to submit plans or ideas that would reduce the cost of government without negatively impacting services. In other words, I want them to be proactive, not wait for us to come to them, but I want them to start thinking today about ways they can reduce the cost in their department without negatively impacting services. Continue the hiring freeze of not adding new employees and review departmental processes to find ways to streamline service delivery and workflow. I put this one in here because I want to echo what Councilman Lloyd said last year, you know, about potentially us having some kind of audit or review of some

departments and, Russ, I don't know if he's eventually going to come back to Evansville to talk to us, but –

Councilmember Lloyd: Tim Deisher with BKD had a person in Indianapolis, I guess, that does some of that work.

President Kiefer: But, again, it goes back to what we're trying to do here is make government more efficient and effective. Government effectiveness, it's imperative that each department maintain the highest customer satisfaction as possible. I'd like to identify means to obtain meaningful customer feedback for key services. Encourage each department to continuously assess the satisfaction of customers they serve and seek best practices for improving customer satisfaction; examples from other service industries, healthcare, banking, etcetera. Those would be what I would consider our strategic focus for 2011 and I thank you for that.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Kiefer: Are there any public comments? Again, public comment is something that Councilman Lloyd instituted, and I'd like to continue that on. Any public comment before we adjourn? Seeing none, I look for a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: All in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Thank you very much.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Joe Kiefer

Vice President Tom Shetler, Jr.

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Stephanie Terry

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2011**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in special session this 26th day of January, 2011 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by County Council President Joe Kiefer.

President Kiefer: Good morning, I'd like to call our special meeting to order and open the meeting. Would you please do attendance roll call?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler		X*
Councilmember Goebel		X*
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Kiefer	X	

*Arrived prior to Prosecutor's request to fill vacancy.

President Kiefer: I'd like to ask Frank Coleman, who is out in the audience, to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU BOARD APPOINTMENTS
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President Kiefer: Thank you. As you know, we have this special meeting this morning to make some board appointments and I'd like for you to have seen that we have a couple resumes on our table. And then also for the Library Board of Trustees, I'd also like to recommend Chuck Whobrey and Human Relations Board, Brent Grafton. Is there any discussion before we call for a vote? Because what I'd like to do is have all these appointments done in one vote and we'll do a roll call for all of them at once unless the pleasure of the Council is to do them separately.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, Rita Bauer, Steve Schaefer, they've been active in our community in a lot of different areas. Chuck Whobrey, president of the Teamsters was just, I guess, finishing up the reorganization committee and I know he's done a good job there for the community. And then Brent Grafton has done other things for our community as well, so I think these are four outstanding individuals and I think will add a lot to these boards.

President Kiefer: Thank you. Any other...

Councilmember Raben: Was that a motion?

Jeff Ahlers: I think on the Convention Bureau, I'm not sure that on the record we stated the names. I'd suggest someone make a motion with the name and the organization for each one and a second.

Councilmember Lloyd: I make the motion for the Evansville Convention & Visitors

Bureau Board of Directors, the County Council appoint Rita Bauer with Laquinta Inn & Suites and Steve Schaefer, Vice President of the metro Chamber of Commerce to be the appointments.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

President Kiefer: Okay, do we need to do a roll call?

(Inaudible)

President Kiefer: All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: Okay, it's approved unanimously. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President Kiefer: Now we'll do the Library Board of Trustees.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion for the appointment to the Library Board of Trustees vacancy, Charles "Chuck" Whobrey, president of Teamsters Local 215 be appointed.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: Okay, it passed unanimously.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD APPOINTMENT
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President Kiefer: Last one, Human Relations Board.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd like to make a motion for that vacancy, Human Relations Commission, Brent Grafton of Green Tree Plastics Corporation be appointed to that vacancy. And I make that in the form of a motion.

President Kiefer: Second somewhere?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: Okay, unanimously passed. Thank you and that finishes the board appointments.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, I know Rita Bauer is here, I didn't know if she wanted to address the Council.

President Kiefer: Oh yeah, good idea. Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: Rita, did you want to...

President Kiefer: And as Councilman Lloyd said, Steve Schaefer is in Indianapolis. Thank you, Rita for volunteering to do this. I know it seems like there's been a lot in the papers, but I appreciate your willingness and interest in participating in this important commission. Any comments or –

Rita Bauer: I just wanted to tell you a little bit about myself so everyone on the Council and the public knows a little bit about me. I was raised in Evansville, Indiana, this is my home town. I attended North High School and I graduated from USI. My first job was at Vectren as a systems support analyst and I left there and stated working at Laquinta, and I've been there for about three and a half years. I am married and I have two small children. Some of the community work that I do is, I'm involved with Junior League and with a great group of women. We do a lot of community work. We just recently, my small group, just recently raised some money for the United Methodist Home. I am also a board member of our school PTO, I'm involved at St. Bens quite a bit. I'm also a board member of the hotel association and some other boards also, but that's just a little bit about me and if you have any questions or need anything from me, please feel free to contact me any time.

President Kiefer: Rita, I notice you're also involved with the hotel association, so I think you can well represent those interests as well while you're on the Convention Bureau.

Rita Bauer: Yes.

President Kiefer: Thank you so much for being here today.

Rita Bauer: Thank you. Have a good day.

(Councilmen Goebel and Shetler joined meeting)

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Kiefer: Okay, next we have on the agenda a request to fill a deputy prosecutor vacancy. I see the Prosecutor is here today, maybe Mr. Hermann would like to make a few comments.

Nick Hermann: Good morning. Nick Hermann, Vanderburgh County Prosecutor. I was here in early January and asked for permission to verbally to fill four spots and that was granted by the Council. Unfortunately, at the time, we only had three line items in front of the Council, and so while I got verbal authorization to hire four, we only had the ability to pay three, and so I'm back today. I'm not sure exactly where the paperwork mixup was, I'll take any responsibility for that. But I'm just asking for the ability to pay for that fourth vacant spot.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you. Are there any comments? Discussion? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I know when we had had these discussions as well, this is the deputy 1020 and that was previously Mr. Gwinn, he moved to the other slot and this is a new vacant slot for a pretty high ranking deputy.

Nick Hermann: That's correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: What would this person be in charge of?

Nick Hermann: The person that we are hiring for this position if the Council gives us approval is actually going to be on the lower end of the pay scale, he's going to come in at a step 1. He is going to go into the felony rotation, specifically he's going to be handling cases for Magistrate Kelly Fink of the felony court.

President Kiefer: Okay, well, I'd like to ask for a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve the hiring of this position as submitted.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Bassemier, first by Councilman Lloyd. We'll call for a roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That's unanimous, so it's passed and good luck.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Kiefer: I'll ask for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to adjourn the special meeting.

President Kiefer: Okay, meeting ended, thank you.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Joe Kiefer

Vice President Tom Shetler, Jr.

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Stephanie Terry

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 2, 2011**

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

President Kiefer: I'd like to call to order the regular meeting for Vanderburgh County Council, February 2, 2011. I would like to do a roll call, attendance please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Kiefer	X	

President Kiefer: If Councilman Shetler could lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, I would appreciate it.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Kiefer: I'd like to thank everybody for coming out today in this somewhat treacherous weather. I'd like to turn this over to Councilman Raben for the appropriation ordinance.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay. First on the agenda is Co-op Extension. The total request is in the amount of \$6,861, we had quite a bit of discussion on this last week, and that's making the amendment to line 1230-3530 for \$361, for a total of \$6,861, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Roll call vote.

Councilmember Shetler: Let me just ask one –

President Kiefer: Oh, discussion, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Shetler: Just one question to make sure – then this is going to resolve our issue and this won't be coming back then, in the future, okay? Alright, thank you.

President Kiefer: Any other discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That's unanimous.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-1900	FICA	462.00	462.00
1230-1990	Extra Help	6,038.00	6,038.00
1230-3530	Contractual Services	1,094.00	361.00
Total		7,594.00	6,861.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

AUDITOR
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (LATE)

COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY HIGHWAY (LATE)
LOCAL ROADS & STREETS (LATE)

President Kiefer: The next thing we'd like to do is the transfers.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we've got several transfers today including some late ones for County Highway. I see Mike Duckworth is in the audience if anybody has any questions. But I can speak for most of them. On County Highway, the utilities is just to reimburse some of the overtime for the expenses we've ran into with our bad weather we've had and, unfortunately, you know, most of the clearing and what have you occurs at night, you know, because of the timing of the snowfalls. And then under Local Roads & Streets, that transfer in the amount of \$110,000 is to replenish our salt supply. So, does anyone have any questions on any of the remainder of the transfers?

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. Finance Chair, I know on the Highway, I guess because

of the bad weather, we've ran into a problem with the overtime where we've spent a good chunk of the budget, so that's something the Council is going to have to be cognizant of, that, and I hope, I don't know if Mr. Duckworth wants to address it, but the fact that because of the bad weather we've had crews out 24 hours and we've basically run all the overtime out that we've budgeted. And it's February 2.

Councilmember Raben: And I do know, I think I'm clear on this, but I think a good portion of this was for our late December snowfalls that would have hit a January payroll. Is that not correct?

Mike Duckworth: Yes, thank you. Mike Duckworth, County Highway Department. I'm glad to see everyone this morning, that you were able to get here and I know that our situation is a lot better than some of our neighbors, so that's much appreciated. Councilman Raben, you are exactly right, since December 12th, we've had over 10 call outs in the middle of the night and so, including last night. And it's not just snow removal, when we have trees down and those kinds of situations that cause a problem with public safety, of course, dispatch calls and we have to react. And then the other transfer has to do with calcium chloride and so we have to cover the amount that was agreed upon in a purchase agreement with North American Salt and the state of Indiana. And so that gets us right to the edge to be very honest with you. And we still have a little bit of that to still be delivered and if the weather and the conditions cooperate with us, I should not have to come back. I can't guarantee that. It was – we have three calcium chloride accounts and one was funded and it was quite a bit less than what the agreed amount was, the purchase agreement amount was. So that's why I'm here.

Councilmember Lloyd: How many tons is that, 110,000? You're making a transfer of \$110,000.

Mike Duckworth: \$110,000 gets us up to, originally, there was \$70,000 that was allocated. Our agreement was for 2800 tons plus or minus 20 percent. The \$110,000 gets us over the \$166,000 mark, which is what our agreement was, so that puts us right on the edge of the 2800, receiving the 2800.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: And I met with Mike a week ago Monday over this and this will actually, this is what our building will hold, it will hold like 1200 tons, and this puts us about there. Is that –

Mike Duckworth: Our salt barn holds approximately 1500 tons, the problem is, as we're getting it in, we're using it. So we're stockpiling what we can. In addition, we've purchase out of the materials account some treated sand to mix in with the salt to help that spread out our supply. It also provides traction and with the calcium chloride, which I don't like to use, but it does have a burning effect that allows us to do some melting as well. So we're stretching it, trying to be as efficient as we can, trying to get through, hopefully, this month will be the end of it, then a strategy has to be developed in regards to what we do for looking at December, coming up. Because if we get hit early again, we can't wait until the 2012 money lands to put a supply together.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: To clarify, Mike, do you know how many tons we've used so far this season and how many tons we'll have in stockpile after this transfer?

Mike Duckworth: Yes, we've used approximately 2200 ton along with I think, 1200 ton of treated sand. We have approximately 600 ton either in storage plus some coming in, which equates to that total of 600 ton, which gets us to the 2800 ton mark that we've ordered.

Councilmember Goebel: How much will we have in stock after –

Mike Duckworth: About 600 ton.

Councilmember Goebel: And we've used 2200?

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Mike, I know you're new, you just came – I don't want to say new to the job, you're experienced with the job because you've been here before, but you recently have been put back into this position, rehired into this position, so what are you planning, you know, is there plans to be made in 2011 for 2012 that might help us reduce costs, can you hedge positions, you know where you can fix the price or what's some things you can do into the future?

Mike Duckworth: Well, a couple things, and I'm glad you asked that, because we need to be as a community, thinking about, first of all, when we purchase salt, secondly, how we store it. And I talked to Ed Ziemer, and I've talked to the School Corporation, there are several entities that I think we could pull into this that actually have those needs. Our biggest problem right now is, by having a barn that only stores 1500, we have to look for alternative methods of storing it. Now I've got some ideas about that that are very cost effective, but nothing definite at this point and I'll share those with you at a later time. But to me, best case scenario is that we purchase this early in the year, April, May, get it stockpiled, get it done, we don't have to worry about it. The time to buy it is not October, November, December, when you're in the middle of it. If we would run out right now, the best price I've been able to find at this point is \$108 a ton.

President Kiefer: Can you purchase so much without actually taking delivery on it, I guess is the question. Could you purchase so much and do like some people do, say hey, I want on time delivery, you know, so, you know, as you –

Mike Duckworth: Well, you have to be careful with that because they come by barge. If you have a major frozen effect up the river, barges can't get through. The clue to this, and we had to execute this with the county attorney three years ago, is the fact that, what you do is, you get a performance bond which guarantees delivery or if you don't get delivery, then they have to make up the difference between what you paid and what the premium cost is. So if you're paying \$60 a ton and they can't get it to you, and then you have to go elsewhere and get it for \$108 a ton, then they have to pay the difference in the – it's basically a bond – that covers the difference. We had to execute that three years ago. The problem with this deal is, it's with the state. We get a great price, \$59.34 a ton is a great price at this time and this location. But the problem is, the performance bond is with the state. We do have a guarantee, but they can't, their guarantee is that it has to be delivered within nine days, so we've tried to stay ahead of that. So some of those particulars need to be worked out to the county's advantage, we need to look at better storage capabilities and capacity and that's basically what I'll be working on, and I'll be getting more information –

President Kiefer: So, you have some thoughts and you have a plan so you can initiate for the future?

Mike Duckworth: Yes sir. And I'll be talking to the Commissioners and we'll all get together and come up with a plan.

President Kiefer: Alright, thank you, Mike.

Councilmember Raben: You know, not to belabor this point too much, but I don't, I mean, that's where Mike and I probably disagree. I don't think we need to look at alternative storage, frankly. You know, when our barn is full, if it's 1500 tons, that's almost eight events, and, you know, with a little advance planning, you know, you can rotate that salt through there. You know, the tonnage that we have on the ground today gets us through probably three or four more events. Time is on our side. It's February, you know, usually when we get into March, you know, if we get an inch or two of snowfall, today it's 56 degrees the next day, so I don't think we need to get too caught up in how we hedge salt futures and what have you next year. You know, I think it's worked for a number of years with what we've got and I think it will continue to work.

Mike Duckworth: Okay, I feel a lot better and a lot safer having it on the ground not only in my barn but enough to last the season, and paying a good price early rather than waiting until September or October to purchase it. So, you know, we've always gotten in excess of 2,000 -- 2500 ton to last us the season. I would just like to have some, as you said, Joe, on-time deliveries, some kind of an agreement with a performance bond, they're (inaudible) in the event that we run through another winter like we're having now. So I'll put together some thoughts and some information in a report to the Council and Commissioners. You all can look it over and direct me from there.

President Kiefer: Thank you, Mike. Appreciate it.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, we would like to be involved in that early on and not at the tail end of it, so that we can have our input in it, because I kind of agree somewhat with Councilman Raben on it, you have to figure the cost of that storage into the price of the salt, you know, when you put it all together there, so if the storage ends up shooting that cost up, then it's not worth buying it early.

Mike Duckworth: Well, my idea, just so you know, my idea is, in a collaborative way, get with other entities that have property or facilities they're not using. Three years ago, the School Corporation was going to tear down a building and we used it for the winter to store salt, it didn't cost us anything other than giving them, I think, 20 tons of salt. So the cost to that is, you know, minimal, \$1,000, so, I mean, it's those kinds of things that are available out there. I'm talking to one county officeholder right now that may have a building that they're going to do away with that may work and so I'll get that information back to you, you can look at the proposal and guide me from there, but I understand that you need to be a part of that discussion, being the funding body, and you'll be at the top of the list.

President Kiefer: Anything else? Did you want to vote on all these together?

Councilmember Raben: The motion is to include all transfers as listed.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, motion made by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Shetler. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That's seven-zero, so the motion is approved.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-1120-1020	Chief Deputy	2,103.00	2,103.00
To: 1020-1130-1020	Admin. First Deputy	2,103.00	2,103.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-1120-1300	County Attorney	36,773.00	36,773.00
1300-1900	FICA	2,814.00	2,814.00
1300-1910	PERF	3,034.00	3,034.00
1300-3000	Bond & Insurance	9,207.00	9,207.00
1300-3021	Hillcrest-Washington	9,206.00	9,206.00
To: 1300-3612	Legal Contractual	61,034.00	61,034.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2130-3600	Rent	16,923.00	16,923.00
To: 2130-1990	Extra Help	15,720.00	15,720.00
2130-1900	FICA	1,203.00	1,203.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-3200	Utilities	20,000.00	20,000.00
To: 2010-1850	Union Overtime	20,000.00	20,000.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-1920	Insurance	10,000.00	10,000.00
To: 2030-1850	Union Overtime	10,000.00	10,000.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2160-2530	Bituminous Materials	110,000.00	110,000.00
To: 2160-2580	Calcium Chloride	110,000.00	110,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Kiefer: We'll move on to, it looks like there's no repeals or old business.

Councilmember Raben: We'll move to amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Everyone has been given a copy, three pages of amendments. Mr. President, I'm going to move that we accept the amendments as listed, and ask that this be –

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. Chair, we've got some new business that would pertain to the salary ordinance. We have to enact the new business.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, yeah, let's conduct the new business first.

AUDITOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Kiefer: Thank you, the Auditor, is here and he's got a request to fill a vacancy in the bookkeeping department and I think he also sent a letter telling us a little bit about it, but he's here in person also.

Joe Gries: Good morning, Joe Gries, Vanderburgh County Auditor. As you said, President Kiefer, there was a letter sent to Council describing the position and the duties for that position, maybe I'll just highlight a few of those. This is in our bookkeeping department. The position is part of the payroll and insurance/retirement section of that bookkeeping department. It is an essential part of the payroll process, works with the bi-weekly and weekly payroll. The county has

nearly 1,200 employees that the Auditor's office is responsible for with the payroll. The individual in this position works with all the county departments, the bookkeepers in those departments making sure that we process the payroll for all employees correctly, also works with the insurance and retirement benefits, answers questions of county employees, tracks deductions, reconciles insurance bills and things of that nature. We're asking the Council to give us permission to fill this position.

President Kiefer: Discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: I know we had some conversations, but this is a vacancy that occurred?

Joe Gries: That's correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: And a needed position from your point of view, it handles quite a bit of the financial work that you do.

Joe Gries: Yeah, the bookkeeping department is a key part of our office. Having this position filled will allow us to make sure that we have all our bases covered and our responsibilities with the financial portion of it.

Councilmember Lloyd: And I guess, over the last two years, you guys are down one employee. There was one that I think was not replaced under former Auditor Fluty.

Joe Gries: I believe that's correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, you're operating basically one short, but your duties have been reorganized so that you can handle that.

Councilmember Lloyd: But this is to fill a vacancy in a kind of a key position.

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, along that same line, because the past Auditor had promised that if we got into a situation here where another vacancy did occur, I don't really want to say non-essential, but in areas that he felt that might be able to allow for another vacancy, he would do so. And this is not that kind of a position, it's pretty vital to the operations, so –

Joe Gries: Yeah, the area –

Councilmember Shetler: But as soon as one comes available, you will –

Joe Gries: We've had discussions –

Councilmember Shetler: Just wanted to make sure I had the new Auditor on record to say that.

Joe Gries: Yes, we've had those discussions with Bill and I would agree with that, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you, Joe.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other discussion? Okay, ask for a motion to approve.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve the employee request as submitted.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, motion made by Councilman Lloyd, second by Councilman Shetler. Ask for a roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven-zero, so the motion is passed. Thank you, Joe.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST TO UPGRADE POSITION
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President Kiefer: Okay, I'm going to let Councilman Lloyd talk about the next two items.

Councilmember Lloyd: Just wanted to make Council aware, we were supposed to have Job Study to address item B and item C. We were unable to put a meeting together and get a quorum because people were out and doing different things, so I know one of these was timely, I think the Circuit Court was needed in an expeditious manner, so I just requested that these be put on the agenda and that we would take it as a Council, the whole, the look to approve it or disapprove it and you've got the paperwork that would have went to the Job Study on this, so that's why this is a little bit unusual but we went ahead and brought that forward and we also have the consultant to County Council, Mr. Tim Deisher, is here from BKD. If

anybody wanted to ask him a question related to – there's a one page sheet that would show you he rated the jobs as they were brought forward because the duties have been changed. So he made a recommendation, it's up to Council, we can either accept it, decline it or do nothing.

President Kiefer: Perhaps we can have them explained like he did at Job Study, Mr. Deisher?

Councilmember Raben: I might mention, the Prosecutor's request has been withdrawn.

President Kiefer: Yeah, the Prosecutor's has been withdrawn.

Tim Deisher: Tim Deisher, BKD, Job Study consultant. With respect to the Circuit Court, the position was a riding bailiff position, the office has added court reporter duties to the position, therefore, they are requesting an upgrade to a PAT IV. Court reporters are a PAT V position, this combination of a position, riding bailiff along with court reporting duties, they're requesting the PAT IV position and a change to the job title, riding bailiff/court reporter. My recommendation was to grant the request as submitted, which is PAT IV classification, change the job title as requested to riding bailiff/court reporter. The incumbent is a Step 4 employee, the pay increase going from a COMOT VI, which is what it presently is rated would increase going to the PAT IV \$36,928 to \$40,674.

President Kiefer: Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Motion by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Lloyd. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven-zero, approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR REQUEST WITHDRAWN

President Kiefer: Next, Councilman Lloyd, you may want to talk about the Prosecutor.

Councilmember Lloyd: I know, Councilman Raben, you're the liaison with the Prosecutor and he wanted to withdraw this and I guess the only commentary I would have on that, this was already taken up, I guess, at another Job Study meeting in January and then he withdrew it there. You know, nobody wants to see the Job Study, those individuals are busy, to have to waste their time on this, so I'm a little disappointed that he would do that, and, you know, Job Study does not have a fixed schedule of meetings, so we may not meet again until May or June. So, I mean, if he's apparently willing to do that, then this position will just stay as is. But, I think, Mr. Deisher looked at the duties, he made a recommendation and I think the Job Study was pretty comfortable with that. But, obviously, they're not going to take a vote on it, so, but anyway, I'm disappointed that he would withdraw this. It would be nice to get this done and move it on the way, but anyway, that's his prerogative.

President Kiefer: Okay, so no vote required on that.

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO HIRE PART-TIME HELP
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President Kiefer: Then we'll move on to the Prosecutor has a request to hire a part-time incentive fund employee. Is somebody here from his office?

Gary Schutte: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, my name is Gary Schutte, I am the chief deputy of the Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's office. Appreciate the opportunity to come before you and address you today on the petition to hire a part-time employee which would be paid out of the Child Support Incentive Fund. What we're seeking is a person who will oversee the transition of the child support IV-D department to paperless operations. Currently, we have approximately 15,700 open child support cases in Vanderburgh County. Needless to say, those cases contain hundreds of thousands of pages. We think it's time to take that system paperless, and we think that because we think it will lead to a more effective, efficient, and productive office. Obviously, we're here to serve the people of Vanderburgh County. We serve countless number of people in the child support collections process and we think taking that system paperless is a very efficient and cost effective thing to do. Obviously, that process will be very time consuming, it will be extensive and we will need someone who has administrative abilities and computer skills to oversee that process. We seek to pay that position at \$14 an hour, we seek a part-time position to work up to 39 hours a week. The child support incentive fund is money that comes from the federal government. It is allocated to the states who then appropriate it to counties based on a formula of incentives including amount of child support collected, percent collected of the amount owed, number of cases outstanding and number of paternities established. We have in that fund, our office can use that fund and I believe our office is the only one who can use it and every

year there is more money given to it from the state and that is to exist in perpetuity so I think this year we're getting \$125,000 from the state of Indiana and that money can only go towards the support of the child support department, towards division four. It's going to be time consuming, it's going to be a process that's going to take a lot of time, it's going to take a lot of effort, and frankly, we need someone very capable to oversee that process, and we really believe that it will lead to an effective and efficient office that will benefit the people of this county. And the best part for Vanderburgh County and its taxpayers is that it will cost them nothing as the money comes, as I said, from the child support incentive fund.

President Kiefer: Mr. Schutte, I think one, at least one question I have is, why \$14? I think, at least what I'm concerned about is, you know, we've had other people come up and request, just last year, the Assessor came in and had vital part-time positions and we turned him back a little bit on it, so we don't want to set a precedent at \$14 an hour, but I'd like to send this up to the Council and get other comments.

Councilmember Raben: I'll make a motion for \$12.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other –

Councilmember Lloyd: Was the, and you've got some part-timers that are getting 16, but they would be like a law student or paralegal. What kind of special skills does this have or do you need here?

Gary Schutte: Well, sir, that's a good question. And what we're looking for, and frankly, some of the people who, obviously are awaiting approval, we haven't done anything officially, we have kind of researched this and we've reached out and kind of gotten some feedback and the people we're looking at have college degrees, that's people who have computer skills, very specific computer skills, obviously going paperless is an electronic data sensitive process that includes a lot of technology. So people with technology skills and people who we feel will be comfortable overseeing a staff of people, some number of people who we can, frankly, we can't afford to relieve anyone from their court duties, but we're going to have to at some point have some people working on this, so somebody who can oversee some people.

Councilmember Lloyd: But is it more data related where they're working with the, you know, you've got the backlog to work with. Is it somewhat like clerical on organizing the data, would you say?

Gary Schutte: Well, I think, the data anyway will be an organizational process, obviously, scanning in close to 16,000 cases, there's going to be a process that will include that, but it's going to be, frankly, kind of a hybrid of an administrative - someone we hope to have administrative/clerical skills.

Councilmember Lloyd: So they would actually be asking current employees to do things?

Gary Schutte: Yes, sir.

President Kiefer: Councilman Shetler and then Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Shetler: I guess one question, will this be difficult then for you to hire

the quality of person that you need to hire if we reduce it down to 12?

Gary Schutte: We arrived at the \$14 number after doing a little bit of research and analysis and what people in a comparable private sector thing might make and basically cutting it in half. Frankly put, we can't pay someone what we would like to and that's just the reality of it and I think all county entities are in the same boat. But if I'm honest with you, sir, no.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, I guess the comment that I would make is that, you know, sometimes it makes sense to pay a little bit more on the hour for part-time help because when you figure this out, if they were working at 40 hours, for example, it would be \$28,000, the net cost effect would be \$28,000. If that person were making, on the full-time and getting all the benefits and everything, well, you'd be looking at something that would be, I don't know 37, \$38,000, so considerably more. I think, sometimes, to attract someone that's at home and has a college degree that just wants a little bit of part-time work that is well skilled in areas like this, sometimes you have to do that and they're not getting vacation pay, they're not getting any sick days off, they're not getting the holidays, so –

Gary Schutte: That's right, and obviously, we're not in a position where we can offer a benefits package, and we understand that, so we thought we'd kind of, for lack of a better way of putting it, sweeten the deal a little bit and offer something that we thought we be attractive to people of the caliber that we're seeking.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I've known, in the past, you know, when we cut these wages that it's hard to keep the help, you know, we train them and then after a while they quit and we have to train them all over again, so I'm okay with \$14 an hour.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: The 16,000 piece caseload that you have, will it be constant at that after you have this new hire or when you get caught up, will that position go away?

Gary Schutte: Actually, sir, the 16,000, if anything, is trending upward. It seems more and more every year we're getting more and more requests in petitions for child support. Once we get caught up, there will always be some level that needs to be input. Obviously, the 16,000 is active now, but that's a pretty static number and I think there's going to be some level of maintenance of this system.

Councilmember Goebel: This is the first attempt at going paperless, correct?

Gary Schutte: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Goebel: And right now, the amount is 16,000, so I would think it would go down with time.

Gary Schutte: Yes, I'm sorry, maybe I misunderstood what you were saying. Yeah, the 16,000, once we get those input, obviously, we'll put in the number that we file on a yearly basis and I think that once the backlog is entered, there will be a maintenance level with the system and the technology and upgrades and things of that nature.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you, Gary.

Gary Schutte: You're welcome. Thank you, sir.

President Kiefer: Anybody else?

Councilmember Terry: The allocation, again, this is coming from the –

Gary Schutte: Child support incentive find, which is federal money that comes to us via the state of Indiana, so it costs Vanderburgh County nothing.

President Kiefer: Well, we have a first and a second. Do you want to –

Councilmember Raben: Twelve, and –

President Kiefer: Do you want to keep that motion or are you wanting to change that?

Councilmember Raben: I do, and I just want to make one important point, we've actually got two employees or two part-time employees in place now with law degrees that are waiting to take their bar exam, so 12 is consistent with other educated folks within that department. So –

President Kiefer: So the motion is for \$12?

Councilmember Shetler: That's correct.

President Kiefer: Motion at \$12 by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Lloyd, and we'll have a roll call vote.

Councilmember Shetler: Is the motion strictly on that or is it on approving this at a \$12 rate?

Councilmember Raben: Approving this up to a \$12 rate.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I do think it's important to try to attract good people and the part-time ends up saving you in the long run, but I also understand the argument of consistency and I think we're paying some people who have actually gotten a law degree but not passed the bar exam yet and are waiting in the wings there, and they're getting \$12 an hour, so with that, I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: And I think if there is any issues where you have problems finding an employee, you can always come back to the Council and ask for an increase, so I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I concur with your statement there, and we'll be glad to consider it later if you're having difficulties, and with that, I'll vote yes, so the motion is passed five to two. Thank you very much.

(Motion carried five-two/Councilmembers Terry and Bassemier opposed)

Gary Schutte: Thank you all for your time.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REQUEST TO HIRE PART-TIME HELP

President Kiefer: Next on the agenda is the Co-Op Extension, request to hire two new 4-H summer assistants and hire from a Professor Popcorn grant a new part-time program educator. And I'd like for you to come up and tell us a little bit about it.

Randy Brown: I'm Randy Brown with the Cooperative Extension Service. We have two part-time people that work for a Professor Popcorn program, which is a nutrition education program. One of those people received a full-time job and so we'd just like to replace that person, that's from that grant that we got through St. Mary's. In addition to that, we hire college students to work for us during the summer. Last year, we had two people that were returning and we want to hire two more people for a total of four for the summer. They work about ten weeks and do a number of programs including summer outreach, that's where we go to some different sites throughout the county and do educational programs, like Camp Reveal, USI, etcetera.

President Kiefer: Okay, any questions from Council? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, as Professor Popcorn, is this your normal attire?

Randy Brown: I just thought I'd wear 4-H green because I work with the 4-H Bureau.

President Kiefer: Anybody else? Okay, looking for a motion to approve.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve and this has been a long time program with Cooperative Extension, that's been pretty well received in the community.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, motion made by Councilman Lloyd, second by Councilman Shetler. We'll just, all in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: None. Unanimous. Thank you very much.

Randy Brown: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO HIRE PART-TIME HELP

President Kiefer: Next on the agenda is the Health Department, we talked a little bit about this last Wednesday, request to hire two WIC grant employees, one part-time and one full-time employee. I guess you don't need to maybe go into the same detail you went in last week, but if you want to reiterate it briefly that would be great.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. Thank you, President Kiefer. I would like to clarify one thing on the part-time help, and that is, the grant amendment we got from WIC included 37,600 additional dollars to hire part-time help to work through the eligibility caseload. So while we're asking for extra help, it may actually be two to four people because we've got enough money to have a new eligibility clerk every day. Well, if we can find one person who wants to work 32 hours, then that's, one person is fine, but if we can find four people who want to work one day a week, it could be four people. But we have the funding in place to do it, so even though I asked for part-time help, I didn't put a specific number.

President Kiefer: Okay, but the total hours is the same?

Gary Heck: The total hours would be the same for the money, but if I send over more than one, I'd like to make sure it got approved.

President Kiefer: I understand what you're saying. Okay, any questions, comments from Council?

Councilmember Lloyd: These are all WIC grants –

Gary Heck: They're all WIC grant – these are all WIC grants, so what we were looking for was one extra help clerk and then however many extra help for, they call them CPA's or Competent Professional Authorities, and they are basically either a WIC nurse or a WIC nutritionalist. So they're either a registered dietitian, or they're a registered nurse, public health nurse. And they all have an existing position on the salary schedule.

Councilmember Lloyd: So you have people doing that now?

Gary Heck: We have full-time people doing that now and a couple or one part-time, but this would give us additional because we have a caseload that was – they try to maintain an eligibility clerk staff that's about 400 clients to one and we're up about 480 right now, so this will actually allow us to get the caseload down so people wouldn't have to wait as long in the office.

Councilmember Lloyd: These are CPA's that don't do taxes?

Gary Heck: These are CPA's that don't do taxes, that is correct, competent professional authorities and not certified public accountants.

Councilmember Lloyd: You know, to find RN's to work part-time like that, I would think that would be somewhat difficult because that's a tight market. But you've got, also you could use dieticians, which may be easier to find.

Gary Heck: That's correct.

President Kiefer: Gary, your letter stated it serves approximately 4,000 people, how do they find you? I mean, are you out in the community reaching out to them or do they know about the program and they come seek you out?

Gary Heck: Well, there's several different referral sources, but WIC is the Women, Infant and Children's program, and is well known. And they're also at all of the hospitals, so when someone gives birth, they're given in their packet information about WIC, so that they know there is a program available that they could be eligible for. And that's one of the ways outreach is done. And then the vouchers, which are checks that they receive for fresh fruits, vegetables, and infant formula are all accepted by the local grocery stores as well. And there's word of mouth by people is also another good way that programs get spread around the community.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other comments?

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as submitted.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, motion made by Councilman Lloyd, second by Councilman Raben, ask for a roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That's unanimous, thank you, Gary, appreciate it.

Gary Heck: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Kiefer: Next on the agenda, travel requests, so we'll go down through these one by one. Is there somebody from the Treasurer's office?

Rick Davis: Good morning, Rick Davis, Vanderburgh County Treasurer.

President Kiefer: Rick, this is not a state called meeting, but it is something that the County Treasurers and Association Southern Conference --

Rick Davis: Yes, and it's two hours and 17 minutes away, even though it is a southern district meeting, what they comprise of the south goes all the way over, even a little north of Seymour, Indiana, and it's on eastern time. In the past, I've driven to this meeting even on eastern time as far away as French Lick, but that extra hour basically is going to make it very uncomfortable to get up around 3:30 or 4:00 in the morning, get ready and drive to I think it's Scottsburg, Indiana, two hours and 17 minutes away. It's an important meeting even though it's not state mandated because they talk to us about new laws that the legislators are passing right now in Indianapolis and how they're going to affect county government and the County Treasurer's office.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Not about this request, because I think we discussed it already, do we need to go back over the ones we discussed last week?

President Kiefer: It's the pleasure of the Council.

Councilmember Goebel: I think we put a good deal of time in last week and I think this is one that we seemed to have comfort with approving.

Councilmember Lloyd: I would be willing to make a motion for all of them unless some Councilmember wants to take one out.

President Kiefer: So that's one --

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion for all of them approved as submitted.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Kiefer: All in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: Okay, approved unanimously. Thanks for moving the meeting along, Mike.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT TRAVEL REQUEST
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President Kiefer: Okay, is Bonnie here? Come on up, this is Soil & Water.

Bonnie Bittner: Good morning, Bonnie Bittner from the Vanderburgh County Soil & Water Conservation District. I apologize for not being here last month when my travel request was on the agenda, but after speaking to Joe Kiefer, I requested to be on today and I would like your approval.

President Kiefer: Okay, a little history on this. I think, like as she said, she wasn't here but you've already spent this money, then, you've already done the travel and so the question is, do we want to reimburse these monies and I'd like to open this up to Councilmembers for discussion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Want me to start?

President Kiefer: Yeah, Councilman Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I don't have any problem with the travel request, you might want to just recap what you did. It was in Indianapolis, I believe.

Bonnie Bittner: Yes, we have a state convention for districts every year and I have gone every year. I offered to not go since you declined the request but the board thought it was important that I go. Not only are you updated on everything that you do in your work, but the networking is great and I wanted to be there at 8:30 Monday morning to go to the State Board meeting because they had 84,000 extra that they were going to make for grants, and there's four counties here in Southern Indiana that really work good together and have been noted up there how well we work, and we wanted to hear their thoughts on it so that we could apply for the grant. And I also register the legislators for the legislative breakfast and attend the breakfast. And I attend every session available to me during the session and bring reports back to the board .

Councilmember Lloyd: And I guess, I don't know if you saw the reports of the meeting, but I guess one question that came up, the office in the county, I guess, was closed or rented to another group, so that Vanderburgh County Soil & Water, I guess, your position was operating out of Warrick County.

Bonnie Bittner: Yes sir, but our office –

Councilmember Lloyd: So is there any plan to bring that back to Vanderburgh County?

Bonnie Bittner: Oh yes, in fact, I brought the district conservationist, who is the federal entity in our office, with me, if you'd like for him to come up and we'll both

answer any questions you have on that. We sent a letter before our office was actually dozed, it's a Roca Bar now, and asked for the Commissioners permission to be temporarily relocated in Warrick County and they approved that.

Councilmember Lloyd: You do a lot of work with the federal and also with the –

Bonnie Bittner: State.

Councilmember Lloyd: IDEM, and so that group just moved as a group and you were part of the group?

Bonnie Bittner: Yes, the federal entities in the Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resource Conservation Service rent the office. We pay a minimum rent and for years we didn't pay any rent, just in the last two or three years have we paid a minimum rent of \$2,000.25 and I got that reduced from a little bit larger amount by, I do some work for the district conservationist like send out his letters and scan things for him and we just work really well together, the whole office does.

President Kiefer: So who signs the contract for your lease? Is that the Commissioners or –

Bonnie Bittner: No, the federal, it's –

President Kiefer: So the Commissioners don't have any say on where you locate?

Councilmember Raben: They just occupy space, really.

President Kiefer: Okay, because, the only reason I brought this up is, you know, I got a call from Commissioner Abell this morning and she wanted to express her concern, but she couldn't be here this morning, that you guys were currently working in Warrick County. Bonnie, is your office then, do you work out of your office or out of your home?

Bonnie Bittner: I work in Warrick County most days. Now if I have a meeting in Vanderburgh, I'm not going to drive all the way to Warrick, so they have set my computer up that I can work from home, which is seldom, because I have everything I need there. I have to always think, what all do I need to work from home. It's been challenging and we're ready to come back.

President Kiefer: Yeah, so when are you coming back to Vanderburgh County?

Darrell Rice: We're targeting July.

President Kiefer: July. Okay, I will tell you that it does have the ire of a lot of elected officials that, you know, Vanderburgh County is funding and you're located in Warrick County, no matter what the excuses are, you know, we just don't like that.

Bonnie Bittner: Well, maybe this will help, you're not paying any more money. I don't ask for mileage to drive to Warrick County. I just do that on my own because my husband wants me in a car he takes care of.

President Kiefer: Yeah, but do people from Vanderburgh County need to come to your office and they have to drive to Boonville?

Bonnie Bittner: I know.

Darrell Rice: Most of our federal clients, we work a lot with the farm community and so a lot of that business can be done through the Internet, but they do have to come over and still sign some papers, but typically what we're doing with our position, we work on the land with the land users, so typically, we're meeting these people on their property.

President Kiefer: I apologize, could you give us your –

Darrell Rice: I'm sorry, I'm Darrell Rice, I'm a district conservationist. I work for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, which is a division of the US Department of Agriculture. The Vanderburgh County Soil & Water Conservation District was actually the first soil and water conservation district in Indiana, so you guys were the beginners of the soil and water conservation movement in Indiana. This partnership has been strong for 70 years and so they have always been housed in a USDA service center as a strong partnership with the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. The Soil & Water Conservation District, the Farm Services Agency and our agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, over those 68 years, they've been housed in our office as a partner. We've used them for clerical work and the partnership that has been very strong, and we've supplied typically all the office furniture, computers, and all those things that's needed to do the day to day things. Because of Congress, in their infinite wisdom, decided to change the leasing process, typically we handled it locally. They decided to move it to Washington, DC, which slowed that process down tremendously. In that process of releasing RFP's for property leasing spots, our lease ran out and the current land owners had other plans for that property, so we had so scurry around pretty quick and find some spot in a USDA service center to move to.

President Kiefer: And there is no service center available in Vanderburgh County?

Darrell Rice: Correct.

Councilmember Bassemier: Joe, Mr. President, I've got a question. You're here today to ask for \$806, is that correct?

Bonnie Bittner: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Bassemier: And you traveled January 9th to the 12th, and if we don't approve that today, will you have to pay this out of your own pocket? How is this going to be paid?

Bonnie Bittner: No, the district will take it out of their fund, their limited funds they get from the state, but we would rather use those funds for projects on the ground.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, and another question, I'm just wondering, we did not approve this before, of course, but you went ahead and you made the trip, so did you call anybody, the president or anybody to –

Bonnie Bittner: I didn't know until I got back or no, yes, you're right, I called Joe Kiefer. I called him right after the Council's Office called and told me it was –

President Kiefer: Right, and that's why I asked her to be here today so we could –

Bonnie Bittner: Yeah, I called him that day.

Councilmember Bassemier: So it won't be out of your pocket if we say no. It will be

out of the – the state is going to pick it up?

Bonnie Bittner: Right, but we would rather use that – we get \$10,000 from the state in Clean Water Indiana funds, and we'd rather use that for projects on the ground, which we have been doing.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you.

President Kiefer: So that travel request was for \$806. Go ahead, Councilman.

Councilmember Shetler: This is kind of getting off the subject, but I think we got off the subject and then we got back on, so I'm going to get us back off here for a second. The whole presentation has raised a few questions in my mind. Can you distinguish what the difference is between your level, Darrell, and what Bonnie's is, as the county agent and what distinguishes the differences there? What are we getting extra to have our own representation from Vanderburgh County that the federal wouldn't be providing if we didn't have that? We have always leaned on the county, the way this all happened back 70 years ago, is local landowners wanted a presence for the US Department of Agriculture to be in the county, so they had asked us to come in to the counties, and Vanderburgh was the first one to do that. And with that partnership we asked them, if we bring in our expertise, will you supply clerical help for us on the county level, and that was agreed upon 70 some years ago, and has just continued on through the years through this partnership. With the federal dollars that we bring in, because of your cooperation we leverage, every dollar that you invest is leveraged by eight federal dollars to come into the county, and that's state, federal monies, so with that leverage, we just get more bang for the buck, so with this cooperative arrangement, it just makes the money go further, it gives us an opportunity to be on the land more with her help in the office answering phones and things like that.

Councilmember Shetler: So if we weren't involved in it, if we would renege on our portion here, then there would be no federal representation on soil conservation here?

Darrell Rice: No, it would just restrict what we do. It would just cause me to be in the office more and not in the field working with clients where we're supposed to be.

President Kiefer: One concern I guess I have is, you know, you had mentioned that, well, it wasn't too much of a burden for Vanderburgh County residents to drive to Warrick County, Boonville, because you have Internet and you have other accessibility, well then that brings up the question then, because we have a ton of vacancy here in this building and we have vacancies that are owned by Vanderburgh County, so then that begs the question, why should we pay rent out there in a brand new building when we have vacant space available? And the whole idea was, well, you need to be out in the county close to the residents and the farmers and different people that use you, but yet, you know, it's not a problem for them to drive to Boonville? So on one hand I'm saying, okay, it's not a problem to drive to Boonville, then why would it be a problem to drive to the Civic Center?

Darrell Rice: I didn't say it wasn't a problem to drive to Boonville, I said they can do things on the Internet to keep them from having to drive to Boonville. It is a pain for our clients to go to Boonville just like it is for us, but we will be back in Vanderburgh County when the RFP's are accepted and a site is selected, we'll be back in Vanderburgh County.

President Kiefer: Is the greatest majority of your clients on the North 41/Scott Township area or what about other –

Darrell Rice: We have clients in Union, yeah, the farm community, yeah, is basically, we work pretty diligently with developers also as land use planners is basically what we do, so our clients are scattered all over the county.

President Kiefer: Would potentially, I mean, it may be too late for this, but I mean, would being downtown in the Civic Center might be more centrally located for the farming community.

Darrell Rice: We released on our USDA site, an opportunity for proposals to be submitted and I was kind of surprised you guys didn't, the county, and that time frame has closed, so we're kind of stuck with what we've got.

President Kiefer: I'm sure we're on that site every day looking to see what openings you had. It would probably have been more prudent to say, you know, hey, County Commissioners, Vanderburgh County, you know, you need to look at this and –

Darrell Rice: Well, in the fairness of things, we just can't, we can't go to an individual and say we want you to advertise –

(Tape changed)

Darrell Rice: – throw up a suit and say, well, you didn't tell me, so we're kind of stuck with the process.

Councilmember Lloyd: When did the deadline expire on that RFP like for interested parties to submit?

Darrell Rice: In November.

Councilmember Lloyd: So that was under the prior Commissioners? And you're waiting on – I guess you had a number of different opportunities, those had to be submitted to Washington, DC?

Darrell Rice: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so you're waiting on their decision?

Darrell Rice: Right.

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess in the interest – in fairness, I think we ought to approve the travel request or I'll make a motion to approve the 806 that was submitted in January, and this residency office issue, the Commissioners certainly need to take that up.

Bonnie Bittner: We would love to meet one on one or with the group and explain how all this works.

President Kiefer: Now how long is that lease for?

Darrell Rice: Five years.

President Kiefer: So you're saying it's a done deal, so nothing can be done for

another five years?

Darrell Rice: Unless they open up, if something happens to where the properties they've looked at does not meet our requirements in size or access, they might open the RFP request back up.

President Kiefer: Right. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I didn't want to cut you off, but you have proposed several sites, is that correct, to DC?

Darrell Rice: We looked at seven.

Councilmember Goebel: Are any of those county owned?

Darrell Rice: No.

Councilmember Goebel: Is it too late to resubmit?

Darrell Rice: Yeah, with the Washington process, yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, well, to the future, since we are a partner with you guys, it would be, I think prudent to at least let us know when this process starts so the current County Commissioners can be involved in that and have an opportunity to participate in it. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, let's see, I was going to ask, do you represent only Vanderburgh County, Darrell, or do you –

Darrell Rice: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay. Are there any situations where they try to coordinate or team up and have more of a regional aspect as opposed to a county aspect of it? I mean, Vanderburgh County being as small as it is and not quite as rural as Warrick and Posey and Gibson, I just didn't know if that would, if that would make some sense and if there could be some economies made there, if those were regionalized and maybe that's totally federal and that's –

Darrell Rice: We do have multi-county service centers throughout the state. We have in the 92 counties, we have 82 offices so there are some multi-county service centers that service more than one county. Because of the workload, some of that is determined by complexity of workload. In Vanderburgh County, they also look at the, just numbers of clients that we work with and because it's an urban community, they feel like keeping that stand alone office in Vanderburgh is critical.

Councilmember Shetler: And I know you guys do more than just agriculture, you know, I've been to many of the meetings and stuff you guys deal with a lot of new subdivisions and runoff and all the different issues that –

Darrell Rice: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Shetler: – and all the different issues that deal with that and stuff, and drainage ways and etcetera, and so I know that it's more complex than just

saying, looking at a form and going, oh, talking about fertilizer or whatever.

Councilmember Raben: Darrell, just a matter of clarification, to my knowledge, the county doesn't pay any portion of the rent, is that correct?

Darrell Rice: They have for the last couple of years. I think it was like \$2,000 a year to offset some of our partnership.

Councilmember Raben: And that just started a couple of years ago?

Darrell Rice: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I guess I'm curious, too, you know, since the federal government is so heavily involved, is there not space in the federal building?

Darrell Rice: We actually used to be in the federal building and then moved, for some reason, to a facility that Curt Wortman owned.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'm sure he disclosed that.

Darrell Rice: I'm sure. But anyway, so we were in that facility for several years and then with the lease issue and the property changed after Mr. Wortman's death, so then it changed hands and then the whole process started.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I like your pizza today, though.

Darrell Rice: Yeah, I haven't even been there yet.

Bonnie Bittner: I have, and it's good.

Councilmember Goebel: Since we do have a vested interest in the rent, do the other counties pay a similar amount or is it just Vanderburgh?

Darrell Rice: Yes.

Bonnie Bittner: And bear in mind, the only thing the district owns is one printer. They own everything else and provide it for us.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd like to restate. I've made a motion to approve \$806 travel from January for Vanderburgh County Soil & Water.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

Councilmember Kiefer: Okay, we've got a first and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I always like to see approval ahead of time and not after the fact and also, --

Bonnie Bittner: I understand that now.

Councilmember Bassemier: – and also if the state is going to pay for it, I'd like to see the state pay for it instead of us, so I'm going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I agree a lot with what Ed is saying and I like the idea that the state is going to pick this up if we don't, but none the less, it's \$800, so I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I'm going to vote with Councilman Bassemier, no, that makes it five/two, approved. Thank you very much.

Bonnie Bittner: Thank you.

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

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Kiefer: Okay, moving right along now, Councilman Raben, if you'd like to go through the amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, before you, you have three pages of Salary Ordinance amendments, Mr. President, I'm going to move that we accept the amendments as listed and ask that they be made part of the minutes.

President Kiefer: Okay, second? Is there is a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'm going to vote yes but also note on page three, it says salary increases will not be retroactive, all increases effective the first payroll following County Council approval, just as a reminder to officeholders.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yeah, I'd like to echo that, because I think there's been some problems in the past, so people have to remember to wait until the next pay period. With that, I vote yes. That's unanimous, so that's been approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Kiefer: I'd like to see if there is somebody here for public comment? Okay, then I just want to make one comment myself. I think yesterday you saw on the news a little bit of information about the Evansville Redevelopment Commission wanting to make their selection on the marketing and management firm. I had sent out a letter as the president of the Council just asking them to delay that a couple of weeks, which they did delay that so if somebody has comments, concerns, if you favor it or disfavor it, you know, now would be the time to express yourself because I think they will take that vote up in two weeks. Any other comments? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll start. And I would like to thank Bob Goldman in the Redevelopment Commission that they would listen to other elected officials to delay this. And I don't know if you've had a chance to read the mayor's six page memo, and I think there's arguments to be made there of why the city, with that facility, the new arena, would want to go with a different company. I think there's good arguments in there, but I think, I don't believe anybody on County Council was involved or received notice of that, so I just think to allow a little bit of extra time to go over this, make sure that's the best thing. It's a city decision, the city is going to do that, but I think allowing some dialogue between the city and the county would be a good thing.

President Kiefer: Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I don't know how this exactly works, but was the city invited to the Commissioners when they signed a new contract with SMG?

President Kiefer: I'm not sure what the status was at that time.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, that was in December, so hopefully, they were watching on T.V.

President Kiefer: Well, the only reason, you know, I had written this letter expressing concern because I had some calls from various Councilmembers asking me to maybe ask them to wait two weeks, not thinking that it would hurt anything to postpone two weeks, and also we do have, we are a partner in this thing. I mean, we did allow food and beverage tax to be used to help fund that stadium, so we are a partner in that in a sense, so I didn't think it was an unreasonable request just to ask for a couple extra weeks –

Councilmember Goebel: I'm not questioning that, I was just curious how the process went for the county, were there other companies involved in bidding for those contracts with the county?

President Kiefer: I don't know the details of it.

Councilmember Goebel: That would be something we probably should know.

Councilmember Lloyd: I think the Commissioners would need to address that and next time we have one of them here, we ought to ask about that.

President Kiefer: Any other –

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick comment, you know, I think our management firm that we use at The Centre, SMG, has really done a fantastic job particularly over the last few years when we've really not had an anchor hotel here. But with that being said, I also see the benefit in competition where if you have two different venues and two different management firms, so I, for one, don't really see or have issues with the direction that the city has taken.

President Kiefer: Anybody else? Okay, well, it was just something I wanted to bring up under public comment and, you know, if you do feel comfortable with it and agree with it, then let those folks on the Evansville Redevelopment Commission know that. If you have concerns and don't feel comfortable with it, let them know now because they gave us this two week time period and I think that was gracious of them and and we ought to use that time to express our opinions to them. With that, I'll ask for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to adjourn.

President Kiefer: Thank you.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Joe Kiefer

Vice President Tom Shetler, Jr.

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Stephanie Terry

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MARCH 2, 2011**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of March in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Council President Joe Kiefer.

President Kiefer: Good morning, welcome to the Vanderburgh County Council regular meeting. I'd like to call the meeting to order. If you could do roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Kiefer	X	

President Kiefer: I'd like to ask Judge Niemeier to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align:center">APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 5, 2011 REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 26, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2011 REGULAR MEETING</p>

President Kiefer: We need to approve the minutes, then? Yes, is there a motion to approve minutes?

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, first and second. All in favor?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Okay, so moved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align:center">SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES</p>
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President Kiefer: We're going to take things a little bit out of order this morning. Judge Niemeier has a special request to jump out front because he says he's got a packed courthouse this morning and pleaded that he'd like to go first. So we're going to allow him to do so. And this is in new business, Superior Court, request

to fill some vacancies.

Brett Niemeier: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Brett Niemeier, Juvenile Court Judge. I'm here requesting three vacancies to be filled. I have two probation officers that are retiring. These are our first probation officers to retire from Juvenile Court in over 30 years and they've decided to move on to greener pastures, quite frankly, because of our workload. And I hate to see them go, but they decided it's time to retire. So I desperately need those positions filled. I've spoken to the Council in the past about how our workload has basically doubled in the last three years. And again, that's one of the reasons why these fine folks are leaving me. The other position is the receptionist, and if you've ever been to Juvenile Court, you understand how vital our receptionist is. Quite frankly, I'm not for sure what I'm going to do without her between the time she retires and the time I can fill it. It's going to cause some major headaches, but I guess we'll get through that. So I appreciate having those vacancies filled.

President Kiefer: Okay. Are there any comments, questions? Councilman Lloyd, you usually have something to say about these things, being the Personnel Chair.

Councilmember Lloyd: These would all be just replacements for existing positions, correct?

Brett Niemeier: Exactly.

Councilmember Lloyd: I know we hear from our court personnel that caseloads have gone up.

Brett Niemeier: Yes, tremendously.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

President Kiefer: Okay, first by Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Lloyd. Any further discussion? Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes, just one question perhaps totally off the wall, just information for my sake. Is it possible, I mean, do they need to be employees of the county or is it possible that work like this could be contracted out by chance, and are there companies that do that?

Brett Niemeier: By state statute, they'd have to be county employees. The state is looking at taking them over, but obviously, with their budget woes, that's not going to happen overnight. My best guess is maybe two to three years from now, the state is going to take them over.

Councilmember Shetler: I didn't know if there was ways of consolidating, again, this kind of thing. I know they've got to be overworked, and there's got to be a huge demand for their time, I understand that, but if organizing that in such a way and I don't know the intricacies of your business there and I don't pretend to be, but just trying to think out of the box here a little bit.

Brett Niemeier: Yeah, we've done a good job. I mean, we've got four interns right now helping us out. We have a couple of not-for-profits that also give us assistance but as far as the major role, major function of the probation department, it has to be done by probation officers. And as I said, they're just so overwhelmed now by all the new state requirements and the caseload, it's really a sad situation. We're now deferring probably close to 50 percent of all the cases that we see, they're not coming to court because we don't have time to see them.

Councilmember Shetler: The requirement for the position, college degree?

Brett Niemeier: College degree --

Councilmember Shetler: Is that mandatory?

Brett Niemeier: Yes, and they have to pass a licensing exam.

Councilmember Shetler: And in a specific area like psychology or anything?

Brett Niemeier: No.

Councilmember Shetler: No specific area, just a college degree?

Brett Niemeier: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, and that's a bachelor's degree, not a masters.

Brett Niemeier: Yes, if they have a masters they get paid a little bit extra.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, thank you.

President Kiefer: Judge Niemeier, so has all the payout been accomplished so they're not --

Brett Niemeier: It will be before I hire, yes.

President Kiefer: Okay, I just wanted to make sure about that because I know that's a question. Okay, is there a motion -- oh, I'm sorry, we've already had a first and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven-one approved. Thank you, Judge, and you can get back to the court.

Brett Niemeier: Thank you very much.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SHERIFF

President Kiefer: Okay, now we're going to go back into our normal order. We have the appropriation ordinance and I think we heard all these at our last meeting, last week but there was one change, I believe this is correct on the General Fund appropriations, we were to move the Sheriff 1050-1971 Accrued Payments from \$31,000 to zero. Is that correct, Mr. Finance Chairman?

Councilmember Raben: That's correct. And then 1050-1531 Shift Differential at \$3,500 for a total of \$3,500, I make that in the form of a motion.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, just all in favor say aye, or do we need to do a roll call vote? Okay, just trying to make it go quickly. Alright, roll call vote then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That's seven-zero, approved.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1971	Accrued Payments	31,000.00	0.00
1050-1531	Civ. Shift Differential	3,500.00	3,500.00
Total		34,500.00	3,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Jail, starting with 1051-1130-0306 down through 1051-1130-0408 for a total appropriation of \$9,478, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero, approved.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1130-0306	Confinement Ofcr.	500.00	500.00
1051-1130-0313	Confinement Ofcr.	500.00	500.00
1051-1130-0332	Confinement Ofcr.	500.00	500.00
1051-1130-0349	Confinement Ofcr.	2,000.00	2,000.00
1051-1130-0358	Confinement Ofcr.	3,000.00	3,000.00
1051-1130-0401	EMT	467.00	467.00
1051-1130-0404	Nurse	643.00	643.00
1051-1130-0405	EMT	467.00	467.00
1051-1130-0406	EMT	467.00	467.00
1051-1130-0407	EMT	467.00	467.00
1051-1130-0408	EMT	467.00	467.00
Total		9,478.00	9,478.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Prosecutor, 1080-1140-1080 through 1080-1910 for a total of \$68,721, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: First and second. Discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: I just wanted to point out as we did last week, these are, was approved by Job Study, payments to shift some of the duties and responsibilities of his Chief Deputies, so this was something that the Prosecutor went through Job Study, realigned some of his employees since he's been new to the job. So it was approved by Job Study, then I would recommend that we approve it.

President Kiefer: Any other discussion? Okay, Teri, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero, approved.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1140-1080	Deputy	9,621.00	9,621.00
1080-1250-1080	Deputy	25,635.00	25,635.00
1080-1380-1080	Deputy	24,037.00	24,037.00
1080-1900	FICA	4,536.00	4,536.00
1080-1910	PERF	4,892.00	4,892.00
Total		68,721.00	68,721.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Next under Circuit Court, 1360-1310-1360, 1360-1900 and 1360-1910, for a total appropriation of \$3,924. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: First by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Shetler. Any discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero, approved.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1310-1360	Riding Bailiff/ Court Reporter	3,385.00	3,385.00
1360-1900	FICA	259.00	259.00
1360-1910	PERF	280.00	280.00
Total		3,924.00	3,924.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Community Corrections, 1361-1400-1361 Confinement Officer for \$500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Kiefer: Second please?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Discussion? Okay, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that's seven-zero, approved.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1400-1361	Confinement Ofcr.	500.00	500.00
Total		500.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: County Highway, we have 2010-3200 Utilities for \$20,000 and we have 2010-3370 Computer Management for \$3,000, I would like to call Superintendent Mike Duckworth up.

President Kiefer: Yes, there was some discussion about this last week, probably in regards to the Computer Management.

Mike Duckworth: Yes, good morning, President Kiefer, members of the Council, ladies and gentlemen, Mike Duckworth, Superintendent of County Highway Department. Last week I did indicate to you that the Computer Data Management information was in regards to contractual information. I was mistaken on that. Those were actually maintenance agreements that actually can be broken without any penalty. I would indicate to you that we of course do utilize those programs on a regular basis. I provided you with some information in regards to that as well.

President Kiefer: I believe in the past we had, you know, you had used almost \$5,000 in previous years and then --

Mike Duckworth: That's right, last year it was \$4,700 and this year it was --

President Kiefer: Yeah, and we had cut you in the budget down to \$2,000. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mike, the question I had on the biggest part of this which is \$2,900 is the motor information system, which, according to the rationale is to pay for new and updated DVD's each year. If you haven't replaced a lot of pieces of equipment, we should be up to date at least for the equipment that's on hand.

Mike Duckworth: The way it was explained to me yesterday by the mechanics is each year there are changes to their books in regards to parts available, in regards to that information on the servicing of our equipment. And that's the updates and the new discs indicate those. If not, we would be working off of, you know, last year's information, which I don't know if that's something that would be problematic or not.

Councilmember Raben: I wouldn't think it would. If we've got a ten year old piece of equipment, there's probably enough updates on that after ten years that we're probably covered under most circumstances.

Mike Duckworth: And as I said, I thought this was more of a contractual matter, but it's come to light that it is mostly just an agreement, you know, an ongoing agreement that we keep this information updated and if it's the Council's --

President Kiefer: Is it something you absolutely need, Mike, or is it something that's, can you live without it? Can we --

Mike Duckworth: That's a tough question. They would say probably not. I would say to you that we would work through it but that's one of those situations where we would work through it.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I think Councilman Raben covered it.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to move 2010-3200 be set in at \$20,000 and 2010-3370 be set in at zero, for a total of \$20,000.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, that was a first by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Goebel. Any further discussion? Okay, Teri, if you would do roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that's seven-zero. And thank you, Mike.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-3200	Utilities	20,000.00	20,000.00
2010-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	3,000.00	0.00
Total		23,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Mike Duckworth: I didn't know if you needed me up here for any of the others?

President Kiefer: Yes, Cumulative Bridge. We already covered, I think, but --

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I think we'll be okay on the balance of them. Next under Cum Bridge, Insurance in the amount of \$10,000, and I'll move approval.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Motion by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Lloyd. Discussion, please. Okay, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I probably should have mentioned this \$10,000 is making them whole where they transferred out for Union Overtime, but yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero, approved.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-1920	Insurance	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Next under Local Roads & Streets, 2160-2530 Bituminous Materials, the request is for \$100,000. I'm going to move that we set --

President Kiefer: Actually, that says 110.

Councilmember Raben: \$110,000, I stand corrected. I'm going to move that we set this in at \$50,000, and the reason behind that is, currently, there is \$78,000 in Local Roads & Streets unappropriated, so this will leave them a slight cushion for the balance of the year.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, first by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Goebel, any other discussion? Okay, Teri, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero, approved. Thank you.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-2530	Bituminous Materials	110,000.00	50,000.00
Total		110,000.00	50,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Now we move into Reassessment. Under Auditor, 2490-1020-1990 and 2490-1020-1900 FICA for a total of \$10,765, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Lloyd, any other discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, approved seven-zero.

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, again under Reassessment/County Assessor 2490-1090-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of \$250,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Motion by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Lloyd. Councilman Goebel, under discussion?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I just – I don't know if Mr. Fluty could come to the podium, a little clarification on it. You mentioned that some of this work has been done already or very little.

Bill Fluty: When we reported February 1st, which we are required to report every month, we were at 26 percent.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, and is it a possibility you won't – will this be for a contract itself for this amount of money or will it be contracted on a, I guess, parcel

by parcel?

Bill Fluty: This is going to, we're working on the contracts and it's going to include the land order, help with commercial and industrial and help with residential and also for the 2010 appeals, so there's four things going on here. I don't anticipate using all this money and it will revert back into that fund because the hope is to do as much as we can in house, but we will need some help. But first, the process is to put the money in place before you can go out for RFP's, so this is to be done first and then after that, and we'll bring contracts back to the Commissioners to sign. And I'll bring them back and make you aware of what that money is going to –

Councilmember Goebel: I think you've already voiced that you were committed to do as much of this in-house as possible and if at some point toward the end of the year when the reassessment is over, if you'd let us maybe know how much reverts back to the reassessment fund, that would be – it gets lost here sometimes.

Bill Fluty: As I go forward with the contracts, I'll come back and report to you either here or through email.

President Kiefer: So just clarification for the public, this is money out of the Reassessment fund to help you get caught up on doing all the mandated reassessments.

Bill Fluty: It's just part of the process, part of reassessment, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Councilman Kiefer? Just a point or a question: would it be possible to do some sort of a cost analysis on how much it might cost the county employees to go through that process on residential/commercial, on those various properties versus after you've gotten a contract here, how much it's actually going to cost to do it by contracting out so that we might be able to make some kind of a more accurate decision in the future on which is the best cost effective way of doing it?

Bill Fluty: And yes, that could be done. Obviously, we're at – I think 38 employees right now, that is down from the past and as they're doing their current work and then taking on the reassessment responsibilities which is over and above what we're doing for the pay 2012. So trying to juggle those and juggle that workforce. Currently, we have three out on FMLA, two out on FMLA and one kind of back on intermittent. So there's always that, but yes, we could do that.

Councilmember Shetler: I mean, I guess where I'm driving is that we kind of make a decision from the hip there that you're saving money by having it done in-house, and that may not necessarily be so. I mean, it could be that you could actually be saving money by going outside and contracting the services, so I'd be interested if we could do some kind of a cost analysis on it and come to –

Bill Fluty: And that is correct, every four years you're going to do a reassessment and balance between whether you need to have extra, a larger workforce for those four years to take on, or for those four years, you can take that four year task, or you contractually do it. But right now we're kind of doing a little bit of both or we would like to do a little bit of both.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, Bill, just one little clarification, so you do the reassessment

every four years and it takes approximately a year to do that?

Bill Fluty: A little more than that, more 18 months to 22 months.

President Kiefer: 18 to 22 months. Okay, alright, I just wanted to clarify that. Okay, any other questions? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Are you seeing, and I don't know if you've gotten that far along, but are some of the property values going down?

Bill Fluty: Yes, they are. We talked about this, I think, last week about some are going down. It's just trending can trend up and can trend down. But there's pockets all over the different dynamics in the county where maybe they are stable, some are rising and some are falling. And that's just the dynamics of trending in the local real estate market as we all know.

Councilmember Lloyd: Will that eventually have an effect on property tax revenue?

Bill Fluty: Less assessed valuation means a higher tax rate, but still, you're collecting the same dollar amount, but people will hit their caps faster so that's the other, yes, so the end answer is yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: And this area, we don't have the huge spikes up or down, it's pretty stable when you talk about property value?

Bill Fluty: That's what I would expect to see.

Councilmember Lloyd: As opposed to Florida or Las Vegas or things like that?

Bill Fluty: That's correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Bill, just trying to get some kind of sense out of the request. Looking back at the budget from last year, I know you weren't responsible for that budget last year, but the Contractual Service line item that we, I'm sorry, we spent \$80,200 out of, was that pretty much doing the same service?

Bill Fluty: I'd have to check that for sure, but I think that was to pay for some help with the appeals. And it had other parts in it, but I'd have to, I'll bring that down to you so you can –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I was trying to make some sense out of –

Bill Fluty: But I don't believe that was, that was not for reassessment.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's fine then. Thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Goebel: I know you've got a difficult task ahead, but the more information you give to us, that would really be appreciated and any funds not used that go back to reassessment, you already committed to that, so with that in mind...

Bill Fluty: We're going to – we're collecting data to report for where we are as of

March 1st. I'll move that information to you and keep you advised on a monthly basis as we do the DLGF, where we are and I'll bring back where we are headed with these contracts that we're working on. We are working on them in anticipation that you'll approve this today.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, let's see if there's anything other – if not, we'll have a roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that makes it seven-zero, approved.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1090-3530	Contractual Services	250,000.00	250,000.00
Total		250,000.00	250,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SALES DISCLOSURE

President Kiefer: We'll move on then to Sales Disclosure.

Councilmember Raben: Sales Disclosure in the amount of \$4,000 for new excise software, I move for approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, first by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Lloyd. Discussion? You're off easy now. Teri, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero, approved. Thank you.

Bill Fluty: Thank you. And for Councilman Lloyd, for personal property, we will be granting extensions, it's the June 14th, you'll be able to do that on-line, so you'll go to our website, submit and send it to us, and we'll send it back immediately.

Councilmember Lloyd: The people that prepare personal property forms thank you.

Bill Fluty: Okay, you're welcome.

Councilmember Lloyd: And I've heard from a lot of them.

SALES DISCLOSURE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3300-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total		4,000.00	4,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL AND TRANSFER REQUESTS
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, next we have one repeal for the Prosecutor in the amount of \$11,151, and then we have all the transfers. I'm going to move we approve the repeal and transfers as listed.

President Kiefer: Discussion please?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, I guess I would, just a little bit of discussion on the Sheriff.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: Let me find it here.

President Kiefer: This is where we had these line items in the appropriations and then this would, we had those moved to transfers.

Councilmember Lloyd: My concern is that we'll get into a bind later on to fill these various positions. There's the Sheriff, maybe you could, is there kind of a schedule on this?

Eric Williams: Basically, we've gone through looking at our academy schedule and we would be replacing people, so there is plenty of money left in those line items for when we'd schedule to replace them as is. Those are the times that those positions would sit vacant pending training opportunities.

Councilmember Raben: And those line have been verified by both our office, our Executive Assistant and the Auditor's office.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so this is a schedule that's set out over numerous months?

Eric Williams: Based on the things that we know to date. I mean, obviously, things can change, other people could jump up and retire or other opportunities, but everything that we know in place, this accomplishes that.

President Kiefer: I think, we not going to be in a position where he's going to come back later and ask for –

Eric Williams: None of the line items that I'm transferring out of I'll come to you and ask for you to put new money back into those.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

President Kiefer: Okay, we do have a first from Councilman Raben. Was there other discussion? Oh, Councilman Shetler.

Councilmember Shetler: Will this affect overtime in any way?

Eric Williams: It should put people in positions to help alleviate paying overtime in some spots, but realistically, it will be negligible.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: There's a second by Councilman Bassemier. If no further discussion, call for the vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: And again, this is for repeal and transfers?

President Kiefer: Yes.

Councilmember Terry: Okay, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero. Thank you, Sheriff.

REPEAL/PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1081-1160-1081	Deputy Prosecutor	9,621.00	9,621.00
1081-1900	FICA	736.00	736.00
1081-1910	PERF	794.00	794.00
Total		11,151.00	11,151.00

TRANSFER/COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1140-1010	Cashier/Child Support	3,012.00	3,012.00
To: 1010-1560-1010	Small Claims Counter Clerk	3,012.00	3,012.00

TRANSFER/PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1080-1020-1080	Deputy	9,621.00	9,621.00
1080-1270-1080	Director of Admin.	2,743.00	2,743.00
To: 1080-1030-1080	Deputy	9,621.00	9,621.00
1080-1280-1080	Legal Secretary	2,743.00	2,743.00

LATE TRANSFER/SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0007	Lieutenant	6,705.00	6,705.00
1050-1130-0037	Corporal	12,967.00	12,967.00
1050-1130-0039	Deputy Sheriff	5,627.00	5,627.00
1050-1130-0062	Deputy Sheriff	14,472.00	14,472.00
1050-1130-0068	Deputy Sheriff	10,068.00	10,068.00
1050-1130-0080	Deputy Sheriff	16,252.00	16,252.00
1050-1130-0082	Deputy Sheriff	11,492.00	11,492.00
1050-1130-0088	Deputy Sheriff	12,868.00	12,868.00
1050-1130-0095	Deputy Sheriff	14,472.00	14,472.00
1050-1130-0100	Deputy Sheriff	18,313.00	18,313.00
To: 1050-1971	Accrued Payments	123,236.00	123,236.00

LATE TRANSFER/SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-3903	Petit Jurors	2,300.00	2,300.00
To: 1370-3947	Pauper Transcripts	2,300.00	2,300.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>ROBERT KERNEY ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY SERVICES REPORT</p>

President Kiefer: Okay, we’re done with the transfers and the repeals. There is no old business to discuss. Under new business, it’s my understanding that Robert Kerney, who is on the agenda is unable to attend, but his report is on the Council desks.

<p>RESOLUTION REGARDING INDOT’S REVISED US 41/STATE ROAD 66 (LLOYD EXPRESSWAY) INTERCHANGE PROJECT</p>

President Kiefer: We’ll move down to the Vanderburgh County Council resolution regarding INDOT’s revised US 41/State Road 66 (Lloyd Expressway) Interchange Project. I don’t think I have that at my fingertips. Do we need to read that resolution into the record?

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on) just read the title and the –

President Kiefer: I don’t even have it at my fingertips. Okay, there’s a resolution, and again, I think everybody has had a copy of it. Vanderburgh County Council resolution regarding INDOT’s revised US 41/State Road 66 (Lloyd Expressway) Interchange Project Resolution No. CO.R-03-11-002. This came out when, obviously, as we all know, INDOT decided they wanted to remove the lights off the Lloyd, which I think everybody is in favor of, but then they wanted to add the lights

on to US 41, which nobody was in favor of and so we wanted to pass this resolution and send this up, again, I believe the mayor and others have sent letters and we have sent letters, but this is a resolution. Does anybody have any comments or questions regarding the resolution? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: And I would hope the Councilmembers would be supportive of this. A little bit of background, and I'm the Council representative on the Evansville MPO, so I will, in fact, we're meeting Thursday, so I will carry, assuming that this passes, I'll carry this resolution to the MPO and let them know the Council's feeling on this matter. Back when I was mayor, the Indiana Department of Transportation, INDOT, did a study of the Lloyd Expressway and did a corridor study from the far east side of Vanderburgh County all the way to the University of Southern Indiana and one of the results of that study was to take some of the stop lights out of Lloyd Expressway, which we thought was a good plan. You've got the overpass at Lloyd Expressway and US 41, the original design had lights on Lloyd Expressway, which is not the ideal situation when you've got an overpass there. So one of their proposals was to take those lights off and make that a full cloverleaf. Now their revised plan would be to make it kind of a half cloverleaf. They cite the savings of about 12 or 13 million dollars. And they're looking at, it's not just they want to pick on Evansville although some people may think that. They're looking at projects all over the state, kind of realigning their money since the Major Moves money, I think, is down from maybe what they had projected, the interest rates are down. So instead of a 27 million or 25 million full cloverleaf, they would bounce it down to maybe a 13 or 14 million half cloverleaf, but then adding two lights on 41, I think to the general traveling public and citizens, is a bad idea, and so we would like to see them revisit that. If they can cut costs, that's fine, but please don't be adding lights onto US 41 in a manner that's not going to be conducive to north/south traffic.

President Kiefer: Councilman Lloyd, do you know how this, did this discussion about doing this, did that originate with INDOT or did that originate with our MPO? Do you know?

Councilmember Lloyd: It's my understanding it originated with INDOT. I've talked to Mr. Mills at the MPO and they have not endorsed this plan.

President Kiefer: Okay, good. One of the things that bothers me about INDOT wanting to do this is that that is the busiest intersection in the city of Evansville and Vanderburgh County. There is approximately 60,000 average daily traffic count that goes through on the Lloyd Expressway past that intersection and approximately 40,000 cars that travel on 41, so you've got 100,000 cars a day going through that intersection. So I don't think it's a good move to make the project less than what it was originally planned. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I guess my question would be, would INDOT propose adding stop lights like this in Marion County, this similar type intersection?

President Kiefer: I think we know that answer.

Councilmember Goebel: And picking on Evansville, as Councilmember Lloyd mentioned, INDOT is the original group that approved Highway 41 through Evansville when we originally built it, is that not correct, and put the stop lights throughout?

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, I think at that time there was kind of, the thinking was

have it as a grade level highway and that would bring more visitors, tourism. Of course, that idea may not have worked so well.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, they definitely have to stop.

President Kiefer: I know there's been some discussion. People said, well, if you're going to take the money away from this project, use it out on the west side at University Parkway, which my feeling is, we ought to do both, not eliminate one quality project to do another project that's very much needed. I think INDOT needs to do both projects and so that's what I'd be in favor of, of them doing the original project here plus coming up with money to do the University Parkway/USI, not one or the other. Anyway, with that, I'd like to ask for a motion for this –

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve resolution as submitted.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Terry. All in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: Okay, approved unanimously and you'll take this?

Councilmember Lloyd: I will take this to the MPO and we'll get it up to INDOT. Appreciate your support Councilmembers.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TIM DEISHER BKD CONTRACT

President Kiefer: Next on the agenda is the BKD contract and is Mr. Deisher, if you'd just like to come up and briefly...

Tim Deisher: Tim Deisher with BKD. The contract that we have is for the Job Study, the maintenance of the salary ordinance and when requests for review of positions come, are made by county employees, I report to the personnel committee chaired by Chairman Lloyd. And the contract before you is pretty much an identical contract that you've signed before several years ago, but I kept my fee at the same amount each year and then come back every five years or so and ask to catch it up to what inflation was and at that time, for three years ago or four years ago, the Council had asked for smaller increases and increases at the level of county employees, so what you have before you is reflecting the 2011 pay increase you gave county employees a percentage of 1 ½ percent from what my fee was in 2010, I think 2009.

President Kiefer: Okay, Jeff, would you have any comments as counselor?

Jeff Ahlers: Just, to make sure everybody knows, on your desk, Mr. Deisher, it's dated the same day, but to make sure that, this one is revised from the one that was in your packet last week. There was a few clauses, a liquidated damage clause was taken out and then there was our standard language that the services were subject

to appropriation and approval by County Council. So there's two minor changes in the document that is before you. Other than that, it's the same as you had last week. I just wanted to point that out so if you want to put a mark on the document, that this is a newer version even though it's dated January the 25th, it is a revised version from last week.

President Kiefer: Okay, any discussion amongst Councilmembers?

Councilmember Bassemier: Joe, I just know when I served as Chairman of the Job Study, Tim and his firm, they do good work and they're very thorough and I highly recommend that we approve this.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other discussion? Ask for a motion to approve.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, motion made by Councilman Shetler, second by Councilman Lloyd. Any other discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: And I would also like to echo, Tim has been very responsive to our needs, and I think we've got a good system in place and obviously we're constantly making changes. But they've done a good job for us and I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I vote yes, that makes it seven-zero. Tim, thanks for your work and I look forward –

Tim Deisher: (Inaudible)

President Kiefer: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR REQUEST TO FILL TWO VACANCIES
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President Kiefer: Okay, next on the agenda, request from the Auditor to fill two vacancies. I see Auditor Joe Gries is walking up to the podium now. You want to just fill us in, that would be great.

Joe Gries: Good morning. Yes, I will. As you may recall, last month we were here asking to fill a vacancy in our bookkeeping department, we've done that. We've actually transferred someone within our office to that position. We also had someone leave the bookkeeping department, another Payroll clerk left within the last couple of weeks, so that's the first position we're asking to fill is that Payroll position and then we're asking to fill the Assistant to the First Deputy position, which is the position that the individual transferred from that position, the First Deputy to the Payroll position that you approved last month, so those are the two positions. We submitted a letter to President Kiefer, I believe everybody has received that. These are two key positions, obviously the Payroll position is key for us to make sure everybody gets paid, but then the Assistant to the First Deputy position, some of the duties that they handle, they handle our license branch excise information. We receive about 18 million dollars in excise money each year, they are responsible for tracking that and then during settlement working with the Chief Deputy and making sure that gets distributed correctly. There are other duties as far as working with the Surveyor's office concerning the ditch rates and ditch billing each year. This position also handles the Barrett Law payments including sending delinquency notices out to people who have not paid their Barrett Law requirements. So that's essentially –

President Kiefer: Thank you, Joe. Discussion amongst Councilmembers? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: And I think I had asked before, but over the last two years you have, or the former Auditor, Mr. Fluty, eliminated a position?

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: So obviously, at least the way the duties are structured, these are not in that category or that situation, especially the payroll, it would be hard to eliminate that person, 900 people's payroll.

Joe Gries: And it's a situation where, maybe to illustrate a little bit, we did have someone leave, that leaves the other Payroll clerk there by themselves. If they're sick or something happens to them, then we're a little bit behind the eight ball making sure that payroll gets completed along with our payments to the federal and the state governments as far as withholdings.

Councilmember Lloyd: And those position or those two, I imagine they get questions every day from people on payroll.

Joe Gries: Yeah, obviously, with all the departments within the county, elected officials, they're helping those offices as much as they can.

Councilmember Lloyd: One more question, you had indicated that down the road, depending on which people leave or retire, that you would be amenable to looking at the possibility of reorganizing, possibly eliminating an employee.

Joe Gries: I am completely open to that, also working with, I think Mr. Fluty alluded to last week, the possibility within his office, my office and possibly the Treasurer's office maybe working together on some type of combination of duties there, where we can maybe even go further and try to cut back as well. So definitely want to explore all those possibilities.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, that sounds good. Thank you.

President Kiefer: Joe, what's the total number of people you have in your office?

Joe Gries: I'm going to say we have 25, I'm pretty sure that's the right number, and then one part-time.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Would it be possible, and I'm not asking for this tomorrow, but sometime down the road here, that consolidation effort that you all are looking at, that could be put into some kind of a written plan form so that it would help us I think try to make the decisions because before long, some of this could be forced upon us more than we want, and I would feel more comfortable in voting for adding – or not adding, but filling a position that is considered necessary – I'd feel more comfortable with that knowing specifically what employees and which positions over time are going to be eliminated or could be eliminated.

Joe Gries: I think that's a good idea. I think that's something that we can put into action here going forward and over the next few months, maybe getting closer to budget time even have something available for the Council.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Lloyd: Make a motion to approve.

President Kiefer: Okay, is there a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Shetler, first by Councilman Lloyd, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. I noticed, Councilman Goebel, your yes's are very meek. Thank you. Seven-zero.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES
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President Kiefer: We'll go on to the Clerk, and I see that, oh, did I skip one? I've got G is Clerk and H is Burdette. I'm sorry, Susie, you're up.

Susan Kirk: Good morning.

President Kiefer: I know that you've got your Cashier of Child Support and Small Claims Service Clerk, but you can fill us in on – give your sales pitch.

Susan Kirk: It's the same pitch I give every time. The only difference between this time and prior times is that this time last year, we had less cases filed. Already this year, at this time compared to last year, we're up in cases filed, which is not good news for the economy or anything, bad things are happening. So we're already up. Tim VanCleave did a report and said that we're probably going to hit another all-time high this year as far as cases filed. These positions are, they wait on the public, they fill the new cases, they do add-ons, which is, you know, it's kind of our front line, very, very busy, and thanks to Joe, who is taking one of my employees, we're asking to fill these positions.

President Kiefer: So you're not adding to your total number?

Susan Kirk: No, no. We're just replacing an existing position, yes.

President Kiefer: Okay, Susie, how many total employees do you have? I'm just trying to get a track of –

Susan Kirk: I think we're at 52 and then one part-time. We lost a full-time and then you cut our part-time, so we've lost quite a bit of revenue from that that the county used to get, that we don't get anymore, but that's up to you guys.

President Kiefer: Councilman Bassemier made a motion to approve.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Lloyd. Discussion please?

Councilmember Lloyd: What's the name of this position in the salary ordinance?

Susan Kirk: We pretty well changed most of the names. It's just pretty well a Deputy Clerk, but it's the Counter Clerk. Sandie, the Small Claims Counter Clerk?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible, microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Lloyd: What's the number on it?

President Kiefer: 1010-1140 and 1010-1650, 1140 and 1650.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

President Kiefer: We have a first and we have a second? Any other discussion? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: When will they be eligible to be filled?

Susan Kirk: Right away.

President Kiefer: So the payout has already been done on previous...

Susan Kirk: Well, one of the employees is moving to the Auditor's office, --

President Kiefer: There is no payout there.

Susan Kirk: Right, it's just moving and there is no payout, so we should be able to fill them pretty quick. I think, what, I forget what we decided, it was a two weeks' notice and we're coming up on that two weeks real quick, isn't it, Joe?

Joe Gries: I'd have to go back and look at the numbers, but I think that's right.

Susan Kirk: Yeah, it's coming up like, Monday or something, it's pretty close.

President Kiefer: Out of curiosity, I mean, where is your pool of, do you already have people selected to fill these positions? Where does your pool of people come from? Do you do an ad in the paper or do you just...?

Susan Kirk: I have probably 400 applications for employment and what we do is, we go through those and I have one file folder that says, prospects, on it. And that's pretty well what we work from to do the new hires.

President Kiefer: Alright.

Councilmember Goebel: That pretty much answers, if the obligation is filled as far as not changing the line item, then I suppose, but I just want to make sure that the period of time has passed before you fill those vacancies. Thank you.

Susan Kirk: And we usually don't ask Council to come up with the extra money to do buyouts. We wait the best that we can to kind of cover those positions.

Joe Gries: President Kiefer? February 21, I believe, was the date. So I think we're good there.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, so right now, you have 52 full-time, or that's what

you're slotted for, positions and one part-time. In the past four or five years, that's been reduced by one part-time person, the total staffing?

Susan Kirk: No, you got rid of one –

Councilmember Lloyd: We reduced it –

Susan Kirk: Two full-time people is what you cut from my office, and then you granted a part-time position that you put \$10,000 in for this year.

President Kiefer: So one and a half; you're down one point five.

Susan Kirk: Absolutely. That's why we had to close the library for the public because we just can't do it. We've got too much work in the office to have someone to take care of the library, so the public pretty well suffered for that one.

Councilmember Shetler: And this position is a, an entry level clerk position that works the counter as well as some other duties that they have, filing, etcetera?

Susan Kirk: Yes. I don't know about your entry level, particularly, but yes, they wait the counter, we have, it's small claims, and like I said, we're already up this year from what we were this time last year. They add on the cases in the computer, they do the add-ons, they answer the phone, they're very, very busy.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, by entry level, I don't mean that in a derogatory way, I meant that in a sense that, I mean, the skill sets for that particular job or position, it's not accounting or it's not computer or IT or anything of that nature. It's a general office and a basic, where they first start off in the office, correct?

Susan Kirk: Well, you say that but it's one of those jobs to where, the only place you're going to learn it is on the job training. There really isn't training for this. You have to be at least familiar with a little bit of law, understanding what the attorneys are talking about, some of the language that they use, you have to know Courtview, you have to know Pistols, so it's, in other words, it shouldn't be really as low as what the pay scale – they all ought to be up over there for what they do and what they deal with on a daily basis.

Councilmember Shetler: Do you have other positions in the office where this would be a promotion for them? Do you understand what I'm saying? Do you have a position in your office out of those 52 people, that this would be a promotion if they took that job?

Susan Kirk: No, no, no. This is the COMOT IV.

Councilmember Shetler: Once again, and it has no reflection on you, Susie, and I know that times are tough in that office, that crime isn't going down, it's going up and I know that there are situations out there where frivolous lawsuits and all the other things that are going on out there, you guys are quite active. It's just that we're also against the wall on the other side and if we can't find ways to consolidate that. I know the few times that I've been up there to file campaign reports, whatever I've had to do, that the people have been very quick to respond they're very cordial and very helpful. I haven't really personally noticed, and I don't mean (inaudible) story here, but any kind of real delay in that and I don't feel the public has been suffering at all in that respect. Again, we've got to find some ways to cut the costs, otherwise, we're going to be forced to. I mean, we will have no choice in another year, year and

a half if we don't start making some of these optional, and –

Susan Kirk: And, of course, you all are fully aware that I know of a real quick way that we could cut some costs, but I don't really think you all want to go there. So I'm the only office that can show numbers. I've said this before, and I think the rest of you understand this concept. We produce numbers that our caseload is going up. We've taken the hit on losing two full-time employees. I think that, you know, I wish things were different, but they are not. So it's up to you. Like I said, I think the rest of you understand that concept of high numbers, facts, figures, I know we all want to cut, I do, too. I'm a taxpayer, I agree with that. But at this point in time, it's just not, you know, as I believe Judge Pigman, I forget which one the last time, he said the courts are reaching a crisis right now because of the workload and the staff that we have to complete this work. So, you know, I mean, you've heard the judges, you've got the Sheriff who can, you have the Prosecutor, we're all up. It's just a sign of the times, unfortunately. So I'm just asking that you please let me fill these two positions just from the facts that I've given you, and I have plenty of backup to let you know that the courts are busy. So that's all I ask, that you please grant these positions.

Councilmember Shetler: One other question, and again, I'm not intimately familiar with your particular operation, but we've asked the Treasurer, Auditor, Assessor, that have like kind type of jobs, to try to look at consolidating the efforts there as much as possible and they're working on a plan. I'm going to make the assumption here since you work closely with the courts, that maybe within the different courts offices and judges' offices and along with yours, are there ways that maybe we could find some efficiencies if there was some consolidation that were done within that grouping?

Susan Kirk: We have done that. We have done that just because of the workload increase. A few of the judges were nice enough that their staff, who are already busy actually took on some more things so that our office could continue to operate. I'm very fortunate that I have a wonderful staff. They're very innovative, they've come up with numerous ideas, that's why over the years, as our caseload has increased, that we haven't asked for new employees because my staff has come up with innovative ways to do this, to do that, let's see if we can do this easier. And we have done that, but it's coming to the point to where we can only be so innovative because we have to follow the laws, certain things the way they've got to be. And we can't switch that. And we're to the point now to where there really isn't anything left for us to do to make it any better unless you guys want to pay probably a couple hundred thousand dollars for some interfaces, that might make it a little bit easier to where we wouldn't have to enter something in that maybe was already entered, maybe in the Police department or the Sheriff department. So if you want to, you know, come up with that kind of money, that could probably get us through. Hopefully, this trend will end and things will come back down again, but if they don't, there may be that possibility that, like I said, if Council would like to spend that extra money, we might be able to streamline just a little bit.

Councilmember Bassemier: Joe, real quick –

President Kiefer: I think Councilman Goebel was next and then I'll –

Councilmember Goebel: Just to go along the lines of thinking of Councilmember Shetler, I think, not just your department, but all have to really be on high alert as to what's coming with the negative funding situation that we're going to have and in the very near future. We might be able to make it right now, but it's not going to last,

and I know your caseload is up, but just asking, please, that all departments try to find more efficient ways of doing business and curtailing costs from within. If you could do that in the Clerk's office and maybe figure out a way that we wouldn't have to replace at some point without asking us eventually to cut jobs, which is happening all across the country right now. We've been fortunate, we've been able to protect, but it's not just you, Susie, I know you come up with a strong argument each time.

Susan Kirk: Well, and we do. We have done the very things that you're both speaking about. We have done those. We've worked with the judges –

Councilmember Goebel: All we're going to do is ask you to do two more. That's all, thank you.

Susan Kirk: Well, you know, when the glass gets full, sometimes, and we're pretty full. And like I said, the Judges, the Prosecutor's office, the Sheriff's office, we just had a meeting the other day about some other things that we're trying to do and, like I said, I have got a wonderful staff, we have some wonderful officeholders to where we all work together to accomplish those goals. So even before you all were asking and were having difficulty, we were all doing that anyway, so we continue to do it. So please be assured that the Clerk's office, the Judge's offices, the Sheriff's office, the Prosecutor's office, we are all working diligently to do that.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Susie, I was thinking the judges, a couple of the judges recommended with your caseload and everything, for us to fill these positions, not only to help you, to help them over there. Is that not correct?

Susan Kirk: That is correct. Thank you, yes, the judges, well, if they weren't so busy I could get them all to stand over here and say it.

President Kiefer: Susie, I guess I'd be interested, you mentioned interface, I'd be interested to find out, I mean, if we had some programming where maybe the courts could eliminate somebody, you could eliminate somebody, shoot, I don't know what the payback would be, but it would be worth analysis, you know, if it's a three year payback or something, it might be worth getting that software package. And I'd be interested in you looking into that, a little further detail because just to see what the payback would be.

Susan Kirk: We are, and matter of fact, I just got back from a conference and talked to the lady again, and what we're trying to do is go with Odyssey, which is the state system and we've been on the list for two years, and that will help some if we can get on the Odyssey system. Obviously, the transition is going to be a nightmare, but if we can get on the state system, I think that some of those interfaces will take place, which will help some. But we're in line to do that and that's why I have not been to Council to ask for two or three hundred thousand dollars for interfaces when I'm working to try to go to the state system, where it's not going to cost us anything. So that's what I'm trying to do.

President Kiefer: Is there other discussion?

Councilmember Terry: I just had a comment. And I think from our presentation from BKD last week, I think they're an ideal department to kind of start with as a pilot possibly for looking at how we can have some efficiencies in our office in terms of organizational structure in that particular department, if we move in that direction.

Susan Kirk: And like I said, you're not going to find anybody. You're going to pay all this money out to have someone that really doesn't have a clue what goes on. When I have a staff that already knows, we've already done these things. We continue to do them. We have done them. And for the taxpayers to have to pay to have another company come in and say – well, it's not like an assembly line, you know. To me, you're talking about a waste of money.

President Kiefer: So it is fair to say –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once.)

Susan Kirk: – and the staff to do a good job, to come up with innovative ways that people that work with it every day are the ones that come up with the good ideas, not some company for four or five hundred thousand dollars that's going to come in and sit with you for a week and say well, you could probably do this.

President Kiefer: Susie, is it fair to say then, that you wouldn't be interested in --

Susan Kirk: I think it's a total waste of money, I'm sorry. It's like all the other studies that are done. Let's go up there to DMD and see the whole bookshelf of studies up there, that half the time they would come in and say, well, let's do a study of this neighborhood again, and I would say, have you read the three studies that's already been done? No, I'm sorry. I'll be quiet now.

President Kiefer: I think we know where you're at with this and –

Susan Kirk: That's right, that is a waste of my taxpayer's money, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Bassemier: Tell us how you really feel, Susie.

Susan Kirk: Well, there you go, you get me started on some of that stuff, just be glad I'm stopping here.

President Kiefer: Well, I think in order to have success with any evaluation like that you have to have an elected officeholder or a department head that would be cooperative. Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick statement of fairness, Susie, I hear what you're saying but honest to God, I can't imagine that in an office of 52 people, that someone looking through a different pair of glasses could not find some efficiencies, not to – and I've said this before, I think very often we do things the way we do it just because that's the way we've always done it. And there is, again, somebody else, and you might be exactly right, they may not find anything that would be of any benefit or any savings to your office, but it's worth a try. You're certainly one of the bigger ones and you know, I'm sitting here thinking, you know, we talked about child support payments and what have you. You know, can you pay that on-line today? Or do I have to come up to the second floor to pay child support?

Susan Kirk: Well, it's automatically deducted out of your paycheck and it goes to the state, unless you're just like a one-man show and then you have to come down or mail it in or you can have it automatically deducted, most of them all do, right out of your checking account.

Councilmember Raben: But most payments that you're taking at your cashier's window, how much of that is done on-line today?

Susan Kirk: Well, not on-line as such. Child support payments, like I said, if you work for a company that has at least five people, it's automatically deducted from your pay and it goes to the state. Okay? If it is, just like I said, a one-man show, two-man show, it's taken out of your checking account. So it's not like you go on-line and type that in. It's coming out of your paycheck, that's the way the law is. It doesn't matter, it's not going to wait for you to get on-line to do it. But yes, we do have some people that that's the way they want to do it, they want to come in and pay, and the law says you can, unless you're working for a bigger company, so unless the laws change, that's just the –

Councilmember Raben: Can I pay anything on-line that you collect?

Susan Kirk: No, it's not like that.

Councilmember Raben: That's just an example of what might be an opportunity. And that's where I'm going to stop.

Susan Kirk: They would have to change the law to let you do that. That's something that, you know, we'd need to talk to the legislators about. That's something that we, that's what I said, sometimes our hands are tied. This is the way it is and this is the way –

Councilmember Raben: I just know very frequently, and not just you, past Clerks were busy collecting all of these funds, you know, our cashiers are lined up down the hall and what have you, and again, if I can't pay you whatever it is I owe you for on-line today, you know, it's 2011, that might be an efficiency that's been overlooked for the last several years. So never say never.

Susan Kirk: Like I said, it's very few times a choice that you get to pay that on-line. They're taking it. They take it and let you know, by the way, it's gone.

Councilmember Lloyd: Call for the question, Mr. President.

President Kiefer: Call for the question and let's move on.

Susan Kirk: I was going to say, why do you all do this to me? Everybody else gets up there, it's like, okay. I get up here and I'm up here for 25 minutes. Okay.

President Kiefer: We did have a motion and a second, so if we could have a roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I'm actually going to say yes.

Susan Kirk: Thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Susie, it's not that I don't feel that you're not doing the best you can, and doing a very good job at the office. I know you are and I know you

guys are overwhelmed with the caseload. My point is that if we don't start doing something now, then we are going to be forced to walk in there and say we're going to have to eliminate four people, or six people or some number down the road here and that day is coming sooner rather than later. And I don't want to be faced with that kind of a situation nor do you. And so to be consistent with my past and feeling as if, once again, people in private as well as public all over are having to tighten the belt and work a little harder and try to figure out new ways to do things. So I'm going to have to vote no.

Susan Kirk: You voted yes the last time.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I do think that efficiencies can be created and I know that you have a large department that you're in charge of. I hope, I will support this one but I hope that next time you have a change or a vacancy that we can try to figure out a way to cut back because it's like Mr. Shetler said, it's going to happen one way or the other, and it's better perhaps if you being in charge of your department come up with a plan to do that. Thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'll echo most of those statements and I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I'd like to just state that one, if an efficiency study is done it's not going to cost us a hundred or two hundred thousand, it's going to be a fraction of that; two, even if you're 100 percent efficient there, it's still good to have a review because that would actually give you some real meat when you come to Council because you can say hey, look, I had my department reviewed and they tell me I need it. So I'd see advantages of having an opportunity for somebody come in to review a department, but obviously, we have to have somebody that's going to cooperate with us on that. But with all that said, I'll vote yes, and it's approved six to one then. Thank you very much.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Shetler opposed)

BURDETTE PARK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Kiefer: Next on the agenda is Burdette Park. I guess this is to amend salary ordinance 1450-1280 Office Assistant to allow filling a vacancy.

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette Park. Burdette Park lost a union employee due to retirement on December 31st, 2010. When the employee is paid out of all monies and time owed to her, we will be looking to replace her immediately. This person will learn their job at one of the busiest times of the year for that position. The opening date for that position will be April 11, 2011. Some of the responsibilities for this person is to do the daily receipts, deposits and starting funds for all the departments. They take care of all the new applications to make sure work permits, life guard certificates, CPR requirements are intact, and this is up to

300 applications that we'll take in in the next two months. This person is responsible for them. If these papers and certificates are not done, it could cause safety situations and violations of the Department of Labor codes for both the federal and state departments, and this person's sole responsibility at that time is to make sure these are all done. Besides being responsible for payroll and assisting the purchasing of accounts payable for all the park purchases, they have to maintain the employees and the patrons insurance claims, and also cover the campground receipts daily. They also fill in for the other office employees during their vacation times and their days off. And from May until September, that office is open seven days a week, which somebody needs to be there at all times.

President Kiefer: Any comments, questions from Councilmembers? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: This is a key position, obviously, and who would be doing these duties if this person is not there?

Steve Craig: Right now, everybody is. We actually hired a part-time girl that worked for me last summer that comes in three days and sometimes four if her classes allows her to help out and then I have been sitting in the office because, like today, we had one of the ladies had to go to the doctor, so that leaves one person there. If they need to use the restroom or do anything on their lunch, they need another person there so Jerry, my assistant, and I have sat in the office with them when the part-time girl does not come in for them.

President Kiefer: Steve, how many full-time employees do you have?

Steve Craig: Seven.

President Kiefer: Obviously, part-time fluctuates with summer and –

Steve Craig: It goes from probably ten or twelve to two hundred in the summer.

President Kiefer: Alright, were there any other questions?

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Terry. Question, Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, so let me just, because I'm a little uncomfortable with the picture that I guess you're painting there. Right now, you are using a variety of people that are receiving cash?

Steve Craig: No sir. Only one person receives the cash. That's one of the reasons we need to replace this. Our policy has always been that a full-time person takes care of that. If somebody would, if Joyce or somebody would go to lunch, I would tell the person they would have to wait to pay or do it. We do not let everybody take cash.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, well, I was a little bit concerned because you said you had a variety of people do that one job and I thought, boy, this –

Steve Craig: We're answering questions on buildings, you can do, you know, we have people call up that want to rent buildings or the Discovery Lodge and I can take them all the way down to where they're handing me a credit card or paying for it, but other than that, you know, I can do it all, Jerry can do it all, but on our monies and that, that's one of the reasons that we need these full-time people is because they are responsible for their cash receipts every day.

Councilmember Shetler: Now in your office, you have seven full-time people then in the office, is that what you were indicating?

Steve Craig: No sir. We have three in the office and the other four full-time are the grounds crew.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: One comment, Steve, as you're aware of, our unappropriated balance this year is significantly less than we would like for it to be. I guess I'd like for you to go on notice that what you have in your budget today is probably all you're going to get, so I know, like the part-time line is generally 550,000, and some years plus, a little north of that. This year, you have 500,000. Utilities and some of the other items that usually you come back for later in the year, we just need to, we need to be mindful that there probably aren't going to be additional appropriations, so as you begin to hire your part-time staff and what have you, you know, you'll have to keep that in mind, that this budget this year is probably all it's going to be. So find lines, and I know utility costs are going to go up and what have you, so find lines that normally you might spend from that you don't necessarily need to spend from this year that you can transfer around funds.

Steve Craig: I take that to heart and we have been working on it. If you would, you know, I could get you some numbers on what we did last year because we actually did lower our part-time account significantly and since the minimum wage had went from 5.15 to 7.25 a person, we've actually lowered our part-time account for a net deficit of \$178,233, if we would account for the hours worked, and we've been working on this for several years. And last year, we also broke \$900,000 for our intake in the park, which I understand all that money does go back to the general fund, so I hope that helps pay some of the bills, but if I do, there's not very many of them I can foresee coming back for. But one of them I may, and I that's utilities, because that's one thing I don't have control over. And if I have to take it out of another account, you know, I will do that, but other than that, we are aware that we're running on a tight rope here.

Councilmember Raben: And again, my point is, you know, if it's equipment or what have you, that you were going to possibly replace this year, you know, I wouldn't buy anything until I get through the summer.

Steve Craig: We had a new truck in our (inaudible) and had it taken out, we have no new vehicles, you should know that, we run off of part-time vehicles at Burdette and I put in for one new truck, and it was taken out because I knew we didn't have any money.

Councilmember Raben: Good deal. Thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Shetler.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, you mentioned you had 10 to 12 part-time

employees.

Steve Craig: Yes sir.

Councilmember Shetler: In the salary ordinance, does that call for five?

Steve Craig: I don't know, if you're talking about Exhibit G, is that the salary ordinance?

Councilmember Shetler: Uh-huh, yeah.

Steve Craig: I think they suggested five, we came back and suggested ten, and I was never talked to about anybody. If I have five part-time people and you're looking at it different than I am because they're on the payroll, all of them don't work certain hours, some of them are weekends, some of them do work 35 - 37 hours a week, but if you're talking about part-time or seasonal, you know, our payroll probably has right now, 30 or 40 people on it or maybe even more that work during the summer that was not taken off of payroll.

Councilmember Shetler: Perhaps we need to redefine that in the salary ordinance to specify maybe how much part-time hours per week could be utilized or something along those lines and maybe that would get a clearer understanding.

Steve Craig: If I could sit down with somebody and talk to them, I'd love to sit down and go through this because I can sit and explain, you know, we rent buildings out all year long, you have the lodge, we come up and have a snow storm or something and I don't have anybody available to clean up, do I call these people up and tell them that they have to cancel their wedding? I mean, I'm going to get into the position where it's not going to be safe to use, you know, our buildings, our chalets and our lodge if I don't have people available to come in on a part-time basis and clean.

Councilmember Shetler: It's just a matter of probably getting it clear and understood so that there's no disagreement there and I think that's really the problem.

Steve Craig: I'm fine with that.

Councilmember Shetler: You get monies in and that goes into like a revolving type of fund or whatever, and I know this is really a discussion for another day, probably at budget which we talk about every time, but since you're standing here and since it's come to light recently about the financial situation. I just want to ask a couple of questions dealing with, you have a revolving fund and some of the monies go into that fund?

Steve Craig: The revolving account or non-reverting account is our concessions, gift shop and that, and all the monies taken in from that are used to run that, and that money stays in an account at Burdette and the rest of it is turned in to the general fund daily as deposits.

Councilmember Shetler: So the receipts that come in from those sources, you subtract out of there the cost of operating those, and then the balance is sent back to the general fund?

Steve Craig: Yes. No, I'm talking about the daily receipts are sent back to the general balance, from my understanding.

Councilmember Shetler: So you don't carry a surplus at all in those accounts?

Steve Craig: Not in our normal account, no.

Councilmember Shetler: In that revolving.

Steve Craig: In the revolving account, we do. There is an account that we turn the money in and we, you know, take it to the bank every day and deposit it, but it's in a reverting account.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, again, I'm sure it's a discussion for another day but we'll have to get together and I don't know –

Steve Craig: I'd love to sit down and discuss it, I mean, I can explain it and show it to you.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, this account goes back several years, I think it pre-exists me, but its been quite some time ago since I actually looked at it and I think he's allowed to keep up to 10,000 bucks. Does that ring a bell, Steve?

Steve Craig: No, we have to have enough money to cover what – this is the way I understand it: to cover enough money to cover the receipts that we would spend in that account for the year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I think – which, you'll have an opportunity to look at it with Tom, but I'm just going off memory and it, again, that's several years back, but I think it allows for him to hold up to \$10,000 to operate the concessions.

Steve Craig: This is money that we use every year to reimburse the part-timers that are paid out of that account and we reimburse the Council, that's where that money comes from.

President Kiefer: Okay, if there's no other discussion, call for the question.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

President Kiefer: Oh, I thought we already did that.

Councilmember Lloyd: Withdraw.

President Kiefer: Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero.

Steve Craig: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Thank you, Steve.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY AND INCREASE PART-TIME INCENTIVE PAY</p>

President Kiefer: Okay, we've already done Superior Court so we'll move on to Prosecutor, and I see the Prosecutor is coming up now, which is good.

Nick Hermann: Good morning. Nick Hermann, Vanderburgh County Prosecutor. I'll try not to pull back and speak in code like Susie did. What I'm asking for is, I'm asking for a part-time position to go from \$10 an hour to \$12 an hour. This is not coming from county funds, this would be coming out of the child support incentive fund. And just to give the Council an idea of what we're doing, we have two current part-time positions both being paid \$10 an hour: one out of the incentive and one out of the infraction deferral program. And we're going to be, my intent is to move this one to \$12 an hour and eliminate the other one. So it's not going to affect the county budget at all, but we are, that's the direction that we're going with in the office if anybody has some questions about that.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Can we grant the increase when you eliminate the other?

Nick Hermann: Well, that's something that is in the works with some things, but neither one of these come out of the county budget, so it's not...

President Kiefer: Other, Councilman Raben, you look like you're –

Councilmember Raben: So the net gain is \$8, basically.

Nick Hermann: The net gain is \$10 to the infraction deferral and we'll be losing \$2 in the...

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

President Kiefer: Motion approved by Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I just had a question. So I guess, what is this position going to be doing?

Nick Hermann: This position is the person that comes in contact with everybody that comes into our child support department, works the front desk in the child support department.

Councilmember Lloyd: And it will be part-time but being paid out of those incentive funds?

Nick Hermann: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other questions? Okay, we'll call for the vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero, approved.

Councilmember Raben: Nick, I have one question: later on in the amendments, we also have under line 1081-1150, a stipend in the amount of \$4,279. I don't know that, has that stipend been there in the past or is that new?

Nick Hermann: That is for the head of our child support department. We have been

encouraged by the state who gives us the child support incentive money to appropriate the money so that, essentially, to jockey for our money next year. And that is to go into the head of child support due to his administrative duties over that department, it's a supplement to his income.

Councilmember Raben: That salary is going to exceed your Deputy Prosecutor.

Nick Hermann: It is a Deputy Prosecutor. It is, let's see if I have the numbers in front of me or not.

Councilmember Raben: I thought the Deputy was 1010-1080.

Nick Hermann: We have two Deputy Prosecutors in child support.

President Kiefer: James, this was also approved by Job Study in case you're curious.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the question was, I couldn't find where in the past this line had received a stipend.

Regene Newman: It hasn't.

Nick Hermann: I believe that's correct. I believe last year that stipend went to our Chief Trial Deputy, who assumed that role.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Thank you.

President Kiefer: We already voted so thanks.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Kiefer: Health department.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, administrator Vanderburgh County Health department. This request, you gave us permission previously to fill a WIC position. We posted in-house, the permission for this one would be to have a lateral transfer from a Health department position to that WIC position, would be to then be able to fill that vacancy created by that lateral transfer.

President Kiefer: Okay, that makes sense to me. Any comments from Councilmembers? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Terry. Questions?

Councilmember Raben: So this individual is going from the general fund to the WIC?

Gary Heck: From the Health fund to the WIC.

Councilmember Raben: From the Health fund to the WIC.

Gary Heck: That's right. My understanding is everybody in the Health department

is paid out of the Health fund, not the General fund.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, does the WIC grant pay benefits?

Gary Heck: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: They pay all insurance?

Gary Heck: They do for any of the full-time positions just like any other county employee. They're just time limited as long as the grant is in place.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I'm going to say it again, but, and please don't take this wrong, but, you know, when we look at expansion, particularly in your department, and Gary, I understand a lot of this I'm sure is very prudent information, but we're going to be addressing travel here in just a little bit.

Gary Heck: Yeah, I'm going to withdraw one of those travel requests, too, by the way.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, we'll see which one it is. But looking at just your travel, what's requested today, you know, and this is our third time we'll approve travel already in 2011, but right now there's 29 days of absence, 29 days that somebody is gone in just this month's travel.

Gary Heck: Well, I don't view it as absence, I view it as gaining knowledge that's going to better protect the citizens of Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Raben: I understand, but it seems like, you know, again, we're the most well-traveled department in the state of Indiana. And, you know, it's, to me, it's just, it's almost inexcusable to think that we've got, you know, 29 days in just this month that there's not going to be at least one person there. Anyway, that's my spiel, and as we talk about replacing employees and shuffling employees around, I think to myself, you know, let's use our time wiser, you know, let's send fewer people and do in-house training, and let's have more staff and fewer out.

Gary Heck: We are preparing for that. We were able, with another grant, to purchase video conferencing equipment and it has started to arrive. It's not operational yet, but in the future we do hope to do that. I think we've discussed that at a previous Council meeting.

President Kiefer: Gary, why don't we go ahead and vote and then while you were up we'll just move into travel requests and address some of those things. We'll go ahead and, I think we've had a motion and a second so if you could do roll call.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, let me ask you, Gary, this position, what level, is this an entry level clerical position that's being, --

Gary Heck: Oh no, this is --

President Kiefer: A nurse.

Gary Heck: -- a nurse. Well, in the WIC it's called a competent professional --

Councilmember Shetler: But in the Health department that you're replacing, this would be a --

Gary Heck: – immunization nurse. It's in one of the most critical public health nurse positions that you can have when you look at preventative health.

Councilmember Shetler: And what would have been the purpose for the person to have transferred laterally? Or was it not a lateral?

Gary Heck: It was a request to do it. I can't honor it unless I can fill that position. I can't answer why, what prompts somebody to want to move from one job to another.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, the pay level was equivalent?

Gary Heck: Same. I mean, they're all on the same pay scale as every other position.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to give you the benefit of the doubt on this one and vote yes, but I, again, I think we need to figure out something to gain some efficiencies back on this entire department, and lost days for outside travels.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Gary Heck: We would like to also – thank you, sir – we would also like to volunteer for the job study, Tim Deisher's group, we still haven't had our position descriptions reviewed, so we're still operating under 1993 job descriptions.

President Kiefer: I appreciate that. Thank you.

Gary Heck: And we'd be more than happy to volunteer as a study with any group you'd like to.

President Kiefer: Okay, that's great. That's good to hear that. Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: We'll move you up the list.

Gary Heck: Thank you.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRAVEL REQUESTS
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President Kiefer: Gary, you can stay up here.

Gary Heck: The travel we wanted to withdraw was the one from the WIC nursing department, the travel date would have been on March 14th. Until we're able to get all of our WIC people in place we just can't afford to have this person gone, so we want to withdraw that particular one.

President Kiefer: Which one was that? For what dollar amount?

Gary Heck: \$26. Every little bit helps. And of the ten requests that remain, seven of them are coming from grant funds. We are pretty good about using grant funds and the three that aren't on grant funds are all either state called meetings or they're for re-certification, which is required in order for the inspectors to be able to do their jobs: one of them is in food inspection, the other one is with the environmental division for vector control and the mosquito conference, and then we have one for the sexually transmitted disease.

President Kiefer: Gary, I know often times you – and this comes through all the time, people are saying, well, it's paid for by grant, it's paid for by grant. Well, grant is still a tax dollar, it comes from somewhere, I mean, it's a federal – sure it's federal, but it's still taxes, and so I hear that all the time, but it's like hey, it's free money, but it's –

Gary Heck: It's not free money, but it's all, the reason we have it there is to make sure that the public is protected. That's what training is all about.

President Kiefer: I understand, but I'm not a congressman or anything, but you know, we have trillions of dollars of federal debt, too. But anyway, I have a specific question about your breast feeding skills lab. It seems like we're all the time having that come through as a training session and I'm thinking, how often does that have to be retrained? It sounds like a silly question, but I mean, it comes through every month almost.

Gary Heck: Well, these particular folks are the independent contractors, it's all paid for by the grant. It's one of the grant requirements that they're required to have certification to be a lactation specialist. And the only way they get that training, or they get that certification is to go to the training. And these are the folks that are working with mothers to encourage breast feeding, which is one of the best things a mother can do for her child in order for the child to get the, not only the nutrition that they need, but also some of the other protections. There's a bonding that takes place, and –

President Kiefer: Again, that might be –

Gary Heck: Dr. Nick, from a medical profession could probably even tell you more about the breast feeding than I.

President Kiefer: Well, and I don't need to get into the details, but again, like Councilman Raben said, is that not something you could have a video session in your conference room instead of traveling somewhere or whatever? I mean, it seems like –

Gary Heck: The trainers need to be trained in order to do that. We do have video machines in our training room and they do use those with the moms.

President Kiefer: Councilman Raben and –

Gary Heck: So they still need to be trained.

Councilmember Raben: Joe, you went there. I wasn't going to go there, believe me. But one that – the expensive one, the one that's \$900, a certified lactation specialist, but we're sending, if she's getting certified, can she not train the following two?

Gary Heck: The way the state has this arranged at this particular time, she can't because she doesn't have that training.

Councilmember Raben: But once she gets her certification, can she not train the other two?

Gary Heck: I'd have to check on that because the way it's arranged right now is there is a consultant, who is the regional coordinator that's out of Bloomington, and that's the person who coordinates this. I would hope the answer would be yes, but I can't answer that today for you.

Councilmember Raben: And then also, if they have to have that certification, we've got those listed as, they're not a state called.

Gary Heck: And these were submitted when I was out of the office. I had Paulette Hoffman approve these for us because they are part of, this is one of the grant requirements for the lactation. The individual who filled it out didn't recognize it as a state called meeting because it came from the regional folks and not from the state of Indiana. But the regional folks are identified. That grant is actually funded by the state. If I would have been there, – I don't submit them to you unless they are state called or state approved or a required meeting.

Councilmember Raben: And we might, I don't know, at some point other Councilmen, state called can be, you know, they're hosting a state meeting. And I'm not talking about for your sake, I'm talking about county-wide, we probably need to recognize that as state mandated meetings and then we'll need something that clearly gives us the fact that they would be a state mandated meeting. And again, I'm not talking about just yours, all county departments.

Gary Heck: I understand, and I wouldn't submit them if we didn't have money in our budget to support it and if it wasn't something that would be of benefit to the citizens of Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Raben: It's just, Gary, it's a lot of money. Your travel requests alone today is like \$3,600, for just this month.

Gary Heck: Yes sir. I understand.

Ray Nicholson: I'd like to say something about that. Our state commissioner has called a meeting for all of the county officers to come up to Indianapolis, he does this twice a year. These conferences go from 8:00 in the morning until 4:00 in the afternoon. I don't think a conference call in our office listening all day long is productive. It's an exchange between all the other county health officers. I also have three other meetings with the state association of county officers that I have to go to every year, that's five of them, and I don't even ask for those funds. I just pay those out of my own pocket out of my salary because I realize the expense of it. But those are called by people in the state and I think they're very important because we learn so much about what's going on in the state about epidemics and so forth. I think they're very, very important to go to. The same thing happens with the people we're talking about. I have to have 50 post graduate study hours every year to keep up my license and so forth. These people have to have certifications, they are required to do this, they have no choice. And these programs are very comprehensive, they have five or six, seven lectures through the whole day. It just isn't practical to sit in an office and listen to a conference call. It's much more productive to send them up to state.

President Kiefer: We probably need to get with the Convention & Visitors Bureau as much conferences and travel and stuff that's involved here. Maybe we could start hosting some of this in Evansville, you know, and capture some of the other travelers to come down here, might not be a bad idea.

Councilmember Lloyd: Question for Gary. Do you have employees submit travel requests that you would deny?

Gary Heck: Oh yes. You don't see – you only see the ones that actually will be of value that we have the funds to support, and there's several that you never see because they never make it to the Civic Center.

Councilmember Lloyd: I thought that was the case, I just wanted that on the record that these are ones that you see as a benefit to the Health department.

Gary Heck: That's correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Gary, on some of these, we have to send a number of people, do the surrounding counties also have to attend these very same seminars?

Gary Heck: Well, in some cases they do. In the surrounding counties, there's three employees in the Health department, and they should. I can't always say that they do for sure.

Councilmember Goebel: The reason, obviously, if certification is involved, maybe the certifier could come here, and the counties could stay locally instead of all of us going that way and maybe we could pay that person and save money in the long term.

Gary Heck: I guess it's all, when you look at it, it's all relative because when you talk to people in Indianapolis, they consider anything that's south of Indianapolis south.

So when they have a southern regional meeting, it could very well be in New Albany, it could be in Jasper, it could be in Bloomington, and so –

President Kiefer: Let's make some of those in Evansville. That would be great.

Gary Heck: Maybe when we get a road that they consider a road, that will happen. It's not that we don't offer, we've offered to host numerous meetings here.

President Kiefer: Gary, I don't think, Dr. Nicholson, I don't think that anybody here is picking on you guys, I mean, this is something we've got to scrutinize for everybody and –

Gary Heck: We understand that.

President Kiefer: Because we know even though employees are paid out of a separate line item, it's still tax dollars. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Do we have situations where like particular positions require continuing education, I guess, to keep their – and I'm not talking about because of their job but just because the, you know, like for you as a physician or a nurse, just like attorneys have to have so many, you know CPA's, so many classes or so many hours.

Gary Heck: I don't send any of those to you if it's –

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, so we don't pay for any of that, that's my point.

Ray Nicholson: No, and we often can get those hours locally.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, alright. Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess if you want, I'll make a motion to approve less \$26. I don't know if Jim has a total or not.

Councilmember Raben: No, I don't, but do we need a total?

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, I make a motion for Health department only.

Councilmember Raben: And I'll second that motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Less \$26.

Councilmember Raben: And none of these are coming out of the General fund. Okay.

President Kiefer: Motion made by Councilman Lloyd, second by Councilman Raben, if no other discussion, call for roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: \$3,599 is the total, so yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that makes it seven-zero. You're approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Gary Heck: Thank you and we do appreciate you do have a tough job, and we don't mean to add any burden to that.

President Kiefer: And thank you for offering to cooperate with a study. Thank you.

Gary Heck: You're welcome.

COUNTY CLERK TRAVEL REQUEST

President Kiefer: I guess we'll go to the top of the list, County Clerk. I see she is no longer here, but she has a travel request for 497, the only problem is, I think she had already traveled. That date has already passed by. You know, I think this is the second time this year we've had a travel request where people have already traveled and then they're coming to ask for the money and I think that's setting a bad precedent. I'd rather see the reverse, you know, people asking for the money first before traveling. But, of course, I'd like to open this up for comment.

Councilmember Lloyd: In this case, that's money in her budget, so –

President Kiefer: No, I understand, but we've asked for people to appear before Council on travel requests.

Councilmember Shetler: Actually, this is money coming out of our budget. We put the travel and it's \$20,500, and so it is affecting the general fund.

Councilmember Raben: To your point, though, it's already happened, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Do we need a roll call?

Councilmember Goebel: Can we just send her a note to remind her?

President Kiefer: Sandie, you'll send her a note? Okay, all in favor, say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Okay, done.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE TRAVEL REQUEST

Councilmember Raben: Same thing on the next one. Drug & Alcohol Deferral, it looks like that was back in February.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay. Alright, same thing, we'll send them a note and if there's no other discussion, all in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed? None, so approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY ENGINEER, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT & SURVEYOR TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Kiefer: I know that the County Commissioners, there was some discussion, somebody had brought up. I'm wondering if we need to have both Commissioners traveling.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, I wonder if Council would look at maybe just sending one Commissioner or if there's any reason why we need to send two.

Councilmember Shetler: And I guess the other point that I would bring up, this is asked to come out of the General fund, I mean, just with the couple things we're doing here today, it's going to exhaust 10-15% of our General fund travel that we had in today's work alone, so I'm wondering if, particularly the Commissioners going to Purdue School, if that couldn't be taken out of another account, out of the 2160, for example, where Mike Duckworth's and the Engineering department is all coming out of, rather than coming out of 1480.

Councilmember Raben: Well, it's a little broader than it is longer here. There's actually eight people going to Purdue Road School.

President Kiefer: And John Stoll is out in the audience, and I've got a feeling that some of these things, there's probably different sessions, so like what John's folks are doing is probably different than what the Commissioners are doing, but I don't know. I've never been there so you can maybe enlighten us a little bit.

John Stoll: You are correct, there are multiple sessions going on throughout all three days. I'm not sure which sessions the Commissioners or Mike are going to. Like I told Joe in the email I sent him, we were going to drive up and back with three people from my office so we wouldn't have a hotel stay involved. But we were

planning to attend multiple different sessions throughout the day and we would be up there next Tuesday. I didn't bring a schedule with me but throughout the day, typically they run about two hour sessions throughout the course of the road school.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, that is very reasonable. Will your three split up and go to different sessions?

John Stoll: Yes. Valerie Harry and I will attend one session that's the same, but everything else, there's a seminar about issues associated with coordination with INDOT, there's another session about right-of-way, there's another session about permitting, so we were going to split up other than that one session.

Councilmember Goebel: Are you going to be able to drive up and be there on time and drive back the same day?

John Stoll: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: And we're paying hotels for three nights for some of the others? Is that correct?

John Stoll: I was going to say, the sessions vary from day to day, too. So, once again, I'm not sure what they plan to attend on the various days.

President Kiefer: John, what's the fee just to attend the conference? I'm not talking about hotel and travel, just to register. What's the registration fee?

John Stoll: There is no fee for government employees. So there's no charge for that. I think the parking charge per day is 5 or \$6, sessions themselves, for government, there is no charge.

President Kiefer: Okay, that helps, thanks.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, I would recommend we cut one of the Commissioners unless they could find money in 2160.

Councilmember Shetler: Why don't we do this, why don't we just cut the amount to \$600 instead of \$1,200, and then also along with that, I'd like to see us put that in 2160 account, as opposed to keeping it in the 1480 fund.

President Kiefer: So, --

Councilmember Shetler: Come out of your budget, the Road & Street, is that alright?

John Stoll: You and the Commissioners are the bosses.

President Kiefer: Yeah, okay, so just to clarify, --

Councilmember Shetler: In other words, if they want to use \$300 for each person or \$200 per person, they can do whatever they want.

Councilmember Raben: But the motion is for \$750.

Councilmember Lloyd: And then delete both the Commissioners?

Councilmember Shetler: And then let him invite the Commissioners?

President Kiefer: Okay, we need a little clarification on the motion.

Joe Gries: President Kiefer, sorry. I just wanted to clarify, Councilman Shetler, you're referring to 2160-3130 which is their Travel and Mileage?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Joe Gries: There is budgeted funds there.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah.

John Stoll: In addition to that, too, the Highway Department had, I believe it's a training account that they've paid for their travel out of on the Road & Street account, so that might be an option as well, as far as picking up some of the money.

Councilmember Shetler: I thought that was a reasonable request, though, just say that we'll put 750 and then let them work it out.

President Kiefer: You're saying 750, we're only talking about for the County Commissioners at this point.

Councilmember Raben: Under Engineering, instead of 150, approving him for 750.

President Kiefer: Well, what about the Surveyor? He's going to Purdue Road School, too? So is Duckworth, but his is already coming out of 2160. So I guess my question is, if we're going to move County Commissioners into 2160 are we doing the same thing with the Surveyor?

Councilmember Raben: No, I'd have to look at the fund he's paying that out of, but --

Councilmember Shetler: That's the General.

President Kiefer: 1480 is what it says.

Councilmember Shetler: That's the General.

President Kiefer: 3130.

Joe Gries: President Kiefer, Local Roads & Streets, 2160 also has a training budget 3310 and a total of \$2,500 that was budgeted for 2011. So you're looking at \$5,500 total there.

President Kiefer: You see we're using all your money.

Joe Gries: Is that right, John?

John Stoll: The training account was used by County Highway, the travel account in the Road & Street Fund was used by my office. That was the intent when they were set up several years ago.

Councilmember Shetler: Joe, is it possible on the Surveyor, he's got some other moneys like the ditch assessments and things like that, is it possible that his could come out of one of the other funds other than General fund, out of his own budget?

Joe Gries: You're looking at the General fund, the Surveyor department 1060?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

President Kiefer: Surveyor's Perpetuation fund?

Joe Gries: The Surveyor has, there's a training line there, it's a thousand dollars.

Councilmember Shetler: Sounds good.

President Kiefer: Okay, so the motion is going to include changing the Surveyor's line item to what line item was that?

Councilmember Raben: Let me, let's get through the rest of these and then I'll make one clear motion on all of them.

President Kiefer: Okay, so we're going to withdraw, Councilman Lloyd –

Councilmember Lloyd: I don't know, there was a motion, but I'll withdraw.

President Kiefer: Good, we'll get through the rest of them then. We talked about Surveyor, Health department, Engineering, County Highway, that is all of it then. So if you want to make one clear motion that would be good.

Councilmember Raben: Give me one moment.

President Kiefer: Sure.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, I was going to bring this up earlier, I apologize. Evansville Courier and Press Monday, February 28, "The County Sings Budget Blues" article by Tom Langhorne, I was going to say, I appreciate the work he did there. I think it's a pretty accurate picture of the looming financial crisis that we're going to face in county government, and hopefully all the county elected officials and officeholders read the article and we're just going to have a real challenge on our hands this year. But I'd like to commend Mr. Langhorne, I thought he did an accurate job of reporting there and I was glad to see the editors decided that was a banner front page article.

President Kiefer: To echo that, you all saw the letter I sent to all the elected officeholders, department heads, everybody that has a budget, I sent a letter telling them or echoing what was written in the paper, that they need to really be conscientious and I have already met with several different groups just to reiterate that concern to them.

Councilmember Lloyd: I know the officeholders, they don't relish coming before Council with employee requests, I'd say that's probably one of the least favorite parts of their job, but we're doing that so that we don't have to go to them and say hey, you're going to have to cut an employee, you're going to have to cut two employees, and we're still seeing that done in the private sector, so it's a difficult situation and we're going to see that for the next couple of years, for sure.

Councilmember Goebel: I just hope that they're taking that advice to heart because every indication is, as the article stated, every indication has been the last couple of years that we are now coming up to, with our backs against the wall and we've got to be able to cut costs. We're going to have no choice and some of the people who have approached us, basically, they're not looking at cutting as much as they are looking at increasing costs. So we've got to draw some type of plan where we can

actually operate within our budget, we have no choice.

President Kiefer: Okay, I think Councilman Raben is still working on this.

Councilmember Raben: No, I was waiting for discussion. I'm going to make a motion under County Commissioners, their travel request be set in at zero, County Highway, \$460, Engineering be set in at \$750, and Surveyor \$384 under line item 1060-3310, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, first by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Shetler, all in favor say aye.

Councilmember Shetler: I might just point out real quickly that that is going to effect about a \$1,564 savings out of the General fund, and let me make one other further comment or point, it might be helpful that when we do discuss the travel requests, that maybe if we could have a listing of where we stand, because that's money that's coming out of the General fund, out of our account where we placed travel a couple of years ago so that we could have a handle on it. We budgeted \$20,500 this year for that. It would be helpful if we had a running total to know how much, what kind of balance we actually have left on that so that when we make a decision, we don't run ourselves into some problems here later on in the year.

Councilmember Lloyd: Like when you have \$3,500 coming out of one department, which we approved today, so maybe have just balance and fund on this sheet.

Councilmember Shetler: Correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: I think that's a good idea.

President Kiefer: Any other discussion? Okay, all in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: None. Approved seven-zero. That was tedious but we made it through it.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

President Kiefer: We have the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we have quite a long list today, it's four full pages of amendments, I'm going to make a motion that we approve all amendments as listed and ask that this be entered into the minutes, with this note, salary increases will not be retroactive. All action taken on appropriations and transfers will be effective the first full payroll following our approval here today.

President Kiefer: Okay, Sandie is everybody aware of that or can we send them a note to that –

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Kiefer: Yeah, let's send them a note because I think a few of them had problems with that in past and we need to clarify that. Good point there, Jim. Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: That's a motion, and I'll second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Lloyd. Any other discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Approved seven-zero.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Kiefer: Finally, it looks like everybody is gone, but if anybody has public comment? Thank you for not having it. We'll move for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to adjourn.

President Kiefer: Okay, all in favor.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Joe Kiefer

Vice President Tom Shetler, Jr.

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Stephanie Terry

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VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 6, 2011

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

President Kiefer: I'd like to open the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. If we could, please take roll call attendance.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Kiefer	X	

President Kiefer: I'd like to ask Greg Wathen to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greg Wathen: Thank you very much, Mr. President.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Kiefer: Thank you very much.

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH 2, 2011</p>
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President Kiefer: Is there a motion to approve the minutes for March 2, 2011?

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, all in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</p>

TREASURER

President Kiefer: We'll move on to the appropriation ordinance. Mr. Chairman?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. First on the agenda is the Treasurer's Office, the request for Bank Service Charges in the amount of \$40,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we'll do a roll call vote then. Oh, discussion?

Rick Davis: If I may? I wanted to correct one minor mistake I made last time. I believe I –

President Kiefer: There's a note, he made a mistake there.

Rick Davis: I emailed Sandie the contract and she sent it all to you. There was discussion about when people made their property tax payments at the window at Old National Bank, I said there would be a fee. If you look at your fee schedule, it's one of the very few things we are not fee'd for, so I wanted to correct that and let you know that anyone who makes their property tax payments at Old National Bank, there will not be a fee assessed. Other than that, everything looks good.

President Kiefer: Thank you, Mr. Treasurer. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, I mean, just for taxpayers, there's no fee if they go to your office?

Rick Davis: No, none at all.

President Kiefer: Good point.

Rick Davis: But there are 17 branches of Old National that are open later than we are including on Saturdays, so we always do tell people rather than find parking at the Civic Center, go through security, there's only one branch for county government as opposed to 17 in, I believe, five different counties. So if people would like to pay at Old National Bank, please do so. It's for their convenience.

President Kiefer: Thank you, Rick, I appreciate that. Okay, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: This is off the cuff, but I think we received our county tax bills last week and that's based upon the fact that the state has taken away the property replacement tax or the homestead state credit, is that correct?

Rick Davis: That's partially the reason why. I would defer to the Auditor because he's the one who actually calculates the bills but there was in 4A, a state credit that was a three year credit that was eliminated this year and I believe the Auditor will tell you that the tax rates also increased and I'll let him explain that if he would like.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I think everyone is pretty clear on that, I just, we still grant our local homestead tax credit in Vanderburgh County, however, the state has pulled the rug, basically, on the state homestead tax credit and it varies about the same time that they raised sales tax by a penny, I believe.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, that's not really, I don't think that's quite correct, what happened –

Joe Gries: Yeah, the state homestead credit was meant for a three year period. It was money that was, that came from selling slot machine rights to put into horse racing venues within Indiana. That money was then used to offset property taxes by divvying it out to the counties in a three year period. Vanderburgh County, over the last three years, we got 19 million the first year, five million the second, last year

we received three million dollars to offset homestead credits. It wasn't really meant to continue past that three year period.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, but that's part of the difference on the tax, property tax?

Joe Gries: That is correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Rick Davis: And I would like to mention that we've collected around a million dollars in property tax payments since the bills went out last week. I really believe getting the bills in the mail before April 1st so that people on a fixed income could split it up or budget accordingly for April or May when they get their one and only check in April and May made a huge difference, and we are very astounded by the amount of people who are paying early. And that's a win-win for the county because we can invest that money and earn interest off of it, too.

President Kiefer: One thing I noted about the property tax bill, and I stopped and visited with our Auditor and our Treasurer the other day, is the tax cap is going to have an affect on our total income big-time. I know the one we were looking at was three hundred dollars just on one property, that the county is not going to receive, so I can imagine when you multiply that by the number of residents, which is good for taxpayers, they're paying less money, but I'm just trying to make a point, we don't have as much money available to us because of the property tax cap.

Rick Davis: And that goes for the city and the Levee Authority and –

President Kiefer: School Corporation.

Rick Davis: – schools and libraries, and all across the board.

President Kiefer: Okay. Thank you. Alright, there was a first and a second. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That makes it a unanimous vote.

Rick Davis: Thank you. I appreciate your time today.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-3999	Bank Service Charge	40,000.00	40,000.00
Total		40,000.00	40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Accrued Payments, FICA and PERF in the amount of \$16,071, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Discussion? None? I'll ask for a roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. And that's unanimous, and so it's approved.

CIRCUIT COURT

SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

REQUESTED

APPROVED

2600-1971	Accrued Payments	13,866.00	13,866.00
2600-1900	FICA	1,061.00	1,061.00
2600-1910	PERF	1,144.00	1,144.00
Total		16,071.00	16,071.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CLERK

VETERANS

COMMISSIONERS

SUPERIOR COURT (LATE)

President Kiefer: We'll move on to transfers.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we have four transfers today: the Clerk, Veterans Services, County Commissioners and one late transfer for Superior Court. I'll move that we approve all transfers as listed.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, move by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Lloyd. Discussion please? Seeing none, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So the transfers are approved unanimously.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1680-1010	Circuit/Superior Counter Clerk	1,400.00	1,400.00
To: 1010-1650-1010	Small Claims Service Clerk	1,400.00	1,400.00

VETERANS SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1270-3520	Equipment Repair	824.00	824.00
To: 1270-4220	Office Machines	824.00	824.00

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3000	Bond & Insurance	14,570.00	14,570.00
To: 1300-3021	Hillcrest Washington	12,880.00	12,880.00
1300-4231	Transportation Svc.	1,690.00	1,690.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-1400-1370	Intake Probation Officer	8,627.00	8,627.00
To: 1370-1720-1370	Clerk Asst/Probation	8,627.00	8,627.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Kiefer: Okay, I see there's nothing in the Repeals; Old Business, none noted.

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENT

President Kiefer: New Business, we need to appoint a Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals member, and I think there was a recommendation to appoint Joni Steinkamp for this. And this is required and it has to be political affiliation to this, and this happens to be one that has to be a democrat. And I think Joni meets these requirements. Is there any discussion about this appointment?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Kiefer: Wait a second. There's some discussion from – okay, never mind. Okay, so we have a first and a second. I think we can just vote –

Councilmember Terry: Can you tell me just a little bit about the person?

President Kiefer: I really honestly don't know that much about the person. Sandie, do –

Sandie Deig: Her husband was the former Union Trustee and she worked in his office, so she knows quite a bit about this.

Joe Gries: Sandie, I believe he's still the Union Trustee.

Sandie Deig: Assessor, he's no longer an assessor, right.

Joe Gries: He is the current Trustee.

President Kiefer: Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I think they also have to have some certification.

President Kiefer: Yeah. They have to have the certification, so –

Councilmember Lloyd: So this person meets those qualifications.

President Kiefer: Okay, we can just do a voice vote then. All in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: None. Okay, so it's approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COALITION OF SOUTHWEST INDIANA
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President Kiefer: Thank you. We'll move on to the second thing on the list here is Economic Development Coalition of Southwestern Indiana report, and I see we have members here, and I'd love to hear you give us a good update.

Greg Wathen: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning. For the record, my name is Greg Wathen and I serve as president and CEO for the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana. You're receiving some materials passed out by Debra Bennett-Steersman, who is our Vice President of Community Development for the Coalition. And we also have in the audience today, Evan Beck. Evan serves as our chairperson-elect for the Coalition and I don't think there's any other board members out here, though Councilman Lloyd is on our board as well. Today is really just to sort of give you an overview of what's happening within the economy as well as talk about a side of the business that some people realize that we're involved in, others don't, and that's the community development side. With regard to economic development activity, obviously, you've followed over the last few weeks the announcement for SS & C Technologies. That's great for Evansville and Vanderburgh County, and we're very happy that we played a role in assisting that project, but currently, we have 20 active projects considering the region. And out of those projects, ten are considering Vanderburgh County as a potential location. Many of those are manufacturing related, as we still are a very heavy manufacturing

center, though, the technology that is required for many of these projects is significantly greater than some of our traditional manufacturers in order to be able to compete. What's unusual about the economic activity is that, and what we've seen is the competition has increased whereby in the past, we may have seen 50 to 60 percent of these projects would be competitive; today 100 percent of these projects are competitive. And by that, I mean, is that we are competing with another location for a particular project. If I use SS & C Technology as an example, we competed with Louisville, Kentucky, Springfield, Illinois, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as well as Kuala Lumpur and India, for that project. So the competition is not just within the United States, North America, it really is global for many of these projects because what occurs are companies, especially if they're multi-national, they have operations globally around the world. They're looking on a regular basis, where do we invest capital? And because we have so many satellite locations and companies considering us for potential investments, we have to create an environment within the region where companies feel that they can receive the requisite return on investment for their particular investment. As well as what we're seeing in particular, is that with the advent of the Internet, economic development has really changed. It could very well be that by the time someone contacts us or we contact them, we've already made a certain level of cut where there are so many third party vendors of data, that they've done this analysis, they've narrowed it down either based on supply chain, customers, what have you, that our region is a region that would be potentially considered for their project. And we could very well find that because of the Internet, that we've been considered and eliminated without ever knowing that we were being viewed for such. So from that standpoint, it is significantly changed. On a bright note, obviously having 20 active projects that we're working on is very good. What its telling us is the activity is strong, we're beginning to see a break within the economy. Typically, we're six, nine, twelve months, sometimes longer, out in front of the curve in terms of activity we see where we begin to see the economy turn around. That said, companies are still very hesitant about making final decisions. What we also don't know, because we're still very much involved in the transportation sector is what impact, if any, will the tsunami and earthquake in Japan have on our region. We're already seeing where Toyota recently announced that they're going to be furloughing for a period of time or shutting down the operation for a period of time, within Indiana, Princeton, we're probably going to see SIA, Honda, and we may also see the domestic big three impacted as well because they rely upon that same supply chain from Japan in many cases for certain critical parts in chips, pigments for paint and those kind of things, so there could be some opportunity for us, and as they do this analysis of the supply chain of not having critical components all in one geographic location and spreading that around the globe, so we're hopeful that those discussions will begin. I'm going to stop there and ask Debra Bennett-Stearsman to come up and sort of give you a brief overview of our community development division.

Debra Bennett-Stearsman: Good morning, thank you for letting me speak to you this morning. I want to tell you first a little bit about the community development division. We're different from the economic development division but we provide a very strong support for economic development because we provide the infrastructure to put in place for economic development projects. Our division is similar to the Department of Metropolitan Development for the City of Evansville. However, we act as that role for all of the cities and towns and the counties, the four counties, and ours is on a competitive basis for funding instead of getting entitled funding. We are in charge of doing planning, development, application and administration of all grants and any other funding for all of the counties and the cities and towns. The examples of projects that we have worked on in the past four years are community centers, daycare centers, senior centers, historic preservation, libraries, fire stations, fire

trucks, EMS stations, EMS equipment, we do community corrections, we do water projects, sewer, storm water, comprehensive planning, other planning, we do demolition of blighted structures, debris removal in roads and waterways and levee improvements. Our division started in 2006 with a staff of one and that was myself. A year later we added Jeff Pruitt. Jeff is our labor standards officer and financial manager of all grants. Then we added Wylie Zeigler in the past year, and she's in charge of development and has become our environmental review officer. And now we have Megan Hollander as of this year, who is acting as our civic rights officer and our administrative assistant. Since the inception of the coalition four years ago the total grants for the four counties is now at over 57 million dollars in competitive funding. Of that, Vanderburgh County and the City of Evansville has received \$7,775,300, and you should have a listing of those projects in your packet that we handed out. Other areas the community development staff served are with the state Indiana Regional Commissions, we meet on a monthly basis to discuss potential funding sources and network with state agencies and other state elected officials. We also serve on the State Advisory Board to Lt. Governor Becky Skillman on the Policy and Procedures Committee, and we helped author two chapters of the State Grantee Implementation Manual for the grant administrators in the State of Indiana. Our staff has also served on the committee this year to prepare the first ever Indiana State grant certification program which was passed into law February of this year. Recently we have been working with the Department of Metropolitan Development to also assist them on any projects that they may have. At this point I'll turn it back over to Greg.

Greg Wathen: I would mention one issue, thing that I'll bring to your attention or possibly two. One, within your packet probably listed the Whirlpool project. I just want you to know, those are not dollars that go directly to Whirlpool. Initially, we had received a grant from the Economic Development Administration to look at putting the Whirlpool facility back into beneficial reuse. And you've seen recently where the Kunkel Group has acquired a portion of that property, Whirlpool will be retaining a portion of that property for redevelopment based on their own plan. And when Whirlpool had informed us back in November of 2010 that they were not going to move forward with the plan of the Airport Authority and the City of Evansville acquiring the site, and then building a new product development center for the engineers there to sort of be the cornerstone of a tech park. We were able to go back to the EDA and say we'd like to change the direction of the analysis and so we've hired Garner Economics out of the Atlanta and they're partnering with Newmark, Knight and Frank out of Chicago, one of the largest and most prestigious site selection firms in the country, and they're doing probably the most comprehensive analysis of our region that's been done in the last twenty years. And so from that, our hope is that we're going to have somewhere between six to eight implemental initiatives that will come back to all the communities and saying here's where we need to be for the next ten, fifteen, twenty years.

President Kiefer: Greg, so this group you hired, they're going to do an analysis of not just Vanderburgh County, but all of the counties?

Greg Wathen: Our region, yes.

President Kiefer: So are they going to look at like all the available inventory of properties to see how they potentially could be used or how they, recommendations on that? Because, I mean, I understand in Vanderburgh County we have quite a bit of –

Greg Wathen: They're doing, yes, all the above. They're doing a full analysis. Let

me give you an example of something. And it's one of those, where, until you really start looking at it, you don't realize. They asked us for any previous plans, studies that have been done. We just went back now, I came on board March 1st, 2007, Debbie was really the first employee, and so we went back and looked and found as many studies over the last five to eight years we could find, gave them to the group. They've created a matrix and it's hard to believe, but there were more than 200 recommendations made of what we should do within the region. And it's frightening from this standpoint, is that the majority of those recommendations, they still are recommendations. So they were great studies, some great ideas, but nothing really went forward, so what we've said, we're doing a full analysis. We spent I know during one of their visits here, we spent, literally, two and a half full days of driving all four counties. I didn't think I could drive nearly 500 miles in my car in the four counties, but we did. We looked at anything and everything that potentially would have an impact. And what's really different and unique about this is that, let's take for example, as you're coming into the primary city of our four counties, which is Evansville and the corridors, we have a tendency when we drive these corridors, because we've passed these areas so many times, we filter out what somebody else who has been here for the first time might see. So just having someone come in and take a new look at this and give us some analysis based on two things: where do we need to be as region to be competitive, as well as, what are our assets that we may or may not consider assets and how do we build upon those, is proving to be very valuable. So I guess in sort of an ironic way, the closing of Whirlpool and Whirlpool not following through with us in their original intent of redeveloping it into a tech park, has allowed us to do a comprehensive analysis that, quite frankly, we might not have been able to afford. The second issue that I wanted to bring up is that, as Debbie mentioned, we're nearly, we're getting to close 57 million dollars in grants that we've procured. Those are just grants, those are not the total projects. Most of these projects are leveraged into millions more in total projects. But two primary funding sources that are critical for those, community development block grant dollars as well as funds for the economic development administration, which is part of the US Department of Commerce. If you've been following the media and you're looking at the proposed budget cuts that are coming out the US House of Representatives, community development block grant dollars are being proposed at cutting 62 percent. Now that would have a devastating impact on communities across the country and it would have a severe impact not on the outlying counties, but on Vanderburgh County in particular because we would have less money that would come in that somehow you would have to look at how do we make up that gap. And for us, we would encourage you to reach out to your congressional delegation. Those particular programs, can't say that about every program of the federal government, but those particular programs have proven their worth over the years, and we would encourage you to send comments in support of those programs. And I would open it up now to any of the questions that you might have of us. Yes?

Councilmember Shetler: If those grants are, basically, if everybody has those available to them, though, being involved in the economic development, that's kind of a competitive field anyway, correct?

Greg Wathen: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Shetler: So if everybody is reduced, the field is still the same.

Greg Wathen: Yes and no. It is reduced and the field is the same from that standpoint, but many of our communities have a competitive disadvantage in terms of funding as it is. And so if we've identified gaps in infrastructure where another community, let's say Charlotte or part of the research triangle where they've made

those investments within that state and we haven't. For example, the latest broadband map, US broadband map, in terms of speed and connectivity list Indiana as 50 out of 50 states. Well, we can't go any lower and so from that standpoint, you know, having those funds come in really help us shrink that competitive gap and in most cases, with the kind of funding that Debbie's team works on, it's all capacity building. I mean, right now, we are helping communities expand their wastewater treatment facilities, their water treatment facilities, we're helping in Vanderburgh County with the levee, three million dollars we were able to tap into out of disaster funds to assist when Berry Plastics had an expansion to help them buy a piece of equipment. If those funding sources were not there, we wouldn't be able to do this kind of thing. So I agree with the assertion that we need to cut government, but I think it needs to be more surgically rather than more of a shotgun, across the board kind of approach because there are programs within the federal government that have been very effective with regard to economic development.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you. Are there any questions? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Debbie had mentioned community development. I know in Washington, DC, a lot of discussion about chopping these funds possibly, I guess, in the Republican budget, cut CDBG 65 percent, so obviously that would affect you. I don't know if you had done any analysis on that or in your case, it's competitive so the State of Indiana would have less to administer.

Debra Bennett-Stearsman: Currently, the state gets approximately 32 million a year in competitive funding. I don't know how that cut is going to go between the entitlements and the competitive funding at this point. So, no, I haven't done that analysis yet, but I know our director is encouraging us to get our legislators to lobby to not cut any of the funding because 32 million for the entire state, that's every county, city and town, is really competitive when you look at the needs.

Greg Wathen: And I can't say enough about Debbie and her team. Out of the last round of funding we had, gosh, I don't know, nearly 20 percent of it came here. So we are really good at what we do from that standpoint, but if you're taking 62 to 65 percent of those funds away, it makes it even more competitive. If you go on to the U S Conference of Mayors, they have on the website, they've listed for at least the entitlement communities, and out of Congressman Buschon's, he only has two communities that are entitlement communities. And by that I mean 50,000 people or more that receive a direct appropriation of community development block grant dollars, that would be the City of Evansville and Terre Haute. They list those numbers and then they also list what the potential cut would be. So I would encourage you to look at those kinds of numbers and if you need anything from us, we certainly will try to provide that for you. I'm not saying the government shouldn't cut. Obviously, it's very obvious that spending is somewhat out of control, but that said, I would encourage you to be very judicious in terms of looking at what are the programs out there that are meaningful. And there are some programs from an economic development standpoint that are meaningful, some are not. You know, the EDA's biggest probably glaring issue has been the timeliness, it's not the programs they have, they're rather slow. So, you know, for us, to give you an example on the Whirlpool grant, they told us it would be 16 days, it took almost a year to get it approved. So God forbid we wouldn't have a real disaster, but that said, that was about \$240,000 to help us do this analysis that we just didn't have available to us. So I think it will help us at least create a plan that will help replace some of the positions lost during Whirlpool's closing of the manufacturing side.

President Kiefer: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Greg Wathen: Sure. Well, as I was saying, the competition, every one of our twenty projects are competitive and so you have some – and unfortunately – I've been doing this since 1986 in Louisville and in Indiana – and I've never really seen it as competitive as it is now and in particular because there are fewer projects, companies know that and they try to position one state against another and no state has exactly the same kind of programs. So for us, we always try to find out what are the key issues for this particular project as it pertains to them making a decision. Could it be access to commercial air service? I think that's one of the real key issues here and for our region is that our commercial air service out of the City of Evansville, with the merging of Northwest and Delta, it was cut overnight and if you recall when Mead Johnson relocated their corporate headquarters out of here, one of the reasons they listed was commercial air service or lack of. So that in particular is a real key issue for us as well as if it's somebody who is, depending on where they're located, if they're dependent upon broadband access, it all depends on where they're looking within our four counties. Some areas are better than others. And it could very well be if somebody is looking to access the capital, we have no program in the state of Indiana, and that goes back to the old Department of Commerce under previous administrations. Most of these programs have not changed in ten plus years, they always tweak it a little bit. We have no program available to help companies acquire, obtain capital. And when a company comes in and says we need capital, typically what we do, we do abatements, which are deferring property taxes. We do tax credits, which defer state or federal taxes but we really have no program to help them provide an infusion of capital. And that's a real challenge for us. We've gotten pretty creative in what we've been able to do, but there's only so far we can go with that. In the particular case with SS & C, I think what really helped, Debbie Dewey and the staff at GAGE came up with some creative ideas. They needed to start fast and at Innovation Pointe, for the most part, the third floor is relatively empty, and so they were providing space there as an incentive to help the company start up. They're basically going to start there and then incubate out into another space. But because we were able to do that versus, it came down to our primary competitor, Louisville, who was not, that really was an advantage for us. So I don't know if that answers your question. Each project is a little bit different. Some are very much related to the cost of electricity which is sort of out of our hands if it's a large manufacturing facility. Vectren and Duke, who are our primary electric providers here within the four counties, do a very good job of being competitive. But if we're competing against TVA, who is subsidized by the federal government and most of their power is through hydro or big chunks of it, that's low cost power that is very difficult to compete against.

Councilmember Bassemier: Maybe some time down the road you might help sell our old jail or something. We need somebody upstairs in here.

Greg Wathen: That's a possibility.

Councilmember Bassemier: Find a use for it.

Greg Wathen: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Greg, Debbie, great job. You guys do a fantastic job and I appreciate the work that you do and I know you work very closely with the real estate community and working with them and I appreciate that as well. Thank you for coming today.

Greg Wathen: Thank you very much.

President Kiefer: Okay, we'll go next to the agenda, we'll go the Clerk has a request to fill three vacancies. Also, I would like to, before we get started on that I'd like to recognize the president of the University of Evansville. I saw you sneaking out, I was going to introduce you later. Thank you for attending today.

(Inaudible – comments not made from the podium)

President Kiefer: Okay, well, we'll have you back on another day then. Thank you very much.

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL THREE VACANCIES

Susan Kirk: Good morning.

President Kiefer: Good morning. You're requesting to fill three vacancies, I just thought maybe you'd give us some information, details, and –

Susan Kirk: Okay, the first one, I assume you've got this? Okay. The first one, she actually goes into Judge Heldt's Circuit Court, so if we don't fill that one, she may not be in there sometimes, you'd have to deal with Judge Heldt. The second one is Juvenile, and this is the one that Judge Niemeier actually took one of my employees, the pay is better, and that's very busy. We've asked for that one before and you did fill it. And the last one is the Administrative Supervisor who does the Kronos system for payroll and numerous other things especially the retention schedule, which means if we can't do that anymore our costs will skyrocket as far as storage goes because that retention schedule means that we're getting rid of things when we can, which sounds easy but it's not. So that's what it is.

President Kiefer: Okay. Is there some discussion? Councilman Shetler? I was expecting you to have some comments.

Councilmember Shetler: And you've heard, Susie, you know that we have a cap on the property taxes of one percent on each of the individual residences and we heard earlier how that's beginning to start taking effect on our income flow. The other is that we have basically now down to less than half a million dollars in our general fund balance, which is the lowest that any of us can recall certainly in the last ten to fifteen years. We have \$700,000 that's probably going to be deducted from our local income tax because they overpaid us, according to the state they've overpaid us and they're going to take that out perhaps over a three year period of time which will affect us about 700,000 a year for the next three years. In addition to that, we're going to be losing a million three, million four, we're not exactly sure what that number is going to be per year for the next few years because of the income tax itself being down because of payrolls being down across the county of Vanderburgh. So we're looking to lose a couple million dollars just in our income tax side plus the one percent cap on property, which we don't know exactly how much that's going to affect us but it's beginning to affect us now. I don't doubt, I know that the courts are very active and very busy today, probably the busiest that they've been maybe ever. I think you have, what, 53 employees, 52?

Susan Kirk: You cut a full time, well, you've cut two full-time employees and then I've got a part-time that's for maybe half the year.

Councilmember Shetler: Are there ways that we can look at utilizing and I know that

we've been somewhat rigid in our hourly rate, and maybe we need to be more flexible on that, but that we could utilize some part-time employees working 25 - 30 hours a week that could fill this gap and it would save us in other areas on payroll taxes, payroll expenses and stuff, for benefits and things, and yet we could actually have people in there that would be able to be when we need them there and not necessarily from eight to five every day and they may be there for an hour or two when we don't need them, but they could be in front of the public when it's actually needed if they're working a six or seven hour shift. And I've brought this up before. I know that there are a great deal of people out there that are looking for part-time work, they're well educated, their kids are in school and this works out as a great opportunity for them and it could be a great opportunity for us. Are there ways that we could utilize some people in that capacity, and I would have no problem with looking at stretching that hourly rate from what is it now, 9 or 9.50 or something and perhaps into \$12 or something, whatever it's going to do to attract because I think it will save us many thousands of dollars on the other side of it.

Susan Kirk: Well, I don't know whether you read this, excuse me, I got under a tree with my granddaughter last night and shook it, anyway, pollen, so I don't know whether you read this or not, but every time –

Councilmember Shetler: I'm coping with the same thing, so I understand.

Susan Kirk: So you shook a tree last night, too?

Councilmember Shetler: No, I haven't shaken a tree, but I'm coping with pollen or something.

Susan Kirk: Okay. You know, in the past when we had a full crew, we had capital recovery who collected money only off of just the child support fees. And what that is, it's the administration cost. If you pay child support, you pay \$50 a year for us to process that, okay? So, and I emailed all of you, you should be fully aware of this. And, of course, you kept cutting us. So, in a total of two years we collected, like, \$300,000, but hey, that's okay.

Councilmember Shetler: Let me stop you there. You said we kept cutting you, you've been cut a half employee?

Susan Kirk: An employee and a half, okay, --

Councilmember Shetler: But that's over the past four years, so it's not a continuous.

Susan Kirk: It happened as soon as you cut us. We had to close the library down to where we can't, you know, we don't have time to assist the people plus we can't field the phone calls to collect this. Now I would be willing, if you want to hire some extra part-time help during the times when the phone calls are so bad and we could maybe begin the child support collections again because, believe me, it would certainly far outweigh the \$10,000 that it would be to pay that person. As far as cutting or taking away a full-time position, and when you talk about benefits and things like that, I know, Mr. Shetler, that you have Shetler Moving & Storage, which is a big company, and how you want to cut. And you say every nickel and dime helps. And it would really be nice if you would maybe step up there and say, you know what, I think I'll pay for my own health insurance so that someone can have a full-time job. You've got a big company, you could probably afford to buy us. So anyway, that's all I've got to say. You guys can vote and, Sandie, if you will, let me know what the vote is.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have three line items here, Administrative Supervisor, which is line item 1450, we have the Circuit/Superior Court Clerk, 1260, and we have the Juvenile Clerk, line item 1180. Is it the pleasure of the Council that we vote on all three of these together or do you want to break them apart and vote on them one by one?

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on) I think they're very important. I know Susie, she's very conservative and I know she wouldn't be up there asking for these positions unless she needed them. I'd like to see all three of them.

President Kiefer: Okay, I just –

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to make a motion to approve all three of them just to get it on the floor.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll second.

President Kiefer: Okay, so we have a first and a second. Further discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Just some discussion and regardless of the outcome of how this vote or any of the other ones on the agenda today turn out, I mean, a lot of this discussion needs to go on and on and on. I mean, there's a lot to talk about here. You know, how are we going to address these offices in August knowing that, you know, we're going to have the shortfall in COIT that we're going to have over the next three years? You know, do we continue on that it's okay to have the same amount of people that we've had the last 20 years? You know, I mean, we're going to have to address more than that. Will we be able to afford to buy pens and pencils for them and copy paper? You know, so cuts, it's inevitable, cuts are going to be made somewhere, they have to be. And if we can't do it just through attrition or something, you know, with a handful of people throughout the county, where is it going to come from? And that's, again, that's, I'm not lecturing, I'm asking everybody, you know, let's begin to think about that between now and July or August when we begin budgets because, you know, there's no crystal ball that's going to get us there. It's going to be decisions we have to make. You know, some of the offices, Tom, part-time help works; some, they don't. I'm not, you know, I don't know which ones those are. But one thing about it, if you can't, again, through attrition, you know, reduce the number by one or two here or there, you know, the part-time thing, you know, isn't so bad, either. I mean, you're not looking at personal days, you're not looking at sick days, you know, vacation time, stuff like that, and that's a lot of the problem within this building is we've got those days accumulated and we've got a lot of time off. You know, you can probably walk in any office here and there's, you know, if it's a staff of ten, there's probably always one person off. So with the part-time thing, and I'm not advocating that here today, but where it can be utilized, that's something to get where we have to go in August, that we need to be considering. And again, how we vote here today, we'll have other opportunities for more discussion.

President Kiefer: I'd just like to make, oh, Councilman Goebel, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Goebel: To follow up on James' statement, I know you've already sent a letter out asking for the departments to come up with more efficiencies and ways to save money. I think we might want to send that back again and tell them

they have to. I don't know what our numbers are going to be, but we want the elected officials and department heads to come up with ways to save money so we don't have to go into each department and make cuts, because something has got to give and we're not going to be able to honor commitments because we don't have the revenues, and now might be a time. I don't know what happens in today's case which job is not funded or which position, like one that we collect fees on, I think that's within each department that they make the decision. I think if we can stay out of that, that would be best. But we've got to make cuts.

President Kiefer: I agree.

Councilmember Lloyd: Just to add and echo with what you two are saying, I agree with that and this budget session in 2012 we may be going through and cutting people in each department. I mean, we'll just have to see how things go. I just wanted to point out and Mrs. Deig could give us the figures, each one of these, you've got people leaving under the old pay schedule and these new ones coming in, we will be saving thousands of dollars on each position because they'll be coming in under the lower rates. So, I mean, that's something that we did in prior years.

Councilmember Goebel: These are all, no transfers, these will be new hires, totally?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, you've got, one went to Judge Heldt, I guess they've been internally moving but they're freeing up positions from people that have left the county.

Councilmember Raben: She does have one transfer and that is the Small Claims Clerk. The other three are to fill vacancies. In fact, one of the three vacancies is not even a vacancy today, right? Or it is?

Sandie Deig: No, it's not.

Councilmember Raben: Its not until later in the month or the first of May, is that correct?

Sandie Deig: Two of them are (inaudible) 18th and one of them is in May, May 9.

Councilmember Raben: Will be effective vacancies or they're vacant today?

Sandie Deig: No, they would be effective April 18th and May 9.

Councilmember Raben: I understand. That is before – the line item is paid out for the paid employee, but right now, there's not an employee in either of the three positions?

Sandie Deig: There's an employee in each one of these. They're in all three positions.

Councilmember Shetler: There's someone working in the position?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: So they actually leave the position on those dates and then there will be a buyout after?

Sandie Deig: We have one employee that has left, but her buyout isn't effective until

April 18.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so one of the three has left?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: You know, and it might be a fair way of doing it as we continue this dialogue, let's take care of the one that is left. The other one does not leave until April the 18th, and the third one May 19?

Sandie Deig: May the 9th.

Councilmember Raben: May 9th, okay.

President Kiefer: I think one of the problems is –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll meet again the first of May.

President Kiefer: Yeah. I think one of the problems is like, for example, I haven't been through the Clerk's office, so I can't really speak from personal knowledge, but you know, she probably is very, very busy and has a caseload that's difficult to handle, so this is going to require some really thinking out of the box perhaps like Councilman Shetler said, teaming up with some of the judges and some of the courts to figure out how they could maybe work, pool their employees together and they're going to have to come up with some creative solution because if they continue to do this like they're doing today, yeah, they're never going to have enough people because the caseload just continues to increase. So there is going to have to be some thinking out of the box and what that is, I don't know. But, like you said, we don't have the money.

Councilmember Shetler: The issue is not personal in any way, shape or form. I mean, the realities are we are going to have to either take advantage of people when they have left and keep that, make it, or we're going to have to make some very serious decisions of eliminating people who are working at the current time. And I don't think any of us want to do that. And so, that's the reason why I'm thinking that we've got to do at least one of these three positions, and I'm not trying to pretend to be some superior being that I could decide which of the three ought to be eliminated.

President Kiefer: That's why I asked if we wanted to break the vote out and –

Councilmember Shetler: And I appreciate that but I can go along with two out of the three and I think James' idea of holding off on at least one of them until later when it becomes vacant might be at least some alternative here. But, you know, we're dealing with one of the largest offices that we have in the Civic Center and we've eliminated one and a half employees. But we have some offices in this building who have eight, nine and ten employees that have eliminated that or more. And I think it's just, we're at a critical time with our finances that we've got to look hard at this. We have to make some tough decisions or else the next decisions are going to be even more difficult than they are today.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I would rescind my motion if Russell would, if we can go ahead and approve two of them and, like Jim said, deal with the other one in May. Are you okay with that?

President Kiefer: Yes, I'm okay with that.

Councilmember Lloyd: If we could find out which one is coming in May, I'll agree with Mr. Bassemier and will rescind my second.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, actually what we would be doing with that, is you're actually approving a transfer which is the Small Claims Service Clerk, and then –

President Kiefer: What line item is that?

Councilmember Raben: Well, that's line 1010-1650.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Is that correct?

President Kiefer: I don't know because I had 1180, 1260, and 1450.

Sandie Deig: That employee was a transfer within the department and she's already working in that position.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so that's just a salary amendment.

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: So it would be 1010-1260 and 1010-1180 would be to fill the two vacancies for the month of April.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make that motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

Councilmember Shetler: Now let me ask you this, does that mean that there's going to be another vacancy down where this person was transferred up?

Councilmember Raben: No, that's filling a vacancy. These two are just filling vacancies.

Councilmember Shetler: I mean, if you have a position from here that transferred over to here, and we're talking about this position here as part of one of those three, does that mean at some point in time, we're going to fill this or not?

Councilmember Raben: I don't think so. I think one of these, in fact, is doing that.

Councilmember Shetler: It's actually filling this position, not here, that's already been done. And the only thing we're doing is doing it on the salary ordinance to make that change today.

President Kiefer: Okay, so the motion, there has been a first and a second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Fill two of those positions and then deal with the other one in May, and Jim read –

President Kiefer: Okay, so the one we're not doing is the Administrative Supervisor.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, that would be 1010-1450.

President Kiefer: Okay, good. And then in that case, any further discussion?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, so let me get this straight, so the person that's being transferred, what's left there is a very entry level position, is that correct?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: So we would be approving a very entry level position and then putting it perhaps at risk if I would get my way on it where we would eliminate at least one employee, we would be replacing one that may take a little bit more skill sets and involved there is we would approve this – am I making myself clear? That if we would deny later that one position and approve this today, what we will have done is put more of a devastating effect on the Clerk's office than what we would if we took these individually.

Councilmember Bassemier: What do you suggest, Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Well, I would suggest that we just look at perhaps only approving one today, leaving the one that's being transferred, which appears to me to be a very entry level position, leave that alone and then the one that comes up in May, that would allow us a bit more flexibility to entertain that idea to approve it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I thought you just said we'd go along with two, that's why I amended my motion, you said you'd go along with two and then we'll deal with –

Councilmember Shetler: I meant two out of the three package, but as you analyze that package, then you would be making an approval today on a very entry level position and another person that's a little higher rank –

Councilmember Bassemier: – paid as much, I'd like to leave my motion as it is.

Councilmember Raben: Tom, I don't know that this answers your question, but speaking in terms of introductory levels, the 2011 – excuse me, that's not even correct. Let me come right back to you.

Councilmember Shetler: See, what we'd be doing is the 1450 line, that's the administrative supervisor, that's the one that we would be looking at then in May that would become a fairly critical position, I would think, overall, whereas we would be approving the 1260 and 1180, and one of those positions is a fairly entry level position and we would be approving that today, which would then put in jeopardy the decision we make on the 1450.

Councilmember Raben: The 1010-1260, that individual must have been a new employee last year because it was at the introductory level, about where it's at today. The 1010-1180 for 2011 was 33,306, so that employee is coming in at the initiation salary of 21. So it's \$12,000 difference.

(Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Councilmember Raben: But based on a full year it's a reduction of about \$12,000.

Councilmember Shetler: I would suggest that we either, if you want to approve two out of the three today, that we approve the 1450 and 1180 today or we go for the 1180, separate the issues between the 1260 and 1180, have a separate vote on

each one of those two positions, and then come May, do the 1450 on its own.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I think that's what we were going to do, postpone the 1010-1450 –

Councilmember Shetler: Except we have the 1180 and the 1260 joined in the same motion, so you're either voting for both or you're voting for neither.

President Kiefer: Exactly.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, I don't have a problem just voting on all of them together – I mean, each one, but I think we need to vote.

President Kiefer: Yeah, I do, too. How about –

Councilmember Raben: So you're saying vote for 1010-1260 and then the 1450?

Sandie Deig: No.

Councilmember Shetler: No, I'm saying –

President Kiefer: Why don't we just vote on each one individually.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I don't know, let's be clear on what the end result might be. So 1010-1260 and then 1010-1450 and don't vote on the 1180 today.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's okay with me. I rescind my motion on the three, let's –

President Kiefer: Right now we have a motion for 1260 and 1180, so we need somebody to rescind that if we're going to change the way we're going to vote.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm okay with it if Russ – let's get this –

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll rescind my second.

Councilmember Raben: And back to the original question, --

President Kiefer: Wait a second. Ed, did you rescind –

Councilmember Bassemier: Give me the two that will make Tom happy.

Councilmember Raben: Tom, do you want to make a motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, go ahead and make your motion and I'll second it. Give me two and we'll deal with the one in May. That's why I rescinded my first one –

Councilmember Shetler: I move that we approve the Juvenile Clerk line item 1180. I don't know the other digits before that, but the last four digits are 1180.

Councilmember Raben: Just the one.

Councilmember Shetler: Correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second. Call for the question.

President Kiefer: Yes, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Make sure I'm clear on this –

Councilmember Shetler: You're voting on one position at a time.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That's seven-zero, the motion is approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Kiefer: Now, is there another motion for line item 1260?

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess my question would be, will this person leave and then that will be vacant? If we take no action today before May 1st or before the May meeting, would this be vacant and I guess I'd ask Mrs. Deig that.

Sandie Deig: Yes, I don't know exactly when she's leaving but it will be vacant for a little while because she has a buy-out and she's been there for quite a while.

President Kiefer: Is there another motion in regards to any of these other positions?

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess I'd make a motion to approve 1260 Juvenile Clerk. I think at least we should vote on it and if it gets voted down, it gets voted down.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Goebel: Are we going to move on the 1450 today or are we going to wait until May when that becomes vacant?

Councilmember Shetler: We don't have to, it could wait if we don't get a motion today.

Councilmember Goebel: Of the three, our sense here is that's probably the most important of the three, is that correct?

Sandie Deig: The 1450? Yes, that's the most important.

Councilmember Goebel: I would think that would be the one we'd move on now if it's going to be a little bit of lag time.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, we could vote on this one and then if you want to make a motion for that one, we can vote on that one.

Councilmember Raben: I understand what Councilman Goebel is saying, you know, we might be voting on it a month before we need to, but that is a Chief Deputy.

Councilmember Bassemier: Russ, did you make a motion?

Councilmember Shetler: He made a motion on the 1260.

Jeff Ahlers: I don't mean to insert myself in this complicated process, but on the Circuit/Superior Court Clerk, and I know, since the Clerk is not here, I don't know if the Prosecutor or somebody might be able to let us know, but on that one, it looks like that person serves in court, so is that something that needs to be there? I mean, I guess, --

President Kiefer: Well, if they need to be there, they'll be back in May.

Councilmember Shetler: Or you can move other people around in your department to fill that need.

President Kiefer: Okay, well, we have a first, is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second.

President Kiefer: Okay, second by Councilman Bassemier. If there's no further discussion, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I'm not sure, but I'm going to say no but I do think both the positions that are in the Clerk's office are serving in the courts, we might look at how those positions can be shared in both budgets somehow, I think, in the future, too.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'm going to say no, I was hopeful this position could be tabled until the next meeting, but I'll say no today.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to follow suit and say no, again, and we'll bring these back up in May which we're sure the other one doesn't have any affect anyway between now and then. So, no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I'm going to vote no, assuming this is coming back up. So I believe that makes it five noes and two yeses. So it doesn't pass.

(Motion fails 2-5/Councilmembers Terry, Shetler, Goebel, Raben & Kiefer opposed)

President Kiefer: Okay, finally, on the last one, is there a motion for line item 1450?

Councilmember Goebel: With the understanding that this will be filled in May and it looks like a vital position, I make the motion that we approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second

President Kiefer: Okay, first by Councilman Goebel, second by Councilman Bassemier. Discussion? Oh, Stephanie made the second?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

President Kiefer: Is there any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: That's fine. My initial thought was we were going to have this one come back in May but it is a vital position so I'm fine with voting on it today.

Councilmember Shetler: It can't be filled until all the requirements are met anyway, so –

President Kiefer: Okay, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that's seven-zero. And finally, we can move on.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Kiefer: I see the Prosecutor is requesting to fill a vacancy. I hope you have seen the struggle that we've just gone through.

Nick Hermann: Good morning. The first thing I'd like to do is address the order of new business in future meetings. I'd like to have that adjusted. I don't know if we do it alphabetically or how we do it. We're requesting to fill the full-time receptionist position in Child Support which is position 1081-1180. This is a position that became available through a transfer within our office after a full-time person left, an Enforcement Officer position. Both these positions are paid by the county and then the county is reimbursed two-thirds from the state as well as we receive incentive funds, the county general fund receives incentive funds and I believe the Clerk's office receives incentive funds based on the performance of the people in these positions. So I'm not sure, this is a – what I'm asking to do is I'm asking to move one of our part-time people over into this position and I believe that that would mean that they would come in at the entry level. And that's what I'm asking for. As an aside to that, in watching the last exchange, we are working in our office to eliminate positions that we don't feel are necessary. This part-time position is one that we would prefer to have filled but we're moving somebody out of that into a full-time position and within our office, we're going to be eliminating this. We're also eliminating, we have plans to eliminate at the middle of the month a full-time position from within our office. Basically, we're doing it whenever we have someone leave we're trying to either fill if it's a vital position or we're trying to eliminate through attrition. That's what we've been working on within our office. And one thing as an aside that – we're trying to become as efficient of an office as we can. And I know that we're going to have a budget fight when we get to budget hearings and I want the Council to keep in mind that as we create efficiencies, hopefully, throughout the year, we're not trying to pump up and get ready for a budget fight. I don't want to create a bunch of empty positions we're going to come to budget knowing we're going to lose some, and say these are the ones we'd like you to target. We're going ahead and trying to eliminate the ones that we can along the way, and we're going to come back during budget time and ask for credit for that. But I just wanted to throw that out there so you can keep that in mind. But today I'm here asking to fill the Receptionist position in Child Support. This is a high volume area in our office.

We have a full-time and a part-time Receptionist and, quite frankly, we could use more. There are times during the day where it gets very busy and call volume goes up, but it's a very important position. It's a position of first contact for everyone that's trying to collect support or have support collected from them.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: You're not going to fill the part-time then?

Nick Hermann: That's correct.

Councilmember Shetler: In addition to that, the position is being –

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Councilmember Shetler: – back or refunded by the state two-thirds?

Nick Hermann: Two-thirds, and then we also receive incentive funds. I believe we do, the county general fund does, and I believe the Clerk's office does based on the performance of the child support portion of our office.

Councilmember Shetler: And that part-time position, is that funded out of general fund?

Nick Hermann: I'm not sure, that's coming from over on the criminal side. I'm not sure where that's being funded from.

Councilmember Shetler: So the net effect of this could be, if it is, pretty much a wash?

Nick Hermann: That's correct.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd just like to also mention, I appreciate Mr. Hermann looking at the office like that. And that's, I mean, that's the kind of creative thinking that we need. So thank you for what you're doing there.

Councilmember Goebel: If you could keep us abreast of any positions you're not going to fill, that would be helpful as well.

Nick Hermann: Sure.

President Kiefer: Thank you, Nick. Okay, so we have a motion, is there a second? Was there a second? Oh, Mike did. Okay, so any other discussion? Wow, I can wipe my brow here on this one. Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That makes it seven-zero, and the motion is approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VETERANS SERVICES REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Kiefer: Next we'll move on to Veterans Services, request to fill Veterans Services office vacancy. Is there any –

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of this. Everyone remembers this came before us actually back the early part of the year.

Councilmember Lloyd: We have a representative here.

Tami Cassidy-Fehn: Yeah, this was understood that when Paul Dupont was hired as Secretary until Jay Ball's time was paid off the books that he would be moved to the Veterans Service position.

President Kiefer: Okay, are you Tami?

Tami Cassidy-Fehn: Yes.

President Kiefer: Okay, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Lloyd: Please state your name for the record.

Tami Cassidy-Fehn: Tami Cassidy-Fehn.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you very much. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Goebel: This position is being filled by a veteran, correct?

Tami Cassidy-Fehn: Correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, well then in that case, there was a first by Councilman Raben. Who was the second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Councilman Terry. Okay –

Councilmember Shetler: Let me point out real quickly, this office was an office of three and its at two, correct?

Tami Cassidy-Fehn: We're down to two, yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Just for information purposes, that's required to be filled by a veteran isn't it, for that position?

Tami Cassidy-Fehn: Yes, it is.

President Kiefer: Okay, I have a comment I'd like to make during discussion. Tami, I visited your office and I don't think you were there the day I stopped by, but anyway, one of the things that was a little bit bothersome to me is that, while on one hand I appreciate the effort that you do, your office does on taking care of veterans, I commend you 100% for that because that is a very good thing, but the other thing, but what concerned me was that we're servicing people outside of Vanderburgh County and I don't think we should, you know, do that unless we get reimbursed from those counties because I don't think its fair that we pick up the burden and right now we're in a budget crunch, we don't really have the monies to hardly take care of ourselves nevertheless Henderson County, Posey County, Gibson County, Warrick County. I would like for you to see, if you're going to continue to service clients outside of Vanderburgh County, see if we can get some kind of reimbursements from those counties as a way to offset some of our cost. But anyway, that's just food for thought. Again, I appreciate the work you're doing in taking care of veterans because I know that's critically important.

Tami Cassidy-Fehn: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Any other comments? Councilmen Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, obviously, your service is vital, but do you ever direct clients from other counties back to their own county?

Tami Cassidy-Fehn: We try, just for their convenience if they're closer to that service office, but there are instances where they may work in Evansville and prefer to come to our office or they may know that veterans service officer in their county and may not like them for one reason or another, so they come to our office. We don't want to turn anyone away, so we file their claim if they want to use our office, we file their claims for them. But we do try to direct them back to their own county. Now, Posey County's service officer is only in two days a week part-time for a couple of hours those two days. Now they can call and make an appointment with him, but some people find that an inconvenience and –

President Kiefer: Just so long as, you know, I think you've heard us talk today that we're under this financial budget crunch, you know, we just don't have the monies available, so it's going to be difficult for us later to add employees because of the

services that you're providing to other counties or whatever.

Tami Cassidy-Fehn: A lot of them come from Kentucky. There are no service offices –

President Kiefer: See, that bothers me even more that we're covering Kentucky's charges.

Councilmember Goebel: Regardless, we're going from a staff of three to two.

President Kiefer: No, I know, and if they can get it done with two people, then I have no problem with it. I'm just bringing this up so that way, later on, if somebody says hey, we need more employees, we don't have –

Councilmember Goebel: Point well made.

Tami Cassidy-Fehn: We've been an office of two for a year now.

Councilmember Goebel: I know.

President Kiefer: And I appreciate the work you're doing.

Tami Cassidy-Fehn: I would like to say that our office, I don't have 2010 data, but the 2009 veterans claims coming back to Vanderburgh County is around 28 – 29 million a year, and about 48 including the medical end of it on claims paid out. So we are bringing money back into the county by filing these claims.

President Kiefer: Thank you. And again, thank you for the service you do. I don't want you to misunderstand or misconstrue what I was trying to say. I just, I do appreciate what you're doing.

Councilmember Lloyd: I would just say maybe at some point, Ms. Fehn, you could maybe just give us a list, the number of claims filed and maybe those from Kentucky and those from out of Vanderburgh County, that might be helpful to us.

Tami Cassidy-Fehn: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: To see, you know, if it is a problem, the extent of it. And I understand, Evansville is kind of the financial cultural center and these people naturally would come here to some extent. It's not anything you guys are doing, it's not like you're advertising we want out of county veterans. You know, but it's natural for them to do it and you can't really turn them away, I understand.

Tami Cassidy-Fehn: Right, and a lot of them come from the VA Clinic; they service this area and the VA Clinic refers them to our office. They used to have someone at the clinic that would file claims, but they retired last year so they don't do that anymore. So now, everyone comes to our office. So if they have referrals, they're sent to us.

Councilmember Lloyd: You know, maybe our Commissioners could send a letter to the judge executive over in Henderson County or something, but I think we need some data to know what the extent of the situation is.

President Kiefer: I agree. And it may, you know, maybe it's not that big of a deal. But anyway, thank you very much.

Tami Cassidy-Fehn: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Appreciate it. So we had a motion and a second? Okay, so roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. And that's seven-zero. The motion is approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

AREA PLAN

President Kiefer: We'll move on down to travel requests. First on the list is Area Plan.

Brad Mills: I'd like to start off, I'm Brad Mills. I'll get a couple of credits, if I could. I am a veteran, so I hope I get some benefit from that. And also, I'm helping economic development by flying out of Evansville for my trip. So I'm helping to support our local airport.

Councilmember Bassemier: Good job.

President Kiefer: Okay, this is Area Planning Association National Planning Conference?

Brad Mills: Correct.

President Kiefer: What are some of the benefits you pull out of going to this?

Brad Mills: It helps us with staying abreast of current laws and current things that are coming through like green house gases and things, transportation issues. Also with planning issues, we're working with Welborn Foundation to try to implement a complete streets, where we would have sidewalks and trees and bike lanes on all the streets as a requirement as we move forward. So it's got a lot of benefits to help me with both my planning commission office and my metropolitan planning office as well. And I paid for the conference separately, so this is just for travel.

President Kiefer: Okay, discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: Something you guys do every year, right?

Brad Mills: Yes.

President Kiefer: Is this something that you could do every other year and still pretty much keep abreast or is it critical that you have to attend every year?

Brad Mills: I mean, I think its valuable that I attend. I don't know that I would say that its critical. Obviously, you all can make that decision, but its something I think is a value.

President Kiefer: I was just curious, you know, if it's something where maybe we could start looking at some of these conferences as every other year attendance instead of every single year. I do know that you get a lot out of these things because I attend conferences myself for my industry and find them useful, but I've backed off personally to attending every other year, but it's whatever the Council prefers. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Terry: Brad, how often are you traveling? You don't travel very much, correct?

Brad Mills: This is the only time a year I travel.

President Kiefer: Okay, is there a motion?

Councilmember Shetler: Make a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: First by Councilman Shetler, second by Councilman Lloyd. Any other discussion? Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes, I would indicate that, you know, I think that's something you just do need to review on an annual basis whether it would be worthwhile or not, but you had planned for this one, so I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: This is really tough because this is a lot of money and here we are fighting over nickels and dimes and this is a big expensive trip. I'm going to vote no. Councilman Goebel, did you have a comment? Six-one, approved. You're good to go. Thank you.

(Motion carried 6-1/President Kiefer opposed)

**BURDETTE PARK
COUNTY ENGINEER
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Councilmember Goebel: I was going to ask if we could, looking over these, if there is no objection maybe we could just lump them because these are all very minor as far as expenses or do you want to go through each one?

President Kiefer: No, I mean, I agree, I mean, the rest of them are somewhat small. This one was the biggest one. So if no other objection, we'll lump them all together and vote the rest.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Alright, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I see the County Engineer smiling out there, so he's getting off the hook. I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven-zero approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Kiefer: Okay, it appears on the agenda we're done with new business, but I would like to add something to this. Recently we received a – oh I was just going to cover this under new business, but we can cover it later if you want to do the salary ordinance first.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everyone has been given a three page copy of salary ordinance amendments, I'm going to move that they be made part of the record and entered into the minutes with a few corrections. Under Prosecutor, the correct salary line is 1081-1180. I'm going to move that under County Clerk, we strike the salary amendment for line 1010-1260 and approve all others including Health department and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Any other discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven-zero, motion passed.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER EXPENSES FROM CAPITAL MURDER CASE
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President Kiefer: Okay, I had a couple things that I'd like to talk about. First, you all probably received a letter on your desk today from the Vanderburgh County Public Defender Agency. Just gives some details about their expenses due to the Jeffrey Weisheit case and I think, Counselor, you had brought something up to our attention that perhaps we need to have discussion about.

Jeff Ahlers: The only question I had was, I guess, are these monies that and perhaps someone else knows, are these monies that we're getting back into the county or are these monies being paid out to these other attorneys? Like some of the folks that are not employed by the county, obviously, those may be costs that are going right back out. But like, with regard to some of the attorneys who are full-time employees of the county, does that money go to the county, are they being paid that or do they take leave? I always thought they took leave if they get paid, but I don't know how that's working.

Councilmember Lloyd: Maybe the County Auditor could check into it if he doesn't have an answer.

Joe Gries: I haven't seen the letter, so I'm not clear on what we're –

President Kiefer: We're going to pass a copy of the letter down and maybe at the next meeting you can give us an opinion on that.

Joe Gries: I'd be happy to do that.

President Kiefer: Anyway, that letter just landed on everybody's desk today, so please review that and if you have any discussion.

CAJE REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF HIGHWAY 41 NORTH BUS ROUTE

President Kiefer: The other thing was, I have recently received a letter from CAJE which is the organization promoting bus transportation up North 41. CAJE is the Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment. Anyway, they want Councilmembers to attend this April 11th meeting where they're going to have their annual meeting with all their members. I think they said there's some 1,600 members. Anyway, in the letter it says they have a question: with the understanding that County Commissioners are being asked to complete discussions with other stakeholders and develop an appropriate request less than the original 175,000, will this County Council vote yes in support of funding the Highway 41 North bus initiative prior to August 2011? So I just wanted to bring this up today because this is a meeting that's going to be coming up and they're asking for a commitment from this Council on bus funding up the North 41 corridor. And while I can see some very

good things occurring by having a transportation system up North 41, I also understand from today's discussions and all of our previous discussions, that right now, we just don't have monies available and we're talking about potentially cutting employees, I wanted to get the input from this Council and perhaps even make some type of motion on how we would want to proceed with their request. Any discussion or comments?

Councilmember Raben: I received this letter today, I think many of you received it days ago, that was on my desk today. So I guess the question is, it says will you, Councilmen, vote yes in support of funding a Highway 41 North bus initiative prior to August 2011. You know, I would have to answer that no, because none of us know what the budgets will look like, you know, that we'll begin to review the whole month of August. So I don't know if they're looking for that as a formal vote or, you know, I really don't know what they're asking for but –

President Kiefer: Well, I know that by law we probably couldn't all attend anyway because we would have a quorum. I mean, I'm assuming that's right.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I think it's going to be difficult to make any decision on any new monies particularly when you're talking about \$175,000 between now and August. And if that's the question, will we pass and vote approval for the extension of that bus service for up to \$175,000, I think that's going to be a major struggle for this county. I don't know how that happens.

Councilmember Shetler: I don't disagree, but I think Councilman Kiefer's point is really well taken that we might want, I have a conflict and I'm going to be out of town next week, but I think Councilman Kiefer's point is well taken that we probably need to talk about that and see if there's going to be more than three there, we're going to have to either make notice to the media that there will be a majority there or we're going to have to decide amongst ourselves what three would be going.

President Kiefer: Or if there is somebody that wants to go representing the whole group.

Councilmember Terry: I plan to attend, but I don't know that I would be the representative because as you know, I support this project and will probably not waiver on that, but I do understand and recognize the fact that there's still got to be some other partners and other dollars that need to come to the table in order for this project to go forward. I think in just my conversations with them, there is some communication with the Commissioners and EVSC, so I think they are doing some things, but I recognize, too, that the Council may not support this at this time and I know that financially, really, it's not something that we want to do as a new project. But representing on, as the voice, because I think the majority would be no at this time, I don't think I'd probably be the best person to do that on Monday, but I do plan to attend.

President Kiefer: Well, I think if they had a different question in there like, you know, would you support working for something that makes – you know, somehow the question has got to be changed, but, you know, if the question is as it is written today, yeah, you're right, I mean, I'd have to say no.

Councilmember Bassemier: Counselor, it's not illegal for people to show up for these things, I mean, we're not –

Jeff Ahlers: Right, I mean, if you're just attending, I mean, all of you can attend, you

just can't take action. You can't take any final action or make any discussion on anything that would result in a final action. So, I mean, you could act individually, although, getting up and voting on something like this might be interpreted, you might have to be a little careful on that. I would suggest if you're going to do that, maybe you'd have a motion right now and say here's what Council's response is –

Councilmember Terry: It's called an action meeting. I mean, it's their intent that you say what your action would be.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, so I'm just saying, to the extent though that you're taking action in terms of on behalf of the Council, you cannot have a quorum present and do that. If you're talking about Councilmembers being there, being part of a community discussion or what have you, I don't think that violates the Open Door Law, you just need to be a little careful when you start voting on things. So I would suggest maybe if you want to, I guess you could, if you want Council to vote on it, you probably ought to just do it now and you can send whatever you're going to send. Now, one thing I did see and I'm sure all of you know more about it than I do, but there was something in the paper recently about, the METS was going to be cutting, that their funding either may or has been actually cut so there's kind of a, I guess, a step backwards or something. I don't know where that is, but –

Councilmember Goebel: The state has cut METS funding, so they're going to have to reroute what they have already. The other item is, I think Warrick County today is starting a new line that's going to connect right on the outskirts, but their source of funding is entirely different. I don't think it's coming from the Council people there. I think they're getting grants and things like that. We need help and I think we could do a bit toward it, but like we said before, the dental clinic still is not totally funded and CAJE has been very helpful as far as getting that organized, but the funds still are not there. But it would be awfully hard to say a person will vote up to 175,000. I'm not prepared to do that, but perhaps to lend help if we get partners from the private sector, if we get grants from the government, and maybe some help from METS. I think everyone here would like to see transportation up 41. I don't know how much money we have available to do that.

President Kiefer: Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Let me try to help a little. I'm not going to attend, I'm going to be working on taxes that evening, and I am not in favor of that question at this time although I do understand and it is a worthwhile initiative. I wonder if, and I think this has been brought up before, if they could look at the private sector possibilities of Unity Taxi or Yellow Cab, working out something. I think some of us had always had a problem with the original cost and felt that METS had padded that or it just seemed like an awful lot of money, so we still need to look at private initiatives or some kind of cost sharing combination. But anyway, I am not in favor of this question and I will not be attending.

Councilmember Raben: Is that a motion? I think they're looking for some sense of direction and if most of us aren't going to be able to attend, then obviously we –

Councilmember Terry: I would definitely send something because the way it was presented to me, it's almost a form just like this and the Commissioners will be asked a different question and then it will roll directly to us.

Councilmember Lloyd: I attended last year and said no because I didn't think we had the money. I guess I'll make a motion that, regarding the question in the letter that

we all received from CAJE, I guess I'll make a motion that Council would address that, I guess I'll say approve their question, and then we can vote on it. Do you want me to read the question?

President Kiefer: Yeah, will you read the question?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, with the understanding that the County Commissioners are being asked to complete discussion with other stakeholders and develop an appropriate request less than the original 175,000, will you, Councilmembers, vote yes to support funding for Highway 41 North bus initiative prior to August 2011? So I would like that to be a motion to this Council that we vote on today.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second.

Councilmember Goebel: What we're basically asking is, they rephrase the question or come up with a different question because it's awfully hard for us to commit to something that we don't have all the facts, the specifics, the details.

Councilmember Raben: I think the real issue is, will we commit to it before August? That should be what the motion, the real gist of the motion is.

President Kiefer: Right, so the way the question is currently worded by them to us, that's the way the motion is made, so if you would support that then in this vote right now, vote yes. If you would not support that, then vote no.

Councilmember Shetler: Let me make it, I guess a little background on it, too. I guess the reason for this clarification today is that when you're there, they expect a yes or no answer and no elaboration on it. For example, if you say, well, I'm going to vote no and the reason why is I may, if we have a pile of money sitting there, I may vote yes come August and September during budget session. But prior to that time, not knowing if there is a pile of money there, I'd have to vote no. But you're not allowed to answer the question and elaborate on that answer. You're only allowed to say yes or no and then if you say yes, you can elaborate. If you say no, you're expected to sit down immediately without any discussion on that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I might be for it if I knew where the funding was coming from. It might be Riverboat, whatever, but I'm in favor. But we don't have the money right now in any funds to say yes.

President Kiefer: In order for a yes answer, the question would definitely have to be changed. But anyway, the motion is on the floor and there's a second, if we can do a roll call please.

Councilmember Bassemier: And tell me again, what's the motion?

President Kiefer: The motion is, would you vote yes for \$175,000 or less before August of 2011 for bus transportation services for North 41. Is that pretty much the gist of your motion?

Councilmember Raben: That's what the question is in the letter.

Councilmember Bassemier: My answer would be yes if the funding is there. But they don't want that answer.

Councilmember Shetler: No, they don't. It's whether or not you have the money or not, would you support this?

Councilmember Bassemier: I think this is a loaded question.

President Kiefer: But that's the question they gave us.

Councilmember Lloyd: I just took it verbatim from their letter.

Councilmember Raben: Will we make a decisive decision between now and August? You know, my intent will be to vote no because I'm not going to commit additional county funds until I have a picture of what our budget looks like. That's how my vote is going to –

President Kiefer: Okay, so we'll do the roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Can you come back to me?

Councilmember Shetler: They're not going to let you do that Monday night.

Councilmember Terry: You want me to answer the question that they have sent to us in the letter, that's it, right?

President Kiefer: Right.

Councilmember Terry: My answer Monday was going to be that I have been in support of this project and I will continue to be in support of this project with a little extra on to that.

Councilmember Goebel: Could I interrupt for a second?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: When we voted here before, Stephanie, I think we voted some seed money of around \$60,000 a year ago. It was voted down, but that was the amount we were looking at, not \$175,000. And that's, to me, the real catch here. I don't think we can commit that kind of money.

Councilmember Terry: So, no, before August, whatever is the date?

President Kiefer: Right.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'm actually doing CAJE a favor, I'm asking the Council to vote specifically on their question today.

President Kiefer: They might change the question, Stephanie, to soften it up.

Councilmember Lloyd: If it's a poorly worded question, that's their problem.

Councilmember Bassemier: We know you're for it but the funding is not there, so –

Councilmember Terry: Correct.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I'm going to echo the same thing. I think you know my vote is going to be no, too, but I'm in favor of it, but –

Jeff Ahlers: She has to vote herself.

Councilmember Shetler: Although they want us to have a surrogate there, so that works, too.

Teri Lukeman: So your vote is...?

Councilmember Terry: I said no, based on the time frame that before August 15th or whatever the date is, I would not be able to make that commitment.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I echo that. No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I think I stated my case. I'm sympathetic but not under these conditions. No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, I'm sympathetic as well, but in this situation I have to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I echo the sentiments, you know, I do see value of having a good transit system, especially where the businesses are, but at this point I have to vote no because we just don't have the money.

Councilmember Bassemier: Could we just send a letter stating that? Does anybody have to attend since the vote is no?

Councilmember Shetler: It's kind of a tradition that the president attends and –

President Kiefer: Thank you very much, Councilman Shetler.

Councilmember Raben: Motion to adjourn.

Jeff Ahlers: One thing I was going to point out on that issue is, keep in mind, of course, we don't know whether it's going to pass or what's going to happen with it, but you do have consolidation going on. If consolidation would pass, that would then

become a metro issue. So that's just out there looming, you know, whether or not that takes into consideration how you'd go about solving the problem, but...

President Kiefer: Alright, motion to adjourn, we're adjourned. Thank you.

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

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Joe Kiefer

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Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Stephanie Terry

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VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MAY 4, 2011

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of May in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Council President Joe Kiefer.

President Kiefer: I'd like to open the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. If we could, please take roll call attendance.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben		X*
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Kiefer	X	

*Arrived shortly after attendance called.

President Kiefer: Thank you. We have a quorum so we can get started. I'd like to ask Dr. Ray Nicholson to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES APRIL 6, 2011</p>
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President Kiefer: Thank you. Do we have a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2011?

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: All in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Okay, so approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</p>

President Kiefer: We'll move to the appropriation ordinance. James, do you want to do this or do you want me to go ahead and ...

Councilmember Raben: No, I'm fine. I was next door in a meeting with the Building

Authority on one of the requests, so I'm running just a few minutes late.

PROSECUTOR (TWO REQUESTS)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first on the agenda under Prosecutor 1080-3948 Death Penalty Case, I move we approve \$50,000.

President Kiefer: I'd like to open that for discussion because while the Prosecutor –

Jeff Ahlers: Did you get a second?

President Kiefer: Okay, is there a second? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll second, but I guess I would question that amount, if we need to go that high.

President Kiefer: Yeah, that's why I was going to open it up for discussion thinking maybe, Jim, that 25,000 might be –

Councilmember Raben: That's fine, this was the number that we floated around last week, but I'll amend my motion to 25,000.

Councilmember Lloyd: Amended second.

President Kiefer: Okay, further discussion? Yes?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, I think in this situation we're all sympathetic to the problems. We did receive a report from the Prosecutor's office this morning about monies that have been expended in the death penalty case prior, which was what Council had asked for. But I think at this point, appropriate some money to allow him to expend money on expert witnesses and fees of that nature while we digest how we want to tackle the bulk of the appropriations.

President Kiefer: I see the Prosecutor is out in the audience. Nick, I know you went through this last Wednesday but perhaps there's some new details in your report that you'd like to highlight.

Nick Hermann: Just recapping what we talked about last week, I understand the financial situation the county is in, and I think we proposed last week possibly rolling this out over a series of months, if that's helpful to the Council. We have incurred expenses; we're continuing to incur expenses. We've hired some experts for a suppression hearing that was scheduled for this month. It's been bumped into June, but we are in the process of acquiring experts and beginning to expend money.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. Prosecutor, as of right now, you still have a trial date in August?

Nick Hermann: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Kiefer: Yes?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Hermann, will this be the last time you come before us asking for any monies for this here case?

Nick Hermann: Not at 25,000, no. We are not going to ask for anything above the 250,000 that we've asked for. In fact, what our goal is, is obviously, we want to be able to try the case and hire the experts that we need. We have the burden of proof in this case and we're looking to somewhat even the playing field with the defense already getting a half million. We have the burden of proof, we accept that burden but our goal is to do this as cost effectively as possible, and if possible, return some of this money to the Council after the case is concluded.

President Kiefer: Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll rephrase that question a little differently then. This 25,000, will it be adequate to get some of your expert witnesses, some travel expenses, some things that you need to get done within the next 30, 45, 60 days?

Nick Hermann: It's hard to say. I think this is going to about cover the suppression hearing we're going to have the first or second week in June.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Hermann, we understand you have the burden of proof, but that's the way it is in every case that you bring to trial, I would think. We just, I think based on prior history of capital cases, and according to the information Mr. Ahlers sent, just in general, state of Indiana prosecutor offices tend to absorb or somehow work these cases out without coming to Council for additional funding. Now this is extraordinary and I know every case is different, but I do think that we need a good copy of expenses as you go and I do think we also need to look more closely at the public defender, and see how he is expending the money. And I think that's probably in process already, so that's all I have to say.

President Kiefer: Okay, anything else from any Councilmembers? Okay, well then we have a first and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: We've never done this in the past, in my fifteen years, going on fifteen years on the Council, and we can't afford it right now. I'm going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I will go along with 25,000 today, but I don't know how much more than that down the road. I think Mr. Bassemier has made a good point.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'm going to vote yes, but also we're going to have to deal with this at future Council meetings, so I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I'll echo the sentiments and vote yes, so that's six to seven approved. Thank you. Or six to one, I'm sorry.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-3948	Death Penalty Case	250,000.00	25,000.00
Total		250,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Bassemier opposed)

Councilmember Shetler: I might just mention that you and I during the past week have met with the Public Defender's office and we are trying to put a lid on that whole side of the expense equation as well, so it's not that we're trying to pick sides here or trying to be unfair about it. There are activities and things going on to try to put a lid on that as well, and I feel confident that we're going to reach some kind of an understanding there that's going to help hold the lid there. So –

President Kiefer: And I'd like to state as well that any activity that we're doing will not have any kind of negative effect on the case itself. We're looking at expenses but not anything that will in any way will jeopardize the defendant's or the Prosecutor's case, because we're not affecting that in any way at all. We're just looking at the expenses and controlling expenses in an efficient way. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I was curious, maybe someone can shed some light or Mr. Ahlers could, when these cases are venued, who determines the site where the cases are sent? Because it would seem to me, we could find a place closer that we may not have as many expenses as far as travel and things like that?

Nick Hermann: I'll bail you out, Jeff. The motion for change of venue was filed by the defense and granted by the court. I'm not sure why Clark County was chosen. Clark County has been used several times in the past by the prior administration to try various cases. The point of a change of venue is to get it out of the media market and so, I guess, if you go east, you've got to get into Louisville's media market. If you were to go north, you'd have to get into the Terra Haute media market. But certainly somewhere closer, somewhere that we could reasonable commute back and forth from, would certainly decrease expenses considerably because that's a pretty big expense for as long as these trials are.

Councilmember Goebel: We've utilized Pike County, I think, in the past as well, have we not, the city of Washington as well, are they in this media market as well?

Nick Hermann: I want to say they're in our media market, but I could be wrong.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't know, it seems like my memory, it seems like we did go to those for capital cases before, closer communities.

President Kiefer: One other comment is that, you know, when we talk about the expenses, we're looking at things, like again, not affect, in any way at all affecting the case itself but, I mean, we're looking at who pays for certain things. Is there certain things the state pays for, are there certain things the state police or other offices already have resources that could help fund some of these things or provide services so we're not, I just want to reiterate to the public, we're not affecting the case by looking at the cost of this thing and analyzing the cost, because there's other sources of how these things are paid. But Councilman Raben or somebody else, I didn't know if you had or you were wanting to make a comment?

Councilmember Raben: No.

President Kiefer: Okay, well then I think we'll –

Councilmember Raben: We'll move on to the Prosecutor, Investigator, FICA and PERF in the amount of \$9,098, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, discussion. None? Then we'll have a roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That's seven/zero approved.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1210-1080	Investigator	7,849.00	7,849.00
1080-1900	FICA	601.00	601.00

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1080-1910	PERF	648.00	648.00
Total		9,098.00	9,098.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ELECTION OFFICE

Councilmember Raben: Election Office, under Contractual Services, we've been told that the city will work with us in trying to one, either pay early or we've also found that the State Board of Accounts is okay with paying this account in the red. So either way, we can zero this one out. So I move it be set in at zero.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, discussion?

Councilmember Goebel: This is for the general election, that portion?

President Kiefer: Yeah, and this is for the city election, and so, like Councilman Raben said, we're good to zero this out. So any other discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that's seven/zero, approved.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1210-3530	Contractual Services	125,122.00	0.00
Total		125,122.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT (TWO REQUESTS)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Circuit Court, we have two requests, one for a Court Reporter at a total with FICA and PERF, \$10,089, and then Riding Bailiff, for \$2,432, I'll move approval for both requests.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Discussion? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Just to recap, Judge Heldt was here last week and he explained these changes in personnel and it doesn't have a big fiscal impact on the county.

President Kiefer: And it's not adding to the number of employees. Okay roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that's seven/zero, approved.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1130-1360	Court Reporter	8,705.00	8,705.00
1360-1900	FICA	666.00	666.00
1360-1910	PERF	718.00	718.00
Total		10,089.00	10,089.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1310-1360	Riding Bailiff Ct. Rep.	2,098.00	2,098.00
1360-1900	FICA	161.00	161.00
1360-1910	PERF	173.00	173.00
Total		2,432.00	2,432.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services, 1371-3600 Rent, the request is \$7,650, I'm going to move that we set that in at \$1,275, which will get them paid up until August.

President Kiefer: Did you say \$1,275?

Councilmember Raben: Yes. That will buy them a few extra months until they work out relocating into the Old Courthouse or somewhere within these confines.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: I think Ms. Koch might have something to say about it, she checked out over at the courthouse. Ms. Koch?

Deloris Koch: I don't have much news at this point, but I did check the Old Courthouse. There is a space that could be big enough for us but there is presently a tenant in part of it that they'll have to move out if the person is willing to move. So I don't know yet whether that's going to be available to us, but I did check it out. There is one space over there that would be appropriate, I believe.

President Kiefer: Okay, will you please keep us posted on how that activity goes?

Deloris Koch: Sure.

President Kiefer: Thank you very much. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: I appreciate they're willing to work with us on that and we have space, the county has space at the Courthouse, it makes sense to move an agency that's outside in a private building to the county's facility.

President Kiefer: Yeah, and I appreciate your office, it's always been cooperative and willing to look at opportunities and I think overall, this does save us some money. So thank you for doing that. Okay, no other discussion, we'll have a roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven/zero. It passed.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1371-3600	Rent	7,650.00	1,275.00
Total		7,650.00	1,275.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL PROJECT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Jail Project, Facility Improvements in the amount of \$120,000, I'm going to move that this be set in at zero, and then also I would like to call attention that our Executive Assistant and Sarah put copies of two different dates of minutes, October of '08 and November of '08 on our desk. If you would take time between now and our next Council meeting to review those minutes. I think there's some confusion in regards to this \$120,000. I'm of the opinion that it's owed to us, not owed to them. So –

Councilmember Kiefer: I like your way of thinking.

Councilmember Raben: And it's a figure of \$160,000 owed to us instead of us owing the Building Authority 120. So again, if everybody will read those, I've already told Dave Rector that we're going to delay any action on this and so, again, I'm setting this in at zero.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, roll call vote please. Oh, any other discussion? Okay, then roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven/zero, approved.

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3660-4196	Facility Improvements	120,000.00	0.00
Total		120,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REPEAL REQUEST & TRANSFER REQUESTS

**REPEAL:
SUPERIOR COURT**

**TRANSFERS:
PROSECUTOR
CIRCUIT COURT
REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR**

President Kiefer: We'll move on down to –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we've got one repeal in the amount of \$10,089 that offsets the earlier appropriation. Along with that, we have some transfers for the Prosecutor, Circuit Court and County Assessor under Reassessment. Mr. President, I'm going to move that we approve all those that I've just cited as listed.

President Kiefer: Okay, is there a second please?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Second Councilman Terry. Discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven/zero, approved.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1190-1370	Court Reporter	8,705.00	8,705.00
1370-1900	FICA	666.00	666.00
1370-1910	PERF	718.00	718.00
Total		10,089.00	10,089.00

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1080-1270-1080	Director of Administration	3,784.00	3,784.00
To: 1080-1210-1080	Investigator	3,784.00	3,784.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-1120-1360	Court Reporter	4,661.00	4,661.00
To: 1360-1310-1360	Riding Bailiff/ Court Reporter	4,661.00	4,661.00

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1090-1990	Extra Help	23,815.00	23,815.00
To: 2490-1090-1300	Regular Overtime	22,000.00	22,000.00
2490-1090-1910	PERF	1,815.00	1,815.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST TO FILL TWO VACANCIES
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President Kiefer: Okay, that takes us down to new business, and we have Circuit Court request to fill two vacancies. And I think we probably already have -- Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Judge Heldt was here last week and we addressed that.

President Kiefer: Yeah, we've already addressed it and approved the funding.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, I think we still would have to vote.

President Kiefer: Alright, is there a motion to approve?

Councilmember Lloyd: Make a motion to approve the Circuit Court request to fill two vacancies which are not new positions, they're replacements.

President Kiefer: Second please?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Raben second. Discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven/zero approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Kiefer: Now we'll move down to Superior Court request to fill vacancy. Is there somebody here to – okay, Judge Lloyd.

Maggie Lloyd: Good morning, Maggie Lloyd. Part of the Circuit Court appropriations is they received a Riding Bailiff, who was formerly my Bailiff, so I need to fill my Bailiff position. And I have found a person, she would be a new hire.

President Kiefer: Okay, but we're not adding anybody –

Maggie Lloyd: It's not an addition.

President Kiefer: Not an addition, this is a replacement. Any questions from Councilmembers? Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Judge Lloyd, I don't mean to put you on the spot here, thinking a little bit out of the box, there six Superior Court Judges?

Maggie Lloyd: There's seven Superior Court.

Councilmember Shetler: If the offices were reconfigured somehow down there and I don't know, set up with a receptionist, is there a way that maybe more employees could be shared, you know, bailiffs and secretarial and that, that –

Maggie Lloyd: First, there's a statute which gives each Superior Court Judge a Bailiff, a Riding Bailiff and a Court Reporter, so each of us are entitled to our own particular employee. It's kind of hard to say about reconfiguring because you've got juvenile court, which is very separate. You've got misdemeanor, which we have court reporters in there. We don't really have staff beyond that, though. We have misdemeanor probation. It would be hard to come up today and say exactly how to reconfigure things. I suppose certain positions could be looked at about changing. I'm not sure exactly what changes.

Councilmember Shetler: And I know I'm putting you on the spot, just something I've been thinking about just more recently and wondering if we couldn't gain some efficiencies by consolidating or sharing clerical and people within the office. The law that you're referring to, does it require you to have that or you may have that?

Maggie Lloyd: I believe it's a shall, to require.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, thank you.

President Kiefer: Alright, any other comments from Councilmembers?

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

President Kiefer: Second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Second from Councilman Shetler. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Judge Lloyd, you have your position and seven/zero approved. Thank you.

Maggie Lloyd: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Kiefer: Okay, I see the County Clerk is here if you'd like to come up.

Susan Kirk: Good morning.

President Kiefer: Good morning. I know you submitted a request and just thought maybe you'd tell us briefly about what it is and –

Susan Kirk: Well, the request I submitted, of course, a couple of months ago actually, but anyway, this position, they go into Circuit Court, Judge Heldt's office morning, afternoon, and when they're not there, which takes most of their day doing that, they are adding on the new cases and bringing, you know, those cases up to date. I will tell you this, because we've had a shortage now of employees waiting to see what's going on and getting them hired, I've got people that we've had to switch their vacations, time off, we're coming up on summer, just to try to get things done and that's going to cause a problem, so I just want to let you know that, you know, these people are due these vacations and time off, and we're having to kind of tell them no at the moment.

President Kiefer: Okay, and how long have you had this position vacant? I can't remember. I know it's line item 1260, but I can't remember how long it's been.

Susan Kirk: It's been what, Donna, a month? A month.

President Kiefer: Month? Okay, and you probably answered this before, too, but again, just refresh my memory, has everything been paid out on this position or is there still monies owed?

Susan Kirk: Yeah, it's pretty good. We had to wait on a couple of other positions that we've got one that's going to start Monday that we were waiting, you know, to be paid out, but this one is ready to go.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other questions from – Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I don't have a question of our Clerk, but I was thinking, in terms, you know, we have two methods of rules of order, one that we have our own Council rules that we follow and the second is that we use Robert's Rules where those rules of ours don't apply or aren't mentioned, I think. And our rules are that something that we've taken on doesn't come back before this Council for six months. And I was thinking that this was something that we dealt with last month. So I was thinking that it was another five months or so before this would come back, unless I'm incorrect on that.

Susan Kirk: Well, you said at the last Council meeting that you wanted me to come back to do this the next time, so that's why I'm here.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other thoughts from other Councilmembers?

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel, did you have –

Councilmember Goebel: No, I think the last meeting there was kind of left up in the air if we were going to reconsider this position. We filled two and this one was, I think, still open.

Councilmember Lloyd: To allow a vote, I'm going to second.

President Kiefer: Okay, so we have a first by Councilman Bassemier, second by Councilman Lloyd. Any other discussion? Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just to refresh my memory, Susie, we have a total of how many employees in your office?

Susan Kirk: I think it's 52.

Councilmember Raben: And you're currently operating with 51?

Susan Kirk: No, we're currently operating right now with 50 because we had to wait for the buyout for one employee that had been here for a while, so we get to replace her position, the supervisor position, Monday and then this one we'd be able to do and the other one we were able to fill.

Councilmember Lloyd: So two short right now.

Susan Kirk: Yeah. And we've got, you know, a few pregnant and got surgeries coming up, different things like that, and of course, nothing we can do about that. We can't say no, you can't have that baby right now.

Councilmember Raben: What percentage of the time, Susie, would you say this person spends working within the Circuit Court?

Susan Kirk: In the courtroom? I would say probably in the morning you're talking two, two and a half hours. Afternoon, probably another two, two and a half hours depending on the cases. So it's pretty well half of their day is in the courtroom, so and then they have to, of course, they have other duties also that they have to take care of.

Councilmember Raben: And just thinking out loud, like, in this situation, and I really don't know all the ins and outs of your office, I mean, you may have several employees that do this throughout the entire courts, but where you have the Circuit Court as an example, that has a pretty sizable amount of money, it's been a long time since I've looked at it, but they have accounts and lines where there's user fees and what have you that could this person be part of their payroll? Could this person be shifted to the Circuit Courts and paid out of a non-general fund line?

Susan Kirk: Well, I don't know whether Circuit Court wants to take on another person or whether they've got enough room to put another person in their office, because it would be nice if we could empty up a desk over there and then someone else could do all those duties. Circuit Court has their people that go in there, too.

Councilmember Raben: I understand, but if –

Susan Kirk: So if they're just different duties as to what they do, but as far as the Circuit Court taking on that responsibility, I don't know. You'd have to talk to Judge Heldt about that. I don't know that that's going to work because the Clerk's office is responsible for keeping certain records and they aren't, we are. So the job duties would have to literally be switched and added on to the Circuit Court because, like I said, they actually do other things while they're in the Clerk's office, too, daily things that they do. There's other cases that are coming in, it's just, you know ...

Councilmember Raben: Still, could, you know, I mean, technically, a person could still go into your office and do that a couple hours a day, but I'm just, you know, again, trying to figure out another way to shift some of the burden off the general fund into other –

Susan Kirk: Well, like I said, you know, we've really, when all this came about, and we were cut an employee and then, of course, one down to part-time, the Judges, we did, we sat down and tried to discuss, okay, what are we going to do here now. Because, like I said, many times the case load is way up, so we did make changes. We, in the Clerk's office, have made changes ever since I've been in the office to try to keep up with the caseload increase and because my staff is good and smart, we have come up with different ways that we can try to keep up with the load, but it's getting to the point that there's not much more we can do right now. We're going to try to go with the Odyssey system with the state but now the state doesn't have much money so they've backed off of some of the things that we could have done to make the transition, so right now, we can't do that. So there's just things that, you know, that's the way it is.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, it appears, as Councilman Raben pointed out, this position is primarily or at least the majority of the time is spent with the court, correct?

Susan Kirk: I'd say about half their time. Like I said, it depends on the case, how long they're stuck in there.

Councilmember Goebel: If we followed up on Mr. Raben's idea, could we hold this position off for now? Who is doing this work at this point in time?

Susan Kirk: Well, right now, we've crossed trained quite a few people but they've got vacations and time off coming up to where it's not going to work. We just, you know, and I can't – my staff is very good about understanding how, okay, you know, I'll change my vacation around, but I just, I don't think that's fair that, you know, and I know some of you think that these positions are what you'd call entry level, like they're nothing. But I ask any one of you to please come to my office and sit down at one of those entry level positions and see what you think about it.

President Kiefer: Susie, I'd like to say that I think every position in the county is important and I know they're valuable to the county, so I don't want to say that any position or any employee is unimportant, but we're just –

Susan Kirk: But theirs is, it's very, you know, it's something that the only place you're going to learn it is there. But I have heard entry level, this is just entry level, and just because their pay is not very well, I mean, it is not. I mean, it's very important what they do, it's intricate, so anyway.

Councilmember Goebel: But I think the point we're trying to make is not taking anything away from the importance of the position, but if we could transfer the burden away from this body and put it to, since most of the work is done in Circuit Court, maybe the Circuit Court could pick it up and help us out and still do the work.

Susan Kirk: Well, like I said, you would have to talk to Judge Heldt about that and see if he wants to assume those duties. He can have the desk if he's going to assume those duties, so –

Councilmember Goebel: I think it would be worth our time –

Susan Kirk: But it needs to be done now because, like I said, we're coming up here May, June vacation times and we're just – we're running out. I can't tell people any more, oh, by the way, you need to switch that vacation. I'm not going to do it. And I've got news for you, if we don't have somebody show up in Judge Heldt's office, or in the courtroom, that's probably not a good thing.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other discussion? Thank you, Susie. I guess we'll call for – wait a second, do we have a motion –

Councilmember Bassemier: And a second.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, Mr. Bassemier made a motion and I seconded.

President Kiefer: Okay, all the discussion, I lost track of where we were. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I do agree, this is something that we should look at kind of moving forward, but my vote is yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Nothing really has changed financially for the county and dollars are going to be very tight and it's a matter of us either making some hard decisions right now or making some very difficult decisions in August and having to hand out some pink slips to people that will probably be a lot more drastic and painful than what we'd have to do on eliminating a few positions by attrition. So being that I see nothing changed in the past month, I'm going to have to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I just think with maybe the possibility of moving this over, the burden over to Judge Heldt, if we could investigate that between now and June, --

Susan Kirk: We could and, I mean, the thing of it is, if you go ahead and let me have this employee today, we will work on that and if it can happen, we can do it. So it's not like if you vote yes today, we're not going to --

Councilmember Goebel: The line item is coming out of the general fund, though, is that correct?

Susan Kirk: But we can switch that. If Judge Heldt says fine, I'll take that position and pay for it out of whatever funds you were talking about, we can do that any time, but if you don't let me have the employee, we're going to have some problems until the time that Judge Heldt could take this person if that's what they want to do.

Councilmember Goebel: You know, that's kind of a tough spot here, but I think if Judge Heldt, since the job is primarily or over fifty percent dealing with his office, maybe he could help us and we could approach him.

Susan Kirk: We will look into that, but in the meantime, --

Councilmember Goebel: But would he then be in charge of the hire?

Susan Kirk: I'll switch it. I could fire, he could hire. It's that simple.

Councilmember Goebel: Well -

Susan Kirk: It's transferring.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm not saying no to this permanently, but I think today, until we get it clear, I'm going to go with a no vote and we'll see if the idea can progress through Judge Heldt. So we'll see.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Susie, again, I'm sympathetic of your need here, I'm going to ask that we delay this one more month, and you're grandfathered in our rules, but again, looking at Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation account, you know, there's over \$300,000 --

Susan Kirk: I know, Jim, but I don't understand why you can't go ahead and let me have it and then go work on it.

Councilmember Raben: I think we lose our leverage, frankly.

Susan Kirk: No, you won't. Okay, you don't want to take my word, that's fine.

Councilmember Raben: I'd like to delay this as well, and if you'll set up a meeting with yourself and me and the Judge sometime between now and the time to act next month –

Susan Kirk: I'm hoping I can do it tomorrow.

Councilmember Raben: – so I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: No, it's three to four. And we'll work with Councilman Raben and Judge Heldt.

(Motion failed 3-4/Councilmembers Shetler, Goebel, Raben & Kiefer opposed)

Susan Kirk: One other thing, I just want to let you guys know that I'm going to start working on the vote centers like this week. Instead of having eighty-nine polling places, if we would have had the vote centers in place, we'd have maybe fourteen at the most, which will save, we'll have up front cost, I'll come back with a cost comparison, when we think we'd be able to recoup our money, but the way that you have to go through it is that you would have to vote to let this happen, so I just want to let you know that I'll be getting you information. Be sure that you read it. I'll email it to you within the next month or so and we'll see if we can save some money there.

Councilmember Lloyd: Would that be an expense the city would have to bear?

Susan Kirk: No.

Councilmember Lloyd: You're looking at for 2012?

Susan Kirk: No, I want to start this in the fall. I would rather implement it in a city election rather than a presidential election, so we are going to work on it. I've got both county chairmen lined up, they're for it and we're just going to kind of go through and get some ideas of the three pilot counties that have it, it's kind of a work in progress. So I will get some numbers for you, some ideas of where our polling places will be and the cut in the cost. Like I said, instead of having 89 or 132 precincts, we're going to go way down. And that will be saving quite a bit of money in the long run. Like I said, we'll have to buy laptops and some software, but I don't think it's going to take too long that we would recoup our money and our election cost is going to go down and be actually more convenient for the voters hopefully.

Councilmember Lloyd: So instead of eighty-eight precincts and roughly like seventy voting locations, go down to like twenty or less?

Susan Kirk: Yeah, every precinct has their own polling place. So we pay five people to show up at all eighty-nine places. And, you know, like yesterday, we had some of them, like, twenty-five voters. It's just, so I'm hoping that this is going to go through and get this implemented and like I said, within a couple of years, we're going to be saving some big bucks. Plus the fact, it's very, very difficult to get people to work at the polls any more. Very busy society.

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, this was just passed by the legislature this session, is that correct?

Susan Kirk: Yes, it was. There's been three counties that have done it for three years, the pilot, and they love it. So I've been wanting to do it but, of course, I couldn't do it until the bill passed, that we could. So now that we can, I want to get it going and it will just be easier to start it in a city election, when we don't have the whole county voting.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, thank you. I think it's an excellent idea.

Susan Kirk: So, we'll get it going. Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: I think Tippecanoe was one of those counties, I believe, Lafayette.

Susan Kirk: They were, yes. And the software, they tried it, it works very well. Unlike what we do now, when you go to the library, we're actually running through the state system, but the state system obviously couldn't handle that volume, so we have to purchase software and I think that's around \$10,000 for that. But it's working very well for the other three counties and so, but I will be back before you because according to the way you do it, Council, Commissioners, Election Board, we all have to vote yes that we want to do it, but we'll try to have numerous things in place so that you're very aware of what this actually entails, but it's going to be quite a cost savings in the long run.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, thank you, because I think that's a great idea.

Susan Kirk: Okay, thanks.

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Kiefer: Next we'll move down to the Prosecutor and I see Nick Hermann is still here, so if you'd like to come explain this little shift in the employment, how you're going to handle moving one employee over and the part-time employee.

Nick Hermann: Alright, this is for the part-time employee?

President Kiefer: I think it's both. You've got one full time and one part-time.

Nick Hermann: What's happened is we had an investigator leave. It looks like it's line item 1080-1210 that became vacant, that position has already run through all the vacation time and all those types of things, it's ready for a hire. What we're seeking to do, is move Angela Watson over into that position. Additionally, we have asked for permission to hire, it's been past practice to hire law school students as part-time legal interns. Given the funds that we have, we're not asking for multiple positions at this time, we're asking for a line item to put one part-time legal intern. This particular intern has been volunteering in our office now for, I believe, close to two

years and we're just trying to get her some funding this summer and what we're proposing is to pay that money out of the infraction/deferral funds so it won't cost the general fund –

President Kiefer: Nick, if I understand it right, like on the Investigator's position, you're taking the person that was the Director of the Pre-Trial Diversion and you're vacating that position. So you're just moving that person over from one slot to another.

Nick Hermann: That's correct.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Filling a full time with a part time, then.

Nick Hermann: Actually, what we're doing is we're eliminating a full time and we're filling in with other full-time people. We're just – our office, due to staffing levels and the need to try and keep cutting costs, we're accumulating more and more work.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so it's a gain for eliminating one.

President Kiefer: Yeah, you're eliminating one full-time position. So thanks for your work on that. Any other discussion or questions amongst Councilmembers? Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: What do you have, two Investigators?

Nick Hermann: We have a total of, including the one in Adult Protective Services, we have a total of five.

Councilmember Shetler: How do they work differently than using the local Sheriff's department and city police and state police?

Nick Hermann: I don't want to throw other departments under the bus but let me say this, a couple of years ago a decision was made to eliminate some positions within the police department, which necessitated our office now investigates the majority of misdemeanors that are not a result of an arrest. So if somebody writes a ticket, we investigate those and we do so for the police department and the Sheriff's department. The Sheriff's department typically gets us a full file and we don't have as much work to do on those, but those Investigators deal with about 2,500 cases that they investigate each year. Unfortunately, we don't have any felony investigators for our felony cases. It's all consumed with the misdemeanor cases at this point.

Councilmember Shetler: Could you give me an example so I can put my arms around this thing a little bit?

Nick Hermann: If you get arrested, for example, for a DUI, they're going to take you to jail, you're going to get arrested, and in that instance, we usually get a pretty full file and all we have to do is prepare the charging information and get it filed. If you get cited for a public intox or disorderly conduct or something and you get a ticket and you're not arrested or if somebody makes a report, if somebody busts in a window in your car and you call the police department and make a report, our investigators typically pick those up and do the investigation behind those.

Councilmember Shetler: At one time that was done by the city police?

Nick Hermann: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: About how long has it been that you've had to absorb the cost?

Nick Hermann: I want to say eight or ten years. It's been some time.

Councilmember Shetler: Do you know how many police officers that saved or they were able to cut back?

Nick Hermann: I don't. It would be hard to say. I don't think they had people full time doing the reports and those types of things. I think it's something that you do at the end of your shift, after you're through with things, so it's hard to say. But it certainly is a savings to law enforcement when we're able to do that. We rely almost solely in our felony cases on the detectives from the sheriff's department and the police department to help in those capacities. But in the misdemeanors, there are just so many of them that, you know, at some point there was a shift made in staffing and our office had to make a decision whether to continue filing them or not. And we're not in a position where we can say, we're not going to prosecute misdemeanors.

Councilmember Shetler: Are we duplicating the process, though, by the way it's being done today? Whereas before it was kind of one person took care of it? And again, I'm totally for it, so I don't know the process, but it seems to me that somebody has seen the action, wrote a ticket, and put that, and then dropped it after that, and then somebody in your office has to kind of pick up the ball and go forward, but in order to go forward, they have to kind of go backwards a little bit and talk to the ticketing officer and get a little bit of background.

Nick Hermann: We typically have our information from the arresting officer, it's information from the victims. The victims call our office, tracking down the other witnesses, those types of things.

Councilmember Shetler: The investigators, are they typically retired officers, like police officers, sheriff deputies, etcetera?

Nick Hermann: That has happened in the past. We have a mix of both. Our chief investigator has been with our office, I believe, for thirty years, her whole career has been doing this. And she does a great job at it so it's kind of hard to say. In the past there have been hires of retired deputies or officers, but sometimes it's a matter of hiring someone and getting them trained.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Kiefer: We'll look for a motion then to approve.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve. Do we want to address the part-time \$10 salary? That's the other part of the request.

Councilmember Goebel: That's one day a week, is that correct?

Nick Hermann: Yes. That's correct.

Councilmember Raben: It's all the same request.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, motion to approve both as submitted.

President Kiefer: Second please?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Kiefer: Second from Councilman Raben. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that's seven/zero approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES
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President Kiefer: Next is the Sheriff, Eric Williams, request to fill nine deputies, four jail confinement, and one community correction confinement vacancy. So it's a big day at the Sheriff's office.

Eric Williams: Well, that depends. Good morning. You've got my request in front of you. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Are some of the deputies that are going to be September 16th, you just want permission to hire those?

Eric Williams: Trying to be a little bit more proactive and the retirements that we

know about, the vacancies we know about, getting those people scheduled for the vacancies to attend the academy, so we've gone ahead and detailed those and given you a planned hire date so that we can schedule them for the academy.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I think we may have addressed this before, but line number six listed a Corporal and that should just be a Deputy, is that correct?

Eric Williams: It's currently a Corporal, but I'm asking permission to switch that to a Deputy because we – yeah we wanted to make that one a Deputy, which is the lower pay scale.

President Kiefer: Do these add to the total number?

Eric Williams: There are no additional personnel other than what was approved in the budget, current full force.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to make a recommendation, let's at least act through the ones that will need to be hired in June. That will allow him time to start his search or start looking for people, so that would be the first ten items.

President Kiefer: Okay, so was that in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Kiefer: Okay, there's a first and a second. Discussion? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I just had a question, you mentioned the academy, you're wanting to put the entire group together at the academy, even the ones that would be hired officially or take –

Eric Williams: No, the group that would be hired in June and July will probably go together and then the two that would be hired in December, they would go the first of January. I need to have them on payroll before I can get them in, so they would be in the first session in January.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: I got a question.

President Kiefer: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, how would this help the cause here, you just don't want to, I mean, he's not going to use the money until he hires them so why are we putting off?

Councilmember Raben: I don't know the sentiment of this Council. I mean, there's fourteen requests here, I'm just trying to be realistic and get the ones that are coming up soon in place. So it seemed like the reasonable thing to do.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, he had a game plan why it was better for him to do it this way, his way.

Eric Williams: I can live with that motion, I'm okay with that. I mean, I'll be back for these others. I'm trying to give you as much information as early as possible so you have an idea where we're going to be throughout the year. That's why I went ahead and listed dates just so you know that it really doesn't impact me today, in fact, the last two are going to be on the payroll through September anyway. But they have tendered their retirement papers, so we know exactly when they're leaving. So we're trying to let you have some foresight and planning, the same information that I have.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's a good idea then, Jim. I was just curious.

Councilmember Goebel: So you're okay with Mr. Raben's motion?

Eric Williams: Knowing I'll be back on the other ones later in the year, but yes, I couldn't hire them anyway, the positions are currently filled, but we know they are going to vacate.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

Councilmember Lloyd: Question. Are any of these positions paid with user fees?

Eric Williams: No. All those are general fund items with the exception of the very first one, which is the confinement and that's the housing grant.

Councilmember Lloyd: And I believe you had indicated on the confinement, and I don't know if there's a magic number, but when you're short on those positions, that you'd have to schedule other confinement officers in overtime.

Eric Williams: Correct. In the Teamster's bargaining agreement, we have minimum staffing levels on each shift, so obviously when we get to a certain point trying to accommodate vacation, off time, sick time, those things, to stay at that minimum staffing, when my pool is reduced, I'm going to have to use overtime. Now we're doing a fairly good job managing right now, but it's going to get tougher as the year goes on and more vacation is taken. I've been notified that I've got two more that are going to be leaving on short notice.

Councilmember Lloyd: But none of these confinement are paid with user fees?

Eric Williams: No. I still have several user fee confinement slots open, too, that you previously had given me approval to fill once the funding is in place within the user fee account to fund them.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

President Kiefer: Joe, so all this will be paid for out of the general fund balance that we have or is it –

Joe Gries: These line items are within the general fund, yes.

President Kiefer: But what I'm getting at is, that comes out of what we have remaining in balance of \$500,000?

Councilmember Raben: No, those lines are budgeted, there is money in place.

Eric Williams: This is already appropriated dollars.

President Kiefer: That's what I was getting at. I just wanted to make sure I understood that and –

Councilmember Shetler: No additional.

President Kiefer: No additional. Okay, so we have a motion and a second from Councilman Goebel. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: It's a lot of positions, I'm not sure where we could make any changes when you're scheduling deputies for the academy, so I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I'll vote yes. Seven/zero approved. Congratulations.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Eric Williams: It's what we've got to do, believe me. To your comment, I would welcome the opportunity to sit down and discuss it independently with a group of you. I know Councilman Shetler and I have talked about some ways to do some other things and there's information out there but there's other changes that would have to occur. But I really do encourage, if you want to come sit down, we can go through some of those things within our office. Sometimes other ideas might get us somewhere.

President Kiefer: That sounds like a good idea. I'll probably take you up on that.

Eric Williams: Please do. Councilman Shetler has.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Kiefer: Okay, we'll move to the Health Department, request to fill a part-time vacancy and add duties to the mosquito driver.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. I think you have our request in front of you as well. I'd be happy to answer any questions you have about it.

Councilmember Shetler: Is this going to be a light mosquito year?

Gary Heck: Can't say, but I doubt it.

Councilmember Shetler: I'm having my doubts, too.

Gary Heck: We've already found mosquitos out there, we haven't had any positive tests for West Nile yet, that's our main concern.

Councilmember Shetler: I had seven or eight bites myself Saturday night, so I can attest to it.

President Kiefer: Gary, how many employees do you have at the dental clinic? How many are full-time and how many are part-time?

Gary Heck: We have three full-time and we have permission for two part-time dental hygienists. And we have one filled in that position right now. So we're seeking to fill the second part-time dental hygienist position.

President Kiefer: Okay, questions from Council?

Councilmember Lloyd: No, I think it's going to be a bad mosquito year when you see all the flooding.

President Kiefer: Any other comments, questions?

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as submitted.

President Kiefer: Second somewhere?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, second from Councilman Goebel. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven/zero approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Gary Heck: Thank you.

REQUEST TO INCREASE PAY FOR PTABOA BOARD MEMBERS

President Kiefer: Next is the Assessor's office, request a change to PTABOA pay rate and we'll let Assessor Bill Fluty explain that, but I think it's reducing the number of members and upping the pay slightly, but you can fill us in on the details.

Bill Fluty: Yes, Bill Fluty, County Assessor. The former Assessor had a five member board and were paid \$50 a meeting. They have twelve meetings a year, I actually have a three member board and would like to increase their pay and they do twelve meetings a year, to \$100. They have to prepare for these meetings and they're lengthy at times. We send them out evidence for them to look over. They also have to, two of them are level II's, and they have to take forty-five hours of continuing education to keep that, so that's some time away from their family and home to do these things, and they have to take it in a two year period. So because of that and because of the decisions that they're making, I thought it was appropriate to come up and ask for an increase in that pay.

President Kiefer: Bill, just out of curiosity, do you see a general trend for assessments being reduced or are they, I mean, what's the market like right now as far as assessments go, generally speaking?

Bill Fluty: Typically, in the last couple years, the assessed valuation of the county has reduced. Then again, there is the dynamics of the county are very diverse where you may see in Pigeon Township some of the older structures that may be reduced whether it be commercial or residential, but you may see something in Scott Township or Center Township that they're holding their values very well and increasing, so you're going to have to look county wide. But overall, the assessed valuation of the county has decreased.

President Kiefer: The reason I asked that question is just because I wanted the public to understand, you know, with the tax cap rates, you know, of one percent, two percent, three percent, that with the general decline in assessments, we're not getting more money in to the county or to local government, so that puts a lot of pressure on us, so I was hoping you might say the reverse was true, that hey, we're starting to see an increase due to the market, but I know it takes time to cycle

through that. Any comments from Councilmembers? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: There is a state law that governs this, so there's no problem going from five members to three members.

Bill Fluty: No, we did that through the Commissioners and through the attorneys.

Councilmember Lloyd: Changed their ordinance.

Bill Fluty: You can do it one of two ways: you can have a five member or a three member. You can elect to do either one and we did that earlier in the year.

Councilmember Lloyd: And is one of the members still appointed by County Council?

Bill Fluty: I think that's correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: Just checking.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: It's a minor amount and you're saving money, but I would think this might be better served to start at the beginning of the year after budgets.

Bill Fluty: It's the pleasure of the Council. If you do this today, it will be \$350 for the remainder of the year or if you ask me to bring it back or do it at budget time for next year, but I felt it was important to come now and get the request on the table.

Councilmember Lloyd: I had talked to some of the PTABOA members and depending on their private sector job, these meetings could be a hardship because they could run pretty lengthy just depending on the number of appeals and so it's not, I mean, they're not in it to be paid \$50 a meeting or \$100 a meeting, it's more they want to serve the public and do the right thing for the county on these appeals.

Bill Fluty: The conversation didn't come from them to me. This is just me believing that they, it should increase to 100.

Councilmember Goebel: Are the number of appeals up? I don't know if you answered that already.

Bill Fluty: I'd say they're flattening out. We finished all the 2008 appeals that were still on the books that were lingering. We finished all the 2009 appeals with the exception of nineteen and they've been requested to be pulled by the taxpayer. Now we are actually working current, which means we resolve that in this current year, '10 pay '11, and don't pay interest, because you have to pay interest past November. So the goal is to take the appeals that are coming in now because there's usually an increase around billing time and then actually finish them for November.

Councilmember Goebel: Have you ever seen a situation where you had no need for a meeting in a particular month or do you meet every month regardless?

Bill Fluty: There are times when you cancel meetings, but there seems to always, there has been for many years, a lot of appeals so there's always a need, and that taxpayer has filed an appeal and it's up to our office then to present evidence and work through that. So there may be less but often we're hearing 200 - 250 appeals every meeting. Right now, we have 900 appeals on the books, but we've done very

well in the first four meetings to reduce those and get current, change some things that we were doing and seem pretty confident. Now I don't know how many appeals we'll get before May 16, which is actually the date to file an appeal for this year's taxes, pay '10 - '11, the deadline. They're coming in but they're not overflowing.

President Kiefer: Like to look for a motion to approve.

Councilmember Shetler: Just as a point of reference, most of the city boards pay roughly \$3,000 a year. Some of the different county boards as well pay in that neighborhood, so this is a small amount of money, we're talking about an additional \$600 on an annualized basis for all the positions so –

President Kiefer: And it's coming out of Assessment funds, too.

Councilmember Shetler: Right, it's not coming out of the General fund.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as submitted. And I can appreciate what Mr. Goebel said, but –

Councilmember Goebel: I second.

President Kiefer: Okay second by Councilman Goebel, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes. Your board does good work and they're fair.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I'm going to abstain. My brother serves on this board, so I'm going to abstain. So you have six yeses, one abstention, you're good to go.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0/President Kiefer abstained from vote)

Bill Fluty: Thank you. Appreciate it.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

**AUDITOR
WEIGHTS & MEASURES
ENGINEERING
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

President Kiefer: Alright, we're going to jump into the travel requests and I see the Auditor has two requests.

Joe Gries: Good morning. We do have two requests for travel. The first is a meeting of the Association of Indiana Counties. It's an after hours meeting, I'll drive up that day and then the second is a meeting of the Indiana County Auditors Association, which is a state called meeting.

President Kiefer: Okay, questions from Council?

Joe Gries: During both of these meetings, I'm looking forward to gathering a great deal of information about the COIT, so that we can bring reports back to the Council to let you know how things are going to play over the next few years.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I don't have any problem with this, but I was wondering, Mr. Gries, I think we – last fall, the former Auditor went to a meeting right prior to the election when his term was running out.

Joe Gries: There was an Auditor's Association meeting prior to the election, but actually, I went in his place.

Councilmember Goebel: You did? Good. I was hopeful that maybe just a standard by the Association, they would set to have that after the general election so just that example that you carried out would be carried out each time.

Joe Gries: That's a good idea and I can take that idea to them.

President Kiefer: Thank you. Okay, I think what we're going to do is, if it's okay with the Council, let's go through these and then perhaps we'll vote on all of them or maybe if there's one that we –

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– want to pull out we'll vote on it separately instead of voting on each individual one. Thank you, Joe.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd make a motion to approve Auditor, Weights & Measures, Engineering and Health Department as submitted.

President Kiefer: And I think there was one additional thing onto the Weights & Measures, wasn't there? Not Weights & Measures, Engineering, an addition. There was one that was laid on our desk today. It was for the manual on uniform traffic control devices workshop. It's kind of a late request for travel, but if we could add that in there.

Councilmember Lloyd: Sixty-five dollars.

President Kiefer: Yeah.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so the two from the Auditor, \$95, \$612; Weights & Measures \$75; Engineering \$250 plus an additional \$65; Health Department \$40 and \$20, I make that in the form of a motion to approve.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Kiefer: Second from, who was the second? Oh, Councilman Raben. Okay, any other discussion? Roll call vote on those please.

Councilmember Terry: Are we actually going to look at, talk further on the –

President Kiefer: Yeah, we're going to do Veterans separately. So we'll have a roll call vote on the motion which excludes Veterans Services.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that's seven/zero, approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VETERANS SERVICES

President Kiefer: Next is, are you Paul Dupont?

Paul Dupont: Yes.

President Kiefer: Well, good to meet you and glad that you were able to make it

today.

Paul Dupont: Well, it's nice to be here. I'm here to ask for approval of travel for myself and for the Assistant Service officer to go to the IDVA training in Indianapolis the first week of June, June 6th through the 9th for me, she will be going up on Tuesday and we'll be coming back on Thursday after the test. They give us a test on Thursday. It's very important because this is the only training that the service officer gets all year. I had a handout –

President Kiefer: There is a test that you said –

Paul Dupont: Yeah, we have to take a test after training.

President Kiefer: And is this something that's required, yearly?

Paul Dupont: Yes, it's a state law we have to – at least the Service Officer does, and it's very, I passed out these, everybody's got one. It came to us through Tom Applegate, the IDVA chairman, and it shows how much money was generated in Vanderburgh County through the VA. And the total VA money that came to Vanderburgh County was over \$51,000,000. And out of that \$25,000,000 was compensation in pension funds, so we do get a lot of money back from the VA, and the total expense for this is going to be \$1,069.95, so that's kind of a small investment on the training we would get in order to help better serve the veterans and then be up to date on the new rules and regulations.

President Kiefer: Okay. Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Last year, I believe Mrs. Fehn went because the Service Officer had I think some health issues, so I guess the question that some of the Councilmembers had relayed to me was, do we need to send two people or could we get by with just you going and not her?

Paul Dupont: Well, it would be best if we both go because –

President Kiefer: But isn't she missing a day anyway?

Paul Dupont: Well, the office is going to be closed three days, so we're only going to be out of the office three days. The reason we did this was so that it would be a little less expensive. I mean, she would love to go up on Monday, but we thought that if she went up on Tuesday it might be a little bit easier for you guys to –

President Kiefer: What we were hoping for is that maybe you'd go this year definitely because you have to do it, you've got the test and you're required to do it, but maybe she could go every other year instead of every year since it's not required for her. That was the hope that we had because I think, you know, if you add up all these travel requests from every department, every office, it's quite substantial so we need to start looking at maybe reducing where we can reduce and perhaps folks that don't need to go every year could maybe do every other year as a way to reduce costs and this one by itself may not be a lot, but you multiply this by all the number of requests we get, it adds up. But I'm obviously interested in other Councilmembers' viewpoints on this. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: You've got to have the testing so I assume this is certification then?

Paul Dupont: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, so that certification is good for how long?

Paul Dupont: One year.

Councilmember Shetler: For one year, so you have to be recertified every year then?

Paul Dupont: Right.

Councilmember Shetler: And can it be done by webinars or any kind of online services?

Paul Dupont: I think last year they went up for two days and they faxed them the test and they took it when they got back. This year they're not doing that. If you didn't want anybody to go, we could probably ask them if they would fax the test, but I mean, if you don't send anybody, then you don't have anybody asking questions.

President Kiefer: I would recommend that you go because you're really honestly, this is new to your position and I think it's critical that you would go. What we're asking is that Tami Fehn not go this year and maybe make that an every other year deal or look for another means of, you know, you go, you get the education, come back and you educate her on it and then if she wants to take the test with your education of her, then she could take the test, something like that.

Councilmember Shetler: What are the implications if you are not certified? I mean, what would be the drawback? I mean, would you not be able to do certain things and –

Paul Dupont: That might be a problem, that's part of the state law, you have to be certified.

Councilmember Shetler: So, I'm really trying to address her issue. If you found that there were no other alternatives for her to become certified except to be there in person, that –

Paul Dupont: I don't believe she has to be certified, only the Service Officer.

Councilmember Shetler: Only you.

Paul Dupont: Only I do.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay.

Paul Dupont: But I was told, and I may be wrong, but I was told that there's, possibly, this since this is a state school that there's, money would be available from another fund. Does anybody know about that? I mean, instead of from the General fund, maybe there is another fund that you could draw that money from?

Councilmember Raben: We have a lot of different funds to pay it from, but it's –

Paul Dupont: Well, I mean, since it's a state school, I didn't know if there was –

Councilmember Raben: No, but I'm going to make the motion that we approve Paul in the amount of \$626.21.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, there was a first and a second. Any other discussion?
Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, the request from Veterans Services for Tami Fehn was for \$443, you don't want to set that at zero or you just want to ignore it?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we can set it at zero.

President Kiefer: And, Paul, what I hope is that you would then, you go up, get the training, come back and share that with her so she has the benefit of it, and then perhaps maybe next year she could look at –

Paul Dupont: That would be good.

President Kiefer: I think we need to start looking at every other year or something for a lot of these travel requests.

Paul Dupont: Okay, thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, there was a first. Was there a second?

Councilmember Shetler: There was but you may, if you're going to combine that, you may have to amend it.

President Kiefer: Okay, since this is combined, you included in your first, okay, so it needs to be –

Councilmember Raben: Approve Paul's, zero Tami's.

President Kiefer: Okay, so that's amended.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, second with Stephanie, it's amended. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven-zero approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BKD EFFICIENCY STUDY AT BURDETTE PARK
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President Kiefer: Okay, we'll try to move things along here. Before we jump down to Amendments to Salary Ordinance, though, under new business, I would like to have Tim Deisher get up and talk about this proposal. What it is, is we've asked for a study of the Burdette Park, Vanderburgh County Burdette Park and we talked a little bit about this study earlier but you're here, you can give us a brief explanation. I'd like to see if we can – yes, Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: No, go ahead.

President Kiefer: Tim, if you'd like to just briefly state what you're doing, what the study entails, briefly, and we'll go from there.

Tim Deisher: If I could, Joe, something I got this morning, just to start out. I have a handout of what Michigan (inaudible – comments made away from the podium mic).

President Kiefer: I mean, this is basically to study the Burdette Park department to see if we can find some efficiencies or other areas where we might be able to save money on the operation.

Tim Deisher: Right, and just to let you know what's coming around, Michigan, it's just an article in Businessweek that was in this week's magazine, just talking about consultants coming in and doing what they did for business many years ago, re-engineering and looking at how Michigan as a state government is operating and making some significant changes and just have to commend Council for having the foresight of doing what state government is doing. As far as Burdette, the plan would be for Herb Hanselmann, who is with BKD in Indianapolis, too, to come in and look at Burdette Park. He would sit down and sort of set some goals, have a dialogue up front. Page two of the proposal sort of gives his approach, he would sit down with every member of the Burdette Park team and talk about what processes they do. He would look at revenue, expenses, and processes and come up with his recommendation after doing a study of what is involved in the various departments at Burdette Park and how the workflow of each, the pool, the camping, the various areas at Burdette Park, what is involved and he was here, I believe, in early March and spoke more in detail of it.

President Kiefer: Tim, what was the cost for this?

Tim Deisher: The cost is \$16,500.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: I think, you know, obviously, Burdette Park is one of the great facilities in the country and it certainly attracts people to this area, tourists among others. Could the CVB help out on something like this study?

President Kiefer: You mean as far as paying for it?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I agree with Councilman Goebel. The only guideline set forth on that fund or Convention Bureau fund is that it's used to promote tourism and I don't think there's an argument that Burdette is a huge part of our tourism here locally.

President Kiefer: I guess the concern I have is that there would be a delay. I'd like to get this study started and we're really looking not to, I think what we're looking to do is go through there and see how they operate and see if we can reduce the cost of how they operate the place, not necessarily –

Councilmember Raben: Are we asking for approval today?

President Kiefer: Our intent was to –

Councilmember Raben: Well, here's the thing, was an appropriation, --

Councilmember Shetler: We'd have to do an appropriation.

President Kiefer: We'd have to do the appropriation, but –

Councilmember Shetler: We could give a tacit –

President Kiefer: Give a, you know, because I think this contract would be signed by the Commissioners.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, I've talked to Commissioner Abell about this, she seems to be enthusiastic about it, but I don't have an answer from the other Commissioners, but I think the Convention Bureau would be a great place to secure funding and they've paid for plenty of studies for other things that they look at.

Councilmember Raben: I think we need to approve so we do get moving on this, and then –

President Kiefer: And then it would –

Councilmember Raben: Get our first sampling of what we really can do in regards to outside assistance, and I'll get with the Convention Bureau about reimbursing the county for it.

Councilmember Bassemier: We're going to approve it if they'll pay for it? I mean, you know.

Councilmember Raben: Well, it would have to be acted upon by their board, but I'm going to request them to reimburse the county.

Councilmember Bassemier: I mean, we're not voting on it today.

President Kiefer: We're not voting on it.

Councilmember Lloyd: We're giving a feeling of what the Council would like to do on this.

Councilmember Shetler: Tacit approval whether or –

President Kiefer: I mean, we've done this before where we talked about, is this something that the Council would go along with and, yeah, Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Just a couple of questions, real quickly. Will they be looking at, and what I've been concerned about for some time is like the return on investment on like chalets and some of the other capital that we've put in place there, because it seems like every year we get requests or every other year, to put up a new chalet or new cabin or new this or that, and I just want to make sure that that's a good capital expenditure and that we really are getting a return on that investment. Will they be looking at those kinds of things as well?

Tim Deisher: Absolutely, looking at the revenue from each of the facilities and what we're spending there.

Councilmember Shetler: So then I guess in respect to that as well, the fee structure to determine, for example, the lodge, if the fee that they're charging is appropriate, given the investment, given the expenses, etcetera, they'll be looking and analyzing that as well.

Tim Deisher: Absolutely. Another thing, something that he would look at as a part of the operation is internal controls in Burdette Park, the pool area, there's a lot of cash coming in –

Councilmember Shetler: That was my next point is that it's a huge cash operation and not that I suspect any problems out there, you know, just that there's a substantial amount turned in every year and all that, but are we really adhering to some real good accounting and best business practices when it comes to handling cash of the magnitude that comes through that operation in a short period of time. And so he's going to be looking at those kinds of controls and ways that we could establish that as well as things of making it more efficient and perhaps done with less employees to get more out of them and stuff.

Tim Deisher: And he and I have had conversations on both of those.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: In this kind of situation, I think Burdette has kind of their kickoff Memorial Day. Would we be able to get Mr. Hanselmann in to do his field work prior to Memorial Day? I mean, that would be this month.

Tim Deisher: Yeah, I mean, we need approval to come in and do that, so if we can work through the process –

Councilmember Lloyd: Because otherwise you're in to summer and it's going to be a pretty hectic operation out there. I mean, I don't know if it makes that much of a difference, but I would think from the study's point of view, it would be better to do it sooner rather than later.

Councilmember Shetler: You know, though, in some respects I would think, given the kind of study that he really needs to do, it might be better that it's in operation and he's able to determine who is responsible for what and watch the money trail as such, and the flow of work and activities that go on there. So it may enhance that.

President Kiefer: Councilman Bassemier, I think –

Councilmember Bassemier: In the past, I've investigated parks and this isn't unusual for so many years to do a study (inaudible – microphone not turned on) whether it be slides or new attractions or whatever, so I really feel that this is a good investment here, especially if somebody else is going to pay for it.

Joe Gries: One other thing just to consider here before moving forward, normally, the Commissioners would not approve a contract unless an appropriation is made prior to that. So normally appropriations would need to be in place prior to Commissioners approval of a contract.

President Kiefer: Okay, so we could have an appropriation ready at the next regular meeting then, I guess.

Jeff Ahlers: Yes, but if you were asking that the Convention Bureau do it, somebody needs to make an overture that they make that request. I guess the question is, --

Councilmember Goebel: I believe James said he was going to contact them.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, here's a short run fix on it, we have some money in our consulting fees line item in the Council. We could take the money out of there so it's already appropriated and then have it reimbursed through on another appropriation next month.

Joe Gries: That would work as well.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, that's fine. The other thing I was going to say was, if it's Convention Bureau money, I guess one of the questions would be whether they would sign the contract or whether you're going to have them give us the money for the Commissioners and the Council to – whether you're going to have the Commissioners be a party to this contract subject to Council appropriation. I mean, there's different ways you can do it but, I mean, I guess someone needs to overture the Convention Bureau, work with the Auditor, is it going to be a transfer of funds to the county and the contract is going to be with the county or are we going to overture the Convention Bureau to contract with Mr. Deisher to have that work done. I mean, there's a couple different ways to skin it, it all probably comes out the same, but we just need to get the paperwork in order legally.

President Kiefer: Well, if we wanted to do a voice vote to say that we'd like to make that overture to the CVB, I could write a letter on behalf of the Council or have that done and then, of course, Jim will contact them personally, but I would assume that we'd want the Commissioners to do the contract.

Councilmember Terry: I think that would make sense as well, I mean, this is a project, this is the start of a project that we will continue to work with beyond Burdette Park, so I think it needs to remain with the Council.

Councilmember Shetler: That's a good point. So we could just take it out of our funds to put this on the fast track as far as funding, take it out of ours and then the

CVB can come back and reimburse us in that line item, so to speak.

President Kiefer: Would you make a motion that the Council contact the CVB so then that way I can say we have Council –

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: All in favor, a voice vote, say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Kiefer: At least you know that the Council supports the project and we'll work out the details to get this done.

Tim Deisher: So I would prepare a contract or engagement letter for the Commissioners?

President Kiefer: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: You might also make sure you put in there subject to Council approval or to appropriation by Council like we have unless it turns out the CVB is going to pay the money directly, then we may not need to be in that transaction, so that might be the best way to cover it all.

President Kiefer: You can get with Jeff on that language. That would be fine.

Jeff Ahlers: It's just one sentence, it just –

Councilmember Lloyd: One more point of bringing him in, in May is thinking about Mr. Craig, whose time will be, I would think he would be busier in the summer months, he might have more time to devote to this because this is something, a duty that would just be dumped on top of his current duties, you know, to work with, cooperating with Mr. Hanselmann.

Councilmember Goebel: I tend to agree with Mr. Shetler that it would be best for someone to make an evaluation when the park is actually active and a lot of things are happening, might be able to get a better feel.

President Kiefer: Well, hopefully, this will work out and we'll move this on to other offices and departments. Okay, thank you, Tim. Appreciate that.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Kiefer: Finally, Amendments to Salary Ordinance. You have on your desk the Salary Ordinance amendments, May 4th, 2011, which I think has everything we've approved already as far as funding and positions. I'd like to get a motion to approve.

Councilmember Lloyd: I think we need to --

President Kiefer: I think they have the corrections in there.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, I can read this real quick. You have Salary Ordinance amendments in front of you May 4th, 2011, and these are amendments to the Salary Ordinance, would request approval of them as presented on this document.

President Kiefer: Okay, so –

Councilmember Lloyd: That's in the form of a motion.

President Kiefer: Okay and then, –

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, got a first and a second. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0/Councilmember Raben was out of room)

President Kiefer: Alright, any public comment? One comment from Councilman Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I don't know if Mr. Gries has any comment. The legislature finished April 29th, I believe, and in fact, I saw Mr. Schaefer at another function and asked him what the legislature had decided on the COIT legislation where the counties have to pay that back, and he did not know. There were actually two versions, the Senate had a version and the House had a different version. The House version would have made the counties pay it back faster, but at this point I don't know the answer. I don't know if Mr. Gries knows that or not.

Joe Gries: We have actually received a little bit of information as the bill furthered,

there was some resistance to force counties to pay it back quicker and then the AIC, who deals with the legislators a great deal, had some questions and concerns about whether or not the figures that were originally thrown out were actually accurate or may not be adjusted over the next few months as well as the returns come in through the end of June. So we're going to probably see a lot of new information come through over the next few months.

Councilmember Goebel: We don't have to act on this at all this year, then, probably.

Joe Gries: Depending on what the House Bill 1001, which is the budget bill, says and how it's going to play out with the information that the state budget office comes up with, we may still see it, a drop in COIT funding, but it may not be as severe as we originally thought.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I think the state is actually seeing a general increase in their funds so maybe they can lay off us for a while. Thank you.

President Kiefer: Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Maybe we can get further information at our next meeting.

Joe Gries: Absolutely.

President Kiefer: Before we adjourn, Joe, can you continue to provide us fund balances because like after today's meeting I'd like to see what our tally is just so we – because it's so tight and so small, I think we need to constantly have that out in front of us so we're aware of what the fund balances are.

Joe Gries: We will make sure you get the adjusted numbers, yes, very quickly.

President Kiefer: Move to adjourn?

Councilmember Lloyd: So moved.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Joe Kiefer

Vice President Tom Shetler, Jr.

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 1, 2011

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

President Kiefer: I'd like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council regular meeting, June 1, 2011. Could you please do attendance roll call?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel		X*
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Kiefer	X	

*Arrived shortly after meeting started.

President Kiefer: We have a quorum, so we'll start the meeting. For the Pledge of Allegiance, I'd like to ask Mike Duckworth to lead us.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Kiefer: Thank you, Mike.

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES MAY 4, 2011</p>
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President Kiefer: Is there a motion to approve the minutes from May 4?

Councilmember Lloyd: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, all in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: So approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</p>

President Kiefer: We'll move to the Appropriation Ordinance. Chairman Raben?

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: First on the agenda is the Prosecutor 1080-3948 Death

Penalty, the request is for \$225,000. At this time, Mr. President, I'm going to move that this be deferred to our June meeting, actually July 1, the July meeting.

President Kiefer: Yeah, I was going to say, we are in the June meeting, June 1st.

Councilmember Shetler: July 6th.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: All in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-3948	Death Penalty	225,000.00	Deferred
Total		225,000.00	Deferred

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Kiefer: For the record, it passes unanimously to defer that to the July meeting.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICES

Councilmember Raben: Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services, the amount of \$6,375 for Rent for the balance of the year, I'm going to make a motion that we approve \$1,275 and that will get them into August 1st.

President Kiefer: Okay, is there any --

Councilmember Bassemier: How much was that, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: \$1,275.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: So that's changed from 6,375 to 1,275. Okay, there's a motion and a second. Discussion? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I agree with Councilman Raben on this and I just think, they're on a month to month, but surely with all the vacant space that the county has access to, we can find a place for them and if they, you know, if they're going to have to move a couple times, it would be worthwhile to the county if we can save money.

President Kiefer: Okay, and please note that Councilman Goebel is here. Okay, roll call vote then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That passes unanimously.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1371-3600	Rent	6,375.00	1,275.00
Total		6,375.00	1,275.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Councilmember Raben: Next under Legal Aid, the total is \$21,750, I'll move approval.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Second Councilman Lloyd. Discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That is approved unanimously.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-1990	Extra Help	3,444.00	3,444.00
4290-1900	FICA	254.00	254.00
4290-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
4290-3140	Telephone	400.00	400.00
4290-3280	Examination Of Records/Audit	1,785.00	1,785.00
4290-3410	Printing	2,000.00	2,000.00
4290-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	3,662.00	3,662.00
4290-3540	Maintenance Contract	5,757.00	5,757.00
4290-3990	Miscellaneous	2,448.00	2,448.00
Total		21,750.00	21,750.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

President Kiefer: Next we'll go into transfers.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Cum Bridge in the amount of \$50,000, I'll move approval.

President Kiefer: Second please.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Approved unanimously.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4746	Mann Road Culvert #1253	50,000.00	50,000.00
To: 2030-4425	Fickas Road Culvert	50,000.00	50,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF (LATE)
COUNTY COUNCIL (LATE)
ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Last we have four transfers, does anyone have any questions on any of the transfers? If not, I'll move approval as listed.

President Kiefer: You said there's four?

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, three.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Any discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven/zero, that passes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0067	Deputy Sheriff	193.00	193.00
To: 1050-1971	Accrued Payments	168.00	168.00
1050-1900	FICA	12.00	12.00
1050-1911	Sheriff Retirement	13.00	13.00

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-3530	Contractual Services	900.00	900.00
To: 1480-4220	Equipment	900.00	900.00

ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1090-3530	Contractual Services	12,875.00	12,875.00
To: 2490-1090-3372	Software Management	12,875.00	12,875.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Kiefer: We're done with those. No old business.

<p align="center">CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION REQUEST TO FILL PART-TIME HELP/INTERN</p>

President Kiefer: We'll get into new business, it looks like we have Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation request to fill part-time help and intern positions. Your Honor?

Carl Heldt: Mr. President and members of the Council, Carl Heldt, Vanderburgh

Circuit Court. At our Drug & Alcohol probation service we have a part-time intern that helps with drug screens, urinalysis, receptionist, works when necessary filing paperwork. It's a part-time position, but it's like 32 hours a week and we're having a person leave now and we want to split that into two jobs because it's difficult to get full-time college students to commit to that many hours a week. So we're actually wanting to split one job into two and it's paid for by the user fee fund so it has no impact on the county budget.

President Kiefer: Okay, any discussion amongst Councilmembers, questions? Okay, thank you, Judge. Anybody want to make a motion to approve?

Councilmember Lloyd: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. See how easy that was.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Shetler: Judge, I do have one question off the subject. In matters like in misdemeanors, if someone can't afford legal representation, is it required then by the state to provide in a misdemeanor case?

Carl Heldt: You know, I don't do misdemeanors but I feel certain that it is required if they're indigent. I believe any time their liberty is at stake, any time it's a crime for which they could go to jail, which is like a misdemeanor, not for an infraction, traffic ticket, but I think if you're in jeopardy of being imprisoned, I think you have a right to

legal counsel whether you can afford it or not.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Carl Heldt: Thanks.

President Kiefer: Thank you.

<p>SUPERIOR COURT DRUG COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY</p>

President Kiefer: Superior Court/Drug Court, request to fill vacancy. Judge Trockman?

Wayne Trockman: Good morning, Wayne Trockman, Vanderburgh Superior Court. Our director retired about a month ago. Her pay goes through June until June 27th. It's our intention to promote from within and moving one of our eight year case managers into the position, so he'll start on June 27th and so I'm asking permission to fill the vacancy created when he moves to the Director's position. That person has not been selected, the position is currently being advertised.

President Kiefer: Any questions amongst Councilmembers?

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

President Kiefer: Motion from Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Second from Councilman Lloyd. No further discussion, we'll have a roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven/zero, approved. Thank you, Judge.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Wayne Trockman: Thank you. And I concur with Judge Heldt's opinion. Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;">COUNTY HIGHWAY REQUEST TO FILL SECRETARY POSITION VACANCY</p>

President Kiefer: Next is County Highway request to fill secretary position vacancy, and I see we have Mike Duckworth, and there was also a letter from Mike on this.

Mike Duckworth: Good morning, Mike Duckworth, Superintendent of County Highway. This position evolved from a retirement within the union ranks of a laborer. The secretary opted to transfer into the laborer's position. We went through the necessary guidelines set forth by the union contract to advertise within the county and now outside. Our request is to fill that vacancy that's already been budgeted.

President Kiefer: Questions? Comments? Okay, is there a motion?

Councilmember Shetler: Let me ask this, Mike, that clerical position, is that the only clerical position in the county garage?

Mike Duckworth: No, we have another – we have a bookkeeper and we have a network specialist.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, and can you –

Mike Duckworth: And those are all union positions.

Councilmember Shetler: Can you kind of explain maybe what the duties of that clerical position is, that needs to be filled?

Mike Duckworth: The secretary position is basically a receptionist that takes all the phone calls that come, incoming calls from the public. That person would then either transfer the call to the necessary supervisor or write up a work order and organize the work orders. They also take care of the weed complaints which is pretty massive this time of the year and then in the event that we're in any kind of an emergency, that person is subject to call in to help us organize and distribute the work that's needed.

Councilmember Shetler: So are you saying that they do a little bit of dispatching?

Mike Duckworth: Yes, there is a radio that has a frequency within our trucks and they communicate with supervisors and our workforce in regards to complaints and needed work.

Councilmember Shetler: And do we have a formal position out there as a dispatcher?

Mike Duckworth: No.

Councilmember Shetler: So this person takes on that responsibility.

Mike Duckworth: They take on that responsibility and so does the Network Specialist, just whoever may be closest to the radio at the time. It sits kind of in between them in the office.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Kiefer: Any other questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Raben: Just one question, and Councilman Goebel mentioned is this required, are we bound by contract to replace this person?

Mike Duckworth: I believe so, yes. It's in the contract, the position is listed in the contract with the salary rate and the workforce numbers that we negotiate within the contract, this is an included position.

Councilmember Raben: How much of a problem would it create if we delayed action on this for another month?

Mike Duckworth: Well, we're in the middle of probably one of the biggest storms that we've dealt with. I've had to pull someone in to handle these responsibilities off the street, which leaves our workforce light, so to speak, and we're dealing with all kinds of storm debris and the remains of the flooding and all that stuff, so we're in need to replace this.

Councilmember Raben: Well, somebody coming in new is not going to just the very same day immediately take on those responsibilities. I'm sure there is a period that's going to require some training and what have you, so the hope would be that that would be cleaned up long before this person would be able to take on those responsibilities.

Mike Duckworth: Well, I've not made an official offer because this body and the Commissioners haven't approved it yet, but the person that we're looking at is a former employee that was formerly the Network Specialist, so there's not going to be much training that's needed.

Councilmember Goebel: Are we involved with payouts or anything else in this situation that have not been met?

Sandie Deig: No.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thanks.

President Kiefer: I believe we have a motion from Councilman Bassemier. Is there a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Further discussion? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I know since January we've had a lot of lousy weather, and

I know it's taken a toll on your operation. Are you running low on overtime funds or—

Mike Duckworth: Not at this time. We've been able to, because we're on four ten-hour days, that's helped immensely. Of course, during the actual storms itself, we have to call crews in, but I would just say that this has been an ongoing situation because this person left well over a month ago and we've kind of periodically put people in from different crews and now that the water has receded and the dust has settled, so to speak, this is the time in good weather that we really need to be out there making hay, so to speak. It's a vital position because it helps us stay organized and take those work orders from county residents and we have to organize those so we're not running from one end of the county to the other, so we're doing it systematically and efficiently.

Councilmember Lloyd: The ten hour days, do they start in March or April?

Mike Duckworth: April. We start in April and end the first of November.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, and this position, when you call the county garage, is this the person that would answer the phone?

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: So, I mean, it's important, the contact position?

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Alright, thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Just to be candid, had this been a receptionist/secretary, I would be very reluctant to vote for it, but given the fact that the responsibilities include dispatching, which I know is vital to any operation that has to get out onto the field and get the work orders to those folks, I can see that as being an essential part of the job and so I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: And I thank you for not coming and asking, requesting more overtime because you have been busy. My vote is yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to go with the benefit of the doubt here as well, but as we continue on at the county garage, everybody needs to be mindful that the

biggest source of revenue for that department and other departments associated with paving like, as an example, Bridge crew and what have you, you know, those are funded with gasoline tax and wheel tax, and everybody knows that new car sales are down. Gasoline, you know, that tax remains the same, fewer gallons of gas are being bought today, so we need to concentrate on how we're going to offset that deficit that we keep picking up year after year after year with the general fund. Everybody knows how difficult 2012 is going to be, so these are areas within that department that we need to figure out ways of saving money so we can continue to pave roads in 2012. I mean, this year we're only paving 14 miles, ten years we were paving 30.

Mike Duckworth: The price of asphalt has gone up and –

Councilmember Raben: Next year we might only pave five miles. Suddenly, you know, what have we got out there? So again, be very mindful that where there is opportunities to cut to allow us to pave another block of pavement, you know, whatever it is, spread another ton of salt, we need to constantly be looking for whatever that is.

Teri Lukeman: Is your vote yes?

Councilmember Raben: My vote is yes with hopes that this position is as needed as we say it is.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Congratulations, it's seven/zero.

Mike Duckworth: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL DISPATCH REQUEST FOR USE OF 911 FUNDS</p>

President Kiefer: Next is Central Dispatch, request for use of 911 funds which I'm sure everybody saw the detailed explanation and all the paperwork that came through. Would you just – are you Leslie?

Leslie Buckman: I'm Leslie Buckman, Deputy Director, Evansville-Vanderburgh County Central Dispatch. The amount that I'm requesting to use is \$53,251. The first item is the Zetron paging encoders. We replaced that partially last year, we'd like to finish that this year so that the whole operation is as one. These are used to dispatch and call the suburban fire departments when they have a run. The next item is the parts for the technician, \$15,000, it's the nuts and bolts for our technician. The next item is four computers at \$9,037, and the last item is batteries to replace our two year old batteries for our wireless headsets. We've got some good use out of that, but they are going by the wayside, we need to replace those.

President Kiefer: I noticed the amount that you had for the computers seemed kind

of high until I saw that the computers themselves weren't that expensive, it was the software package.

Leslie Buckman: Exactly.

President Kiefer: And I suppose, is that like, that's probably pretty much geared toward your, that's not an off the shelf product, is it?

Leslie Buckman: No.

President Kiefer: Any other discussion? Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mrs. Buckman, does the city pay part of this? Will the city pay for part of this?

Leslie Buckman: It's out of our 911 account.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Kiefer: Any other questions? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: To whom do you go through for your computer purchases?

Leslie Buckman: We go through the city.

Councilmember Goebel: And it says that they are aging, do you have an idea of how old they actually are?

Leslie Buckman: Five to seven years old.

Councilmember Goebel: And do we replace monitors and everything or just –

Leslie Buckman: Monitors are included in this price.

Councilmember Goebel: That's been a sticky issue with me. I think sometimes those monitors can last for years and years and years, and do you have flat screens already, are they functioning okay?

Leslie Buckman: Most of ours are flat screens.

Councilmember Goebel: It would seem, unless it's a special deal, that we wouldn't need to replace everything if we can get by. If you'd look into that, I'd appreciate it.

Leslie Buckman: Okay.

President Kiefer: So could you use the current flat screens or you need the new flat screens to –

Leslie Buckman: I would have to check for 100 percent but I believe we could. They are \$163 apiece, so that would be, you know, I can check on that and see.

President Kiefer: Would it be the pleasure of the Council to reduce the amount by the amount she wants or just go ahead and give her what she's asking for and then if she, she's given us a commitment that if she doesn't need the funds for the flat screens, she won't use it. What's your –

Councilmember Lloyd: That's a total of \$652.

Leslie Buckman: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Personally, I think we ought to just give the amount requested and if she finds that she doesn't need them, that would be great.

Leslie Buckman: Absolutely.

President Kiefer: That's good for me. Any other discussion then? Okay, roll call vote. We need a motion and a second, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Terry: Motion to approve \$53,251 or second, either one.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, so first by Councilman Terry and second by Councilman Lloyd. Now we'll have a roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I'm going to vote yes, but I do think Councilman Goebel's suggestion has a lot of merit and would advise that you kind of pursue that and that if you can come back here in a couple of months and say, here's your \$600 left over, we'll all be happy. So I'd like to see you pursue that. Thank you.

Leslie Buckman: Okay.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: If you don't mind, just maybe shoot Sandie an email or myself an email to let us know what happened with that, and I'll vote yes. Congratulations. Seven/zero, passed.

Leslie Buckman: Thank you very much.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRAVEL REQUEST

President Kiefer: Now we move on to travel requests, there's one travel request which I was glad to see the numbers are starting to go down a little bit. But anyway, Gary, if you'd like to tell us a little bit about what you've got here.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. This is a request for Dr. Joanne Alexandrovich to attend the Indiana Environmental Health Summit, it's an air quality and public health summit. She'll have the opportunity to interact with some of her comrades from the federal and the state agencies which would include IDEM, EPA, and several others. The topics that they're going to talk about at this particular event is the health effects of air pollution, climate change and urban health, the clean air act at 40 years, some of the years of progress and the challenges ahead. The air quality in Indiana, these are the views from the IDEM officials, and then there is an air quality and public health panel discussion, and she believes that this would be very beneficial for Vanderburgh County.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I just noticed, Gary, you mentioned Dr. Alexandrovich is going to meet with her comrades. Is that going to be in St. Petersburg?

Gary Heck: No, this one is at IUPUI, perhaps comrade was a poor choice of words of my part.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm just joking, thank you.

President Kiefer: Although this is a low cost expense, \$30, and obviously, you're taking the travel van, but it does take an employee away for a day from their other duties, but anyway, is there a motion?

Councilmember Lloyd: I would suspect Councilman Goebel's inkling is correct, there's probably some comrades that will be there. I'll make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, first and second. Further discussion? Roll call please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: And it would be nice if they would look at cost/benefit on some of these rules that they promulgate, but anyway, I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven/zero, it passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Gary Heck: Thank you, I'll ask her to check in with that, and make that comment for you. Thank you.

JOINT CITY/COUNTY BUDGET HEARING DATE
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President Kiefer: Next on the agenda is the joint city/county budget hearings are set for August 3 3:30 p.m., 2011. Any other – I'm sure everybody will be there.

NON-BINDING BUDGET REVIEW DATES
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President Kiefer: Discussion of non-binding budget review dates. Sandie, do we have some dates?

Councilmember Raben: The dates will be September 28th and October 5th, immediately following our personnel and finance meeting on the 28th and our full Council meeting on October 5th.

President Kiefer: Okay.

2012 SALARIES

President Kiefer: And then finally, discussion of 2012 salaries.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I would recommend you send out a memo to all the departments. What we did last year I think worked well, because it didn't distort the numbers throughout our book that's however many hundreds of pages. You know, we just set them in at this years' figures and we knew, it was easier to adjust up from there than back out through that whole book, so use today's numbers and then we'll work it out however we want to adjust it in August.

President Kiefer: Okay, we'll get that taken care of.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Kiefer: That's it for new business, Amendments to Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everybody has a copy, first under Legal Aid/United Way, amend salary line 4290-1190 Extra Help as previously adopted. Circuit Court

Supplemental Adult Probation salary line 2600-1980 to allow filling a part-time help intern position. Superior Court/Drug Court, amend salary line 1370-1820 Day Reporting Officer to allow filling a vacancy. This position can be filled after June 13th, it's a PAT V position with the initiation salary of \$37,764. Step one after six months would be \$39,578. County Highway, amend salary line 2010-1053 replacement of Secretary. The annual salary as approved is \$28,552 or \$13.7269 per hour, that's based on 2080 hours per year according to the union contract. And Sheriff, amend salary line 1050-1971 Accrued Payments as previously approved. That's it, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Further discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that's seven/zero approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Kiefer: Finally, any public comment? You're under public comment, go ahead.

Councilmember Lloyd: We were talking about the 2012 salaries, I don't think we should give out any false hope. Your memo will request baseline zero, right?

President Kiefer: Yeah.

Councilmember Lloyd: And just, as we've been talking about all year long, I just think it's going to be difficult to find any kind of increases other than normal step and so

that's just something we're going to have to keep in mind but we're going to be looking at a real tough situation where are we even going to be able to keep the same number of county employees that we've had in the past? And that's something that this Council is going to have to look at as we budget. So anyway, just wanted to point that out.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Have we gotten any preliminary indication on health care costs?

President Kiefer: I haven't. Not that, I mean, I haven't seen anything unless, Joe, you've seen something or –

Joe Gries: I don't know that we have anything currently right now. We can look into that and maybe start to get some numbers to you, but right now, I don't believe we have anything definitive.

President Kiefer: Okay. Joe, you wanted to make some comments and discussion about the COIT?

Joe Gries: Yeah, the Council has asked me or we've discussed in the past couple of months the legislation that has come about concerning the County Option Income Tax. A couple of months ago there was mention in the House Bill 1001 that counties would be required to pay back deficits that were showing up in the accounts at the state level. That language, now that House Bill 1001 is House Enrolled Act 1001, that language has been taken out. Counties will not be required to repay any deficits that they currently have. We've gotten indications from different folks at the state level, different organizations telling us that more than likely COIT and other income tax levels will remain the same over the next few years. We probably won't see the deficits that they were projecting. We still could see a drop, but it wouldn't be as dramatic. The new language in the House Enrolled Act 1001 only discusses the supplemental distributions that we periodically receive, usually in January of each year. Those have been essentially not removed, but you have to be above 150% of your current level to receive any supplemental distributions. So possibly a little bit of good news there but we're still waiting for final numbers before we could give Council any indication of what we will see next year.

President Kiefer: Thank you for that report, that's definitely good news and pleased to hear that. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Let me see if I can bring it into some practical reality here, though. If, for example, we typically get 13 million dollars a year in off of COIT, what they're saying is, that they won't come back and reduce that to 12 and a half million dollars. But if we should get 13 and a half, because the income tax actually went up in our area, we won't receive that extra half million until that deficit is repaid.

Joe Gries: The state has told us that things are basically going to stay level. That if we have a deficit, which we do at this time, around 4.6 million in our account currently, we would not see any increase until those deficits go away, that's correct.

Councilmember Shetler: So while that is good news on the one hand, the other hand, given the inflation that we're incurring today, it's still tight. I didn't want anybody to think that that had been forgiven, that four and a half million dollars, it is still looming over our heads, it's just a matter of the repayment might be a little bit

more palatable than it once was.

Joe Gries: It could be extended instead of us being chopped, the COIT being chopped maybe in distributions that we would receive, we stay at the level we are at currently. If the economy and jobs increase, the collections increase at the state level, obviously, that negative balance would decrease faster than maybe what they're projecting currently, but that depends on our local revenue that is collected from Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Shetler: Are you anticipating any kind of negative feedback on the Whirlpool closing because that would be just kind of starting to hit us?

Joe Gries: It would be right now. The 2012 distributions will be based on revenue from July of 2010 through June of 2011, so you're looking right now in that area where those employees jobs were – and you know, we also saw that this year as well, 2011 was based on 2009 - 2010 collections, so these two years are when we're going to be looking at those deficits.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other discussion? I'd like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Alright, we're adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Joe Kiefer

Vice President Tom Shetler, Jr.

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Stephanie Terry

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
JULY 6, 2011

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

President Kiefer: I'd like to open the Vanderburgh County Council regular meeting, call it to order for July 6, if you could do roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Kiefer	X	

President Kiefer: It looks like we have everybody here today so we have a quorum. I'd like to ask Bob Warren and some of the Boy Scouts to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Kiefer: Thank you, that was well done.

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 1, 2011</p>

President Kiefer: Is there approval of the minutes from June 1, 2011?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, all in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">INTRODUCTION OF NEW CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOB WARREN</p>
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President Kiefer: Okay, I'd like to go a little bit out of order this morning. I'd like to ask Bob Warren and Steve Schaefer with the Convention Bureau, if you'd like to say a few words, make an introduction.

Steve Schaefer: Thank you, President Kiefer, members of the Council. My name is Steve Schaefer, president of the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of

Commissioners. I just wanted to come before you this morning, I haven't been before you yet since my appointment. Wanted to express my thanks, I think, for the appointment. As a board, we are striving to move forward and accomplish a lot of tasks in the near future, particularly developing criteria for projects that are requesting funding and also putting in place some procedures and other procedural type things with a handbook for board members and so forth, all in the effort to increase our accountability and transparency. But today, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mr. Robert Warren, our new Executive Director, who has been in Panama City Beach, Galveston, Texas, other places in the south and most recently in Galena, Illinois. So I wanted to introduce Bob to you this morning and have him say a few words.

Bob Warren: Thank you, Steve, and good morning, everyone. Again, Bob Warren. I am really enjoying Evansville. I've been here for a little over 30 days now and needless to say, the Chairman and the Board of Directors have kept me very challenged at what we're trying to accomplish. But I'd like to pay a compliment to this commission, you know, as I look at Evansville and Vanderburgh County, I see very clearly that a lot of work has been done here in the development of this county. I also see very clearly that we have not done such a great job in marketing what we have developed, so over the next few weeks our board of directors will be gathering in a retreat environment, we will be taking a look at a serious strategy for developing our market in tourism. Just some quick facts that you may not be aware of: this industry represents about 490 million dollars a year into our economy; 356 million of that are direct expenditures from the tourists that visit us. We currently have over 6,200 jobs in our industry which represents a large segment of jobs. We do know that there were at present running about 58.3% annualized occupancy with an \$80.38 ADR, average daily rate. If you look at our entire inventory of rooms, we have about a million, three hundred rooms available for renting over the course of a year. We're currently running at 58%, that means that we're booking about 768,000 rooms annually, and the even better news is that leaves us about 540,000 rooms that still need to be rented. So, you know, we're going to work very hard over the next few months to not only streamline staff, but come together with a program that is going to be a strong marketing program for Evansville and Vanderburgh County. I'm excited to be here, I certainly hope that any of you that need to talk with us in our office, that you just feel free to pick up the phone and call. So with that, I'm delighted to be here, I'm looking forward to working with each and every one of you in this county and in the city, as we move forward in the future. Thank you for giving me the time this morning.

President Kiefer: Thank you. Bob, I do appreciate you being here this morning and appreciate you bringing all the skills and expertise and talent and experience that you have and look forward to some exciting times ahead. Perhaps, any of the Councilmembers like to make any comments? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'm the liaison to the Convention Bureau board, and have had the opportunity to sit in on some of the meetings with the board and with Bob, and I'm pleased to say they're moving in the right direction. And one of things that they'd like not to do is bring surprises to Council, so they're working to smooth things through and Bob's working with the board on a new program for marketing and I believe at some point in the future you're going to unveil that to Council. And we'd be very interested in that, but I'm pleased with the direction you guys are going.

Bob Warren: Thank you very much.

President Kiefer: Thank you for being here today, and thank you, Steve. Okay, well

moving right along on the agenda, now we're going to look at the appropriation ordinance, Councilman Raben.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: First on the agenda under Prosecutor, going to move that that be set in at zero.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please. We did discuss this at last week's meeting, so we can move right along then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That's unanimous.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-3948	Death Penalty	225,000.00	0.00
Total		225,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$6,500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Discussion, please. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So that's unanimous.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-1900	FICA	462.00	462.00
1230-1990	Extra Help	6,038.00	6,038.00
Total		6,500.00	6,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services, Rent in the amount of \$5,100, we've discussed this, I guess, two or three times so far this year in this chamber. It's our intent that we find a new location within the Old Courthouse in the very near future, definitely before the end of 2011, so with that I'm going to go ahead and approve rent for the balance of the year at \$5,100.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I want to concur with Councilman Raben, we need to find space for them in our present system, but I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I vote yes, and I apologize, I notice Deloris was out in the audience. Did you want to say anything in addition? Even though we just voted yes for this, was there anything additional you wanted to add?

Deloris Koch: The only thing to add was that I do have myself on the agenda for the Commissioners meeting in July, July 12, to talk with them about just whether there will be funding to remodel and move, so we'll see how that goes.

President Kiefer: Thank you very much for your efforts on this, I appreciate it.

Deloris Koch: Thanks.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1371-3600	Rent	5,100.00	5,100.00
Total		5,100.00	5,100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

VETERANS SERVICES
COMMISSIONERS
WEIGHTS & MEASURES
SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY HIGHWAY (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's it for the appropriations, now we move into Transfers. We have transfers for Veterans Services, County Commissioners, Weights & Measures, Superior Court, and one late transfer for the Highway garage,

I'm going to move that all transfers be approved as listed.

President Kiefer: Okay, is there a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Roll call please. Oh, discussion? Any discussion? Okay, roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That's unanimously approved. Thank you.

VETERANS SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1270-1130-1270	Clerk/Typist	1,761.00	1,761.00
To: 1270-1120-1270	Asst. Service Officer	1,761.00	1,761.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3000	Bond & Insurance	21,783.00	21,783.00
To: 1300-3020	SW Mental Health	21,783.00	21,783.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1302-3200	Utilities	900.00	900.00
To: 1302-3140	Telephone	900.00	900.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-3949	Home Study/Adoption	1,107.00	1,107.00
To: 1370-4210	Office Furniture	1,107.00	1,107.00

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-1063	Grease man	2,012.00	2,012.00
To: 2010-1041	Laborer	2,012.00	2,012.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2012 AND CASTING THE VOTES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON SAID ORDINANCE</p>

President Kiefer: Okay, it doesn't look like there's any repeals or old business, so we'll move into new business and we have the first thing on the agenda of old business is the Resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council proposing an ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed for homesteads for 2012. And I believe we discussed this last week and then also, do we need to read this, anything specifically we need to read into the – as we vote on this?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

Jeff Ahlers: You just need to vote on the resolution first to cast our votes and then vote on the ordinance. I think you just need to read the title of it in and the resolution or ordinance number, and I don't know if – do you already have those on there, Teri?

Teri Lukeman: Yes.

President Kiefer: Jim, do you want to read it?

Councilmember Raben: I can do that. I move to approve the resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council proposing an ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed for homesteads for 2012 and casting the votes of the County Council on said ordinance, Resolution R-07-11-004.

President Kiefer: Okay, and then Tom seconded it. Any discussion among Councilmembers? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Once again, would just like to say that we're fortunate to be able to offer this to taxpayers, local homestead credit, so they will see the reduction from that in their property tax bills and it will be up to us to come up with a balanced budget that reflects that, but I'm glad we're able to take that action.

President Kiefer: I agree.

Councilmember Goebel: Does anyone know off the top of their heads how many counties offer the homestead tax credit, and at the maximum? Is it around 40 or 50?

President Kiefer: What was the – I'm sorry.

Councilmember Lloyd: How many counties offer the local homestead credit? I'm thinking it's about 50, something like that.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, before we move ahead with this, we need to, have to say this is one vote, we're not doing this multiple times.

Jeff Ahlers: What we need to do is just have a motion to make this the first and final reading of the ordinance and that way you can do it in one meeting, otherwise, we would have to have a second reading.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, I'll move, again, that we make this motion, this motion makes this the first and final vote and reading of the said homestead tax credit resolution and ordinance.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and second, so first we're voting on this immediate one and then we'll come back to your original. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So that is seven, and that's unanimous, so we're allowed to now move on your first motion.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Jeff Ahlers: No, the resolution has passed and that was fine. Now your motion to make this the first and final reading of the ordinance, you just need someone now to make a motion to pass the ordinance.

President Kiefer: Yeah. And he already made that motion to pass the ordinance.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: I think James had it and Tom had the second, so we're good to vote. Just, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that's seven-zero, and that's great that we're able to pass this.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY CLERK VOTE CENTERS

President Kiefer: We have the County Clerk in the audience, Susie Kirk. Susie, welcome. We're going to discuss the voting centers, I believe.

Susan Kirk: Good morning. Emma is going to hand out some papers to each one of you. We're in the process of trying to establish the vote centers but the way the rules work, I have to have two public meetings, go before Council, go before Commissioners. So I just, before we go too much farther, we've already had one public meeting which was a success, because the ones that showed up, they all wanted it. We're going to have –

President Kiefer: Susie, who is your helper today?

Susan Kirk: This is Emma Kirk, she is my granddaughter. She has had a lot of training and helping with meetings and stuff through my years as the County Clerk. She is very good at what she does. Maybe she'll be a County Clerk one of these days. What I'm giving you today is more like the budget that I would submit and I just want to briefly go through this just to show you just in this general election coming up, we would already have a savings of \$39,800, that's just in the city general election. That's just poll workers alone. When you take a polling place that, to staff it is 132 and it takes \$500 to staff a polling place with an inspector, two judges and two clerks, that alone is a huge savings. When you turn to the next page and look at next year, and we would be saving not actually 120,000, almost, though, \$121,000 by moving to the vote centers. The thing of it is, we have up front costs and before I pursue this any more because it's been quite a little task to get some of this up and running, I want to know if the Council, because I will come back again in August to have the final, I gave you a sample resolution, I don't know, it's been, what, Sandie, a couple of weeks ago? And that's when you would vote and do the resolution so we would have it. But if you don't want it, then I'm going to stop spending my time trying to get it done. So you need to make the decision on what you want to do. Does everyone understand how vote centers work? Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, if you would, would you explain the time frame before the general election and day of the election? Will the vote centers still remain or do you go back to any other sites, just since we have the cameras on right now.

Susan Kirk: Okay, the first packet that I had handed out, well, that Sandie handed out to you, shows two maps. One map is the existing 132 polling places and grant you, in several of those, we do have, like Plaza School, at one time had four polling places. Then there was another map showing you the 23 vote centers that each county chairman decided on. Both county chairmen worked very well together in the best interest of the people and chose the 23 polling places. There may be, after we have another public meeting, a chance that we could have, because I figured on the low side, 24 vote centers, high side, 30. What a vote center is, is election day, you will go to one of these vote centers. You can go to any one you want, it's just like the early library voting where you can go to any library and vote. And that's the way it will be election day only instead of going to 132 separate places somewhere near your home, you can go to any one. So if you work on the east side but you live on the west side, it doesn't make any difference, you can vote at any one of them. They're open the same amount of hours, the only difference is, we will have one inspector like we always do, but there will be four clerks and four judges. We will have three laptop computers at our vote centers. When a voter comes in, they will produce their ID just like they do now. They will come to the clerk's table and do

that. The clerk will look them up. Now, say they've already voted absentee or maybe on the Voter Registration file, they didn't give identification number or something like that, the screen is very easy to read but like, if we need more information a little question mark comes up, so they will ask that voter then. We need the last four digits of your drivers license or whatever we need. Or, they've already voted absentee, sorry, can't vote. Also, at a vote center, if you go to one and vote and think that you're going to whiz over to another one and vote, no, it's real time, and that's what those laptops do. We will have four judges at each one: one will be like the lead judge, the one that comes and returns the supplies back, they're all going to, other than that, they do the same thing. Instead of having four iVotronics at a polling place, there will be anywhere from ten to fifteen. It's a work in progress. The other counties that have done it, we're pretty well sticking with Tippecanoe because they're a larger county. We will find that maybe one vote center, not too many people show up but maybe a couple of vote centers, it's really crowded. Okay, then the next election maybe we will have six judges and six clerks at that vote center with more machines. So it's kind of a work in progress until you see how that goes. Anyway, once you're in, you vote the same way. The Judges now, instead of just putting the peb in and the ballot automatically comes up, it's just like the libraries, when you bring it up, there's going to be like 132 precincts. So the voter will, when they come into vote, I'm going to have them print their name, sign their name, put their address – in the primary they're going to have to circle R or D. It's kind of a poll book, but you're not signing beside your name. The clerk, at that point, will have a little card, just a little piece of paper, and they're going to write down the ward and precinct. If it's a primary, they'll put the ward and precinct and whether that person chose a republican or democrat ballot. That person will take that little piece of paper over to the judge. The judge will have it, insert the peb, there will be the ward and precinct, they will put that in, and then whichever party. The person votes and out the door they go. It is quite a cost savings, but like I said, we have up front costs. We'll need laptops for each one of the – three laptops for each vote center plus I need them for training, so we're talking 120 laptops. The up-front cost is going to right around what we will save in one year, \$121,000, something right around there, and that is purchasing the laptops, we'll also have one little cheap printer at each vote center in case someone comes in and they don't have their ID or whatever and they need to vote a provisional ballot, they will be able to generate a provisional ballot off of that little printer so that they can, they voter will go ahead and vote. Otherwise, it's pretty well that. The software, we were deciding whether we wanted to go with a company called DelMar or go with Quest. Quest is the Voter Registration system in place now and we felt, we had a little meeting with Voter Registration and a few other people and it was pretty well unanimous that we would stick with Quest because, obviously, we would get a few little benefits because they have the statewide voter registration system. So there's reports and things that we can generate. Quest charges \$4,500 per election for their software and support whereas DelMar charged \$15,000 like per year. So you're not talking too much difference there in price. Did that answer any questions anybody's got?

Councilmember Goebel: What, as far as early voting goes at the libraries or will they be at these voting centers or will they, would they have to be absentee?

Susan Kirk: We're going to do the libraries like we have in the past, I'm going to ask Council if I can, in the primary, use the libraries five days before the election and then we'll stick with our fifteen days before the general election. We are not using the libraries for election day. We're pretty well sticking with churches. There will be no public schools because I've always had a problem with that anyway. We're lucky a kid hasn't been run over or abducted by now. It's pretty well going to be churches that have social halls or some kind of a gymnasium and all of them have computer

access but we're probably going to have to run some wires in a few of them down like to the gym or to the social hall so we can plug in. Some are wireless, it's usually a little bit safer to use the plug in, in case something, you know, during a storm or whatever, sometimes your wireless goes out so that's part of our up front cost also. So, but with the up front cost for next year we would break even with what my budget would normally be, and then the year after that is when we would start saving 80 some odd thousand dollars a year, if we keep it with 132 precincts.

President Kiefer: Susie, this, to me, seems like a great idea. I mean, so what you're saying is roughly, the up-front cost for year one is roughly \$39,000 because that's the savings?

Susan Kirk: No. The up-front cost is going to be like \$120,000.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Susan Kirk: The savings, I just wanted to give you an example just for this general election, this is just the poll workers, that's how much you save just by cutting 132 precincts down to, of course, this would be 15. There's 15 in the city, okay, but –

President Kiefer: But by 2012, all of our up-front costs are covered because you're not going to have to buy new laptops for 2012 or you're not going to have to pay for any of the up-front costs.

Susan Kirk: No, once we do the up-front costs, we're good. Our only cost that we will have will be just our election day support from Quest – now, of course, well, I should say, that's election support, that's the \$4,500 per election, plus our IT gentlemen here, we would have one here at the Civic Center and we would have two in the field in case something happens and the computers went down, we've got two IT guys that could get to that vote center and get the thing up and running again. That's the only addition that we would have –

President Kiefer: But really, year to year, beyond that we're saving \$120,000 plus.

Susan Kirk: Pretty well, yes. So you would make up the difference. Next year's budget will be about the same amount as what it would be if we leave everything alone, okay? And if we went with vote centers, but after that, --

President Kiefer: But then the following year, we're going to have huge savings.

Susan Kirk: – yeah, then we're saving, yeah.

President Kiefer: That's great. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: In terms of the hardware, you mentioned the laptops, do we also have printers involved?

Susan Kirk: Well, as I said earlier, we will have one little cheap printer at each vote center in case someone needs to vote a provisional ballot. There's also, when you vote a provisional ballot, there's forms that you have to fill out and then there's other forms that could be printed off, if you assist a voter, you know, it's government, so there's always some kind of form, so they would be able to print those forms.

Councilmember Shetler: So those printers are kind of generic? I mean, is that something we're going to have to buy new or can we –

Susan Kirk: They are, yes. If I can have my laptops and we can't have the new printers, then I'm not going to mess with it because the stuff that we have, we at first thought maybe we might be able to use some leftover equipment, but having the experience with the Election Office and leftover equipment, no. And besides that, the printers we have, they're the big old heavy things and I just don't – no, I don't think we're going to –

Councilmember Shetler: And you figured that into your price?

Susan Kirk: Yeah, the \$120,000 up-front costs is laptops, printers, having the – we'll have to send the IT guys out to each one of the locations, probably run some wires to get it hooked up. It's all that kind of stuff, that's what that 121 is, the better part of it, obviously, the 121 is buying laptops.

President Kiefer: Susie, according to your letter then, you'd like to have us vote at the next regular meeting, August 3rd I think it is, to do the resolution so that way you can know to move ahead with everything you need to do.

Susan Kirk: Yes, if Council is agreeing to do this, then we will move forward. I have my next public meeting July 27th or 29th, I can't remember, at Oaklyn Library and I'm going to go before the Commissioners and then we'll have an Election Board meeting but I don't want to go any farther unless you all think that it's a good thing to do because, like I said, taking up time that we don't have.

Councilmember Raben: I think it's excellent and I'm –

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm okay with it.

Susan Kirk: Well, the other three counties –

Councilmember Raben: – east side of Evansville that live out in German or Armstrong or, you know, for them –

Susan Kirk: This is just for your information, you can go on the website, the Indiana Secretary of State's website, and it will say vote centers, and you click on that. The three pilot counties that have done it for the last three years, it has been a huge success. It is proven, it has not changed the vote totals, there haven't been more voters, less voters, there's still Democrats getting elected, Republicans elected. It has not shown any kind of a different trend by having the vote centers. So if anyone is concerned about that, and for those that maybe are disabled in any way, you can vote by mail, we have travel board and, of course, we're going to have our early voting.

Councilmember Raben: You know, Susie, one thing we may consider is how do we get the message out so, you know, sitting here thinking if we could have some stuff printed at the polls this year –

Susan Kirk: Well, I want to do it for the fall. If I can't start it this fall, I'm not starting in a presidential election.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, --

Susan Kirk: The news media is, I didn't want to do a whole lot.

Councilmember Raben: Not everybody gets the Evansville Courier and I'm sure

there's folks that it's just going to take some work to get that message out there, to get people educated in where they need to go.

Susan Kirk: Absolutely, and I'd just, like I said, I didn't want to jump the gun and starting saying, hmhmhm, and then find out from Council, especially if you're going to be for it or against it. If you're going to be for it, then yes, the news media, we're going to start getting some more play. I was on the Shively and Woods show one evening and we'll start getting some play on that. You guys may, too, so if there's any questions that you have in case your constituents ask you, just let me know.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I was just wondering if we wanted to come forward with a non-binding vocal voice of approval or whatever right now, but she's going to come back.

President Kiefer: Yeah, I guess you have to have hearings on it first.

Susan Kirk: I've had one public hearing. I just want to know – I would like to have some kind of non-binding, pretend, whatever thing so I know whether to go forward or stop.

President Kiefer: Does the Commissioners have to pass anything on this?

Susan Kirk: They do. You have to pass it, the Commissioners have to pass it, and then the Election Board has to pass it unanimously. And our board, we already had a meeting and we are, we're okay with it.

President Kiefer: Susie, when do the Commissioners vote on this?

Susan Kirk: That will be in August, too. I go to the Commissioners at their next meeting next, the 12th, thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, so we'll vote first before they will. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, another advantage that I'm seeing is, was it five, six years ago when we had issues of needing more voting machines in different precincts and the possibility of having to go out and buy some more, and I know that that's relaxed a little bit, but that's a pretty expensive venture to get into. And this may really relieve that where we don't have to get back into that situation whatsoever–

Susan Kirk: Absolutely.

Councilmember Shetler: – because of redistributing these on a different sort of basis, so I think there's a lot of financial advantages as well as, I think, some advantages to putting them in to places, like you said, the workplace where people will have an opportunity to vote more often, so anyway, I think it's a good idea. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Do we just need a motion approving the concept of –

President Kiefer: I think Councilman Lloyd had a couple of questions, first.

Councilmember Lloyd: Susie, on the mechanics of it, the libraries do this now where

they – we can take a motion. I mean, we can take a – we have to do a resolution or we need to do a resolution that we don't have drawn up yet.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, she's got one drawn up and it's attached for August, is that what you mean?

President Kiefer: I'm sorry, Councilman Lloyd, you were...

Councilmember Lloyd: When you go to the libraries, you can vote from any location, so that's basically the same software as what you would use for all the voting in the vote centers.

Susan Kirk: It is. What happens is the laptops that we will use at the libraries are going to be the same laptops that we use at some of the polling sites. The voter registration is downloaded into the laptops before we start our early voting at the libraries. Now things that we do that fifteen days prior to, the fifteen days before the library because early voting starts actually thirty days before the election. We enter that into the system so everything is live, there isn't anything, you know, like I said, everything is live so don't even think about voting twice or any of that. Plus, Councilman Shetler, that is correct also and both parties, it is increasingly, I mean, it is very, very difficult to man these precincts nowadays. It's a busy society. We don't have people that, you know, want to be clerks and judges and inspectors election day. And they're really having difficulty finding people. So this is going to help that, too. Not only save money but help parties instead of finding, you know, --

Councilmember Lloyd: So for this city election, you want to use the city as a guinea pig.

Susan Kirk: Well, it's going to be a very soft and fluffy, nice little guinea pig, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: They're making the capital investment (inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Lloyd: Right.

Susan Kirk: I just, you know, like I said, a very nice little guinea pig. I really think that it's, like I said, the other counties, I've talked to the Clerks and other people in these counties and it's just been a huge success. But to implement it in a presidential election, I don't know that I want to even go there. So if we can kind of get it going with our city precincts, that's going to help, too. People kind of get used to what they're doing. These are all places that, you know, Memorial Baptist Church, Calvary Temple, I mean, most people, these are on main thoroughfares, First Avenue, Lincoln, Bellemeade, you know, it's not off the beaten path, the 4-H Center. The only one that we did have a little difficulty with was Armstrong Township. Right now, we have it, there's a park that sits right in the middle of Armstrong Township, but it's not, it doesn't have any internet connection, nothing like that and there is nothing else in Armstrong nor in the northern part of German, there's nothing there unless we use somebody's house, which I don't think that would work. So Armstrong, yeah, they're going to have to come down to the 4-H Center. That's the only area, but when you look at that map, you're going to see the difference. There were already gaps in places.

President Kiefer: Susie, I think you've done a great job on this. I think it's a, in my mind, a no-brainer, it saves taxpayer money, it's obviously less expensive, easier to man people to work the polling places and easier for the voter because you've got

multiple places to vote at. I think you've seen from the Council today that most people seem very, very favorable to it, so I don't think you're going to have a problem at the next August 3 meeting. Counselor?

Jeff Ahlers: Susie, a question I had was, given the fact that it's a little bit of trial and error, I assume that, and I don't know if it falls to the Election Board or if it has to come to the Commissioners or the Council and everyone, in the future, if you decide you need to add vote centers or someone who's hosting a vote center decides we don't want to host it anymore, I assume – who makes that decision? Does the Election Board just make that decision or will you have to come back to the Commissioners and Council for approval, too, and is that done on an annual basis or going forward, what do you view that as?

Susan Kirk: Okay, by statute, the County Commissioners choose the polling places. They okay them and we will, when I go before them, of course, they've had all the same material that you have, like I said, both party chairmen, they're the ones that picked it and agreed on it and when I go to the Commissioners, but if there is a change, just like now there can be a change, you know, maybe someone doesn't want to do it or whatever. So yes, we can change those as we need to. If we need to add one or take one away or move it.

Jeff Ahlers: And going forward then, is the only reason that Council is approving this is because of the financial aspects of it or you're saying going forward, we wouldn't need to once the program is up and going, is that what you're saying?

Susan Kirk: What you need to do is approve it, do the resolution, because we have to have a resolution from the County Council and the County Commissioners, and then of course, you always approve the budgets. So, you know, a budget is not going to look much different as far as price goes for next year – well, it will because you'll have to come up with this money this year as in pretty quick, actually, to buy the laptops, okay. And, if you're thinking, well, let's see, let's just get the laptops for the city and we'll get the county laptops next year, no, because the more laptops you order, the cheaper they are so we're best in the long run to go ahead and get this stuff done but these are things I need to know so that we can start getting some of this stuff done rather than really waiting until the last minute.

President Kiefer: I agree. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, on the laptop issue, since we only use those laptops for primaries and for general elections, is that correct?

Susan Kirk: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Will we be leasing these and what's the – I mean, these are just general questions that pop in my mind – but will we be leasing them and for what is the lifetime of these laptops or will we have to come back and buy the, say, in three years refresh or five years refresh?

Susan Kirk: We're purchasing laptops. They're kind of a little bit of a lower end. We don't need, you know, anything fancy. We're going to purchase them. They will be dedicated to elections, that's it. So they should last a long time.

Councilmember Goebel: And will Quest be servicing them or will our IT people –

Susan Kirk: Our IT guys will. There's like a five year warranty that comes with them

at the beginning, but that's it, they're going to be dedicated to election day and then our training ones will be dedicated to training, so they should last a long time.

Councilmember Goebel: I know you've looked into that quite heavily as far as the savings are pretty obvious already. I just hope that we can get many years use out of these laptops if they're dedicated only to the elections.

Susan Kirk: Well, I, you know, I don't know, I've got a computer, I had my last one it was like twelve years old and, I mean, I used it more than twice a year so that's why I want these dedicated. This isn't something that's going to be handed out to whoever to, no, there's no borrowing these things. They will be dedicated to this and they should last – I'm not going to say that, you know, I can't guarantee every little piece of machinery or electronic equipment, that we might not have one that breaks or whatever. But I think if we just keep it dedicated, these should last a long –

Councilmember Goebel: You understand the history here within the county. We have a lot of requests for refreshing, five years, period. Hopefully, these will –

Susan Kirk: We're not going to refresh until these – of course, I won't be the Clerk. But it's just like our voting equipment, of which the bad news is we need batteries for that and I know that doesn't sound like much, but it's like \$40,000.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Susie, I was going to clarify one thing. You said German and Armstrong, there would not be a voting center?

Susan Kirk: I will clarify that. Armstrong will not have a vote center in Armstrong, which I mean, there are other areas. But yes, German has almost the same areas, like I said, you guys really need to look at those maps I gave you that show the existing polling places and the vote -- that's it, Russ. Thank you, Councilman Lloyd. When you look at that, and compare the two, you're going to see that where the gaping areas are, were. They were there, the only place that's a little gaping looking is going to be Armstrong. Otherwise, the vote centers are going to be, golly gee, almost in the same spots as the other ones were. You know, in Center Township, when you look at the vote center map, you think oh my gosh, look at that big area there, there's nothing there. But if you look at the way we do it now, there's nothing there now to vote. So they've been driving that direction anyway to do it.

President Kiefer: Okay, Stephanie has a question?

Councilmember Terry: I did, I already answered my question, I looked back, so I don't have a question.

Councilmember Bassemier: I just, what are we going to do? Just if anybody says they're against it, come out right now or just – it looks like everybody is for it, I mean, your statement was, you know, pretty sure there's no problem here, but what do we do now? Just –

President Kiefer: I don't think we're voting on anything.

Councilmember Bassemier: No, we're not, but she just wants us all to agree right now so she can walk out here and go on and finish this process. So I have no problem with it.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I am very much in favor of it. I think in the long run it's something that's going to save us a great deal of money plus the convenience to the voter, however, I do have some questions on the finance part of it, the cash flow end of it. Has the city been brought into this at all? Because, I mean, I guess here's my question: this being a city election year and they're paying 100% of the election costs this year, if we were taking some of their operating monies and transferring that into the capital to buy this new equipment, that may be alright as long as it fits within that budget, but if there's monies that are in excess of today's existing budget, and we need additional monies for that, then I guess the question is, how much additional money will we need to appropriate this year, and the next question would be to James or whoever, where are we going to grab that from?

Susan Kirk: Well, we're going to, like I said, the savings is going to be almost \$40,000, so you take 40 away from 120, and you're around 80, so we would need around \$80,000 to purchase – well, we're going to need 121,000, but with the savings that we're going to have and really, being as that the city has to pay for their elections anyway, I don't see why they couldn't pay at least a third of this because they're using the equipment. So that would be their \$40,000.

Councilmember Raben: Well, there's really not a net difference this year. The up front savings before the capital was 121, right?

Susan Kirk: Well, we're going to save \$40,000 this general election. We need to spend 121. Now I don't know how Council wants to work that to pay for the stuff and then, you know, have the city reimburse you back for their expenses plus a partial part of the \$121,000 because, like I said, they're already saving.

Councilmember Raben: That's something we'll have to work out with the city. Regardless, I don't think we stop on it. I mean, I think we go forward. We may have to work out an arrangement where they pay 50% of that 80 and we pay 50. But we've got pools we can pull that from.

Councilmember Shetler: But we definitely need to get that worked out because we're talking about \$400,000 surplus we're operating off of, or not surplus but balance that we have currently in the general fund and if we pull \$80,000 out of that, it's 20% of that, so that's considerable.

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, I know you mentioned you want to get all the computers now, but is there a possibility of staggering that with the company from whom you're buying, let them know next year we're going to need this many? That might increase also the warranty on those computers because it would be '12 when we get them.

Susan Kirk: Well, now like I said, as I said earlier, it is cheaper when you – the more you buy, the cheaper they are, but that's up to Council. If you just want to get enough computers to get us by for the city and then next year buy the rest of them for the county, that's up to you.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I was thinking more along the lines of staggering, our contract saying we want this many for the fall election and then we want the balance next year.

Susan Kirk: I don't know many businesses do that, where you say, gee, I'm just

going to buy this many now but I want the same price and I mean the IT guys, they've really worked on trying to get us the best price. I will ask them if we can do it in an increment, so much this year and then pay the balance next year, I will ask them, and email all of you with that answer because I do not know.

Councilmember Shetler: I would think that they would be willing to work with us on that because it's a sizable investment by the county.

Susan Kirk: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Shetler: And the other option would be doing a lease/purchase where we'd do it over three years because then we could actually operate within our cash this year, \$40,000 and \$40,000 next year, and then \$40,000 on the third year and that way we'd not have to do any additional appropriation, it would fit within our budget guidelines that we have on elections.

Susan Kirk: You have to make up your mind, do you want to do that or do you want to buy them. It's like, you know, do you want to rent all your life or do you want to buy a house, pay it off, and have it done with.

Councilmember Shetler: No, a lease-purchase option on a three year basis, normally, they would do it at today's 4 ¼% interest type of thing and you'd have a dollar payout at the very end. It's a good way to cash flow it and it doesn't cost the county or the city any additional monies to speak of.

Susan Kirk: I thought I'd always, if you did the lease purchase, that it cost you a little bit more in the long run. I will find out from the IT department –

Councilmember Shetler: Not necessarily.

Susan Kirk: – buying some now, some later, and I'll email all of you with that. I mean, it can't be too much of a difference in price, but I just wanted to do everything I could to save every little penny here, there and yonder.

Councilmember Lloyd: Question, so go back to some of the mechanics: each vote center will have one inspector?

Susan Kirk: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: But then how many workers?

Susan Kirk: They will have one inspector, four judges and four clerks, and three laptop computers.

Councilmember Lloyd: And voters would have to come in and sign their name and address, and then they would look that up on the computer to make sure that that's valid, that they haven't already voted?

Susan Kirk: Yes, I don't have to have them do that but I'm going to anyway. I guess I'm a little anal when it comes to that. I want the voter to print their name because, obviously, you probably couldn't read my signature, print their name, sign their name, write their address, and I always want them, and I stress this at our instructional meetings, they have to say whether they want an R or a D, not verbal, and then that's written down and then that's taken to the judge so, because I don't know about you guys, but if I'm here and they say, oh, you're in ward 2, precinct 3,

by the time I get to the judge, I'll probably forget what it was. So we're just going to write that on a little piece of paper.

Councilmember Lloyd: And then you've got, in the city election you've got 90,000 registered voters, typically, about 30 to 35% will vote.

Susan Kirk: Yep.

Councilmember Lloyd: Looking at the vote centers, you had proposed 15 for the city election?

Susan Kirk: Well, there are 15 located within the city limits.

Councilmember Lloyd: Oh, okay. Did you want to have, how many did you propose for the election?

Susan Kirk: There's 23. Both chairmen came up with 23. Like I said, now I have figured some of the cost on the low side 24, high side 30. By law, you only have to have one vote center per every 10,000 voters. None of the three counties did not because oh, now you're spreading out way too wide. So they all three had more than what was required by state statute, of which we do, too, by what we would have needed, what, 14, and we've got 23. So once I get through some of this, get some cost estimates, I'll be able to tell you to the penny exactly what we need, this is draft so far.

Councilmember Lloyd: So would there be vote centers in the county for the city election?

Susan Kirk: No.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so the 4-H would not be for the city election?

Susan Kirk: No. Anything located in the county would not, no.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, what about on the edge, like close to the city?

Susan Kirk: Well, we're pretty close to the city with Calvary, that's out there in ward 5, that's First Avenue, then we've got some over on the east side that are reasonably close, matter of fact, well, I don't know if they do any more because they annexed that area.

Councilmember Lloyd: You've got on this one map, Bethlehem United Church on Oak Hill Road, but that's not in the city, would be one you'd use?

Susan Kirk: If it is not located within the city limits, no.

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess one concern I had was the far east side you have quite a bit of population out there and you've got two vote centers, Washington Square Mall and St. John's East Church, you know, Plaza School, in the past, you'd had four precincts there. St. John's, not as big parking lot, so I just, I know I'd heard from other residents, they asked about Roberts Stadium and I guess the city came back and said they didn't want Roberts Stadium.

Susan Kirk: I spoke with the mayor on that, because the election board was very adamant about wanting to be able to use Roberts Stadium, which would have been

a great spot, but no, we can't use it. We talked about trying to use the National Guard Armory over there, but because, obviously, of security reasons and things like that, I pretty well don't think that's going to happen, so now we're on that little Boeke, that church right there. But like I said, we're open for any suggestions. If you know of some place or whatever that would be a great vote center, --

President Kiefer: So right now, the vote centers are not set in stone --

Susan Kirk: They're never set in stone, you can always change.

Councilmember Raben: I think you need to get through one election and find out where the problems are.

Susan Kirk: You do, that's exactly right. When you get through one, you see. You know, if we see on the east side that it's like, oh man, you know, we may have to put another one, if we see down in whatever, the 4th ward or the 6th ward, we'll, you know, when you say the east side, yeah, we had St. John's Church, across the street is Plaza, it's amazing when you really look at that map to see how many were just grouped together anyway.

President Kiefer: But the bottom line is, a voter can vote at any voting center.

Susan Kirk: Right, it's just like at the libraries.

President Kiefer: Okay. Alright, any other discussion before we move on? Okay, Mike, did you have something?

Councilmember Goebel: No, I was just going to say, Susie's assistant has handled this very nicely.

Susan Kirk: I appreciate that very much. She started when she was three years old at the Mayor's round table.

President Kiefer: Thank you very much, Susie. We'll move on to the next item.

Susan Kirk: Thank you.

COUNTY ASSESSOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Kiefer: Next on the agenda is the Assessor has a request to fill a vacancy and I think I see the Assessor out there in the audience. There was a letter in the packet from Assessor Fluty asking to refill a position from somebody that was terminated and he's asking to fill that position.

Bill Fluty: They weren't terminated, they actually moved on to a little better job.

President Kiefer: I'm sorry, I apologize, I saw the word terminating in there, but anyway, you can tell us a little bit about what you're wanting.

Bill Fluty: This job is a Network Supervisor, actually does all the interaction with the DLGF and the Auditor's office, the Treasurer's office, and running scripts and working with our staff on a daily basis, any software, hardware problems, and is a key position, and that's why I'm up here asking for that. There are some positions that have more responsibilities and this is one.

President Kiefer: Now filling this position immediately, is there pay-out money or is there an overlap in what needs to be paid?

Bill Fluty: No, this particular position, he's been with us less than three years so it hasn't built up that much time, so within two weeks, this position could be filled.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Goebel, did you –

Councilmember Goebel: And through time, have you eliminated any positions?

Bill Fluty: Yes, I'll be presenting a budget this year that will be three less than last year.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Any further discussion? If not, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Approved unanimously, congratulations.

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES
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President Kiefer: Next on the agenda, the Sheriff has a request to fill vacancies, there's four Deputies, one Jail Nurse, four Jail CO's, and two Community Correction Officers.

Eric Williams: Good morning, Sheriff Williams.

President Kiefer: Good morning. You want to...

Eric Williams: It's pretty self-explanatory, it's basically the same request that you receive periodically from my office. I'd be happy to answer any questions in detail about any specific positions, though.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Kiefer: Okay, was there any –

Councilmember Terry: Second.

Councilmember Goebel: You'll fill these according to your time line here if we approve today or not?

Eric Williams: Yes, that would be the earliest time line that we fill them at.

President Kiefer: Okay, so we have a motion by Councilman Raben, was there a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Terry. Okay, further discussion? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Do you know approximately the number of vacancies so far or like as of right now in the department between Deputies and Confinement? I mean, is it just this list or is there more?

Eric Williams: There's more.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. I know the city with their annexation, has that caused you to change some of the patrol routes or does that affect this in any way?

Eric Williams: It didn't affect us greatly, the areas annexed were basically minor runs that they would take, you know, subtract the crashes and accidents. We still have a significant portion of the county that's in the southeast part of the county that requires us to keep patrol in that area. You know, we still spend some time even within the city limits performing the functions of the Sheriff's office, but even as fast as the city is annexed, the growth in the northern part of the county has continued. Our run volume continues to grow. It may not be growing at the same pace that it had been growing and that's just in the patrol area because we still have a significant number of deputies and the confinement center, you know, those numbers are unaffected by annexations. Those are affected by court calendars and census in the Jail, which has not decreased.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, looking at the Deputies, and I know you've got the, in the fall you've got the new North High School so you've got to do some staffing with that, based on the vacancies you have there, could any of these be moved into January of 2012?

Eric Williams: They probably realistically will be. The reason I give those dates is because we'll probably try to hire them at the very, very last of December so that we can get them scheduled for the first academy session in January. The academy won't take them if I don't have them on the payroll, and the first academy, I believe, starts the first Monday in January. So we're going to hire them at the last possible moment to get them into the academy. It's my philosophy that I don't like to bring people on too far in advance of their academy training because they're not – I can't do a lot with them as Deputies until they get back from the academy.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I don't want to get into a lot of detail here but according to the plan if there would happen to be a merger, that's not going to affect our two law enforcement bodies until 2020 something, is that correct?

Eric Williams: You know, that's a question probably better directed for that committee or the Councils and the Commissioners, but, my understanding right now is that their plan is to roll the plan out for a referendum vote that will leave law enforcement alone to be decided on at a date approximately ten years after passage of the referendum, provided that it passes. In the meantime, the plan is to lock in our jurisdictional boundaries with some tweaks and modifications. I've submitted a proposal that is fairly aggressive in doing that because, you know, one of our issues is we've always wanted to, if we could do this, eliminate the large island that we deal with in the southeast part of the county, that forces us to traverse a lot of city jurisdiction to patrol and police. We'd like to turn that over to the city in exchange for lining up the lines across the northern part of the county so that we're not splitting up neighborhoods and just follow some normal street boundaries. And that plan really balances out the run volume, but then it makes a core for the Evansville Police Department and the surrounding doughnut, so to speak, for the Sheriff's Office to patrol for that duration until it would finally be addressed. My personal opinion, I'll just interject it here, if this community decides to go with consolidated local government, I believe that the will and appetite to consolidate law enforcement will be fast on its heels. I think they will quickly realize that there is some efficiencies and effectiveness to be gained by doing that. But that's been my position in the beginning and it's not commonly shared.

Councilmember Goebel: But your approach right now, regardless, is to make law enforcement and patrols more efficient, is that correct?

Eric Williams: Yes, and Chief Hill and I have talked at length about some of the areas and we've done that, quite frankly, now we've got some interlocal agreements between the two agencies. For example, the City of Evansville actually owns Moutoux Park, Dogtown Boat Ramp, Angel Mounds Boat Ramp and some places like that which is extremely inefficient for them to patrol and police since we're already in the surrounding jurisdiction. So, through interlocal agreements, we cover that and they cover some areas for us that is inefficient for us because of the way that the city is configured inside of our county.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you for working in that direction.

Councilmember Raben: Sheriff, tell us again from the time you offer the job until you've got a uniformed officer, what is the period that you stated, about six months?

Eric Williams: For a Deputy Sheriff?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Eric Williams: Basically, once we offer the job, we have to get them through the academy, which is approximately three months. After three months, then we would send them through our field training program, which is, depending on how fast they move through it, some are better than others, that would take us probably another four to five months. And then basically the remainder of that time, they're still on probation under the statute. In other words, they have no recourse to the Sheriff's Merit Commission to be terminated. They're still under my exclusive jurisdiction and if they're not meeting the criteria or they're struggling or they're going to be problematic, we can dismiss without cause and just send them packing in that first year. So really, before we turn them loose and give them the keys to a car and let them take report runs on themselves on their own, it's generally a year.

President Kiefer: Okay, great. Well, I think we have a first and a second. So if no other discussion, we'll have a roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'm struggling with this a little bit just cause of the numbers and we're going to be facing issues related to employment, but I think working with the Sheriff to delay some of these hires, I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I vote yes. You have a seven/zero vote, congratulations.

Eric Williams: To Councilman Lloyd's concern, I would be more than happy to sit down with a group of you or you independently and look at the table of organization, the hiring process, and the structure because I, too, want to make as efficient as

possible and there may be other places we can look at besides my front line people that are making calls for service and managing the floors of the jail. Those are the critical areas of the office that we've got to keep people on the floor. Since computers are a common discussion, I want to plug my office for one thing that we've been able to accomplish. When we built the new jail we bought a lot of new computer equipment. We've now got some specialized monitors that are failing, they've been in place for almost six years. We've taken a couple of them apart and done some research on them and we've got a part time college kid who is soldering a piece back into them for five bucks and they're back like brand new. So just so you know, we're trying to make the best with what we've got.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Thanks. Appreciate that.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER REQUEST TO FILL TWO VACANCIES
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President Kiefer: Next on the agenda is the Public Defender, I see Mr. Steve Owens in the audience. He's asking to fill a couple of vacancies, two part-time Public Defenders, of which I think one of them has already perhaps started.

Steve Owens: One of them has already started, the other one is scheduled to start if Council approves it, on Monday.

President Kiefer: Okay, and just, I think we talked a little bit about this last week, you weren't available but somebody else from your office, yeah, he was here and he gave us a little bit of an update. So is there any question –

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Second from Councilman Bassemier. Okay, any further discussion? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I just wondered if the court has appointed or approved an attorney to take Mr. Dodd's place?

Steve Owens: Not at the present time.

Councilmember Lloyd: And that's one of the reasons that the Prosecutor withdrew his request is because this thing is kind of in a holding pattern until that gets done. I think there's some bills outstanding, but do you have any idea of the time frame?

Steve Owens: My understanding, Councilman, is we are supposed to meet with the Judge on Friday. I anticipate he's going to formalize the appointment at that time.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. And did you agree to stay as the co-counsel?

Steve Owens: I'm in as co-counsel.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so we may know something Friday.

Steve Owens: I would hope that we'll learn Friday that the Judge has made the formal appointment in that case and we'll proceed from there.

Councilmember Lloyd: As of now, I guess the trial date was still November 8, that doesn't seem realistic, doesn't it?

Steve Owens: That's not going to be a realistic trial date.

Councilmember Lloyd: So that will be pushed into next year?

Steve Owens: In talking with the Prosecutor's Office and talking with the person that I anticipate is going to be appointed, I think that's likely either very late this year, early part of next year. The Judge is interested in moving that case as quickly as he can but I think in all likelihood for all of us to be ready, it will be probably the early part of next year.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, but we've lost several months and the new attorney, it's going to take some time to get up to speed?

Steve Owens: He's actually working on it now even though he hasn't been formally appointed. We haven't really lost any time, it's a matter more so of getting him up to speed. We've been working on the case for the past month, so there is going to be some delay, obviously. He may bring a different viewpoint to the case.

Councilmember Lloyd: Is this something, I guess looking down the road, are there other attorneys in your office that might be moved to take the classes and be qualified for death penalty cases?

Steve Owens: First of all, there's nobody in the office presently, who is qualified. Mr. Bunner and I would be the closest to. I've spoken with Mr. Bunner, he's not interested in qualifying he said, death qualified attorney. It would take some time to get any of the newer lawyers as we've transitioned from –

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– part-time staff to full-time staff. There are certain requirements they need to meet and it would take a while to get them all there.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Steve, the positions at hand, these are basically temporary and then at the – at budget time are going to roll two into one, is that correct?

Steve Owens: The intent is to roll Mr. Dodd's position and at least one other part-time position into a full-time position starting in January.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, hopefully, we can do that.

Steve Owens: I think we'll be able to do that, the problem is the timing. The new students are sitting for the bar in July, they won't receive their results until October and won't be sworn in until November. So in order to appeal to the largest number of potential candidates, we can't really do anything until very late in the year and start them then into the following year.

Councilmember Goebel: But that is your intent even if it's the beginning of next year.

Steve Owens: That's what we're going to do for 2012.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thanks.

Councilmember Lloyd: And the point is, that would save the county money taking the two part-time that have all benefits into one full-time, and the full-time that's going to come in at a lower pay grade and work their way up.

Steve Owens: Full-time person would come in at an introductory pay level depending upon whether we hire someone who has some experience, no experience. Certainly there will be a savings in benefits to the county for the 2012 budget year. I can't tell you exactly how much that's going to be at this point because I don't know who is going to fill the position.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other questions? We'll have the roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven/zero, you're approved. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

**TREASURER
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BURDETTE PARK**

President Kiefer: Next on the agenda are the travel requests. Is there any discussion anybody has regarding the travel requests?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: We have a first and a second. Any other discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, it's approved seven/zero.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GAGE 2011 TAX PHASE-IN COMPLIANCE REVIEW

President Kiefer: And we already heard GAGE last week so we'll move on to amendments to –

Jeff Ahlers: Is she here again? I think, well, I don't know if it was for this meeting, but I think they want you to, you need to make a motion that they're in substantial compliance with their Statement of Benefits. I thought she was going to come and present. I don't know whether they need that done this meeting or what her time table is, but traditionally, every year we determine either, you determine that each or all of them are in substantial compliance with the statement of benefits as the magic language. If you find that some of them may not be, you can call them in for a hearing. From last time, I understood you guys –

President Kiefer: I mean, what do we need to do, to do that? I mean, is that –

Jeff Ahlers: You just make a motion, someone can make a motion that you find that the taxpayer companies listed on the 2011 tax phase-in compliance review are in substantial compliance with their statement of benefits for the past year.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Kiefer: Okay, moved by Councilman Shetler.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Lloyd. Can we just do this by voice vote?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah.

President Kiefer: All in favor, say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: Okay, so now that's passed. Now we're done with GAGE.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Kiefer: Amendments to Salary Ordinance, Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first under Co-Op Extension, I move we amend salary line 1230-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. This request is for the Professor Popcorn Program funded through St. Mary's Hospital, this is for two part-time employees to work no more than 30 hours per week at \$9.50 per hour. Veterans Services, amend salary line 1270-1120 Assistant Service Officer as previously approved. The current employee is a PAT III, Step 3 with a 2011 annual salary of \$34,672. Assessor, salary line 1090-1180. This position is classified as a PAT IV with a Step 1, with an annual salary of \$35,330. The initiation salary would be \$33,716. Under Sheriff, we've got four Deputies, a Nurse, and six Confinement Officers, as previously adopted. Under Public Defender, salary line 1303-1860 and 1303-1180 as previously approved. And County Highway, salary line 2010-1063 Grease Man as previously approved. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Kiefer: Is there a second, please?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Shetler. Any further discussion? Okay, we'll do roll call vote then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that's unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Kiefer: Any public comment? If not, I'll ask for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Lloyd: So moved.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: All in favor, aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: We are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Joe Kiefer

Vice President Tom Shetler, Jr.

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Stephanie Terry

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
AUGUST 3, 2011

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd day of August in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Council President Joe Kiefer.

President Kiefer: I'd like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council meeting for August 3rd, 2011. If you could do roll call, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben		X
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Kiefer	X	

President Kiefer: Thank you very much and welcome to the County Council meeting. I'd like to ask Barb McCarty if she could lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JULY 6, 2011

President Kiefer: Thank you, Barbara. Appreciate that. We'll just move right into the appropriation ordinance with – oh, thank you very much, Councilman Lloyd. We need to have an approval of the minutes.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Kiefer: Second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: All in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: So moved.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

COUNTY CLERK

President Kiefer: Okay, now we'll move into the Appropriation Ordinance and I

understand, Councilman Lloyd, you're going to help us along with that.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. General Fund appropriations, County Clerk, Record Storage, \$25,000. Is there a representative from the Clerk's office here?

President Kiefer: I see Susie out in the audience, And she has that good helper with her again today.

Susan Kirk: Yes, we have the helper and then there's Phoebe back here, also. Alright, any questions?

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess, this is something that we've done in prior years, is that something that we would bid out, the record storage?

Susan Kirk: Well, we went through that process, well, it's back when Royce Sutton was on the Council, and it has been a proven fact that Kinder is the cheapest and they actually go over and above, beyond the call of duty. So, I think we're doing pretty good. Besides that, they also do our scanning and our microfilming out there, so actually, to move the files to another facility would actually cost more because then you're transporting.

Councilmember Lloyd: You've had that with them for a number of years, right?

Susan Kirk: Yes, it was – Marsha Abell, I believe is the one that started using them.

Councilmember Bassemier: If there's not a motion, I'd like to make a motion to approve.

President Kiefer: Okay, is there a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Discussion? Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, and that's unanimous. Congratulations.

Susan Kirk: Thank you.

President Kiefer: And we'll be seeing you later in the meeting.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-3603	Record Storage	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total		25,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Lloyd: Burdette Park, 1450-1180-1450 Other Employees, 1450-1900 FICA, 35,000 and 2,678, total \$37,678. And we, I believe the Burdette Park director was here last week and explained that this would be paid back out of revenues.

President Kiefer: Yeah, I think we discussed it last week. Is there a motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll second.

President Kiefer: Okay, first by Councilman Bassemier, second by Councilman Shetler. Roll call please. Oh, any further discussion? Okay, now roll call. Thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: That was Mr. Craig that was here and I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, and Mr. Craig, congratulations. Each approval deserves a congratulations because these are tough to come by sometimes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	35,000.00	35,000.00
1450-1900	FICA	2,678.00	2,678.00
Total		37,678.00	37,678.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, under the Health Department, separate fund, 2130-2241 Institutional & Medical, \$23,602, and we have Mr. Heck here.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. Last week you asked about some of the numbers and I have those to give you today. Through July 28th, we've seen 267 clients, the total revenue generated and deposited is \$25,486 and the number of vaccines administered is \$551. This would be through the foreign travel for 2011. For 2010, the dollar total was \$36,347, clients was 405, and the number of vaccines administered was 842, and for 2009 the dollar amount was \$36,159, the number of clients seen was 449, the vaccinations administered was 926. I'd be happy to answer any additional questions if anyone has any.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Do you list those by whether they domicile in Vanderburgh County or they're outside of Vanderburgh County? Do you get those? Particularly, and I brought this questions up before dealing with those that are getting shots for foreign travel.

Gary Heck: This is foreign travel. We can go back and look up their residence. It's open to anybody since it's all private pay, so it never really mattered to us because what they were doing is getting protected for when they go abroad to protect themselves, so when they return, they shouldn't be bringing vaccine preventable diseases back with them. And if they're traveling from Evansville airport to someplace else, we just don't want them coming back here with a disease if we can prevent it by allowing them to get vaccinated, but I can check on that for you.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, my concern, and I understand that they're paying for it, but it's also being subsidized somewhat by the taxpayers. And, you know, those shots, I'm sure would cost more than if you went to some private clinic or private physician to get that done. And since Vanderburgh County taxpayers are helping to subsidize that, I have no problem with them getting a little bit lower price but those that are coming from outside of and particularly out of state, southern Illinois, western Kentucky areas, that we might look at an additional fee whether it's a dollar or a couple dollars more for those vaccinations.

Gary Heck: The Board of Health is meeting next Thursday, and on their agenda, Commissioner Abell asked us to put a similar consideration to charge additional for anybody out of county for the dental clinic. We already do charge it, but she wanted it to be even more than what the fee, the administration fee that's there now. So the Board of Health will be considering that at their board meeting next Thursday. I can certainly add this to that request if you wish.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I would appreciate it because, again, since we're subsidizing through other tax funds a certain level of that vaccination, I think it would only be fair that, you know, and I'm not asking for us to double it or triple it or anything like that, but some kind of modest increase so that it differentiates and that the people of Vanderburgh County understand that they're getting something for tax dollars as well, some benefit.

Gary Heck: Well, the way the fee is established, it's whatever the Health department's cost for the vaccine is, rounded up to the next highest dollar, and then there's a \$10 administration fee added on to that and it's, at this point in time, it's the same for any client that would come to the foreign travel, and it's all private pay. But I certainly understand your request and we'll add it to the agenda for the board to consider next Thursday.

Councilmember Shetler: Thank you, Gary.

Gary Heck: Yes sir.

Councilmember Lloyd: Other questions? I mean, I guess one thing you brought up, the numbers are quite a bit higher in 2011, it sounds like.

Gary Heck: They are as far as, we're only through July, so the first seven months, we're on a trend to be higher by the end of the year, that's true.

Councilmember Lloyd: So more traveling this year. Okay, we need a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, motion by Councilman Shetler, and a second by Councilwoman Terry. Thank you. No further discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I might point out, this is the Health department fund, so it's not the general fund. I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Congratulations.

Gary Heck: Thank you.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2130-2241	Institutional & Medical	23,602.00	23,602.00
Total		23,602.00	23,602.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Councilmember Lloyd: Convention & Visitors Bureau appropriation, 3570-3440 Advertising \$300,000, which would be appropriated from their unappropriated funds, and this is actually in conjunction with the transfer, \$173,600 from Convention Services to Advertising, so this is a whole program. In talking with President Kiefer, he wanted you guys to go ahead and do your presentation now.

President Kiefer: Mr. Warren, thank you for being here today, and I see you have members of your board here as well.

Bob Warren: Thank you very much, Mr. President, Council, I do appreciate you giving us the opportunity to do this and I would like to recognize that we do have five members of our board of commissioners in the audience today. The next few minutes I'm going to try to condense nine weeks of work and a four and a half, five hour marketing committee board retreat into about six or seven minutes. So bear with me, I will do my best to try to get through it. But this is an important request that we're making of you today and we appreciate your considering it. If I may just real quickly, I'd like to be able to read to you the mission statement for the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau. The Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau is the official sales and marketing agency for tourism in Evansville and Vanderburgh County. The ECVB enhances the economy of the area by selling and marketing the region as a premiere destination for conventions, meetings, sports events, recreation and business. The key point here is marketing. You know, as we look at our mission statement, marketing is an element that we should be charged with and should be doing. We have a new statement at our Convention & Visitors Bureau: if it's not broke, let's break it; if we can't break it, let's bend it, because even the things we do well, we can improve upon. We have spent the past nine weeks looking at what we're doing right, what we're doing wrong, what we need to improve on, what we are not doing at all, and what we should be doing. The past nine weeks that we have been multitasking in our office, we've been working on operations, personnel, budgets, policies and procedures, looking for a new agency of record, which has been delayed slightly, grant request procedures, that's something that's very important to us and the funding of different projects that are occurring in Evansville and Vanderburgh County. We have begun the process of strategic planning, we have actually held that meeting. We have developed a preliminary plan of work and I think you have documents that I provided to you this past week, and that's about 90 slides that walks through the process that our board of directors and staff went through to get before you today. We know that we have strengths, you know, our strengths are in the association marketing, the corporate market, government markets, these are all meetings markets, the SMERF market, which represents social, military, education, religious and fraternal. We are working very closely with SMG now in the process of trying to better serve the meetings markets to Evansville and Vanderburgh County. It's a real good relationship and we're continuing to build that relationship. We do understand that without a hotel, it's

going to present us some challenges in the future closure of the large meetings markets, although we can still attract the workshops, retreats, board retreats, seminars, things that the association and corporate market continue to do. This is our current analysis of our industry. We're sitting at an annualized occupancy of 58.3%. We have an average daily rate of \$80.68. Our current total room nights available in Vanderburgh County is 1,318,000 plus. We're currently in a position where we have about 58.3% annualized occupancy. We have about 549,000 rooms that are not occupied. We do know that lodging sales last year was 43.7 million dollars and we attracted 4.3 million visitors. Direct economic impact into our community is about 494 million dollars and we have about 6,144 jobs in our industry. I'm doing this for a reason because as we look at what we have in Vanderburgh County, this is what's so important. I've managed to look at our inventory. We've done competitive analysis with other markets within our region and our attractions here are absolutely incredible. The problem we've found is nobody knows that we have them. They're attractions that we, in Evansville and Vanderburgh County, pay a lot of attention to. And an example of that is our Evansville Museum of Arts & Science. What a magnificent facility, it's attracting about 70,000 visitors a year, but they're virtually spending no money marketing that facility. The LST, same thing. LST, great product for our community, their marketing budget from what I understand in talking to representatives is zero. This presents a major problem for us. Special events, we have some wonderful special events here. Again, these events from what we have looked at over the past nine weeks, are events that we know a great deal about. We attend. But the problem is, is that we're not going outside of our market to generate overnight lodging for these events. They're primarily local events that are well attended by our local population and that's a great thing to have those types of products, but we're not seeing the benefits of reaching out to others to bring them into our community. This is Bob's circles. I keep referring to them because this is the fourth market that I've had the opportunity to manage the tourism interest, and I'd like to share something that's really, really important to this Council today. My first is the one at the most southern tip, that's Galveston Island. Galveston Island, our marketing budget there ranged between 7 and \$800,000 a year. It's a population of 65,000, 120,000 square foot convention center which is half the size of the one we have here. But we did have about 4,500 rooms in comparison to 3,600 rooms here. But we spent 7 to \$800,000, an estimated 50% of our budget, in marketing that destination. Number two, Panama City Beach, that was my second destination and our primary markets were Atlanta, Knoxville, Nashville, Louisville, Memphis, Birmingham, and all points south. That particular budget was a much larger budget. We had a six million dollar budget, 54% of that was marketing, with 3.5 million dollars being spent on marketing to the leisure market. Okay, the third one, little, bitty, tiny Galena, Illinois, population 3500, 700 total rooms in that destination. And we spent about \$330,000 in that destination. Here we are in Evansville. Evansville, currently we're spending this past year, the information that I had, had us at about \$116,000 in marketing, and that represents about 10% of our overall budget. Ladies and gentlemen, this needs to be improved. New market opportunities, I'm going to throw this out real quick because this was a major debate that we had with our Council. Twenty-eight and a half percent of our available lodging is weekend lodging. That's 375,000 available rooms on weekends during the course of a given year. If we could just reach a 50% occupancy, that would generate an additional 187,816 rooms, produce another 15.2 million dollars in room revenue, and another 1.2 million dollars in tax collections for Vanderburgh County and Evansville. Everybody is understanding the economy right now. God, if you're not watching the economy, we're in trouble. You know, deep concerns about travel. Only 48% of the traveling public intend to travel, that's down five points from last year. You know, we've got to be able to reach out to that 48% that we know is traveling within our region, and try to capture our market share. Lack of

disposable income, concerns about their jobs, if you're looking at the debt issues that we're dealing with right now, they're absolutely scary. People are afraid to spend money. You know, we have to be able to go after those that we know will travel close. The branding process, this is something that we have to do in order to be able to understand who our clients are. Right now, I don't think we know. You know, we're working with the economic development group here, we're working with GAGE, the city, we are looking at an overall branding process that will occur over the next few months and possibly as much as a year or so. We need short term branding for our destinations so that we can attract people here. That's very important because we need to understand who our customers are and right now, I don't think we understand who they are. We need to understand their demographic, their socioeconomic profile, we need to understand their travel patterns, the trends, and right now, without us doing research, which would be part of the money that we're asking for today would be for us to place and to research, we will, you know, begin that process of understanding our clients. In addition, we will be actively working with the website. We know this, people travel for family, they travel for rest, relaxation, romance, dining and entertainment. We have all of that here and we need to be able to market that to a 2 to 300 mile radius of Evansville to be able to attract that overnight visitor. Some possible new events, wine lovers weekend, Nouveau weekend, we really want to concentrate on doing an RFQ, request for qualifications so that we can perhaps begin building some new events, whether it's a Mardi Gras in Evansville or motorcycle rally in Evansville, Dickens on Main Street in Evansville, these are all things that we think are important. That was pretty good for six minutes. Anyway, our request is for a transfer in our budget. We have identified \$173,600 that we could better utilize in marketing, we have a \$300,000 request that's out of our promotional fund, that is currently sitting there that we believe could be a real asset to working on that, 28.5% of our annualized inventory. So with that, Sir, I'll be glad to take any questions that Council may have.

President Kiefer: Questions from Council?

Councilmember Terry: Just one quick question. Mr. Warren, once you make that, if the approval is made today, what percent of marketing will it be of the budget, from 11% to what?

Bob Warren: I'm sorry, I haven't done that math, but I would believe that it would take us up to about 30 percent.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

Bob Warren: Which is still shy of what a destination would typically use, but I think I did that math in my head the other day and it was about 30%.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: First I'd like to say, welcome, Bob, and welcome to the members of the Convention & Visitors Bureau and thanks for coming today. It's obvious you've done your homework. My question is, if you're going to do the research on why people, what makes them come to Evansville, that's step one, is that correct?

Bob Warren: Yes, Sir, we would need to determine, you know, who our visitors are. You can do that very easily, there are processes and research that we can do to accomplish that.

Councilmember Goebel: And after you determine that, do you then market to those people or do you just have a general market idea, concept?

Bob Warren: I think once you determine who they are, that gives you the opportunity to be very targeted in your marketing. We can do a marketing campaign that is simply a regional campaign. We can go into St. Louis and Indianapolis and Louisville and Nashville, and just do blanket campaigns. I think, from history, in marketing, I believe that if we target those who we know are our demographic and socioeconomic profile, then it makes it a lot easier. I see us using some traditional methods and our marketing committee meets on Friday. There's some really good buys out there right now if you're wanting to do traditional marketing. One, we want to drive everybody to our website. Our website is keenly important, social networking, Twitter, Facebook, these are all important things this day and time. We're going to specifically focus on Internet and what we can do with that to market. Okay, going beyond that, radio, outdoor, insertions in newspapers if you do quality insertions, and we find a way to drop 150, 200,000 quality insertions, that talks about us. It talks about the assets that we have. Those can be done very affordably. But a marketing campaign will be forthcoming to target those people that we know will come.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I think you made some excellent points about the attractions we have with the museum, the zoo, and the LST 325, you know, those are all bonanzas for us locally. Just from a lay person's angle, I know when I travel around different cities or along the highways, you see a lot of, let's say, Aztar promotions along the highway. Is there any type of analysis as to what type of return they get on that as far as people coming to this area? I mean, is this something along those lines?

Bob Warren: It's penetration, it's when you're looking at marketing, I think what our marketing committee and staff will be looking at, will be the number of impressions that we can receive. The way we'll measure that will be increase in occupancy and revenue for Vanderburgh County. You know, that's the only way we can really track this unless we do a specific promotion that is tied to what we call in the industry, a hook, and that hook can relate back to our 1-800 number. You know, we can track whether or not we're receiving calls on this. But outdoor, radio, you do a great radio campaign and it's very affordable this day and time, and it's one of the mediums that is not a preferred medium for everybody, but it's certainly a cost effective medium and we can get out there and through impressions, reach millions of people trying to get them, give them that message that Evansville and Vanderburgh County are here, we're open for business and we want your business.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, the other question I have is, will this be a phase project, you'll find out why people come, and then target so as far as the expense, you're not going to use all this money for targeting or –

Bob Warren: No, Sir, I think we begin with research, we begin with understanding who our customers are, we develop a marketing campaign that will reach those customers and that's really not that long of a process. That can be done over a 60 - 90 day period and then we can actually launch a campaign with the funds that we're asking for today.

Councilmember Goebel: I'll defer to other Council people.

President Kiefer: I think Councilman Shetler had his hand up and then Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Shetler: Bob, the market analysis that you'll be doing, have you separated that out from the budget, and how much money you're planning on spending on the analysis part of it?

Bob Warren: I can estimate that. I haven't put the pencil to it, but doing the research that we need, that can be a process that's probably under \$10,000.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, and so the balance of that will be used for direct marketing and sales?

Bob Warren: That would be our intent would be to saturate, again, please keep in mind that the amount of money that we're asking for is not a large amount of money for marketing a destination, but we will absolutely maximize that money, not for operations, this will be marketing dollars and I think our board is absolutely committed to that.

Councilmember Shetler: So this money won't be used for expanding our current group of clientele, which is the list that you made out here, the military and the religious groups, etcetera and all that, it's not to necessarily penetrate deeper into that, but it's to help get into more of the general public and find out what their needs are and specifically target them to come into Evansville for the fall festival or whatever?

Bob Warren: Mr. Shetler, if I may clarify, there will probably be a small number of those dollars that we look at marketing sports markets, that we look at marketing association markets, there are guides and publications that could be valuable to us and that would be part of the overall marketing campaign. Right now, the one thing that we have absolutely identified, is that we're not doing a good job in the leisure market. And if we can attract that leisure market, we can see some significant impact to this community pretty quickly. As I stated on special events, you know, just marketing special events, I don't want to be, I don't want to sound rude here, and I'm not trying to be, but we're allocating \$50,000 a year supporting our local special events. And those monies, for the most part, are being used for the rental of tents and toilets versus marketing the special events. If we go out there and market these events, we can see immediate results. That's one of the areas that you can have an immediate impact if you've got quality events and those quality events can attract more people other than just us in Evansville and Vanderburgh County, there can be an automatic impact to our lodging industry and our collections. So I do see some of those dollars, not large numbers, because we don't have large numbers. Our focus will be leisure travel, there will be some additional monies that we will want to place into sports marketing, religious marketing, and association corporate meeting marketing.

Councilmember Shetler: And just to remind Councilmembers, and also I guess the public at large, this is not local tax dollars, this is money that's really coming in from the Innkeepers Tax, which are people from presumably out of town that are using the hotels, paying that tax, and it's kind of reinvesting some of that money to help grow that money into a bigger pot and –

Bob Warren: Thank you for asking that question. I've had several speeches around town and I'm trying to make that point, lodging tax is designed through legislation, it is only a tax that is paid by somebody staying in one of our hotel rooms. If you go to dinner tonight, you know, if you go to the movie tonight, if you go to Dillards or TJ Maxx and buy some clothes this weekend, you're not paying hotel/motel tax. The only way, now if you're traveling to Nashville and you stay in a hotel in Nashville,

you're going to pay that tax in Nashville because Tennessee has similar laws. Texas has similar laws, Florida and Illinois have similar laws, but it's a tax that is collected for a person staying in a lodging unit and it has very specific uses by law. Thank you for asking that question.

President Kiefer: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Bob, I'd also like to welcome you and your board. And you answered my question while ago, what's the best way to get the word out and everything, but I just wanted to say, this is not an unreasonable request and I hope maybe there's more monies next year for advertisement because it does pay off and I'm definitely for it, in favor of it.

Bob Warren: Thank you, Sir, and we should see results.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, Sir.

President Kiefer: Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: And I assume, having all the board members here, they're on board with this request.

Bob Warren: Please shake your head yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: They're shaking their heads yes, so let the minutes reflect that they are shaking their heads yes. What kind of time frame are you looking at if this would be granted, this money we spent over a period of time. You're not going to spend it all in 2011, right?

Bob Warren: No sir, I can't imagine us doing that.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so this is more like a year and a half?

Bob Warren: Once we program, our next year's budget, we've made some shifts, Mr. Lloyd, and we're redefining what markets, and so it's allowed us some savings in next year's budget that you've already had the privilege of looking at. That combined with the 300,000, we will spend some of it this year because we need the launch. We're in a bad economy. We need to launch numbers and we need to get more visitation here but we have to be able to identify who we are. So, you know, that process that Mr. Goebel suggested the other day, I mean, a moment ago, is the process. You know, let's identify who we are, let's go after the market. If we can spend 2 or \$300,000 this year, I'd be delighted if it's going to produce us money. We're going into the winter season which is typically the value season for us and probably not as much emphasis on spending that money as it would be for spring of next year.

Councilmember Lloyd: You know, one of the things in business, a lot of times to increase your sales, you look at your existing products and try to maybe market those a different way, so when we look at our existing events, now obviously, Evansville Frog Follies is already a national event, brings people from all over the country, but some of these others, even, you know, the Nut Club Fall Festival, the Shrine Circus, Reitz Home Mystery event, Kenny Kent Jazz Festival, some of these, there may be benefit to trying to boost overnights on those that – and that's something I would think you guys would look at.

Bob Warren: I've had the opportunity to do attend probably six or seven of our local events since I've been here over the past nine weeks. A perfect example of this will be the dragon boat races. Dragon boat races, what a quality event, what a fun event. There were eighteen teams there and there was only one team from out of the Evansville-Vanderburgh County region. And so, what you want to encourage is that these people consider expanding the event because we know that we have dragon boat races taking place all over the Midwest. Let's invite these people to come in. Let's do a multiple day event and encourage overnight visitation for such a quality product. I can say the same thing about Evening on the River. You know, that's a local event. God, what a great thing to do to go out there and be able to bring in another 15 - 20,000 people to be at that event over the weekend. Just a couple of examples.

President Kiefer: Bob, if you wouldn't mind, since this advertising is really not geared toward Evansville folks, obviously, you're trying to get people outside the area to come in, I wouldn't mind seeing some of the spots, you know, if you get copy of it, I wouldn't mind seeing, I'm sure some of the Councilmembers would enjoy seeing how these dollars are being spent and what some of the copy looks like.

Bob Warren: I would love to bring that back to you when the plan is designed.

Councilmember Lloyd: I just had one other question. So, you haven't developed a plan yet and I assume you'd have agencies to assist you, but would you look at different mediums in different cities, like in our media, 200 mile area, are you talking about, I guess you would look at billboard, tv, radio or magazine or any combination?

Bob Warren: That's correct, and at present, we do have access to agencies within Evansville that we can reach out to. With this amount of money, we also have the opportunity to engage those people ourselves. I have contacts with Lamar Advertising, I've worked very closely with radio stations throughout this entire region, so there's buying power on both the agency side and we have the ability to do that in-house as well. So we will be reaching out. This is all about negotiating. You know, like when I was mentioning radio a moment ago, that's a buy where you can really negotiate some incredible deals. You know, they need to sell radio. And so you can get live remotes out of them and you can get Internet connections between the radio station. You know, some of the most active Internet that we've had, not here but speaking in general, comes from some of the radio buys that we've done. Our website, we've spent a lot of money developing and that's one of the areas that we really need to focus on, Facebook Advertising, we need to focus on Google Ad Words. Last month, our numbers, we had just shy of about 10,000 unique visitors to our website, that number needs to be 25 - 30,000. So we have some work to do and we're, as I indicated early on, we're multitasking and the staff is doing a good job, and our board is doing an incredible job.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Bob, you mentioned, obviously, the hotel is not yet ready and it will be, hopefully, in the near future, that should be a very big part of the convention business, but are there any other projects that you're considering? I know a few years back, there was a study done and it recommended a ball field complex that would bring in national tournaments, and I know you've been under the gun a bit on the tennis court projects, is there any other type of wholesome activity projects that the CVB is considering?

Bob Warren: It has not come to surface. I will say that I believe that softball is a very important product. The issue of softball, when it came up before, it was a pretty costly project. In Panama City Beach, as an example, we spent six million dollars building nine fields back in the year 2000, and those produced tremendous results. Our sports marketing department in Panama City Beach generated about 100,000 room nights a year. That six million dollar investment was an incredible investment. Will it come back up? I think perhaps in the future it will. Right now, we're going to focus on leisure travel.

President Kiefer: Okay, hopefully, --

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I did have one other question.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: On this, the funding you're seeking now, you're going to do the -- you're going to find out who is coming and the leisure activities. Could this be a phased project or do you absolutely need all this? And is there any way to measure, scientifically, that if you invest 300,000, that you'll get back 1.2?

Bob Warren: There are things that you can measure, there are things that you can't measure. Again, I reference the collections. You know, if our hotel community is doing a better job with their occupancy and they're increasing their average daily rate, and their revenues are exceeding last years' revenues, we're doing our job. This is the fourth destination that I've had the privilege of serving and managing the tourism interest. I've not failed yet. I would like to think that I won't fail here. So, you know, yes, there are some measurements. Our hotel community will be the first one to tell you whether or not our campaign is working or not. And as far as phasing, we'd like to be able to build a plan. And that plan, if we do receive the money, that plan needs to be designed so we spend the money. It's targeted to grow our industry and there will be phases that take place. There will be an educational phase and there will be a research phase, and then there will be an actual planned development and implementation phase, so there's really three different phases that we'll be looking at.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, if there's not a motion on the floor, I'd like to make a motion to approve Advertising for \$300,000.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a motion by Councilman Bassemier, is there a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Shetler. No further discussion? I'd like to have a roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I'm going to vote yes. If we get 1.2 back, that's a fantastic return on investment, so I think this is a good project and I'm excited about it.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'm in a tough spot here because I'd like to see the research done and then the plan, and the money is available now. You have this set aside, is that correct, this money?

Bob Warren: That would be correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mike, I think there's like about 1.4 million in that fund, something like that, does that sound right?

Bob Warren: And we have absolutely no issue whatsoever, coming back with our plan, you know, knowing that the money is available for us to build it.

Councilmember Goebel: I still would hope that the priority is to bring in more of the sport type activities and things like that. That's just my reservation. You did a great job on the package, but it looks like it's going to carry anyway, but with that reservation I'm going to, I'll probably upset you, but I'm going to vote no today just for that purpose. That doesn't mean I don't support, and I think any way we can promote what we have in Evansville and build on, I think it would be a great thing and you certainly have the expertise and you're doing your homework, and I'd kind of like to see the phase-in and see what we're getting for the money as well.

Bob Warren: I respect your opinion.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: And, I mean, I think some of the Councilmembers, it just seemed like a large amount of money. There's, I think, some digestive problems with some of that. But I think it does make a lot of sense with the program, and I think we would ask you to come back and report to us as things move along. But I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Bob, good presentation, looking forward to some more activity in the Evansville market because of this, and I'm excited about it, and I think it's going to pay dividends, and I'll vote yes.

Bob Warren: Thanks to each and every one of you for your support. We appreciate it.

President Kiefer: Thank you very much.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3570-3440	Advertising	300,000.00	300,000.00
Total		300,000.00	300,000.00

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Goebel opposed)

CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Kiefer: We're going to jump around a little bit here and, Bob, I think we'll come back to you on transfers and the remainder amount that you asked for, but we have some of the judges that need to get into court, so I'm going to, Judge Heldt is here, I believe, and so we're going to skip a few things and move ahead. Judge Heldt, sorry that it's taken so long to get you here, I know you've got a –

Carl Heldt: I enjoyed the presentation. Carl Heldt, Vanderburgh Circuit Court. I'm here, we have a part-time intern that helps with pre-sentence investigation reports and also attends court sessions. Its paid for out of user fees. The one that we have took a job with drug court, we need to replace that person, so I'm asking for permission to do that and, once again, it comes out of user fees, so it has no impact on the county budget.

President Kiefer: Well, that's good to hear.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as requested.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: There's a second. Discussion? Okay, we'll look for a roll call then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

Carl Heldt: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Kiefer: Okay, we'll go ahead and do the next request from Judge

Trockman. Just as the other one did, there's also a letter on your desk. He's requesting to hire a part-time person to help with research issues. The employee will be paid out of the Drug Court grant.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as requested.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and second. Any other discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE CONTINUED
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JAIL BOND

President Kiefer: Okay, now we'll go back to the Appropriation Ordinance, Jail Bond.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, back to item 5E, Jail Bond, request for \$3,391, account 3661-3993. Any questions?

President Kiefer: Discussion from Council?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved?

President Kiefer: We've got a motion from Councilman Shetler. Second from –

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: – Councilman Lloyd. If there's no further discussion, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, approved.

JAIL BOND		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3661-3993	Jail Bond	3,391.00	3,391.00
Total		3,391.00	3,391.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

SHERIFF

JAIL

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

President Kiefer: And now we're done with appropriations and Councilman Lloyd will go into –

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, we'll move on to transfers, item 6A, Sheriff, and then we've got one change...

President Kiefer: It's a part-time clerk, I believe.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, under Sheriff, 1050-1130-0199, Part-Time Clerk, the request is \$7,400, that should be zero because there was not enough money in that line item. And then the one that we want to change is 33...you already changed Corporal.

President Kiefer: Yeah, so the rest of them –

Councilmember Lloyd: So the Overtime amount is correct, okay. So from the line items as requested, 1050-1110-1050 Sheriff, 1,289; 1130-0002 Major 525; 1130-0016 Sergeant 2,075; 1130-0031 Deputy 830; 1130-0033 Sergeant 4,186; 1130-0037 Corporal 13,000; 1130-0060 Deputy 250; 1130-0067 Deputy 29,500; 1130-0070 Deputy 250; 1130-0072 Deputy 250; 1130-0073 Deputy 475; 1130-0081 Deputy 250; 1130-0082 Deputy 12,377; 1130-0096 Deputy 19,192; 1130-0100 Deputy 11,540; 1130-0103 Deputy 10,931; 1130-0218 Receptionist 408; 1130-0228 Lieutenant 525; 1130-0237 Screener 579; and then 1130-0199 Part-Time Clerk zero; and that would go to Overtime 1050-1300 \$115,832 –

Councilmember Shetler: That number would be changed, wouldn't it?

President Kiefer: Yes, less \$7,400.

Councilmember Shetler: \$108,432.

Councilmember Lloyd: Are you sure?

President Kiefer: Yeah, cause you're –

Councilmember Lloyd: So do we subtract \$7,400 from that? Last item, change that Overtime account \$108,432. Someone get your calculator out and please check that. Do you want me to do the other ones?

President Kiefer: Yeah.

Councilmember Lloyd: Let's just do all the transfers and if there's an objection, we'll change that. The next group Jail, 1051-1130-0307 Confinement Officer \$13,305; 1130-0359 Confinement Officer \$10,870; 1130-0368 Booking Clerk 6,900; move that to 1850 Union Overtime 27,475 and 1530 Shift Differential 3,600. Go to Community Corrections, 1361 account, 1210-1361 Confinement Officer 6,116; 1430-1361 Confinement Officer 5,078 to 1850 Union Overtime 11,194. Convention & Visitors Bureau account from 3570-3794 Convention Services 173,600 to 3570-3440 Advertising same amount 173,600. Late transfer from Commissioners, 2031-1300-4130 Park & Playground 107,500 to 2031-1300-4260 Voting Equipment 107,500.

President Kiefer: Do we need to do the Convention & Visitors Bureau separate? Okay, I think we're okay on that, then. And what about the late transfer? Do we need to do a resolution on the late transfer?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, this would be approving the funds, I guess we could throw that to our Council Attorney, Mr. Schultz. If we approve the funding and –

President Kiefer: Do we need to do the resolution first?

Councilmember Lloyd: Before we do the funding?

Ryan Schultz: (Inaudible, microphone not turned on)

President Kiefer: Okay, we're okay then. Alright, so you're grouping everything together, so the vote would be for all transfers and late transfers as one vote. Question, Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I had a couple. Let's see, first of all to Bob and I was remiss earlier, Donna, I did not recognize that a former County Councilman and

we're glad that you're gracing our presence today, and it's good to have you back. But, Bob, I do have a question: that 173,600, is that in addition to the 300,000?

Bob Warren: Yes. That's a transfer. We have identified monies in our budget that can, that we believe can be used for marketing that – one of the things that I believe very strongly in, Mr. Shetler, is line item budgeting, and being able to use those funds. This happens to be almost a surplus of dollars in our account that needs to be used and advertising is the best place to use it.

Councilmember Shetler: So basically, what we're doing is, the advertising budget then, a marketing budget to be \$473,000, so that instead of being – I mean, I was looking at that as 300,000, return of 1.2, it will be 473,000 with the same return of 1.2? Or will that increase with that?

Bob Warren: The return is the same. The amount of money that we're requesting is for us to launch a campaign. Our goal and objective is to reach a 50% annualized occupancy, 300,000 or even 473,000 may not allow us to achieve that, but we will make every effort to achieve it. That 50% annualized occupancy on that 28.5% of our annualized inventory will result in the 1.2. We will make every effort to, and I think it will be a building process. I don't think we'll make that investment and see an immediate 1.2 return on the investment as much as I'd like to.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, thank you. That's all the questions I had, but I do have another question of the Sheriff.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: Unless anybody else had any questions.

Bob Warren: Thank you very much.

Eric Williams: Good morning.

Councilmember Shetler: Good morning, Sheriff. My question on your transfers, the Overtime is for Deputies? There's a combination in there, but the majority of the first big set of it was for the Deputies' overtime, and the second set was for confinement officers.

Councilmember Shetler: Obviously, at this point in time, you have enough within the budget to carry that, but there's a reason why we are having a lot of overtime, obviously, and I'm assuming it's because of shortage of staff, perhaps?

Eric Williams: Partially, there's also a considerable amount of overtime built into the union contract with holiday pay and things like that, but there's also a significant amount of unpredictable overtime related to caseload and when events occur, but there is some overtime that is attributable to shortage of staff.

Councilmember Shetler: So will this be enough to carry us through?

Eric Williams: I would certainly hope so but I can't promise that.

Councilmember Shetler: And if this would not be, would it require an appropriation the next time or would you be able to transfer within?

Eric Williams: We would have to look at the budget, how it stands at that moment in

time. I'm always willing to use money we have, if possible, to make it work but I can't rule out the fact that I may have to ask for an appropriation also, if it doesn't make it.

Councilmember Shetler: I guess, bottom line, where I'm trying to drive to, then are we better off at this point to try to get some deputies that will minimize that overtime and, you know, we're the cost factors here, but better to keep a smaller staff and overtime or is it better to keep a larger staff and no overtime.

Eric Williams: I think there's probably a really fancy mathematical formula out there to figure out where that balances itself out, but we are putting people on as quickly as we can based on the approval you gave for when the next academy session starts. The thing with the deputy sheriffs are, they are not of much value until they have gotten through the academy and the training program because they can't let them out by themselves. They don't have the skill set to be out there, so we are bringing on one Monday, as a matter of fact, and then the next group that you've approved, we'll bring on two weeks in advance of the September academy session, which will put them at completion at the end of December, going into field training, so we'll have them on the streets sometime the middle of next year. But we're doing our best to keep the overtime down, too, we're watching it very closely, too. I don't want to be up here asking for overtime money.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, and I know you are. My point was where that line was going to be drawn there, to be able to figure out –

Eric Williams: The more significant issue on the direction you're heading with your question is probably more in the Jail, of staffing issues in the Jail, that's where it's more problematic to us.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, a note from our Council Attorney, he changed his mind, so I'd like to submit the transfers as submitted without the late transfer from the Commissioners, and take that separately.

President Kiefer: Okay, that sounds good.

Councilmember Lloyd: So I'll make a motion for all the transfers as submitted, except for the Commissioner's late transfer.

President Kiefer: Okay, is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Second from Councilman Bassemier. If there's no further discussion, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1110-1050	Sheriff	1,289.00	1,289.00
1050-1130-0002	Major	525.00	525.00
1050-1130-0016	Sergeant	2,075.00	2,075.00
1050-1130-0031	Deputy	830.00	830.00
1050-1130-0033	Sergeant	4,186.00	4,186.00
1050-1130-0037	Corporal	13,000.00	13,000.00
1050-1130-0060	Deputy	250.00	250.00
1050-1130-0067	Deputy	29,500.00	29,500.00
1050-1130-0070	Deputy	250.00	250.00
1050-1130-0072	Deputy	250.00	250.00
1050-1130-0073	Deputy	475.00	475.00
1050-1130-0081	Deputy	250.00	250.00
1050-1130-0082	Deputy	12,377.00	12,377.00
1050-1130-0096	Deputy	19,192.00	19,192.00
1050-1130-0100	Deputy	11,540.00	11,540.00
1050-1130-0103	Deputy	10,931.00	10,931.00
1050-1130-0199	Part-time Clerk	7,400.00	0.00
1050-1130-0218	Post Command Receptionist	408.00	408.00
1050-1130-0228	Lieutenant	525.00	525.00
1050-1130-0237	Screeener	579.00	579.00
To: 1050-1300	Overtime	115,832.00	108,432.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0307	Confinement Officer	13,305.00	13,305.00
1051-1130-0359	Confinement Officer	10,870.00	10,870.00
1051-1130-0368	Booking Clerk	6,900.00	6,900.00
To: 1051-1850	Union Overtime	27,475.00	27,475.00
1051-1530	Shift Differential	3,600.00	3,600.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1361-1210-1361	Confinement Officer	6,116.00	6,116.00
1361-1430-1361	Confinement Officer	5,078.00	5,078.00
To: 1361-1850	Union Overtime	11,194.00	11,194.00

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 3570-3794	Convention Services	173,600.00	173,600.00
To: 3570-3440	Advertising	173,600.00	173,600.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

VOTE CENTER RESOLUTION & LATE TRANSFER APPROVAL
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President Kiefer: Now we'll go to the resolution which is on everybody's desk. Do we need to read this into the record or just as submitted? Okay, we'll read the resolution. The resolution "CO.R 08-11-005, Resolution Approving the Designation of Vanderburgh County as a Vote Center County. Whereas, Indiana Code 3-11-18.1 allows counties to adopt the vote center model and, Whereas, the county Election Board has properly drafted a vote center plan for Vanderburgh County, which will be properly filed with the Indiana Election Division as required by IC 3-11-18.1. BE IT SO RESOLVED BY THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL FOR VANDERBURGH COUNTY that Vanderburgh County is approved to be designated as a vote center county." That's the resolution, we'll have a document for Councilmembers to sign after the vote. Would somebody like to make a motion to approve that?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

Councilmember Lloyd: I just had a question.

President Kiefer: First and a second, now the question, yeah.

Councilmember Lloyd: This resolution is just to allow vote centers, the locations would be up to the Commissioners or does this resolution include locations?

President Kiefer: We'll ask Susie Kirk to answer that question.

Susan Kirk: The resolution is just for us to be able to actually confirm the vote centers and stuff, but yes, still, by law, the Commissioners do pick the vote centers.

Councilmember Lloyd: And you had indicated for the city election there would be approximately 15? Is that where you guys stand at this point?

Susan Kirk: Yes, there's 15 so far, that's what both county chairmen picked, so just by switching for the general election we're going to save around 35,000, of which don't think about spending it anywhere because, don't forget, we've got to have batteries this year. It's been since 2004, and when I say that, I know that doesn't sound like much, but that's 40,000.

Councilmember Lloyd: Could the Commissioners add locations?

Susan Kirk: Yes, they can. They are the ones that make, they can pick wherever they want. What we will do is, we will submit that to them.

Councilmember Lloyd: Alright, thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I would just say, Susie, thank you for the job you've done. You've pretty much led this seamlessly, and I think getting both or all sides to agree, it's going to be good for Vanderburgh County to have voting centers. I did have one, I don't know if I can bring this up now on the computers themselves, is that the best possible deal that you've looked into as far as the computers you need and maybe I'm off bounds even asking this question with the resolution...

Susan Kirk: No, you're not. Yes, this is the best deal. If you remember, the first bid that came out, we were up like around 122,000, that's the first sheet of paper that you have. And when you look down to the dark blue line that goes across, that was about 122,000, I got it down to 100,517. So we've taken off approximately 22,000 by my sons is going to help me unbox, there was a charge on that so we're just going to come up here one evening and unbox the computers. That saves around 500. But the computers, yes, now this is computers with one year warranty. When you start getting into three and five year warranties, that's what makes that computer go up to, well, you're talking \$120 more when you get the warranties. And I don't know about you all, I emailed you, but you know, when I buy a tv or whatever, I don't buy the warranties. But that's up to you. I mean, if you want to spend the extra money, just let me know, but I prefer this one, one year warranty.

Councilmember Goebel: The only question I had, other than that, Susie, I think it's a wise decision as well, but are these, these are basic computers or do they have to have any special –

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Susan Kirk: The only thing that they have that, it's basic, but we need to be able to not only go wireless, but what we want to do is actually plug it into the wall, it's a little bit safer, a little bit more secure as far as keeping it up and running, but that's pretty basic anyway, so like your laptop at home, you can plug it in or you can, you know, plus it needs the ability that we have to be able to print provisional ballots, but it's very, I mean, I bought a laptop and mine, other than playing a movie, it was like 700

and some odd dollars, so I feel pretty good about this. I've been on the Internet and checked some of this out and I'm okay with this. John Staples and I worked pretty good, like I said, I felt like I was buying a used car. But we got it down pretty good.

President Kiefer: And this quantity, I guess what we're talking about this, I might as well ask the question, this quantity is for Vanderburgh County in 2012, now you may have to add a few here and there, but this is not just for the city election.

Susan Kirk: That is correct. We are purchasing, we will use, obviously, some of these for the city election, but this purchase is to get us for all county elections. And remember, these laptops will be dedicated only to election stuff. Nobody, don't even think about saying, can I borrow a laptop. This way, they should last, hopefully, a long, long time.

President Kiefer: Okay, I think we have –

Councilmember Terry: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Oh, I'm sorry, Councilman Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Susie, just one question, in the request today, this does not include any funds you will use to kind of educate the community on this change, correct?

Susan Kirk: As far as that, now I don't know, it's going to be, I guess, up to Voter Registration. The thing of it is, if they mail out something to every voter, sometimes that confuses them more than not. We're going to depend on the news media to get the word out the best that we can, that it's going to be vote centers. But if Council, you know, if you would want to pay, I don't know how much that would be, there's like 135 - 140,000 people if you want to do a mailing, I guess we could have postcards printed and stuff like that, but that's going to cost quite a bit of money. So I've given several speeches, gone different places to try to get everybody educated on what's coming.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, I call for the question.

President Kiefer: Okay, let's do a roll call vote then. Thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I do have just concerns. I think this is a good thing especially bottom line when you talk about the reduction in the budget over time. I hope this doesn't impact voter turnout especially in the center city and I really encourage that that ongoing communication goes on with both parties so that we can continue to make sure we get out the vote. But my vote for this is yes.

Susan Kirk: Well, I just want to address your concern. The other three counties that have done it for the past three years, it has proven that vote totals have not changed. It has not impacted one area or another. The only concerns that I've had is people with concerns on getting to a polling place. Of which, those concerns, we have now. Not everybody lives next door to the polling place, so we have concern. Precinct committeemen want to know what they're going to do. They're going to do the same thing. They're going to get out and work and do and help find people to work at the polls, they're going to do the same thing. And always remember, we're the only county that has five libraries open 15 days before. So any concerns like that, that's

what I've been addressing, but I think we can pretty well put those at rest. Obviously, the first time we do it, there may be a little confusion, but I'm really not anticipating that much.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I'm voting yes. I understand Councilman Terry's point and I think it's a good one. I'm just wondering if we couldn't suggest to the Commissioners when they are setting up the polling places, or these voting sites, that they require a minimum of – I don't know what the number is – three, four or five, of these voting centers within each of the present wards, somehow, so it would be evenly distributed throughout the city and the county, when it eventually becomes a county election.

Susan Kirk: It is, if you looked at the maps and everything I gave you the first time, it shows you, they're all evenly distributed.

Councilmember Shetler: Right, but I think if we had some kind of assurance that's attached to that, it kind of addresses Councilman Terry's point that we don't end up with one in the fourth ward and five of them in the fifth ward. And right now, I know it's not –

Susan Kirk: As long as I'm Clerk, that's not going to happen because I had both County Chairmen at these meetings and their representatives. Both county chairmen agreed there was – nobody contested any one of the polling places. One would say how about this, and they did it. So we have both parties onboard agreeing to these vote centers. Now, the Commissioners normally, what we give them, that's normally what they pick unless there is some oddball thing going on.

Councilmember Shetler: I think at present day, there's no doubt you've done an excellent job putting it all together and it's, I think, meets everybody's best expectations of it. I guess my question, and I think Councilman Terry's might be, is what could happen in the future if somebody tried to –

President Kiefer: Why don't we finish our votes and then we can take this discussion.

Councilmember Shetler: My vote was yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: We still have to vote on the funding.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, to finish the appropriation ordinance, transfers, late transfer CCD/Commissioners 2031-1300-4130 Park & Playground \$107,500 to 2031-1300-4260 Voting Equipment \$107,500. And you have the detail from our County Clerk, Ms. Kirk, so any questions on the money to fund the voting?

President Kiefer: Councilman Shetler, if you want to finish what you were saying.

Councilmember Shetler: No, I mean, I think the point, just I think today's Commissioners, today's Clerk, today's chairmen on both political parties are in total agreement on it, and if somehow, though, they could build into their resolution, the Commissioners, stress strongly that they'd like to see so many at a given present day ward so that it's even distributed, then I think that's something that we protect. Some voters who might be concerned that they would be somehow disenfranchised in the future and I –

Susan Kirk: I really, I have enough faith in our officeholders that, and especially our present Commissioners, that they are going to be sure, by law, you have to have one vote center for every 10,000 voters. We have gone over and above that. And they have agreed to do this. I really, I just don't think any Commissioner would say, okay, we're going to yank this one. I really don't think they would do that.

President Kiefer: We have a County Commissioner, Marsha Abell, in the audience, I don't know if you want to add to the conversation.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, while she's coming up here, I went to National Night Out last night, which was a real, a nice event at the different neighborhood parks. But I had citizens asking me about the vote centers and I think one of them expressed concerns when I was at Garvin Park about well, we know people that walked to polling places, and obviously, that's going to change, they may have quite a bit longer walk, but that's part of the education process that we're going to need to do.

President Kiefer: And I think both parties do a pretty good job getting rides to people that need rides and I don't think anybody is, nobody is going to miss an opportunity to vote if they want to vote. I mean, that's at least what I hear.

Councilmember Goebel: But may I interject for a second? We're not changing early voting and we're not changing absentee voting. We're just changing the voting center.

Susan Kirk: This is the only thing that I'm changing about early voting, that I'm really not asking you, I'm just telling you, this is what we're going to do. We're open in the general election fifteen days prior, but we're going to be open in the primary five days prior. You know, if we have to get volunteers, we're going to do that. So we will also have it in the primary election five days out at all the libraries, the same. And right now, you know, I know people say, okay, it's going to be a while, I can't drive there. We have people right now that can't drive to their polling places. We've always had it, we'll always have it, it's just –

President Kiefer: Between absentee balloting, early voting, you can vote at any voting center.

Susan Kirk: Sixty-five or over, any disability, you can vote by mail, travel board, --

President Kiefer: So I think there's much opportunity to vote and if people don't get out to vote, you know, I'd say shame on them because there's plenty of opportunity. Commissioner Abell?

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell, Vanderburgh County Commissioners. First of all, let me apologize for my appearance. I'm on my way out to a Drainage Board issue, so I'm going to be in the mud. Mr. Shetler, to your comment about not having like five in one area and one out in the other, one of the issues that we have to deal with when we put voting centers in places and if we have consolidated government, this will even make it different, is that we can't cross those, you know, you and I both live in the fifth ward, for instance, but your state representative and my state representative are different. So we've got to be careful as we divide these up, so you know, we don't just – we Commissioners don't just work with Susie and her, we also have to work with the County Surveyor because he has to help us with where we're putting some of these things. So they'll pull up any ballot anywhere, but we're trying to continue to keep the division as much as we can that we have in the past.

Councilmember Lloyd: For the record, since we're talking about the election, November 8th is election day, are the libraries going to be open 30 days prior?

Susan Kirk: No, the election board voted when we first implemented the libraries, that the election office is open 30 days before the election for early voting. The libraries are open 15 days before the election Monday through Friday. The new law with the votes centers is, one vote center has to be open the two Saturdays prior to election day for voting also. And, of course, the Election office will be open.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so early voting starts the 10th of October, does that sound right? And then the libraries will be two weeks prior, that would be like the 24th? Those are Mondays.

Susan Kirk: Yeah, whatever 15 working days out is. Somewhere right around there, yeah.

Councilmember Lloyd: But it would be normally a Monday, right?

Susan Kirk: Yes, unless there is some kind of a holiday stuck in there.

Councilmember Lloyd: So then two Saturdays prior, you would have at least one voting center open as well, just on a Saturday.

Susan Kirk: Yes, by law you have to have one open.

Councilmember Lloyd: What will be the hours?

Susan Kirk: We'll probably just do 8-4. That's over and above. You don't have to be open that long but that's probably what we'll do.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, great, thank you.

President Kiefer: Other questions?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll make a motion to approve the transfer \$107,500 as requested.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Second Councilman Shetler. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes, again.

President Kiefer: No, we just voted on the resolution.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Approved, congratulations.

CCD/COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2031-1300-4130	Park & Playground	107,500.00	107,500.00
To: 2031-1300-4260	Voting Equipment	107,500.00	107,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Susan Kirk: Thank you, and when the resolution is done, I'll need a copy of that because I have to send it to the state. Thank you very much.

Councilmember Lloyd: What about, don't the Commissioners have to sign that resolution or is this, the Council has to do one as well?

Susan Kirk: I go to the Commissioners next week. They do their Council, and then the 12th, the election board meets, we do our thing, everything goes off to the state and we're ready to rip.

Councilmember Lloyd: So each body has to do a resolution?

Susan Kirk: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thank you.

LEGAL AID REQUEST TO FILL PART-TIME VACANCY
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President Kiefer: Okay, finally we're done with our transfers and appropriations. We have already completed a few things under new business but the next on the list in new business was a request to fill a part-time vacancy from Legal Aid. Is Sue Ann Hartig available? Perhaps you can just give us a brief...

Sue Ann Hartig: Sure. Sue Ann Hartig, Legal Aid Society. We used to have three full-time secretaries and three full-time attorneys. When we lost one of the full-time secretaries about a year and a half ago, you allowed us to have a part-time in lieu of that full-time person. That part-time person has now left us to take full-time employment with benefits elsewhere and we're requesting permission to fill again that part-time vacancy. Previously, you had granted us \$12.50 an hour for twenty hours a week. I would like to reverse that and make it \$10 an hour for 25 hours a week to give us an extra hour a day to get through the lunch hour. This person handles the walk in traffic, predominantly answers all the telephones and keeps the influx of clients and applicants taken care of so that the other two secretaries can do our legal work.

President Kiefer: Can you find somebody at that hourly rate that –

Sue Ann Hartig: I think so, uh-huh.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: There's a motion and a second. Any further discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, I mean, I think it's commendable that you want to basically keep the same budget and expand the hours, and I don't think, I mean, I don't have any problem with that at all, allow them to manage their operation.

President Kiefer: I think it's a good idea if you can get it done. I think it's great.

Sue Ann Hartig: I think we can.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. I'd like to have a roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

Sue Ann Hartig: Thank you. We certainly appreciate it.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Kiefer: I understand that Mike Duckworth, Highway Superintendent, requested to fill a vacancy, has removed that or postponed that request. Is that true? Mr. Duckworth?

Councilmember Shetler: I think he's trying to gather additional information, but he's here to address that.

Mike Duckworth: Good morning or afternoon, whichever.

President Kiefer: It feels like that.

Mike Duckworth: I got a call last night in regards to postponing this. And, of course, we'll work with the Council in any way. I will tell you, this is our busy time. I did put some information together for each of you, I'd like to have you look at. It has in great detail the amount of work orders that we're working on. We've received, just for the record, well over 800 so far this year and we've completed all but about 300 of those. And I just wanted to give you some idea of, with this information, with all the storms and everything that we've had to deal with, with vacations and, of course, with new weather that may be in front of us, and other assistance that we've given to other departments, of course, maintaining our levels of workers is important. I understand that this county is in a position to where we need to save where we can, and I'd be more than happy to work with you to put this off for a couple of months if you needed that to happen.

Councilmember Bassemier: Joe?

President Kiefer: Yeah, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mike, what's the reason why you're postponing it, delaying it, what's the reason behind it?

Mike Duckworth: It was a Council request to do that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, for what reason?

Mike Duckworth: Well, I guess, to save money.

Councilmember Bassemier: To save money or whatever? This time of year? I mean, one of the busiest.

Mike Duckworth: This position has been funded. The payout has been made for the

retired person. My understanding is the money is there and available. Of course, if we prolong this a couple of months, that will leave a little at the end of the year that can be swept into the general fund. That's at the Council's discretion and pleasure.

President Kiefer: But, Mike, at this time, you're okay to come back at the next month to –

Mike Duckworth: I think the request was maybe, come back in October and we'll find a way.

Joe Gries: President Kiefer, the money actually will go back into Highway fund.

President Kiefer: The Highway fund, okay. Is there any other comments from other Councilmembers? If not, --

Mike Duckworth: If it goes back into the Highway fund, I don't know if there's an advantage to it. You know, because if this is picked up in October then, of course, it will be a perpetual part of the budget if approved to maintain those staffing levels. So again, it's a Council decision and I'll leave that up to you. We will make it work if that's what your preference is.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President? Now, I know this year we did not have COIT monies available for the Highway fund or we had, isn't that right, Mr. Gries?

Joe Gries: We supplemented the Local Roads & Streets with one million dollars, I believe.

Councilmember Lloyd: And that's something that we're not going to have available next year or probably won't.

Joe Gries: That's a possibility, yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Alright. And I know, and he's not here, but I know Councilman Raben, I think expressed concerns to you about some deficit possibilities in the Highway fund.

Mike Duckworth: Yes, and at the last meeting that I attended, there was some discussion as to the procedures of paying that back to the state, and I think at that time you all were looking into as to how that was going to have to happen, whether it would be a large impact or if it was going to be stretched out for a number of years. So I don't know where that is at this point. And, of course, I thought we would get to it prior to budget discussions.

Councilmember Lloyd: And they, I think for the most part, the legislature, they're not going to make us pay it back, but any increase in those funds, they're going to sweep out of there, so we're going to be flat lined for several years. But the other thing about the Highway funds, a lot of that is funded by gas tax and these gas prices have just really hurt that fund as far as people not spending as much money on gas. I mean, it's been a tough situation.

Mike Duckworth: That's true, excise tax, wheel tax, all those contribute. And Councilman Raben and I actually had some discussions in regards to, and I think he was looking for a legal opinion on whether or not we could move money from fund to fund. And so, you know, all those options are there and available, and I'd be glad to work with you in any way.

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess in this kind of situation, if it runs into a severe hardship for you, I mean, you could let us know next month or whatever.

President Kiefer: And we'll be meeting several times this month. If it's a severe hardship, we could always –

Mike Duckworth: We can make it work. I'm relatively sure of that.

Councilmember Lloyd: I think Council would appreciate it.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes. Thanks for working with us and postponing this hire.

APPOINTMENT TO EVANSVILLE MUSEUM OF ARTS & SCIENCE

President Kiefer: Yes, thank you, Mike. Appreciate it. Moving right along here. Next on the agenda is a board appointment for the Evansville Museum of Arts & Science Board of Trustees. Shane Dearing resigned from the Evansville Museum of Arts & Science, he moved on to attend law school in Ohio. So he tendered his resignation to Council. Would like to submit the name, P. Cullen Stanley, he's a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, lives at 1130 Loft Cove in Evansville, and he expressed a desire to serve on the board. Bring this up for Council's consideration to appoint to the board.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, I think that would be fine. Personally, I'd like to see his background. But, I mean, I'm okay to approve that. So I guess I'd make a motion to approve it; I'd like to see a little bit of his information.

President Kiefer: Sure. We can ask for a resume or something like that. And if you want, it's the pleasure of the Council, we could postpone this vote until the next meeting. You know, it's whatever you guys think. You know, he's a financial advisor of Morgan Stanley. He desires to serve on the board and we need somebody to serve on it. But it's whatever the Council's pleasure is.

Councilmember Terry: I'm sorry, who was your recommendation?

President Kiefer: Counselor Schultz knows who he is, he grew up in Evansville, attended Memorial High School, his wife's name is Tara, and I'm okay with it personally, to have, you know, if somebody desires to serve on it, unless Council tells me differently.

Councilmember Lloyd: Normally, the Museum Board, you're also expected to raise funds and contribute funds, so I mean, if he expresses a desire to do that, he's obviously been involved with the Museum.

President Kiefer: Yeah, and I think it's just until the end of this year that his term, so you know, we're talking just a few months, so if there's a situation we feel like we need to do something differently, we can evaluate that at the end of the year and reappoint or –

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so I would recommend P. Cullen Stanley for appointment to the Evansville Museum Board of Trustees.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second that.

President Kiefer: Okay, and we have a second by Councilman Bassemier. If there's

no discussion, then a roll call vote would be fine.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: No, I didn't hear the recommendation.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, majority vote. Sandie will you notify him that he's been appointed or send a letter or something?

Councilmember Goebel: I just think maybe for future, if we have an appointment to make, we have a little bit of information prior to it might help, but this short term.

President Kiefer: Yeah, this is short term. That's why I said, it's just till the end of the year –

Councilmember Goebel: –and he's up for reappointment then.

President Kiefer: I think what happened is we didn't really know this. It was sort of a sudden deal that we found out that Mr. Dearing wasn't making the meetings, and then when there was inquiry, he had left for law school. So, I think the Museum was wanting to get somebody in place and so they submitted this name, so that's – again, it's till the end of the year. Thank you very much.

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Terry opposed)

GAGE/2011 TAX PHASE-IN COMPLIANCE REVIEW

President Kiefer: Next, and I'm sure they've been anxiously awaiting this, GAGE has become a routine visitor to our Council meetings, but we do have somebody here today prepared to make the resolution that I think you need and is there really anything they need to, presentation they need to make? I think we've been through this. This is for the compliance, tax phase in 2011 compliance review.

Councilmember Shetler: I'd be happy to make a motion and somebody could second, and then if anybody has any questions, that might be –

President Kiefer: Yeah, that'd be great. Thank you, Councilman.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, make a motion that the following companies be approved and found to be in substantial compliance with their statement of benefits, and that the President of the Council be authorized to sign the form CF-1, Compliance with Statement of Benefits for each of these companies: Creative Press, Indiana Tube Corporation, Pyrotek, Inc., Azteca Milling, Berry Plastics, Big Shoe Properties, Brake Supply Company, Inc., Rexam Closures & Containers DBA Rexam, Wabash Plastics, WBK, LLC, Enviropilas and Graham Packaging.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: There's a first and a second. Any discussion? I think we've been through this several times so if we could just, want to do by voice vote, would that be sufficient? All in favor, say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed? None? Okay, good, I can sign that. I've been authorized to sign the documents for you.

Donna Crooks: Thank you very much.

President Kiefer: Thank you for coming back. I appreciate you're patience on this and your participation.

Donna Crooks: We appreciate it. Thank you.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Kiefer: Alright, now we are moving down to travel requests.

Councilmember Lloyd: The Finance Chair will take the travel requests. You have a summary sheet: County Assessor, state called no, amount \$940; County Assessor, Indiana Assessor's summer conference \$850; Legal Aid, Pro Bono Commission meeting \$162.60; County Engineer, IDEM/IDDE permit workshop, zero funding; County Clerk, Southern District Clerk's Conference, state called no, \$500. I'll make it in the form of a motion, if anybody objects, we can take it there. Make a motion that all approved as submitted.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first by Councilman Lloyd, second by Councilman Shetler...comments?

Sue Ann Hartig: I have a quick question. Sue Hartig from Legal Aid. I found out that before my Indianapolis meeting, September 20th, sometime there will be a Southern Indiana Regional meeting, and I don't know the date, so I don't know quite how to get permission for that. It would be a one day round trip and all I would be requesting is mileage. Somewhere south of Indianapolis, it's been at Jeffersonville, Seymour, Bloomington.

President Kiefer: I think if you request any money, yeah, you have to submit a request unless you don't need any funds even for mileage, but I think –

Councilmember Goebel: Are you asking to approve what we have here and it might be less?

Sue Ann Hartig: No, it's an additional meeting but I can't meet the deadline because I don't know yet when or where the meeting is.

President Kiefer: But you're thinking –

Sue Ann Hartig: It will be some time in August –

President Kiefer: But it's going to be in Southwestern Indiana, and all you're going to ask for is mileage?

Sue Ann Hartig: Yeah, so it will be less than this \$160.

President Kiefer: Yeah, I don't see that it's going to be a problem for you to attend, just I guess the -

Councilmember Bassemier: I don't think she can do that. I think she needs to put in an appropriation for it. I think there's got to be a paper trail here. And we've got to approve it –

President Kiefer: Well, no, I understand that –

Sue Ann Hartig: We've got the funding, it's just the permission.

President Kiefer: Okay, but it's going to be sometime this month, you're saying.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, again, we're going to be meeting several times perhaps – the only thing we're doing is giving kind of tacit approval, it's not anything formal and (inaudible, microphone not turned on)

Sue Ann Hartig: So just file it as soon as I find out.

Councilmember Lloyd: She could come in the first, the beginning of budget hearings and do it?

President Kiefer: Or I suppose you could pay for it yourself and then if it gets denied, then you're out of your own pocket money, but, you know, you could do it that way, too, as well, I suppose.

Sue Ann Hartig: Okay.

President Kiefer: But we're going to be meeting like they said several times this month, so go ahead and try to write up the request, guesstimate something on it and submit it that way.

Sue Ann Hartig: Okay, will do. Thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, so roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I see Mr. Fluty in the audience so you're not going to get off that easily, Bill.

Bill Fluty: I was close.

Councilmember Lloyd: It's already three to zero at this point.

Bill Fluty: Bill Fluty, County Assessor.

Councilmember Goebel: Both of these are pretty important for your – ?

Bill Fluty: Yes, one of them is the Assessor's fall conference and it's a training session, every day is classes and required for the most part to come to that and further education. The other one is a step for all Assessors that are required to be Level III's, and this is, the other is to do that for one week and test out at the end of the week.

Councilmember Goebel: And you'll be attending both of these?

Bill Fluty: Yes, by myself. The testing is for me and just one person going to the conference.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: For the record, the total amount of these requests, \$2452.60. I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. You can relax now, Bill.

Bill Fluty: Thank you. Appreciate it.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

JOINT CITY/COUNTY BUDGET MEETING

President Kiefer: Okay, we have City/County budget hearings today at 3:30. You can pick up budget work folders with information prior to that meeting from Sandie. So I look forward to seeing you guys here today at 3:30.

Councilmember Lloyd: I know, I just wanted to make a comment, the fact that we got these budget sheets so late for this meeting tonight, I think that's just not a good situation. It would have been nice to have them where we could look at them over the weekend. So the fact that you get them a day before, I don't think that's a very acceptable situation and, anyway, we'll have to make do.

President Kiefer: Yeah, and we can determine whether or not we want to postpone our vote on this. We can listen to what people say as they come through, but we can make that decision today, later.

COUNTY BUDGET HEARING DATES

President Kiefer: Talking about budgets, we have the budget dates, 16th and 17th, and then September 7th and 14th, at 9:00 a.m.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Kiefer: Councilman Lloyd, do you want to run through the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, you've got in front of you salary ordinance amendments August 3, 2011, I'm just going to read the totals, we're going to accept this as submitted. Burdette Park, amended salary ordinance line 1450-1180 Other Employees, appropriation approved in the amount of \$35,000; Sheriff, amend salary ordinance on transfers as follows, and I've got about fifteen of them from these various accounts: Sheriff, Major, Sergeant, Deputy, Corporal, numerous Deputy, Part-Time Clerk, Command Receptionist, Lieutenant, Screener to Overtime, total amount \$108,432. Jail, amend salary ordinance on transfers as follows Confinement Officers, Booking Clerk, two, 1051-1850 Union Overtime \$27,475; 1051-1530 Shift Differential, \$3,600. Community Corrections, amend salary ordinance transfers as follows: two Confinement Officer accounts to 1361-1850 Union Overtime \$11,194; Supplemental Adult Probation, amend salary ordinance to allow filling the vacancy of the Court Liaison Intern for the Adult Probation Department. The position works up to 35 hours a week paid out of Supplemental Adult Probation User Fee account up to \$9.00 an hour. Legal Aid, amend salary ordinance to allow filling the part-time secretary position vacancy at the rate of \$10 per hour for 25 hours a week, Superior Court, amend salary ordinance to allow hiring part-time person at the rate of \$9 an hour to help with research. This request paid out of the Drug Court grant. Note, that 1050-0037 Corporal with revert to Deputy, there are no Corporal positions being filled and Corporal lines are reclassified as Deputy when vacant. And I'll submit that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Second from Councilman Shetler. Any discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Kiefer: The place was pretty full at the beginning, it looks like everybody is gone, so I don't know that we'll have any public comment.

Councilmember Lloyd: We've worn them out.

President Kiefer: We wore them out. Look for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: All in favor?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: We are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Joe Kiefer

Vice President Tom Shetler, Jr.

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Stephanie Terry

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 16, 2011**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 16th day of August, 2011 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Council President Joe Kiefer with all Councilmembers present.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Kiefer	X	

President Kiefer: I would like to call the meeting to order. This is our annual Vanderburgh County Council budget hearing, so I would like to open the meeting and ask Donna Leader if she will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Kiefer: Thank you very much. Before we get started, I would just like to make a brief comment. We're all aware that this is going to be another tough year, 2012, to do the budget. You know, the economy and everything the way it is, we have to be cognitive that we have to keep our numbers as tight as possible. We are restricted by how much we can increase property taxes with property tax caps and so, you know, as we go through this we are going to be looking for opportunities to reduce costs as much as possible. I would like to turn this over to Councilman Jim Raben, the Finance Chair, so we can start reviewing individual departments.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Joe. Joe, before we start I would like to turn the mic over to the Auditor just to give us a short briefing of where we're at.

Joe Gries: I just had a couple of points of interest that might provide a picture of where we are today comparative to the last few years. Most of you, I'm sure you are aware of these things. The property tax caps, as you mentioned, Joe, affects us each year now. The total amount of tax caps that we will see this year are over 8 million dollars. The county will not receive about 2 million dollars of that 8 million because of tax caps. That's money that we do not collect from property taxpayers for this year. Another part of this, a couple of things, our miscellaneous revenue, our COIT, County Option Income Tax, and our interest on investments over the last few years, we have seen a drop in our interest on investments. In 2007 we had received nearly 4 million dollars. Last year we received only about \$300,000, so that's a pretty good drop over the last three years. It has totaled probably around 9 million dollars that we have not received on interest on investments. The COIT, last year we received about 12.2 million for the County General Fund and this year we are closer to 10 million. So these are several things that show us overall the type of revenue that we're not receiving comparatively to years past. That's just some information that, I'm sure, most of you were, like I said, aware of but I wanted to reiterate and provide that.

President Kiefer: Any other comments or questions from Councilmembers?

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Gries, thanks for that information. Is there a way you could prepare a little Excel or some type of spreadsheet to give comparisons from the past to what we expect to have?

Joe Gries: Absolutely.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

TREASURER 1030

Councilmember Raben: Alright, thank you, Joe. Alright, first on the agenda today, account 1030, County Treasurer, page 10. Good morning.

Rick Davis: Good morning, everybody. I get to be first in the buzz saw today.

President Kiefer: That's not a bad thing. You get through it first.

Rick Davis: Yeah. I'll give you a moment to find your places while I get ready. Most of the budget for the County Treasurer's office resembles what was submitted last year and adheres to your request to keep values at 2011 levels. The most notable increase occurs in the Bank Service Charge line item, which is 1030-3999. As you know, the state asked us to begin carrying a true cost of government measure after figures were submitted for budget hearings during last year. Currently, our budget is set at \$55,000 and this is for a bank service charge basically for the county's checking account. We feel it should be sufficient for the remainder of 2011 and 2012. Our average monthly costs are \$3,766.94 for our cash book and that calculates out to be \$45,203.28 annually. This is below the requested amount, but we need a little cushion in case FDIC rates increase. We are earning interest off of that bank account however. If you'll remember, I asked that we receive a minimum of one quarter of one percent because the first two years I was in office we didn't earn a penny off of that account under an agreement from the previous Treasurer. Due to the quarter percent we have brought in \$28,900.23 in interest, so we are actually making money off of that account even though we are paying more for it now. It has been a big help. Line items 1030-2600, Office Supplies, and 1030-2700, Other Supplies, have been consolidated into one line item. It is now simply Supplies which is 2600 with the \$8,000 funding representing the collective total of those two that were merged together. We have zeroed out our Legal Services line item from \$3,000 before due to inactivity in the account. Since 2009 the Treasurer's Office has spent less than \$100 in legal fees and decided that we don't need to use it any more especially in these times. I feel Mr. Ahlers and obviously the Commissioner attorney, Ted Ziemer, do a fine outstanding job. If we need legal services, we can always go to them for representation. We did request to reallocate \$1,000 of this line item to another line item for Fees, 1030-2840. Another distinct difference in the Treasurer's budget occurs in a line item for Fees, which I just mentioned. As was mentioned earlier the office zeroed out Legal Services after moving \$1,000 in the Fees item. This line item has been traditionally utilized in paying copy fees to Xerox and Pacer, which is our electronic court records for bankruptcies. Xerox fees have grown each year and because of the original amount, which was \$500, hasn't covered our annual costs, we decided to move this amount to help cover that amount. Joe mentioned something about the revenues and I think it was very important to note a two year Treasury right now is trading at .19, not 1.9 percent or 19 percent, .19 for a two year Treasury. A ten year Treasury investment is 2.29 today. To put that in perspective,

our office had an eight day investment that had a more than three percent interest rate about three or four years ago, so an eight day investment yielded over a three percent interest rate, now there is a ten year Treasury at 2.29. That really puts into perspective the investment climate that we are facing. We have had two CDs mature this year at \$103,000 in interest which is pretty outstanding when you look at the rates that we are getting. Our Trust Indiana account has brought in \$52,250 to date and our Morgan Stanley Smith Barney agency securities, which the County Commissioners let us...agreed to do about a year and a half ago, have brought in \$45,000. The Morgan Stanley investments are averaging about .75 percent interest. Our CDs averaged about 1.5 percent, the ones that matured. Then I mentioned our bank account, the interest it has brought in. So far we've got roughly \$230,000 in interest income for this year. Next year some of the investments we made with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney will mature. That will bring in roughly \$85,000 in investments we have already made. That's not counting any investments we're going to make through the rest of the year. Our Trust in Indiana account should bring in around \$100,000. We have some CDs out that will bring in around 50. I, last year and this year both, gave you a revenue forecast of about \$250,000 which is right on the money with where we are right here. It's not like I was trying to pull the wool over your eyes and tell you the economic outlook was rosy and we were going to be bringing in a lot of money in the Treasurer's Office. It's a very trying economic time out there. I wish I could wave a magic wand over our investments and get a higher interest rate, but right now banks...the reason why our interest rates are so low, banks are sitting on mounds of money right now. They are either unable to lend it out due to tighter lending restrictions or business is not expanding so they are not borrowing money. People are not borrowing money and right now there is a premium on safety so that is why our checking account went up last year and this year is because there is a premium on safety, and our investments are very safe. We have our checking account with Old National Bank, which is one of the best banks in the country. So, there is more of a premium on safety right now rather than on earning interest...or earning income from interest. I would be glad to answer any questions you guys may have.

President Kiefer: Rick, I have a question, back to that bank service charge. Is that with multiple banks you're working with? That's a cumulation of all the banks?

Rick Davis: That's just our Old National Bank account. It's basically the checking account for the county. Pardon me. All the employees, we get a paycheck every two weeks or some of them get a weekly paycheck, that is written right out of this account. Whenever someone pays their property tax payment and we deposit in the bank, that's that account, etc. It's one account.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Just along those lines, I think that's a very good move on your part as far as getting that account to become interest bearing. However, as you mention the interest rates that are being paid on our other investments, obviously, have dropped tremendously, so I think what has happened in the past you cannot do so you've been innovative, but I don't think past measures were out of line either.

Rick Davis: No.

Councilmember Goebel: Because we did bring a lot of money in.

Rick Davis: That's exactly right.

Councilmember Goebel: When our investments paid better. As far as your rationale, you had a little bit in here for pay raises, but that has been moved back for certain positions, is that correct?

Rick Davis: All the pay raises that we have are step increases that are mandatory.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, no other questions?

Rick Davis: I do want to note one thing. My Chief Deputy will make \$48,500 this year. That's Zachary Heronemus who is standing over my right shoulder. With this step increase he will have an employee that is being supervised by him that is going to be making roughly \$3,200 more per year. So I think there...I just want to let you know I think there is something fundamentally wrong with a supervisor making less money than an employee. I understand why, because we have put a hold on pay raises, however the step raises continue and we now have an issue where we have a longstanding employee who is very deserving of this money, I'm not saying she is not, but there is an issue here where we have a supervisor making less money than the employee they are supervising. I wanted to make you aware of that.

Councilmember Lloyd: This is not necessarily budget, but I know we had according to the schedule, \$4 million in CDs with Integra bank.

Rick Davis: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Any ramifications of that since the bank failed?

Rick Davis: No, actually we had two CDs with them and those CDs earned \$103,019.57 in interest. One of them was matured 19 days early when Old National Bank took it over. It was a very lengthy CD that was purchased a long time ago, but it matured only 19 days early. The second one matured about 146 days early and we made \$71,447.83 from that CD. Not only did we have FDIC insurance on those two CDs with Integra, but we also had Public Deposit Insurance Fund which is 300 million dollars. Integra Bank came to the county, met with the Auditor, Joe Gries and I, and explained that of the 4 million dollars there was 5 million dollars in collateral backing the 4 million. This was early January or February. The CDs were purchased a long time ago when Integra was still able to take public deposits. They were weaned off, we basically as a county...I have a figure here. Over the past 12 years the county made 9.3 million dollars off of Integra CDs. At one point in 2003 we made 209 investments with Integra Bank compared to only five in the last two years. I felt, you know, the old saying "a penny saved is a penny earned", well I feel the same way in this climate that a job saved is a job earned. We tried to wean ourselves off of Integra investments while not putting a nail in their coffin so that another bank like Old National Bank could acquire their deposits without causing any havoc or causing a run on the bank by, you know, publically withdrawing these funds. It was a very difficult tightrope I felt we were walking, but we were very responsible to the county taxpayers. Their money was sound and safe and actually made over \$100,000 in interest. In this economy I think that's pretty phenomenal.

Councilmember Lloyd: So mechanically, did those mature or did they become Old National?

Rick Davis: They became Old National's.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

Rick Davis: Then Old National offered us .1 to continue out. Now, obviously, because we're earning .25 in our Old National Bank checking account we are better off putting those investments, and I've done the math on that as well. When you add in for the remainder of the original investment, the .25 minus the 1 ½ they were making we made another \$3,100 in interest. So, again, I think we've done a really good job in diversifying our investments since I came in. We started with Trust Indiana which the previous administration didn't have. Again, they didn't need it because it was a different investment economy back...or investment climate. We've also gone to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and we've also insured that our checking account is earning at least a quarter of a percent which was not happening before. So I think we've done a very responsible job diversifying our investments and making sure they are safe as well.

Councilmember Lloyd: So the report, the investment report, Integra is not going to be on there any more?

Rick Davis: They will be for the rest of the year, but from now on they will not.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right. There won't be anything invested there?

Rick Davis: Correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

Rick Davis: There will be with Old National Bank. One more thing, the reason why Old National only is offering us .1, which is ten basis points as they say on the street, is because they are flush with money. They don't need our money. When the economy was roaring and people were borrowing money and businesses were expanding and they were adding payroll, whenever I would call them up and ask would you like a 3 million dollar CD for six months, they would give us a good interest rate because they were competing with the other banks for that money in order to continue loaning their money out. Right now people simply aren't borrowing money and these banks are sitting on a mound of money, and they do not...as they say, they are flush with money. They do not need our money in order to conduct their business.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Shetler: Just on the investment side of it, do you...and you said the checking account, but do you have all the cash accounts set up on some kind of a sweep where they come in every night and sweep those accounts and then you're paid interest overnight on those accounts?

Rick Davis: Candy, would you...

Candy Nance: (Inaudible)

Rick Davis: Would you like to come up here? This is Candy Nance, she is our bookkeeper, First Deputy.

Candy Nance: When it was the sweep account the last two years we did not earn any interest on it from the sweep. Now that he has put the .25 we are, but it is pulled out every night and put back in, but we are not benefitting from it at all.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Rick. We'll move on to Weights & Measures.

President Kiefer: Thank you for your time today.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES 1302

Councilmember Raben: I need to remind everybody that we've got a lengthy agenda today.

President Kiefer: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: So we're going to need to move on.

President Kiefer: Mr. Chairman, I think Weights & Measures we did at the City/County budget hearings.

COUNTY CLERK 1010

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Clerk, page one.

Susan Kirk: Good morning.

President Kiefer: Mr. Chairman, I have a question.

Councilmember Raben: Good morning.

President Kiefer: Yeah, Susie, a couple of things to note. It does look like things look good on your...you know, I noticed several reductions in pay because with that new implementation when we replace somebody that has retired or quit, you know, they come in at a lower wage, so that helps us a little bit.

Susan Kirk: Or we don't fill the position.

President Kiefer: Yeah, or if you don't fill a position.

Susan Kirk: No, you don't fill the position, let's get that straight.

President Kiefer: Yeah, but anyway, that has helped out quite a bit to the bottom line. Was the Personal Services 2600, no, no, yeah, Supplies, not Personal Services, I mean Supplies, that jumped from \$55,000 to \$75,000. Was that partly to do with the vote centers?

Susan Kirk: Are you on the Clerk's budget or the Election Office budget?

President Kiefer: I thought I was on yours.

Councilmember Lloyd: Page four.

Susan Kirk: Well, the Clerk's budget does not take care of any election.

President Kiefer: Yeah.

Susan Kirk: The Clerk's budget is strictly that. Well, because things are going up except paychecks. Supply costs are going up and so we have to have more money to pay for them. We're not really ordering any more supplies than what we have in the past, but you know you take all the shucks that are printed for every case, the certified mail, all these things are going up in price so that's why that is a little bit more.

President Kiefer: So that's strictly just cost increase?

Susan Kirk: Price increases, yes. I mean, we have to order a lot of stuff.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Susan Kirk: I mean, we get bids. We try to get, you know, as cheap as we can, but this is things that we have to have for the court. So, you know, if you want to make that a little bit less, and we need to come back for some more, I would be willing to do that. Like I said, when we need it we've got to have it.

President Kiefer: Okay. Then, I guess, the other big question, the big change was on Record Storage.

Susan Kirk: Yes, every year for the last probably two or three years I have asked for \$140,000. You usually give \$100,000 and then we have to come back and get more. I don't think that this is really going to get us through next year, but because of our employee staff being cut we've had to cut services and things that aren't required by law, one of which is the retention schedule, so we don't have time any more to keep up with that. That takes quite a bit of time to actually keep up with all that, so we will not be destroying any more records which means we will be paying more to store the records. Because we got, what, last year we had like 65,000 new cases, and we'll probably get that again this year, but we won't be getting rid of anything so that cost is going to go up because we just don't have time to do the retention schedule any more.

President Kiefer: Thank you. Mr. Chairman?

Councilmember Raben: Susie, I know it has been bounced around these chambers quite a few times, but the thought of some day moving the records storage into the empty space of the old jail. This might be an opportune time to get cost estimates on actually relocating those and was wondering if you would mind coordinating that with possibly David Rector.

Susan Kirk: Well, I have tried to coordinate that for two or three years now and have gotten nowhere. You have to remember too now, Kinder, Retrieve X, Kinder does storage. Now Retrieve X, which is part of the Kinder thing, they bought them out, they do our scanning and our microfilming too, so when you start...I don't mind moving files down here that are already scanned, done, but if we start putting it here then we are going to be paying...it's not going to behoove us to have Retrieve X come get the files, scan them, bring them back and stuff like that. So there is...we

could probably move a lot into the old jail, but every time I talk to Mr. Rector he says he cannot get any answer from whomever he goes to to actually implement anyone moving into the jail. And then at one time they were going to try to rent things out to private entities to make, you know, to get rent off of the jail. So, you know, actually I haven't even asked this year because I was asking for the last two prior years and I get nowhere.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Susie, that would go through the Commissioner's office, so you've been working with the Commissioner's office?

Susan Kirk: Yes, I did, like I said, two years ago I worked actively for two years trying to get...I wanted the Election office moved so that we could have more room there and be able to store at least a few more years here in the building rather than having, you know, to have files back and forth. Somehow they are not coming to an agreement as to what to use the old jail for, plus, obviously, they would have to renovate something over there apparently, according to Mr. Rector, which I'm not sure what all that is, but that would cost money to do that. Like I said, I finally gave up this year. I guess somebody will let me know if there is any room available for us to do that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I hate to see you give up. I know they was working on something. Politics, of course, has changed now, so I hate to see you give up on that.

Susan Kirk: Oh, I'm not giving up, I just am waiting to hear. My request has been given numerous times and I don't know exactly where they are in the process of trying to decide. You know, like I said, sometimes they want to rent that out to private entities and then sometimes it's like, well, yeah maybe we'll...plus we've got the school building here. Aren't we going to get that, too?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Kiefer, if it's okay with you I would like to work with Mr. Rector. I have been to some meetings in the past under the other administration, so if it's okay I would like to work with that and see what we can do on that record storage.

President Kiefer: Okay, I appreciate that.

Councilmember Bassemier: I agree with you. Something needs to be done with the old jail.

Susan Kirk: Yeah, it's been sitting there for a long time.

Councilmember Bassemier: I mean, we pay over half a million dollars every year on rent and we do need to do something with the old county jail.

Susan Kirk: That's good. Yes, I appreciate that very much.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Kiefer: Thanks for the offer, Ed.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, if we do move some of the storage to the old jail would you still be utilizing the other service as well for scanning and that and they would hold them for a while and then bring it back here or?

Susan Kirk: Well, number one, I think you really need to go out there and see how many files there are.

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, I know.

Susan Kirk: You couldn't get them all in the basement down here. So that's one thing. It would be our newer files. Now we are trying to go back and get as many older files scanned as we can to keep us, you know, from having to go back and forth and get records. Retrieve X has been really good in working with us trying to, you know, we're trying to save as much as we can. Trying to get things done, but some of the old stuff, really old stuff could go, plus once it is scanned come back say the last...if we could keep, maybe the last six or seven years in the old jail plus old stuff that we have to keep forever that nobody really gets into, if we could keep those in there and then that medium range could be at Kinder Moving & Storage, that would be great.

Councilmember Goebel: Would the company that scans be able to do that here?

Susan Kirk: No. No, by the state they have to be...everything has to be approved and all this kind of stuff and they are not going to move their equipment. This isn't something you pick up and move from site to site. But they are state approved to be able to do our scanning and microfilming.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Susan Kirk: And by the way, they have not raised their prices in the last, what, seven years. That's pretty daggone good.

Councilmember Raben: But we could, if I understand you correctly, we could control future square footage that we are picking up as we add more records, we could control some of that by pulling the old out and storing them in this facility and just keeping --

Susan Kirk: We could. Of course the ideal thing is to get rid of them and, you know, destroy them so you don't have them anywhere taking up space, but like I said, we don't have time to do that any more.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Well, Ed, thank you for volunteering to work with Susie and the Commissioners on that task. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Two points about that. First, when the storage...when a file box goes into the storage couldn't it not be marked that basically that it's to be destroyed after five years from a given date so that it is automatically pulled?

Susan Kirk: Not necessarily. Most records, and a lot of it depends on when the case is closed, so we don't file records by when we think that we can have them destroyed. Every one of these cases are bar coded, so we can...and that's what our staff does. They go back through those bar codes and they have to run reports. Which one is closed and of course, you've got to keep them even if it is closed depending on the case. Some are ten years, some are forever, so it just depends

by law the retention schedule that the state has. There would be no way to file them...that would be a confusing mess to file by when you think it might be destroyed. That wouldn't work.

Councilmember Shetler: Well usually there is like a...when something goes in and then you put, you know, some things have like a five year, a seven year or ten year, whatever the life might be of it, and then those are filed, you know, by however your method is by alpha or chronology or whatever you are using there on your system, but then it is marked to be pulled five years hence or whatever it might be. And then if something comes up, and that's for the majority or for the bulk of everything, but if something comes up with a particular file or case that could be pulled and that would be the exception to the rule. Those particular files could be noted to the storage provider so that they are able to make note not to destroy that file on that given date. I would think that would eliminate a lot of the work and time that you are talking about, and perhaps someone could be able to get a handle on getting those things destroyed in a timely fashion, then.

Susan Kirk: Well, you see, that's what we were doing, but we don't have time to do that any more. In other words, they go out in a box, the cases do, okay? They are bar coded. The cases that we can't...that have been closed and they meet the requirement of the ten year period or the fifteen year or twenty, yeah, we would get that out, pull it and get that ready for destruction, but we don't have time to do that any more. If you want to pay Retrieve X or Kinder to do that then you are going to pay more than what...it's not going to be any cost savings to you. Like I say, we've worked, believe me, trying to get that retention schedule down to where it's doable. It's a nightmare.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: When you look at the reductions in the personnel you've got a request to increase Extra Help, which I think is logical considering what we are looking at. Overall, your budget is only an increase of \$21,000 which is less than one percent, so I mean that's--

Susan Kirk: Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: --commendable within the whole realm of this.

Susan Kirk: Well, like I said, I don't know why some don't understand this concept, but by reducing the staff of which you're paying \$21,000 to hire a new person, you know, the late fees that we used to collect, you know, we're talking \$100,000 a year and, of course, now it's going to cost us more money to store records, I really don't understand the concept of not hiring people when you would make money off of it, but that's just my opinion. So, anyway, sorry. Next.

Councilmember Raben: Well, Susie, in fairness there you and I have discussed that now a couple of times now in the last three months. I have asked you to come back in and request an employee with the hope of collecting those fees once again. And we may not be able to spend one hundred percent of this person's time, but if we can collect seventy percent of what we used to collect, you are exactly right, we need to replace that person. So, again, with that in mind, you need to come back in and request it.

Susan Kirk: Well, I will be coming back because I've got three getting ready to go, so I will be coming back and I'll throw that one in, too. I'll be coming back in soon probably before they actually leave because we can't...I'll need to replace those positions, like the day they leave, I need to be able to replace them.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, one last question. Contractual Services went up \$5,000. It looks like it was \$15,000 last year. The request is for \$20,000 this year.

Susan Kirk: Yes, let's see, Contractual Services. Where are you at? Which line item are you on?

Councilmember Raben: That would be 3530.

Susan Kirk: Oh, the maintenance contracts?

Councilmember Raben: Contractual Services.

Susan Kirk: Okay, well I've got maintenance contract down for that one 3530. That is maintenance on the printers, you know, copying machines and those types of things. Or copy machines, I'm sorry, not printers. Copy machines. We actually did...we should end up saving money though because our office did, you know, they did that where they came around and decided about the copy machines and all that kind of stuff, we just started that. So in the long run we should be saving some money off of that actually. Not the maintenance, but just paper and stuff like that, we should be saving quite a bit of money. I forget how they...you can talk to the IT guys about what the savings is from taking away all the printers and just having the copy machine that can also print, scan. We did all that so we are up-to-date with that one, so in the long run we will save money on that.

Councilmember Raben: You have contracts that will need \$20,000?

Susan Kirk: Yes, we will, but we will be saving on that, yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. Chairman?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Which position is that, is that the Appeals & Venue Clerk, that would solicit the fees?

Susan Kirk: Yes, line item 1260.

Councilmember Lloyd: 1010?

Susan Kirk: Yeah, 1010-1260.

Councilmember Lloyd: Alright, so that position actually bills fees and can pull in up to \$100,000 in fees?

Susan Kirk: Well, it really wouldn't be that particular position, it's just that because we're short of staff members other people have had to pick up other duties, and like I said, we're down to not be able to do the retention schedule. Things that are not required by law, we're down to that. We actually have my administrative secretary and her assistant supervisor, they are the ones that take care, normally, would take

care of the retention schedule, but they have picked up other duties because of the shortage of staff.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, that position you had requested earlier, that is shared with Circuit Court, is that correct?

Susan Kirk: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: That's what, I think when we balked at the beginning, is we had hoped maybe the Circuit Court could pick up that salary or even pick up the position and that didn't happen, but that was the last we heard officially from you on it.

Susan Kirk: Well, we had a meeting with Judge Heldt and he explained to Councilman Raben how we were...it's getting down to the emergency situation with all the work and stuff like that. They don't really have time to do it, plus that's not their job, so anyway, but we've had to switch because we can't obviously not show up in court, so duties we just keep mixing things up and like I said having to do away with certain things that we used to do before.

Councilmember Goebel: If that particular position is a revenue generating position I think there is no doubt we would be open to that.

Susan Kirk: That position is not the one that is going to generate the money. What has happened, because the person who used to do, well, actually I have lost two full time employees, but the person who used to actually help with some of the retention schedule and stuff, that position is gone. Okay. Now because you didn't fill another one and that person has to go to court probably a minimum of half a day, people that used to do these items that used to generate some money can no longer do them because now they have to do filing or they have to enter in cases, do the calendar, so they are having to do other things that normally they would have been spending on items like that, that we can't any more. Now Judge Niemeier has been really good about, because we lost the employee that also went down to juvenile, and he has been really good about trying to help out and stuff like that because of the loss of that spot.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Would you be open to an efficiency study or a work study of the office to see if some savings couldn't be had in some realignment of employees within the office, and might be able to do more with less?

Susan Kirk: Well, I'm sorry, okay, this has been brought up numerous times and I'm really sorry that you do not trust my judgement in my staff to be able to run an office efficiently. We've saved quite a bit of money here there and yonder, especially in the Election Office, but if you feel like that my staff and I aren't smart enough to figure this stuff out, you guys spend your \$300,000 or \$400,000 to come in and tell us what to do, which I think is a total waste of money.

Councilmember Shetler: I don't think it's a matter of determining whether or not you're smart enough to do it, just like in my own position, I appreciate it when other people can look over my shoulder and tell that, hey, Tom, a different set of eyes are

looking at something and we think you could do this here or there, and once I start thinking that I'm a little bit too good for that or too smart for that, that's when I usually end up losing money or in trouble.

Susan Kirk: Well, the thing of it is, I don't feel like I'm that brilliant or anything, but I have a great staff. We have made changes over the years because of the increases in cases. They have done a wonderful job and I don't think you're going to find anybody from any company that's going to be able to tell you how to do it any better than my staff does. They are the backbone. Not for one minute do I think I'm the smartest one over there, not even close to it. They do a great job, but if you all want to pay that extra money that we don't have, so be it.

COUNTY CLERK IV-D 1011

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's move on to IV-D, page six. Looks like there are two increases, Office Machines. That's really, yeah, just one increase.

Susan Kirk: Is that a question?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, yeah. 4220 Office Machines is up just roughly \$7,000. Are you looking at buying something new?

Susan Kirk: Yes, our Child Support department, according to the state, has to have certain upgrades so that's why that has gone up just a little bit. We have a little machine now that actually counts the money, but the most important thing it does is it finds bills that are not...you know, counterfeit money. You would be amazed at how much of that we get. So before somebody leaves we can say, no, you can take this back, so that is actually going to save us some money because we can do it now while that person is there. Always before we would have to eat that cost. They leave and it's like, well, we didn't know who gave us that money but now we know. Before you walk out the door if you've gotten any counterfeit money we give it back to you and you've got to bring us the real, you know, bring us the real stuff. So thank goodness, that has helped quite a bit.

Councilmember Raben: I would hope there is a second step to that. I hope they don't get to just walk out with it.

Susan Kirk: Well, they take their...well, it depends. Sometimes you pretty well know, but let's put it this way, if there is not a sheriff...in other words, we're not taking it, okay. We used to eat that. Oh my gosh, that was several thousand dollars a year. The money that we take in, the cash money, and we don't do that any more. We're using that for several different things now actually, not just for child support.

Councilmember Raben: But I guess my question is, do we take it one step further? Is there a policy in place that--

Susan Kirk: We notify the police department, if that is what you are asking.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah. But the person can actually leave this building with that counterfeit bill?

Susan Kirk: No. No, when the person comes in and they actually have it, we catch them right then and there. We call the police department and a detective comes up.

In other words, we're not taking it. They take it away, meaning the sheriff's department or the police department or whatever.

ELECTION OFFICE 1210

Councilmember Raben: Great. Okay. Let's move to the Election Office, page 45.

Susan Kirk: Now I gave you the new budget and the only thing that I made an error on was in line item 3600 for the rent of the polling places. I failed to remember to put in the early vote sites. By statute we have to have, one of the vote centers has to be open the two Saturdays before the election. So I didn't put that few hundred bucks back in there, so that raised up to \$5,200 for the year, so that's the only change in the last one I handed out when I came before Council. Otherwise it's the same thing. So as you can see, we're saving basically \$81,000.

Councilmember Raben: So line 3600 rent should be \$5,200?

Susan Kirk: Yes, I think it was \$4,800 before. Like I said, I forgot the early vote centers. We've got to have those open.

Councilmember Raben: \$7,500 is what is in the book.

Susan Kirk: I'm sorry, what is it? Do what?

Councilmember Raben: So the total you need—

Susan Kirk: What budget are you looking at? Are you looking at the new one with the vote centers or the old one with the—

Councilmember Raben: Well, we don't know what we are looking at.

Susan Kirk: My last Council meeting, Emma handed out to all of you the new budget and at the bottom it says savings \$81,620.

Councilmember Raben: The total amount of rent for next year is what?

Susan Kirk: It's going to be \$5,200.

Councilmember Raben: Total for everything?

Susan Kirk: Well, you're...that was the one that was submitted back before I got the vote centers up and approved.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Susan Kirk: Like I said, Emma, when we had the last meeting she handed out to everyone the new budget that we're saving \$81,000 off of. Does your budget at the bottom of the page say savings \$81,000 at the bottom?

Councilmember Raben: No, we're not looking at that sheet.

Susan Kirk: Yeah, this was, like I said, when we did the budgets, the vote centers were not...that was just the beginning so I had to submit my budget as to what it would be if we had the old way of voting. But as we went along, of course, now that

we've got this savings I handed...Emma did, my granddaughter, handed out to each one of you. There was a map of the polling places or vote centers, a list of them, and then there was this budget that was attached, too. The new budget, that's a lot less. Eighty-one thousand dollars less than the original one I submitted.

Councilmember Goebel: So we'll get corrected copies then?

Susan Kirk: Well, I already handed them out to you at the last meeting.

Councilmember Goebel: For this, Sandie? Thank you.

President Kiefer: And then, Susie, obviously since it's a city election year, we get reimbursed from the city?

Susan Kirk: Well, now we're going to save a little bit of money on this city election, but as I said the last two months when I was here before Council, we have to have new batteries for all the iVotronics, so that is \$40,000. So I'm probably going to be moving and transferring some money to take care of that bill. They've, well, they've had the equipment since 2004 so they feel like if they don't...and these aren't...it isn't a matter of sticking a battery in. These batteries have got to be taken out, welded back in. I like the old punch card better. The only thing electric about it was the lightbulb. But, anyway, we have to have that done, so but we will have a little bit of a savings because we are implementing the vote centers for this fall election, but that money is going to be eaten up pretty daggone quick with maybe, you know I don't know if I can transfer and actually take care of that \$40,000 or not. But next year you'll see the real savings start.

President Kiefer: Thank you.

SHERIFF 1050

(Inaudible comments, mic not on)

Eric Williams: Good morning, Sheriff Eric Williams. In respect of your request to be brief, I won't say anything unless you ask me something. I'm sure there are a few questions. I would start off just by saying there is one item in there, there is a rationale statement. The line item is for a Deputy Sheriff, 1050-115 new deputy for the new North High School. Based on a conversation I had with my liaison, Councilman Raben, and the president this morning, you can go ahead and take that out. I think we have a plan B that will be much more palatable.

(Inaudible comments, mic not on)

Eric Williams: Well, we're off to a great start. It's a well designed facility. Everybody seems to be acclimating very well. We've had a lot of resources out there to get everybody acquainted to the traffic patterns. So far we have not had any significant issues. Now January will be another story when we add the high school driving population to it and that additional influx of students, but so far, so good.

(Inaudible comments, mic not on)

Eric Williams: Yeah, the only stoplight that affects that facility is the Baseline and 41 stoplight. There is an off ramp off of 41 to go straight into it, but it's an entrance only ramp and it's off of 41 for northbound traffic. The primary entrance and exit for that

facility is the road that comes off of Baseline. In the future they hope to have an exit ready off of Peck Road which would then dump them out onto Old State. When the high school drivers are there that is when the real test is going to come, we're going to find out, but so far, so good. We've not had any incidents out there and everybody appears to be acclimating to that new campus very well. Since you're starving for questions I'll also mention in there that I have included in there our vehicle equipment and new vehicles in both the jail budget and in the sheriff budget. The vehicles on the sheriff's budgets are the same amounts pretty much that we put in every year that we also ask the Commissioners in CCD. I just always put them in both places to make sure they end up in one or the other if we are going to get them. There is an increase in equipment cost this year because we are no longer going to be able to what we call cannibalize our existing fleet because Ford is no longer going to be producing the Crown Vic, which has been our flagship vehicle for some time. Whatever vehicle we end up going to next year is going to require new cages, new interior equipment that we are not going to be able to take out of the cars that we are taking out of service and moving them over. In the jail side of it there is a request and that is for a new jail transport vehicle, a mid sized bus type vehicle to use both over the road and to and from courts to allow us a little more versatility. There are many days when we're running multiple vans simultaneously which is obviously not that efficient. It's a little bit more security concern and it is manpower intensive. Yes, sir.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know you have a lot of overcrowding issues, with the wear and tear and everything, is there any major issues that might come up as far as expenses from the jail in the future?

Eric Williams: Right now the Building Authority is working real well with us on preventive maintenance type issues within the facility, so that may not be a big issue right now in the near foreseeable future. The expenses really come from the crowding related to the jail medical costs, housing costs, transportation costs, and all the other extra costs that come with just having bodies inside that facility. We have been crowded. I know it has been an article or it has been a point of news for the newspaper of recent. We did break our record a few weeks ago on our census time. We take census at midnight to report for the day which is generally our lowest point in the day and we hit 606 in custody that day. So we do know in our budget and we've communicated that with the Auditor's Office, we will be back yet this year for increases or additional funding in Jail Medical, Jail Food and I believe Utilities is the other one.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, how many deputies do you have in college, that's going to college right now?

Eric Williams: Wow, I didn't have that one on my radar.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I saw—

Eric Williams: I would say that currently enrolled in school I don't know that there are very many. The majority of the ones that we are hiring now come with their college degrees in pocket and we've had several go back and get their college degrees. We obviously stress continuing education not only in the field, but in other areas, but I couldn't give you even an estimate of how many are actively pursuing enhanced degrees right now.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sorry, caught you off guard.

Eric Williams: That's alright. It's a good question. I'll add that to my list.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Eric, when you look at this budget, you know when you take the vehicles and the equipment out this budget is—

Eric Williams: It's basically the same budget. There are some changes that we've been working out with the Auditor's Office apparently shifting a few line items and combining some things together, but in the end result, the total is about the same.

Councilmember Raben: As we look at the....is everyone finished with the Sheriff's Office?

Councilmember Lloyd: And I know, I think Council, we like to see, on page 20, the Overtime, we like to see that \$300,000 number for some reason, but it looks like history wise and this year that's not going to be achieved. I just wondered, that \$300,000 probably is not realistic or is there ways to try to reduce the overtime?

Eric Williams: You know, and that's one of those that I would welcome anybody to sit down with us that looks at managing people differently. We think we're doing a really good job staying on top of overtime. The vast majority of our overtime is generated from holiday pay and keeping the road staffed on those days. That's the bulk of it. But, again, we have no control over our court appearances and when those are scheduled and late runs and those things, but we stagger shifts and do all kinds of creative things trying to limit the opportunities to get that overtime. But are we doing it perfectly? By no stretch of the imagination, but I do think we're doing a very good job of it and are constantly monitoring that. I harp on it quite a bit and I know they get tired of hearing me talk about it.

Councilmember Lloyd: You know, it just seems like we have weather events, I mean, that would cause overtime. As of June 30th you had \$224,000, so I mean are we going to continue at that pace or are you going to be able to slow that down?

Eric Williams: I think it will trim itself off. There should be some returns coming. Some of that was related to like the marathon and some of those events and that will get put back into it. But, you know, there is no way to really predict it. Obviously the holiday pay is about the only thing that we can predict and know exactly where that is going to take us, but again with weather events....in all honesty, the weather events are fairly short term occurrences and don't really generate that much overtime. It is the day to day court appearances, trials and late runs that generate the bulk of the non-holiday type overtime.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Is there any incentive grants that we get for...I know that they have a big push around the 4th of July and Memorial Day as far as drunk drivers and all that kind of stuff. Do we get some incentive grants from any of that? I'm trying to think of the back side, the income side.

Eric Williams: I will go on and air this in this room. This has been one of my complaints about the way our system, not just us, but the state and federal

government does granting. There are grants available and we participate in some of those, but they are always on the front end. They are all enforcement based grants, more equipment, more people on the street to arrest more people, more overtime, but there are never dollars to follow those to take care of what work is generated from those grants. In other words, there is not follow up money to pay for the inmates that we arrested during those grants. There is not money to go to the Clerk's office for the increased tickets that we write. There is not money to go to the Prosecutor for the increased prosecution load that they get, so that is why some of those grants are double edge swords. They're great, we can put more people on the street and provide more enforcement, but there is no support for the back side of that and that is one of the frustrations that I have expressed to our legislators on different times that when we're establishing these grants, we need to look at the impact on the system as a whole when we're dolling out the money to put boots on the street. You know, everybody wants to see more policemen on the streets. I do too. I like to see the enforcement, but that generates more work for everybody else in the system that there is no compensation for.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thanks.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible, mic not on)

Eric Williams: 26,000 right now today. I knew you were going to ask me, see I had that one on my radar.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible, mic not on)

Eric Williams: Spending it. You, basically, when you look at what the county provides, \$100,000 from the General Fund for jail, the vast majority of the commissary dollars go for....Sandie looked at me like I was...the \$100,000 in the General Fund budget for jail stuff, which is clothing, bedding, washing materials, supplies and all those kinds of things. It's a pretty small number for a jail the size that we run. So the vast majority of commissary dollars go towards bedding, supplies for the inmates clothing, training, equipment. A lot of the other things that we're running a fairly tight balance in there, because I am not coming back here asking for General Fund dollars to do those things. You get my six month report so you can see everything that goes into that.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible, mic not on)

Eric Williams: Well, thank you, I appreciate it. I'm proud of how we spend the commissary dollars.

SHERIFF/JAIL 1051

Councilmember Raben: Okay, back to jail. The request, as you were stating earlier, for the new van or bus, we'll probably want to move that to CCD. We'll need to coordinate that as well with the Commissioners.

Eric Williams: I always offer it up in both places and figure you guys will figure where it comes out best.

Councilmember Raben: Again, just like the general share budget, that budget is relatively flat outside of PERF increases and FICA and what have you.

SHERIFF/MISDEMEANOR HOUSING 2780

Councilmember Raben: Do we want to move on to Misdemeanor Housing, page 121? This is pretty much the same thing. You're going to find that the Insurance in itself along with the PERF make up the increase here. Everything else is flat. Does anyone have any questions on this budget?

Eric Williams: I would just mention in communications with the Auditor's Office, I believe next year that they indicated that this year would not be a good year to do that, but truly the Misdemeanor, the 2780 account and the 2760 account are really just a separation of funds that we get from the state under a formula that has been in place for the last 15 years. That separation occurred back before Community Corrections was part of the Sheriff's Office and probably next year at budget time we will roll those together into one line item. We'll make it more flexible for use with personnel and to also be able to adjust to some increasing costs for insurance and salaries for a little bit longer period of time before that one runs out. Just so you know. Is that accurate?

Joe Gries: Sheriff, right now I believe those changes are due to the requirements by the State Board of Accounts and our chart of accounts. Those are state mandated changes.

Eric Williams: I just know that you guys suggested we do it, so it sounded like a good plan.

SHERIFF/COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 1361

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next we'll move to page 71, Community Corrections. Well, actually 69 is where it begins. We have basically the same thing. Sheriff, I don't believe there was any increases in this budget whatsoever outside of Insurance and PERF. Next we'll move to page...well, that's it. That's it for you. Anyone have any other questions of the Sheriff? If not, we'll move on. Sheriff, thank you.

Eric Williams: Thank you.

VOTER REGISTRATION 1220

Councilmember Raben: Voters Registration, 47.

Connie Carrier: Good morning.

Anthony Bushrod: Good morning, Connie Carrier and Anthony Bushrod, Voter Registration.

Councilmember Raben: Pretty much the same scenario here.

Anthony Bushrod: Right

Councilmember Raben: Everything is flat from last year outside of a few—

Anthony Bushrod: A step increase, one.

Councilmember Raben: Supporting salary line. Does anyone have any questions with this budget?

Anthony Bushrod: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I have a question about Voter Registration online.

Anthony Bushrod: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: That's available to anyone who wants to register now?

Anthony Bushrod: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: Without physically having to come down.

Connie Carrier: With a driver's license, right.

Councilmember Goebel: If you have those and you register through the state—

Anthony Bushrod: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: Have you noticed any major increase in usage that way?

Anthony Bushrod: Not really. I mean it just started. I mean, we do get some activity.

Councilmember Goebel: But then let's say I register online to vote will they send you then the information from the state?

Connie Carrier: It's in our hopper.

Anthony Bushrod: It's in our hopper.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Just a general question. Does the vote centers affect you guys in any way?

Connie Carrier: Yes.

Anthony Bushrod: In the processing of the acknowledgment cards and things like that, we are still trying to work that out.

Councilmember Lloyd: Oh, because the—

Connie Carrier: No more poll books.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, does the registration, the old registration cards would actually say where your polling place was?

Anthony Bushrod: Right.

Councilmember Lloyd: But you don't have that any more, right?

Anthony Bushrod: Well, right now we haven't switched over to the vote centers. The cards we are issuing now still have the polling places, but we are in the process of getting that input corrected.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so if someone registers now to vote, would it show their old polling place on there?

Anthony Bushrod: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: So there is a little confusion then. They still live in a ward and precinct, but now they might not have a voting place in their precinct.

Connie Carrier: There won't be. It will be any vote center.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, okay. Well, that's when you change it that quick, you run into these things.

Anthony Bushrod: Right.

Councilmember Lloyd: Are you getting a lot of questions about it?

Anthony Bushrod: Quite a bit.

Councilmember Lloyd: Quite a bit? Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Are we...is there an effort, maybe you might need to include Susie with this, but is there an effort with the electronic print media to get as much PSA as we can or as much of their available PSA as we can, to get that message out there?

Anthony Bushrod: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Someone is working with that?

Connie Carrier: I believe Susie is.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Anthony Bushrod: And it has to be ran in the newspaper and things like that.

Councilmember Raben: Right, but, you know, public service announcements are available, tv, radio as well as newspaper, and I hope there is somebody working that angle. You might want to look into that further.

Anthony Bushrod: We will touch base with Susie.

Connie Carrier: I have brought it up with her and she is gonna work on it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Alright, any other...Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: The printing, you said you no longer have to do the poll books?

Connie Carrier: Nope, no more poll books.

Councilmember Shetler: So is that what comes out of that \$2,000 figure?

Anthony Bushrod: Well, with just changing, some of that we may not use.

Councilmember Shetler: Some of that you may not use?

Anthony Bushrod: Right, and then it goes back.

Councilmember Shetler: So next year, you won't need \$2,000?

Anthony Bushrod: You know, probably not.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, that's good. Thank you.

Anthony Bushrod: Thank you.

SUPERIOR COURT 1370

Councilmember Raben: Next Superior Court. The one we've been saving all our energy for. Good morning, Judge.

Terry Dietsch: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Page 72.

Terry Dietsch: There are a number of things that I would like to address and by doing so maybe we can cut the overall time that would be involved. First of all, I suppose by edict of the State Board of Accounts, some of our accounts were combined into one account. For example, Supplies and Other Supplies became one account and the amount remained the same. Lab Tests and Medical Expenses & Testing in the Juvenile Division were combined into one account and we cut \$7,500 from that. Last year, in anticipation of the Council not appropriating any money in Office Furniture or Office Machines, we zeroed those accounts out. We should not have done that because once you do that, they don't appear in the next year's budget, so they have been added back in. I still don't anticipate any funding for those, but they have been added back in. This is the last year of the YCC contract with the county. I think perhaps it actually doesn't expire until after the first of the year because they didn't get under way until the first of the year. I don't know what the county is going to do in terms of a new contract, but we added three percent as we have every year during the life of the contract to be on the safe side.

Councilmember Raben: That's line 3052 that he is referring to.

Terry Dietsch: Yes 3052. In line item 1370-3994 which is the Adult Day Reporting Officer, that was part of the Drug Court portion of Superior Court. That now has been transferred to the regular budget. It's an account that has always been paid, but it was simply transferred to the regular budget. Item 2270 we called it meals for jurors and evidentially somebody decided that it should be changed to Food. I suspect only God and the State Board of Accounts knows why, but anyway that's been changed to Food. There are two other items that I would like to call to your

attention. One is the request in CASA which is line item 3932. The state each year on a county by county basis determines an amount of money that they are willing to grant to the CASA program in a given county based on a certain formula and I take it that is not only population, but number of cases in the court, number of CHINS cases and all of that. The state indicated that for fiscal 2012 that it would grant \$112,000 if the county appropriated \$112,000. The second item that I would like to call to your attention is line item...well, I'm sorry. Right now I'm not certain, but it's the new position for a Day Reporting Officer in the Juvenile Division for the drug program that is part of the juvenile division.

Councilmember Lloyd: That's on page 76.

Terry Dietsch: Okay. The idea...well, let me go back. The drug program in Juvenile Court was established in I think 2003. It has proven successful. However, the state has now indicated that in order for that program to continue there must be a Day Reporting Officer in the Juvenile Division to continue the drug portion in that division and therefore that's why we have asked for that position. Actually, we cut in the line items other than salary accounts \$79,000 from our budget. However, the YCC costs and the CASA costs took some of that away so still on the regular line items we saved about \$25,000. Our total budget request for 2012 exceeds the 2011 budget by only \$11,224 and that takes into account all the step raises that are included in the budget. That's all I want to address.

Councilmember Raben: And incorporates the new state required person?

Terry Dietsch: Pardon?

Councilmember Raben: Plus the new Day Reporting person?

Terry Dietsch: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, that increase includes adding a new person?

Terry Dietsch: Yes, yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: On page 78 you've got CASA and you've GAL CASA.

Terry Dietsch: GAL CASA is a grant.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, and is that going away?

Terry Dietsch: Well, I really can't speak to that. I'm not certain, but it does not come out of our budget, of your...of the General Fund.

Councilmember Lloyd: Does anybody know if that's going away?

Councilmember Raben: I think it's just quietused into the General Fund every year isn't it? The money just deposited? We'll have an answer for that tomorrow.

Councilmember Lloyd: And you, I guess, you got the request for Juvenile, the new employee. Is there any other place where we could eliminate an employee? Make a trade?

Terry Dietsch: Not unless you want to interfere with the efficient running of the court.

Councilmember Lloyd: I just thought I would ask. But I mean, I agree that the whole Superior Court budget only increased \$11,000 which is pretty...that's .1 percent or .2 percent. Pretty low.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, and when you look at the \$8,000 in furnishings that he is giving back to you this morning, it is only a \$3,000 increase. That's remarkable. We really appreciate it. Okay, any other questions on that budget?

Councilmember Terry: I have one question. Just on the YCC, you said that contract is due for review?

Terry Dietsch: This is the last year of that contract. I assumed that the Council was aware of that and I assumed that the Commissioners were aware of that.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

Terry Dietsch: So that will have to be renegotiated. But to be safe, I think there is a provision in the current contract that if it is extended for some reason, then the three percent increase continues as it has every year.

Councilmember Terry: Okay, thank you.

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION 2620

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next we will turn to page 116, Supplemental Adult Probation.

Terry Dietsch: That never changes, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Any questions here? None? Alright, Judge, thank you.

Terry Dietsch: Thank you.

CIRCUIT COURT 1360

Councilmember Raben: Next we'll move on to Circuit Court, page 66.

Carl Heldt: Good morning, Carl Heldt, Circuit Court Judge. I think our regular budget is flat except for a couple of step raises.

Councilmember Lloyd: Just a statement. So the, I mean, the overall budget is up \$49,000 which is 4%, but there is no, like you mentioned, Judge, no increases other than steps and FICA and PERF.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION 2600
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, Judge, that was pretty easy. Let's move on to page 113.

Carl Heldt: I think there are a couple of step raises there and plus we're asking for another \$500 for fuel and another \$6,000 for Contractual Drug Testing and those numbers are based upon past experiences. Those are really not items that we have

a whole lot of control over and that's just what is happening. In the grand scheme of things, not a lot of money. Of course, that's from user fees and doesn't have any impact on the county budget.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Let's back up again on those law library books. We ask that every year, but that's a subscription and you really don't have much of a choice on that, is that pretty well set?

Carl Heldt: It's actually increasing and we're trying to find it from other sources. First of all, the Law Library Foundation which I've said before is a foundation that is supported mostly by the lawyers in town making voluntary contributions to it which pays for a lot of the subscriptions and we're also trying to cut back on our expenses because quite frankly we know that you all are tight for funds and didn't want to ask you for any more money. It's been pretty flat, I think, at that number for a while, but we're just having to get by with what we can do. The prices are going up, but we have to try to live with it and quite frankly cancel some subscriptions. We're trying to wean out the ones that we use the least although they are all valuable. But we're trying to cut back.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: You know, Judge, I know this has been asked before about this particular account and possibly shifting some of that to the supplemental side. Is that...and I don't know how that account is working for you.

Carl Heldt: You mean the Law Library?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Carl Heldt: Not practical or probably legal because it's not really...it's hard to put it in the category of Probation Services.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Carl Heldt: But I will say that it hasn't gone up and I can assure you that the books probably go up about ten percent a year. That's what my law librarian tells us. So we are either cancelling subscriptions or trying to raise money some place else.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: On page 114, I just wondered what the Other Pay, account 1980, what that consisted of?

Karen Angermeier: Those are for, that money is for our intern programs, our part time bailiff, part time law clerk program, our court liaison intern that you just approved. That is strictly part time employees.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions? I don't think so, Judge, thank you.

Carl Heldt: Thank you all.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICES 1371

Councilmember Raben: Next we'll move to Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services, page 79.

Deloris Koch: Deloris Koch, the DADS program. We're not asking for any additional monies except for one step increase for one counselor. I did ask for the same amount of rent as what we have for the past couple of years because so far there is not really any change there. I would let you know that I'm still working with Mr. Campbell at the Old Courthouse and the realtor to talk to some contractors. Tomorrow I understand there will be a meeting of the Advisory Board for the Old Courthouse to discuss whether we could lease a larger space in the courthouse, but I have to wait until tomorrow. We didn't have any contractors come in until we find out whether we can get a little bit larger space. The one I was looking at was going to keep us pretty cramped. It wouldn't allow a lot for storage that we need quite a bit. So I am hoping that we can look at a larger space and maybe be able to do something with that, but that's all we know as of today. So it's flat otherwise.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any questions? None? Deloris, thank you.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU 3570

Councilmember Raben: Next we'll move on to Area Plan. We'll skip that one. Surveyor, page 30. Is there anyone here from the Surveyor's office? Convention Bureau. I know there is a group here. You're next. Page 126.

Bob Warren: Good morning, Bob Warren, Executive Director of the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau. This is my first opportunity to work with the budget with the Convention & Visitors Bureau and I am excited about being here. Obviously, this is not a General Fund project, so you do have our budgets in front of you. We have made a departure from some of our previous expenses and I think you're going to see a number of changes. One of my very first tasks upon arriving at the CVB was to look at both policies and procedures for our organization and establish a budget. So there has been some realignment in our CVB office. There have been some changes relative to tasks of the various staff of the CVB. We have had no increase in staff or no request for increase in staff, but some realignment and I think that you will see that a large section of our budget has been reallocated to advertising and promotion which we will be working very aggressively towards in the next few weeks and months. Mr. Chairman, I suppose I can, you know, whatever questions you may have, I think we can discuss whatever you would like. Our projected income for this year is \$1,295,903. We have projected expenditures on the CVB side of \$1,296,903. We did present what we believe is a balanced budget and would be delighted to entertain questions that this Council may have.

Councilmember Lloyd: What was that income amount?

Bob Warren: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Lloyd: Your projected income for the year.

Bob Warren: According to what we have here, \$1,295,903.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. Chair, I can start.

Bob Warren: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: There are a lot of increases and decreases. So you are making a lot of changes here, which your timing coming in was pretty good if you wanted to change the budget, because you have been here what, two months?

Bob Warren: Yes, sir, I have been here about ten weeks.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, and part of the presentation you gave us at the prior Council meeting dealt with you wanted to beef up the advertising and you have reduced a number of these other accounts to kind of make that an offsetting expense.

Bob Warren: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Lloyd: Like Convention Services, you're cutting that \$93,000.

Bob Warren: That's correct. In reviewing...that's one of the areas that we had a large surplus of money that on an annualized basis has been encumbered and it seems to carry forward. In reviewing the budget, Mr. Lloyd, I just did not see the need for that level of funding in that particular line item and it would be better used in Advertising and Promotion.

Councilmember Lloyd: So what would be expenses in Convention Services?

Bob Warren: That would be transportation issues if we had a citywide conference in here and we need to provide busing. There is a whole assortment of things, you know, everything from welcome bags to anything associated with bringing a conference to town and the expenditures that we would use to attract that conference.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I guess the same thing with Customer Sales. You've got \$50,000 and a decrease of \$48,000.

Bob Warren: That's correct, and again we're redefining, on our staff level we are redefining what the roles of our staff are. It was my opinion in coming in and the board has supported this, that we were taking a shotgun approach to our direct sales and we have now fine tuned that to where the travel expenditures will be less. The activities associated with sales will be much more direct and better usage of personnel and time.

Councilmember Lloyd: Do you find the staffing level at this point is a good number or do you think it's short staff or do you think you are overstaffed?

Bob Warren: No, sir. I think we are staffed appropriately and, again, what we will be doing this year during the course of 2012 and the balance of this year, is to refocus staff. We are doing some realignments. We have departments such as Bitsy Mourning who has been focused on sports and group travel. We are moving her specifically into sports marketing so that we can concentrate on that because it's a very good market for us and we are shifting responsibilities for the group side of the...group travel to Ashley Vezzoso and we are reassigning her some additional tasks related to her job. The only position that we are currently seeking is our Director of Interactive Marketing which is an item that is currently budgeted in the budget. We have drafted that job description and knowing that internet is such an

important piece of the tourism puzzle, we feel the need to have a staff member in that position.

Councilmember Lloyd: Just a summary, too, the overall budget decreased \$4,581 or .3 percent, so that is impressive that you would decrease the budget. Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: As you refocus and reorganize, will you be trying to move to eliminate some of these line items and merge them together? Are they a bit redundant, some of these?

Bob Warren: Yes, sir, and I think you'll see probably in the course of 2012 that I will be asking that we perhaps combine some of these line items and just have...I'm accustomed to having a very detailed line item budget and in looking at the existing budget that we have today, I think some of those items could be consolidated. Yes, sir.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions, comments? Just a brief comment, Bob, I apologize I wasn't here at the last meeting when you made your presentation on your new marketing strategy. I'm happy to see change. You know, I think mixing it up, not saying what we've been doing in the past hasn't worked, but it is worth a try to take a different approach. I do think that's a considerable amount of money. I hope we're very cautious in how we spend that. I had mentioned prior, public service announcements, I think you would qualify, or your Bureau would qualify for as much of that as possible, too, so before we go out and start buying television and radio time, you know, I hope we are pursuing that and getting as much of that free PSA's as possible.

Bob Warren: Yes, sir, that's always the process.

Councilmember Raben: And outside of that, you know, you do have one very big event coming up in 50...I think it is about 51 days, the Westside Nut Club Fall Festival. The Bureau has been supportive in the past with printed materials, but if there is any media marketing in the near future, I hope that is going to be included.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 3600

Councilmember Raben: Alright, we'll move on to Tourism Capital Fund. That is on page 129. We have Museum on here. You might offer a brief explanation on that.

Bob Warren: Yes, sir. As the Council may be aware, the Evansville Historical Museum was awarded a grant of \$700,000. We still have that money in the bank pending them raising capital funds that they need to be able to complete their expansion project. This \$350,000 is part of that allocation and once they manage to raise the needed monies then this money would be at their disposal for that expansion project.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any questions? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Talking about events, you've got Frog Follies coming up.

Bob Warren: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Lloyd: No, that's two weeks. Week and a half. Had you heard of that prior to coming here?

Bob Warren: Actually, I had not and I'm a car buff, so this is one of those...you saw this in my presentation recently. This is one of those well-kept secrets that I think this community, we are obviously sold out for that weekend. It's a great event. The 36th year of having it. I have met with the organizers of the Frog Follies. I would like to see us consider the possibility of us doing an additional spring car show that could attract another 2,000 or 3,000 cars. This is exciting. This is what is great about what we have done here, ladies and gentlemen. We have created a great product and now it is incumbent upon us, we believe, to get out there and promote that product for the benefits of our industry. So we do have some funds appropriated to that as well.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, even though it sells out. So that is a highly successful event. It's successful for our community, but looking at doing another one, that makes a lot of sense, too. So possibilities there. And then on the budget here, we had Transportation Centre/Pagoda and Sports Complex. Obviously those funds are either not needed or redirected?

Bob Warren: That's correct. Yes, sir, at this point.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, alright. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, Bob, thank you very much.

Bob Warren: Thank you for your comments.

Councilmember Raben: Again, welcome to Evansville, once again.

Bob Warren: I'm really enjoying it, thank you very much. I look forward to a prosperous year.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

COUNTY COUNCIL 1480

Councilmember Raben: Next we'll move to page 87, County Council. Everything outside of Insurance is exactly the same. For those at home, we have the bulk of the county employee insurance in our budget. Outside of the budget is where they are shared or paid for by other funds. That's up significantly. I think that is set in at an 18% increase. That's the only word we have been given by our agent. So our hopes are that will be significantly less although the trend is in that business that it, sadly enough, it might be dead on where we may need to be, but these numbers were supplied in June. It's a little early yet to have an exact figure, but this is based on their recommendation and we'll have to...hopefully we'll be a little closer by our late September meeting on what the real number can be. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: You know, it looks like another 2 ½ or 3 million dollars, I think, total. I would be happy to meet with the Commissioners on it. I know in some businesses, it's difficult to totally go self insured perhaps, but maybe looking at raising our deductible up. And what some companies have done is taken, actually, a pool of money that they are going to net save on the difference in the premiums and set that pool up so that they can actually reimburse the employee for that out of

pocket expense that they might have. For example, today there is zero deductible on an insurance account and you raise it to 2,500. And let's say that saves the county 2 million dollars, and we put that 2 million essentially into a pool, and the employee is not affected because we take that \$2,500 and we basically subsidize that \$2,500 deductible instead of it coming out of their pocket. There are ways that can reduce the premium greatly and I don't know if that would in this particular case, with the number of employees we have, it may. It may have a substantial impact on it and we may even want to look to go higher as time goes on, but I think we ought to explore that as an opportunity and just see what kind of savings could be had there.

Councilmember Raben: Are you...would you like to get with the Commissioners on that and take that on as a task?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: And look into what our opportunities are.

Councilmember Shetler: Because we have to do something. I mean we can't...there is no way we can sit back and watch 15, 18, 21% increases year after year on this health insurance. We're going to have to find some alternative ways. The clinic is another idea that the city came up with a couple of years ago. Of course, they are more self insured than what we are and that's a benefit to them. It's not to us at our present state, but as we get to a self insured point maybe that would become a great vehicle to save some money as well. So, yeah, I would be happy to do that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, because as everyone is aware that's a Commissioner call, that's not ours, but hopefully they'll be open for whatever ideas you may have to offer. We do have one line here, Court Technology, if anyone has any questions on that. I see Tim VanCleave is present.

President Kiefer: I have a comment I would like to—

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry.

President Kiefer: A comment that I would like to make, Mr. Chairman.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I'm sorry.

President Kiefer: In regards to Court Technology and Contractual Computer, you can see combined together we are talking 2 million dollars roughly. What I would like to do is propose that we do some type of IT system review or audit just to have an outside third party that is completely independent take an unbiased view of how we operate our IT. And I have discussed this a little bit with the City Council Finance Chair, John Friend. I think we could get participation from the city side and if we do this we could work together to review city-county wide the IT department and how it operates. Just do a system review, because we have been operating, I think, going on probably ten years with the same vendor. I'm not here to say that they're doing a bad job or anything like that, I'm just saying I think we need to have an audit or a review of that to make sure we're getting the best bang for our buck and if there is an opportunity for savings. But I would like to—

Councilmember Raben: I support you and I think Councilman Friend's suggestions on that should be well received. Yeah, most of us can't talk that talk or walk that

walk, and we do need to bring in somebody outside that is more familiar with how those operations really happen. Do we need at some point to pass a resolution in support of that?

President Kiefer: Yeah—

Councilmember Raben: Because really, that's the Commissioners because that would be something contractual.

President Kiefer: It's the Commissioners, but obviously they don't want to do something without knowing that there is some support from us to, you know, pay for this consultant. Probably would be similar to what we just did with the Burdette Park, you know, similar type set up. You know, we're going to probably get a couple of estimates on what it is going to cost and if you guys are okay with it, I will run point on it.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I'm fine with that. You're exactly right when you talk about 2 million dollars year in and year out just to operate our IT Department. I look in the back of the room and the biggest office or the biggest department we have, the Sheriff's Department, probably 90% of what is done in regards for any of your departments are done in-house right, for little or no money? So they're not even saddled with the task of managing all their systems. That's the biggest department we have, so 2 million dollars is a lot of money. You've got my support moving forward.

President Kiefer: Thank you.

Councilmember Terry: Just a comment on that. I do think once that bid process is open I'm trying to remember on the joint hearing, I think he said that contract was up, was it 2015 or was it 2013?

President Kiefer: Yeah, it's got five more years left, 2015, which you know that was just redone. I talked to a lot of different people and they say it's somewhat unusual to do five year contracts. Most of them are done six months at a time, but that was a decision by the Commissioners.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

COUNTY SURVEYOR 1060

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions or comments? Hearing none, we'll move on. I see our County Surveyor is in the house. We'll move to page 30.

President Kiefer: Good morning.

Bill Jeffers: Good morning. Bill Jeffers, Vanderburgh County Surveyor. I was scheduled to go out in the field with Mike Wathen from the Engineering Department, which is why I'm dressed in blue jeans and I'm not really prepared to present anything to you because I had planned for my Chief Deputy to make that presentation, but she is ill today and I just got the phone call to come in, so here I am with my hat in my hand at your mercy.

Councilmember Raben: Well, Bill, we'll make it easy for you. Your budget is basically flat outside of FICA and PERF.

Bill Jeffers: Right, I understand we turned in exactly the same budget as we did for 2011.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah. Are there any questions on his main budget which began on page 30?

Councilmember Lloyd: Point, it has increased \$8,700 or 2% and there is, like Mr. Jeffers indicated, the only thing is there are a couple of steps and FICA and PERF, that's it, so there is really no changes here.

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION FUND 2650

Councilmember Raben: We'll move on to the Perpetual Fund on page 119. Same thing. It's flat. Are there any questions on this? As everyone is aware, this is his Fund, this is not General Fund monies.

Bill Jeffers: That's the money that comes from the \$5 per deed recording specifically for the purpose of perpetuating survey section corners to which all the deed descriptions are tied throughout the county. That's a statutory fund.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I don't think we have questions there, either.

SURVEYOR MAP FUND 2420

Councilmember Raben: The Map Fund, page 108, for a whopping \$500 for supplies. I'm sure there are no questions on that one. That one is the same as last year. Does anyone have questions on that one?

Bill Jeffers: I may have to beg some money in the middle of the year depending on how many maps are requested in a political year. We'll try to charge as much as we can for those, though.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, charge them. Charge them. Okay, no questions. Bill, great, thank you. I appreciate you coming in today.

Bill Jeffers: Okay, well thank you for the opportunity to work with you in 2012. Again, I apologize for being dressed inappropriately. I am now going to go out with Mike Wathen and check some of our mutual drainage complaints. Thank you and you all enjoy your day.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY 3280

Councilmember Raben: I think we skip down to Coroner, right? Is that 911, Local Emergency Planning, that's all been covered in the joint meeting. Let's go to Coroner, page 32. I'm sorry, page 123, Drug Free Community, 123.

Wanda McCarter: Good morning, I'm Wanda McCarter and I'm the director of the Substance Abuse Council.

Councilmember Raben: Your Discretionary Office Expenses are up \$10,000. Could you offer an explanation for that?

Wanda McCarter: We have taken out more of the Drug Free Communities Fund because the counter measure fees had been up, so we have requested \$60,000 for each of the funding categories that we have funding for, so it is up in law enforcement, prevention, treatment as well as discretionary. So for 2012, we will most likely hire a part time person. Right now I am the only person there part time. We will also do some more social marketing.

Councilmember Raben: Treatment, prevention, law enforcement, those lines in the 3000 accounts are all up \$10,000 as well?

Wanda McCarter: Yes. When we decided to take out more we had quite a bit in the Drug Free Community account so we drew down a little bit more so that we could provide funding for the law enforcement...for the grant applicants. Each year we have to turn people down because we don't have funding to provide everybody with the grant proposals that they are requesting. We also usually have to reduce the amount that is being requested. Not everybody gets the amount, so this year we are hoping...or for 2012 we are hoping we can give people a little bit more of what they need to complete their projects and not have to turn as many people away.

Councilmember Raben: What is the process for making a request?

Wanda McCarter: Right now we are in our pre-application cycle. We made an official announcement in the Sunday paper on July 31st. We are taking pre-applications right now. Those pre-applications will be screened by our screening committee which is made up of members that are elected from our Council members that attend our monthly Council meetings. So they will review the pre applications to make sure they fit the description as outlined by the Governor's Commission and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Those pre applications that fit the criteria will move on to an application state in September. They have about three to four weeks to complete the application and then those applications are also reviewed by the screening committee. All proposals that are funded plus our discretionary budget, those are all reviewed by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute annually.

Councilmember Raben: Are there any questions? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: You're the director of this program?

Wanda McCarter: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Where is your salary?

Wanda McCarter: My salary comes out of Discretionary.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, out of Office Expense?

Wanda McCarter: Yes. Anything under Administrative Discretionary includes our office expenses, supplies, my salary, rent, phone, all of those.

Councilmember Lloyd: So line 2990, that \$60,000?

Wanda McCarter: Yes, it all comes out. All of our office expenses comes from there. The law enforcement, treatment, prevention, those all go out in the form of grants, all of those funds.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. So I guess Discretionary you can pay anything you want, basically, within the rules of the program?

Wanda McCarter: Yes, within the rules of the program, up to \$60,000. The money that we draw out of the Drug Free Community has to be divided into those four categories. Discretionary can be smaller, but it can't be any larger than 25% of the amount that we draw down.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, and it looks like the history of this, all those amounts are the same.

Wanda McCarter: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: So it's like it has to be evenly divided between these four?

Wanda McCarter: Right, either of those other three categories, prevention, law enforcement, treatment can be more than 25%, but it comes out of Discretionary.

Councilmember Lloyd: Do you ever have any trouble finding ways to spend the money for one of the other three categories?

Wanda McCarter: Actually we had that...this year for 2011 was the first time we ran into a problem where law enforcement didn't use all of their funds. They had \$2,000 left over so we sent out a mass email saying any agencies interested and Indiana State Police stepped up and put in a grant application, so we were able to use it all.

Councilmember Lloyd: Are you allowed to carry over funds?

Wanda McCarter: No.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, alright. Thank you.

Wanda McCarter: You're welcome.

Councilmember Terry: When is the last time you had an increase in grants, in community grants, and how many community grants are you giving away at this time?

Wanda McCarter: This year will be the first time we've had an increase in the amount that we're giving out, I think, in the last three years. It's been a while, so our agencies are kind of excited about the opportunity to maybe do a little bit more this year, since it's not always predictable how much in countermeasure fees are going to be collected. We're grateful for a good year the last couple of years and the chance to offer a little bit more.

Councilmember Terry: Right. Are you still continuing to see, I guess, an increase in those countermeasure fees, and I guess the enforcement to get those?

Wanda McCarter: It's a little bit down from where it was in 2010, this year, but we are still on target to reach about \$200,000 which I think is the goal every year.

Councilmember Terry: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: One more question, Mr. Chair. Where is your office located?

Wanda McCarter: We are located at 501 John Street, which is the same building where Echo Community Health is housed.

Councilmember Lloyd: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions? None. We'll move on. Thank you.

Wanda McCarter: Thank you.

CORONER 1070

Councilmember Raben: Coroner will be the last for the day. We're slightly ahead of schedule. I'm sure Annie intended to be here, but if everyone wants to go ahead and turn to page 32. I'll call attention to a few items. Fuel is up \$1,000. You know, that is understandable although we may have to cut that back. Materials is up a couple of thousand. Supplies, it looks like that request is up \$3,000. And then we go on to page 33, Contractual Services is up about \$9,000. There may be something new in place that we're obligated to, either through a lease or something. We'll try to get Annie to be here tomorrow. Sandie or Sarah, would you mind contacting her and ask her to be present tomorrow? We'll take this first on the agenda tomorrow. With that being said, Mr. President, I am going to move that we recess until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow.

President Kiefer: That sounds good. We don't need a motion on that or anything? Okay, then we are recessed until tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

(The meeting was recessed at 10:52 a.m.)

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 17, 2011**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 17th day of August, 2011 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 a.m. by County Council President Joe Kiefer with all Councilmembers present.

President Kiefer: Okay, we're going to reconvene our yesterday budget hearing for 2012. I think what I would like to do is, yesterday the Coroner was unable...yeah, there she is. So maybe we'll just go ahead and pick you up first and you can tell us a little bit about what is in your budget. Before I turn this over to Councilman Raben, Finance Chair, I am going to say, we do have some things on the agenda that include some travel requests, but we're going to wait to do that later in the meeting. The Coroner is on page 32, Jim.

CORONER 1070

Councilmember Raben: Alright, good morning. We'll move to page 32, County Coroner. I see Annie is in the audience today. Good morning.

Annie Groves: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Annie, a few questions.

Annie Groves: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: There is, it looks like four or so lines that have increased. I was wondering if we could talk about those just briefly.

Annie Groves: Sure.

Councilmember Raben: Give you time, do you have your stuff available to you?

Annie Groves: Yeah, let me grab that.

Councilmember Raben: The first, on our book, on the first page it's Material, Fuel and Supplies.

Annie Groves: That's all now together. It used to be separate line items so it may look like it increased, but it's all one versus four.

Councilmember Raben: Not in our book, it's not. Those 2000 accounts, it looks like Garage & Motor is the same as last year, but overall of the other three, there is a \$6,000 increase.

Annie Groves: In what?

Councilmember Raben: In Materials, has gone from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Fuel from \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Annie Groves: That's because I did the gas prices.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. And then Supplies has gone from \$15,000 to \$18,000. Does that match what you've stated?

Annie Groves: No, not at all. I'm sorry. Let me find what the Auditor sent me.

Councilmember Raben: And, you know, we've got between now and our final budget hearing if there is something not correct.

Annie Groves: No, I don't have it like that at all.

Councilmember Raben: We've got ample time to fix it. You know, we can come back to those again if you can get with us in the next week or so. The Contractual Services was the other one, Annie, that has increased \$9,000.

Annie Groves: Okay, that's because the way it's done now, it's different line items. They've got, instead of, it used to be like Office Supplies was one line item, now all my supplies are one item, one line item, is how they did it this time.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Contractual—

Annie Groves: Apparently, they have changed things.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, and, again, yeah, this one here is not Supplies it's Contractual Services that the request is \$9,000 more than last year.

Annie Groves: I didn't raise anything.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, that's fine.

Annie Groves: The only thing I asked for different was a little bit more, I ask for another \$1,000 in Gas & Oil, but as far Contractual and all that, no, I did not.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Annie Groves: That stayed the same, sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, well, sorry for the confusion.

Annie Groves: And I will get all that to you from what I received for my budget hearings. When I received my budget requests. What it was, is that there are different line items now that they put all in one under one area. But if you would add up everything it still comes to the same, it's just under one line item now.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: I was going to say we have a benevolent president, because in prior years, if you missed your session you would go last, so you should thank the president for that.

Annie Groves: He was afraid that I have body bags.

Councilmember Lloyd: But overall, this budget is up \$18,000.

Annie Groves: And what that is, is in just the things that I can't control such as our utilities are going up, the gas is going up.

Councilmember Lloyd: But I guess we'll have to see what that Contractual Services consists of.

Annie Groves: Yeah, I am very confused about that one myself.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. Alright, thank you.

Annie Groves: But I will get that to you.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Questions or comments?

President Kiefer: Well, I just have a comment, Mr. Chairman. I just looked up gas prices on the internet here and it doesn't look like gasoline prices according to this site I am looking, you know, maybe 10 to 15 cents higher than last year, but not a dollar higher. You know, it looks pretty darn close to average price 2010--

Annie Groves: And that's today, but I don't know about tomorrow.

President Kiefer: --pretty close to 2011, but anyway. I had a question, Sandie, I noticed on the line item, you know, the salaries are the same, but PERF goes up. Why does PERF increase if FICA doesn't increase?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible, mic not on)

President Kiefer: Oh, okay.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible, mic not on)

Annie Groves: Okay, which one, may I ask? Okay, thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I had a question in regards to, I guess, what I was looking at is really where the expenditures were to date and versus, and then those same categories Jim had brought up earlier. I am noticing those expenditures are actually much lower than what for six months. I don't know if those were areas that you're spending money towards the end of the year rather than, you know, at the beginning of the year. But more so than it going up, and you're saying it really hasn't gone up, I am wondering if they couldn't be further cut, in some of those areas, because you're not spending at the same level.

Annie Groves: Unfortunately, in our office, it's the last six months that our rate goes up versus the first six.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, and then along those same lines, didn't we buy a couple of vehicles, wasn't that last year?

Annie Groves: One.

Councilmember Shetler: One?

Annie Groves: And it was three years ago.

Councilmember Shetler: And so I'm suspecting -- wow, I must be getting old, time is flying by, I was thinking it was just last year. But I am suspecting that perhaps that

is one reason why Garage & Motor may be down considerably, though it's a little bit newer vehicles than what you did have.

Annie Groves: Correct.

Councilmember Shetler: Because I know that was a real burden and taxing on you.

Annie Groves: We're trying really hard to respect the taxpayer's dollar, but there is a lot of things that I can't control.

Councilmember Shetler: So there may be some opportunities here because of like the new vehicle that we could do a little bit of cutting here on Garage & Motor, for example.

Annie Groves: Well, we still have two vehicles that are old.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, Annie. Any other questions? None?

RECORDER 1040

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move on. Page 12, County Recorder.

Z Tuley: Z Tuley, County Recorder.

Councilmember Raben: Good morning.

Z Tuley: Morning.

Councilmember Raben: This, like some of the other budgets yesterday, is flat. Outside of salaries there are no other accounts to pick at with this. I have no questions, does anybody else on Council have questions on this? One question?

Councilmember Lloyd: Roughly the balance in the Perpetual Fund, the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund? For the last time?

Z Tuley: Just under \$800,000 to date.

Councilmember Lloyd: \$800,000, okay. That's the only question I have. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Z, thank you.

Z Tuley: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: And we'll move on.

President Kiefer: Thank you.

PUBLIC DEFENDER 1303

Councilmember Raben: Public Defender, page 61.

Steve Owens: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Steve, it looks like there is a few increases starting with Pauper Expense and Pauper Transcripts. You want to elaborate on those?

Steve Owens: Pauper Expense and Pauper Transcripts. Pauper Transcripts take care of the appellate transcripts and deposition costs. That has been virtually flat in our budget since, actually it has gone down a little bit since 2001. You'll note on some of the attachments I attached to the rationale, the number of appeals that we have been appointed to and thus the number of transcripts we need to pay for keeps going up, going up and going up. We have tried to make up the difference out of the Supplemental Public Defender Fund. We are reaching to the point where that we are taking in about as much as we can take in on that account, so I think for the first six months of this year we have pretty much depleted the Pauper Expense account and I anticipate that is going to continue to go up next year. As far as the Pauper Expense account, the same situation. We've had a couple of appellate decisions that have come out on conflict counsel. We are having to farm out multiple defendant cases because of conflicts. Again, we have tried to make that up through the 2910 account. We are reaching the point now where we have to hold some of the attorney fee bills and court reporter bills to be able to pay those depending upon what the input is from the bond forfeiture monies, so again that is why we're asking for that increase.

Councilmember Raben: Tom?

Councilmember Shetler: How much actual revenue do we get returned to the county from the State Commission on your department?

Steve Owens: Non capital cases, you get 40% of everything that you spend on stuff that is reimbursable, which is virtually 90% of our department.

Councilmember Shetler: Do you have, I mean, do you have an exact number that we – what was returned to us last year?

Steve Owens: Somewhere in excess of \$700,000.

Councilmember Shetler: So it costs then about \$1.1 million out of the local tax fund to support this department?

Steve Owens: That's probably right. As I recall from the hearings back in 2000 we were spending about \$900,000 a year for indigent defense, the year before we started, so it has gone up somewhat. So if your figures are right, and I assume they are, we've had what, a \$200,000 increase in 12 years.

Councilmember Shetler: Now, misdemeanor offenses are not covered by the State Commission?

Steve Owens: That's right.

Councilmember Shetler: That's correct?

Steve Owens: They are not reimbursable.

Councilmember Shetler: But we are required to provide service to folks who are in need of our services when a misdemeanor may have the potential of a jail sentence, is that correct?

Steve Owens: It's constitutionally required to have appointed counsel. So the answer to your question is, yeah, we're required to provide them with indigent counsel if they need to have an attorney and they are not reimbursable. Much like we are required to supply indigent defense counsel in CHINS and termination of parental rights cases, and in some cases paternity cases, and those are not reimbursable either.

Councilmember Shetler: Does the State Commission require us to cover those misdemeanors then?

Steve Owens: The State Commission doesn't require it, you're constitutionally required.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, no, I understand that. The Constitution requires that the public provide the defense, but as far as this going through your office, I mean could that not be...would that have to be...could it be handled in the way it used to be done by a court appointed and bypass that office? I don't know how much this is...I guess I'm trying to figure out how much it is really costing us and it appears it is costing us \$300,000 or \$400,000 a year to operate a misdemeanor type of division here and that's what I am trying to get a handle on here a little bit.

Steve Owens: Let's see if I can go back a little historically. In 2000 you had three part-time misdemeanor public defenders who were employed by the courts. At that time the County Commissioners and the County Council adopted a public defender plan, so that we would get reimbursement for all of the things that we get reimbursement for. They transferred all of those jobs into that plan, and that was the plan that was submitted to the Public Defender Commission for approval. So basically, the courts got rid of all oversight for all public defenders and that was all transferred to our department. So could it be transferred back in some way, shape or form to the judges? Theoretically, yes. What would have to happen, as I understand it, is there would have to be a revised plan that would have to be proposed to the Public Defender Commission and then they would have to approve a revised public defender plan.

Councilmember Shetler: Now, when that goes through the courts, is that reimbursed by the state in any way shape or form?

Steve Owens: Misdemeanors are not reimbursed, period.

Councilmember Shetler: I don't mean through that Commission, but I meant through – their operation of the court system, is it reimbursed by the state and is it possible that other revenues could be had by them actually operating that?

Steve Owens: Tom, I'm sorry, I don't understand your question.

Councilmember Shetler: Back in the olden days here, 2000, were the courts reimbursed?

Steve Owens: No.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, so that all came out of local tax dollars, period?

Steve Owens: Yes. You got no reimbursement in 2000.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Kiefer: I have a question. The transcript for the Weisheit case, are they coming out of the Death Penalty line item or the Pauper Transcripts?

Steve Owens: They are coming out of the Death Penalty line item.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Steve Owens: Because they are reimbursed at a different rate.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: You have a question?

Councilmember Terry: In line 1680-1303, the Public Defender, there seems to be about a \$27,000 increase in the salary.

Steve Owens: I'm sorry, which item were you referring to?

Councilmember Terry: 1680-1303.

Steve Owens: Yes.

Councilmember Terry: I know that you've reduced, it looks like three public defenders, but I wonder what that increase—

Steve Owens: Well, if you read the rationale, basically, we have...right now we have two temporary part-time public defenders and that line item represents the full-time public defender that we are proposing to hire beginning in January.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

Steve Owens: It's set in at an Executive Level II, step three, in the anticipation that would give us some room to potentially hire an experienced attorney. If we can't find an experienced attorney that is going to fulfill that full-time position then we would bring somebody in at the Executive Level II entry level position which would be less than the amount we've requested.

Councilmember Terry: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Good morning, Steve.

Steve Owens: Good morning.

Councilmember Goebel: Going on the line of thinking of Mr. Shetler, since we get zero reimbursement for misdemeanor cases, is the requirement for the Public Defender's office to offer these services of the Public Defender's Office for

misdemeanor? I know our....would it be just as cost effective for the county or more cost effective if the courts appointed outside of your office?

Steve Owens: Well, I guess to answer your question, Mike, we have the same number of misdemeanor public defenders right now that we had in 2000. We had three in 2000 and we've got three today. They were salaried in 2000 and they're salaried today. The court still appoints the number of indigent people, so the only thing that happens with the Commission is the Commission governs numbers, case load standards. Because they don't reimburse for misdemeanors they don't really pay a whole lot of attention to the misdemeanor case load numbers. If we were to...if the Commission were ever to adopt and say we're going to reimburse for misdemeanors and you're going to have to follow the case load numbers, we would have to increase that number of attorneys up there to six, maybe seven, to be able to meet the case load.

Councilmember Goebel: You won't bring that up will you?

Steve Owens: I have not suggested it to them. Every county is in the same boat we are in, in terms of the misdemeanor numbers. So I don't see the Public Defender Commission, at least in this economic climate, ever getting to the point where they are going to reimburse for misdemeanors. So having said that, they're not going to require us to meet the case load standards.

Councilmember Goebel: I guess, if we did away with representing misdemeanor cases through the Public Defender's office and the courts just handled appointment or whatever, what's your gut feeling as far as the overall costs? Would it remain the same, would it go down?

Steve Owens: I don't see it changing. You're gonna have to hire whether they are working for the Public Defender's office or they're employed by the courts, you're going to have to hire a certain number of part-time lawyers or full-time lawyers or somebody to handle the misdemeanor cases. We've got three people up there that have been doing it for a number of years. They rotate weeks. They're paid a salary and benefits. I would anticipate that the judges probably don't want to take that back. I don't want to particularly speak for them, and you're still going to end up having either to pay somebody from a salary basis or you're going to pay them on a per case basis. Given the number of cases they're handling, it will cost you more if you pay them on a per case basis.

Councilmember Goebel: That's what I wanted to know. Thank you.

Steve Owens: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Any other questions? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: You had explained the Pauper Expense and you had it in the rationale line item 3943 which is on page 64. The only question I had, as of June, you had only expended \$4,498. I mean, do you see quite a bit after June 30th?

Steve Owens: What we do is, for the first part of the year, the only thing we try to pay out of the Pauper Expense account is the mental health hearings which we're required to provide counsel on as well. Typically, we don't know how many of those we are going to have so we sort of lay that back and use it in the last half of the year.

Councilmember Lloyd: And it looks like the Council steadily reduced that over several years.

Steve Owens: You have. It went, I think, from \$50,000 or \$60,000 in 2001 to \$12,000 for last year. We've sort of absorbed those through the bond forfeiture, but we are getting to the point where that is becoming more and more difficult.

Councilmember Lloyd: But for the rest of the year then, what do you anticipate spending there, or is it hard to tell?

Steve Owens: Well, historically, Councilman, we have always spent whatever was in that account.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right.

Steve Owens: And usually needed more. Depending upon our cash flow at any given point...we don't know from month to month how the bond forfeiture monies are going to come in and how much we are going to get. So depending on what bills we get in a given month and where we are on the supplemental account we will often times go to that account. So I would anticipate at the end of the year it will be empty.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, and then so the bond forfeiture just fluctuates, but you can use that to cover this or the transcripts?

Steve Owens: Yeah, we use bond forfeitures, as you're familiar with the bond forfeiture account, the statute requires that it be used to supplement, not replace other funding, and we have increased bond forfeitures. That was at \$78,000 in 2000. We have, with the help of the judges, increased that every year pretty much to where we are running over \$200,000 a year every year.

Councilmember Lloyd: Wow.

Steve Owens: Obviously, none of that comes from the General Fund and 40% of it that we get reimbursed for goes back to the General Fund, so for every dollar we spend out of that, the Council is getting 40 cents back. We have used that to offset the increase in case load, which has gone from less than 1,200 felony cases to over 2,000. We've used that to help offset the increase in appeals. We've used it to help offset the increase in transcripts and to offset cuts in other areas. But we're pretty aggressive on the bond forfeiture account and working with the Clerk and the judges and I don't see in the foreseeable future, especially in this climate, that we're going to see a significant increase in the amount of money that can be taken in in that account.

Councilmember Lloyd: Is there any legal restrictions on how you can spend that in the Public Defender's office?

Steve Owens: The only restriction is it has to be spent on supplemental expenses, however you define supplemental. So that can be anything that is needed to supplement our function.

Councilmember Lloyd: Salary?

Steve Owens: We might have a little difficulty with salaries with the Commission.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, I mean supplemental, I wouldn't think that would be salary, but sometimes it could be.

Steve Owens: I suppose it could be viewed as that, but I don't know that the Commission would take a kindly view of saying we're going to supplement salaries out of that fund.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Tom?

Councilmember Shetler: What would a starting salary be for a new hire rate that's out of law school within the last two years?

Steve Owens: Whatever the Executive Level II entry level salary is, Tom. I think that's around \$45,000 or thereabouts.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Steve Owens: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

PROSECUTOR 1080

Councilmember Raben: Next we'll move to Prosecutor page 34.

Nick Hermann: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Does anyone have any questions on the Prosecutor's regular budget?

President Kiefer: Mr. Chairman? I know under the rationale for Prosecutor IV-D, is that what we're covering now?

Councilmember Raben: We're covering his regular budget.

President Kiefer: Okay, no on the regular budget, I don't have a question.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, there is a lot of changes here, but if you go to page 36, the overall budget is a decrease \$1,973, so there are some, obviously, and the Council has worked with you on changing some of the salaries and readjusting the positions.

Nick Hermann: And just as a point of emphasis, I understand that we have it broken down as Prosecutor and Prosecutor IV-D. In practice, obviously, that is combined and when we put this budget together we basically combined them in what we were looking at and what we have tried to do is we've tried to shift where we are allowed to, where we are legally allowed to. We have tried to shift jobs into positions where we can get state reimbursement. Under IV-D, you get a two-thirds reimbursement

for every dollar that you spend, so what we did was we took a top down approach and looked at our entire organization and looked at people that were being paid out of the Prosecutor line items and looked at their job responsibilities. We changed some job responsibilities, deleted some, shifted some around so that people would be eligible to be moved into the IV-D spot. So that's how we were able to actually lower the cost to the General Fund of the Prosecutor's budget. You'll notice that there is an increase that I am going to be addressing with respect to IV-D, but a lot of that increase is due to shifting people from the Prosecutor budget into the IV-D budget in order to go after that state funding. On the criminal side we're on pace to file about the same amount of cases as we did last year. We have seen a decrease in almost every type of crime across the board, but we're at the same filing number because methamphetamine has gone up so drastically. To give the Council an idea, from 2006 to 2009 we were seizing anywhere between 30 and 46 labs a year. In 2010 we shattered any record we had with 88 and through the first six months of this year we had 52. Of that 52, that includes 13 explosions and I believe at least two fireman have been injured, so our focus very quickly is shifting toward methamphetamine. We started 501(c)3 which is allowed by statute. We're going to start trying to raise private money to increase awareness and start to address some of those issues on the front end. In the meantime, you'll notice in your budgets that our drug grant ran out and we are supposed to be losing a drug prosecutor. This is obviously not the time to do that. So one of the other things that we did in addressing this budget was we moved to protect that spot, because with the case load going up as drastically as it is, we can't see a deletion of that attorney spot. We shifted several spots. If you look at our rationale, we shifted an attorney and two administrative staff from Prosecutor to IV-D. We've also worked with the Council, with Computer Services, with the Commissioners, to update our phone system. We quickly identified that we were missing several calls just due to our antiquated phone system. We're now on the county phone system which means that we can get countywide alerts, but it also means that more calls are getting through. We shifted away from what had been the standard practice, and we moved to more of a call center model, so our calls, particularly in child support, have gone through the roof. That obviously means that there is more work to be done down the road, and that ultimately ends at our enforcement agents. Our collection rate in Vanderburgh County has steadily been increasing. We're currently collecting 58% of child support that is owed and 61% of back support that is owed, but our enforcement agents have case loads of just right at 1,000 cases a piece and that's an absurdly high number. Our case load per employee is 60% higher than the state average. While they are doing a great job, they need help. To give you an idea of what help could mean, each agent collects approximately 1.1 million dollars a year in child support and that's going to typically single family households that are hoping to get \$40 or \$50 a week on a consistent basis. So that's a lot of people, that's a lot of voters. I wanted to stand before you and tell you that we're going to flat line our budget, we're going to decrease our budget because I know that there is tight money constraints, but when I look at it from a taxpayer standpoint, when I look at the number of families that we can affect, we had to do something to address that. So you'll notice that my budget request for additional enforcement agents, that doesn't get us to a state average, but it gets us closer. Again, state reimburses two-thirds of all those expenses, their salaries, their insurance, their PERF, all those types of things and so our budget is a lot different than a lot of people that come before you because it's on a sliding scale. You have to look at how much money you guys spend out versus how much you get back. The state is very good at getting the reimbursements back. I believe we're in the neighborhood of two months behind. Are they 60 days out, Joe? The state child support reimbursement, are they about 60 days behind? Does that sound right?

Joe Gries: I'm not sure.

Nick Hermann: Okay, I believe they are 60 days behind so when we spend the money out about 60 days later we get the two-thirds reimbursement. I've also asked, you'll notice there is an increase in the Supply budget.

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Nick Hermann: What we did with that was, we took a five year rolling average over the last five fiscal years, and we didn't ask for any increases over that, we just asked to make that a more honest estimate. When you take the state reimbursement into consideration it leaves us at, I believe, a three percent overall increase. I've been in talks with the state about where we can make up that money and they have identified some county funds other than the General Fund where we might be able to draw that money from, and I would be happy to talk with you in detail about that. I guess my overall point is our budget is very difficult and interdependent based on several different things and I understand that the Council is under a lot of pressure to cut everyone's budget and to address these things, but if you move something in ours it affects several different things, and I just want you to understand the repercussions of that. I would be happy to sit down in detail with any of you and discuss any possible cuts that you may want to make to our proposed budget.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Nick, a few questions.

Councilmember Lloyd: Just real quick on the Supplies on page 36. I would suspect in prior years you may have used some of your incentive funds to pay for that.

Nick Hermann: That's correct. We've used incentive funds to pay for that. Over the years it has been the easy place for the Council to cut from, and I understand that, but then it goes one of two ways. You either do that or when you have something that comes up like a death penalty case, then obviously we don't have the funds there to come forward and pay. So, you know, the money has got to be somewhere. So what is in the budget is an honest representation of our five year average of what we have been paying out in supplies. We worked very hard to increase any revenue we have. We're a government office. We're not a revenue generating office per se, but we do have some programs that bring in revenue. We have asked our staff to come in after hours to work different court sessions to help try and increase the amount of money that we are bringing in to try and ease some of the budget. Right now the death penalty case is scheduled in February. We're not there yet, but based on our projections we will be able to pay the full cost of what is left on the death penalty case and I can announce today that we will not be back in front of this Council asking for any additional money for that case. So that is something that we worked very hard on and we're very proud of. That being said, I wanted to let the Council know what our actual numbers were and set that in. Again, I don't know what is going to come up in the future, if there are going to be any emergencies, if there are going to be any big cases, but it's one or the other. Either the money is allocated or we come back and ask later. But that's where that comes from.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thanks.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Good morning, Nick. A couple of things. Obviously, child support is something that has to be handled through your office and the other

offices, but you are asking for several increases as far as staffing goes, I believe, and the other item is you do have some funds, if you're asking for us to come up with some more funding is there a possibility you could maybe itemize? I know you gave us a list before of the incentive funds and things like that. If we could have a look at how that money is being spent?

Nick Hermann: Sure, I would be happy to sit down and go over any expenditures that we have. We're restricted as far as the Incentive Fund on what we can spend that on. That has to be mandated for increases in spending. That has to be things that would lead to more support. We've been using that primarily. One of the big problems that we have in our office especially is we're adding a file cabinet a month, which doesn't sound like a lot until you come down and see the, I believe, we're getting close to 50 file cabinets of child support cases. So one of the things that we are working on now is we're working on moving that to a paperless system both to make it more efficient so that you can have quicker recall so that different people can work on the same case file at the same time, but also quite frankly for space. So I would be happy to sit down and let you know what we have been doing with that. We're not the only ones that receive incentive money. There is incentive money that comes directly into the General Fund as well. That incentive money is directly based on, I believe it is four factors, but mainly on how we're doing in comparison with the state. I believe in fiscal year 2010 the State of Indiana got, I think, 12.8 million dollars. This county ended up with...I think we ended up with about \$130,000 which means...and I don't recall if we get 30 percent or 40 percent and the General Fund gets some and the Clerk's Office gets some as well, but the higher we can get our numbers the more money we're going to get from the state.

Councilmember Goebel: With the shift from regular Prosecutor to IV-D, obviously, is a good shift because you're not letting people go and we are getting reimbursed and that type of activity obviously is very welcome.

Nick Hermann: We are estimating that in just shifting employees we are saving \$151,272. Obviously everybody's budgets are going up because of PERF, because of step increases and all those types of things. As presented, as written, if you look at our two budgets together and you take into consideration the state reimbursement we're at I believe just under a three percent increase.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Morning, sir.

Nick Hermann: Good morning.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just curious, you just mentioned that you won't be back to ask for any more monies for that capital case and you came before us asking for \$250,000 and you received \$25,000. I was just kind of curious how you shaved off \$225,000 since you won't be back?

Nick Hermann: It's not shaved off. We have worked on trying to reduce spending, but we've also tried to increase our income. We have a couple income generating programs and one in particular we have been able to increase the amount that we are bringing in almost tenfold. We worked really on...again, we're not a money making business, but we understand that there is taxpayer money at hand and so we're working as hard as we can not only to serve the public but also to be as cost efficient as we can. You know, at some point that means people, and that's where

these requests are coming from. You know, if we get a phone...we're now getting the phone calls in child support. We're finding out about the problems. We need the people to address those problems and there is nothing more frustrating than being somebody who is having money taken out of your check for no reason or being on the other side of that and being a parent that is taking care of kids and not being able to afford to do that and not getting any, you know, money from the other side and so that's a number one priority that we need to address. We try to stay cognizant as well of things that are out of our purview. For example, the jail overcrowding issue, since the beginning of the year we've created a lot of efficiencies and streamlined our criminal process. We had one murder that happened in March. He was convicted last week. As of this morning he spent 159 days in jail. His sentencing is 20 days from now. He is going to end up spending less than six months in the Vanderburgh County jail before he gets shipped off and becomes the state's problem. That's what we're trying to do and we're trying to help with, but it takes people to do it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I have confidence in you. That's why I voted against the \$25,000. I knew you would find a way, so thank you very much.

Councilmember Raben: Nick, I have a couple of questions for you.

Nick Hermann: Sure.

Councilmember Raben: As I look at your regular budget it's obvious to me where the 1330-1080 and 1340-1080 moved into the IV-D budget. I think those move into 1340-1080 and 1350-1080, but the individual that is today in the regular budget 1380-1080, where does that person move into the IV-D budget? It's 1380-1080 today.

Nick Hermann: Okay, hold on just a second.

Councilmember Lloyd: Jim, it looks like that is an attorney.

Nick Hermann: That is an attorney and that moved over to the IV-D budget.

Councilmember Raben: Right, which line did that move into though?

Nick Hermann: 1330-1081 which they're--

Councilmember Raben: What is the difference? That's about a \$24,000 difference.

Nick Hermann: I'll have to have Regene answer that, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: While we're waiting for Regene to come up, I have a question. Maybe this is more towards the Auditor's Office, but should we not on IV-D, should we not have their insurance for their employees in the budget for sake of the reimbursement side?

Joe Gries: We haven't done that for other departments so that would probably be something that the Council could do, yes.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, Sandie, do you understand what I am saying? Okay, alright.

Nick Hermann: Okay, I have an answer. 1380-1080 was one that we came back at the beginning of the year and had to adjust due to the person we were moving in it being a step increase. So the number that is in there is from the 2011 budget without that extra allocation.

Councilmember Raben: Step increases?

Nick Hermann: It was somebody with significant experience that was moved from an exempt position into that position in January.

Councilmember Raben: Do you follow that through? Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: So that's a new person which had a lot more experience than what he replaced?

Nick Hermann: No, it's actually the former Chief Deputy.

Councilmember Raben: And then, if you explained this earlier in your presentation I apologize, but 1390-1080?

Nick Hermann: It just takes me a second to find them. Okay, is that in the regular budget?

Councilmember Raben: That's in your regular budget.

Nick Hermann: Okay, 1390-1080 and what is that?

Councilmember Raben: Well, that's a deputy, but it appears as if that is a new request. Is that one of them?

Nick Hermann: 1390-1080 it does appear that way and the reason is, is because it is...I don't know how it was drawn up before. That is the grant position that I alluded to earlier. That is the drug deputy. That was formerly a grant employee and that was kind of our starting point with this budget was to get to a point where we protected that spot.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I think that's all the questions I have.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. Chair, while we're on that page, page 35, 1250-1080 it was a part-time deputy. It looks like that has been moved to full-time, so is that—

Nick Hermann: That was done in January of this year.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so that is something I guess the Auditor, we need to change the description on that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, are there any...Tom?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I'll ask you the same question I asked Steve earlier. Do you have attorneys specifically assigned for misdemeanor to prosecute?

Nick Hermann: Yes, we do. Misdemeanor Court combines both traffic and misdemeanor. We do approximately...we file approximately 10,000 misdemeanors a year and there are about 20,000 infractions filed. In all candor, a lot of the

infractions people plead guilty and they pay and they don't come to court. So I don't know that it's a fair number to say there is 33,000 cases that go through there. We man 100% of those cases with two full-time deputy prosecutors and a part-time deputy prosecutor. We do 100% of the cases and that actually for us is a seven day a week job because we go into (inaudible) court, is actually held out at the jail on Saturday and Sunday in an attempt to get bond set so that people theoretically could bond out and save us some space in the jail on the weekends.

Councilmember Shetler: Now, let me just reiterate so I've got it clear. You're handling all misdemeanor, not just the ones where constitutionally we have to provide some kind of public defense for, but all misdemeanors and you're prosecuting all those with two and a half attorneys?

Nick Hermann: Yes. We file all the charges. They come from, the Police or Sheriff's Department, they do a report. Sometimes they have the affidavits prepared. Sometimes our investigators get them and they prepare them themselves. But we do everything from filing charges and see those all the way through and we do 100% of those, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: And then another question, and I think the number that I'm looking at, I asked Steve earlier, the starting salary and he had indicated \$45,000...I think it's maybe \$53,5ish, in that neighborhood.

Nick Hermann: I think it starts out, there is a six month period where it's lower and I think it starts out around \$49,000 and then I think it does goes to \$53,000 after six months, \$53,000 or \$54,000 after six months. I believe Sandie is looking it up.

Councilmember Shetler: Do you have some folks in your office that currently, say within the last two years, passed the bar?

Nick Hermann: Absolutely. Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: They get, when they are full-time that 53,5ish, or 49 when they are starting off for six months, they are getting full benefits as well?

Nick Hermann: Yeah.

Councilmember Shetler: Vacation, the health insurance, they're getting the whole ball of wax with that? Okay. I think that's all my questions.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I know we're going to have to get moving. We're running far behind. One last question, Nick.

Nick Hermann: Sure.

Councilmember Raben: I'm not speaking for the entire Council. I know it's a difficult year to look at adding four new people. In the event that it doesn't play out in your favor, will the deputy that is coming out of the grant line into the General Fund budget, will that qualify to move into the IV-D budget?

Nick Hermann: Would it qualify? No, because that person is doing solely drug prosecution.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Nick Hermann: Looking at the ways that the Council could potentially cut our budget. If you were to cut an enforcement agent, arguably you would start to get into reimbursements with the state as far as moving those other positions over and that would start to endanger some of those.

Councilmember Raben: And if it's not that position, is there one other position that we can move into IV-D that would qualify? You don't have to answer that today. You can get back with us.

Nick Hermann: We have done everything that we can to find anyone that legally qualifies so that we can move into IV-D and get the reimbursement for.

Councilmember Raben: So the three you have moved are the only ones?

Nick Hermann: Yeah.

Councilmember Shetler: I do have one...I do recall what my question was, and that is—

Nick Hermann: Perhaps next year if I could get a full half day.

Councilmember Shetler: I know that the Public Defender must be paid at least 90% of what the Prosecutor's salary is, and I am thinking that the Chief Deputy, according to your Chief Deputy, is the same thing. When it gets down lower in the rankings is that, you know, like a starting salary, do you know if that rule is applicable down at the lower starting levels?

Nick Hermann: I don't know for sure. I think the Council at that point can pay whatever they want to pay. As far as I know, we are at least stuck to what you have in your salary ordinances. That's obviously what we follow, but I'm not aware...this is one of the things that we came into contact with in January when we were interviewing attorneys. Other counties, the way that they are funding their prosecutor's offices it varies by counties. Some of them are just getting a total number and they're saying here is 2 million dollars, go run your office. What happens sometimes is people come in and they pay themselves a lot and they pay their friends a lot and they don't have as many employees. Other times you have situations where I interviewed one girl that hadn't gotten a raise in ten years and she was making, I think, \$38,000 or \$39,000. So it varies wherever you go. But I think that other than the department heads, that the Council can pay whatever it is that they would like to pay. On behalf of my employees they would all like to make more, but they understand that you guys are under a lot of constraints and that you're doing the best that you can with what you have. But to answer your question, I think you can pay whatever you want.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, we're going to get moving along. I think we've covered IV-D.

PROSECUTOR FEE CHECK RECOVERY 1082

Councilmember Raben: Prosecutor Check Recovery is stagnant. That's, outside of FICA and PERF, that's unchanged.

PROSECUTOR PRE-TRAIL DIVERSION 2630

Councilmember Raben: On the Pre-Trial Diversion, page 118. I'm having a little problem understanding that one. It looks like possibly a person has gone from full-time to part-time, but the Insurance line has changed drastically.

Nick Hermann: That is a position that is funded out of the actual fees. One of the things that the Council instructed us to do earlier in the year was to look at positions to see if there was any way to downgrade those or to basically perform the same job functions in a cheaper capacity. What we've done there is we moved a person out of that position earlier in the year because the funding just wasn't there to pay it and we're asking to have that position moved from a PAT IV to a COMOT V. The person we moved out was a step seven. We anticipate the COMOT V would be a step one so that explains the difference. I don't know what you're seeing as far as insurance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, just so you understand. What's titled the Director from last year was \$51,779.

Nick Hermann: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: This year the request is \$24,418 for the actual salary line.

Nick Hermann: Right, that was to move it from a PAT IV step seven to a COMOT V step one.

Councilmember Raben: COMOT V step one. That still doesn't...maybe that is right. That's right? Okay. But the insurance has gone from \$7,900 to almost \$25,000. Is that more than one person?

Nick Hermann: That sounds like it's Regene's mistake. That should be insurance for one person so whatever that works out to be. I'm not even sure what those numbers are. I know it's a lot, but I don't know how much it is.

Councilmember Lloyd: So, we can check into that, but that looks wrong.

Nick Hermann: Again, if anybody has any specific questions. We have a complicated budget with the different funding mechanisms and I would love to sit down with anybody that has any questions.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Nick, thank you. We're going to move on.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 1300

Councilmember Raben: County Commissioners, page 55.

Lloyd Winnecke: I'll just tell you generally that we attempted to flat line or diminish most of our line items. I think most of the increases are jointly funded departments or increases dictated by CPI indexes or things of that nature. The two large increases certainly would be related to Insurance, and I would tell you that on account 3000, Bond & Insurance, we're not sure that number is the correct number. That's for the property & casualty insurance. We're currently working to get a better number on that, and in terms of the overall insurance number, as many of us have discussed, the cost increase for insurance, health insurance, for next year seems

exceedingly high. I know a number of us are trying to work some, get some alternatives to what is currently before us.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, the most significant increase in your budget would be Rent, which, again, is within the Building Authority's control. All other accounts are just what you said. They are flat lined or less than last year.

Lloyd Winnecke: Right. I think the latest Rent number too, let me look in here. The latest Rent number is slightly less than the \$5,031,000 that is in the budget book. The latest rent as of 7/27, July 27th this year is \$4,999,022, so a slight decrease.

Councilmember Goebel: While we are here, Mr. Winnecke, good job on the radio this morning.

Lloyd Winnecke: Thanks.

Councilmember Goebel: The Legal Services you do have an increase.

Lloyd Winnecke: What line?

Councilmember Goebel: That's 3610, it's right underneath the rent.

Lloyd Winnecke: That is actually a reflection of combining two specific line items. It's actually the same amount year over year.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Any other questions on this budget?

President Kiefer: Yeah, one question, Mr. Chairman. Lloyd, on Transportation Services, 4231. From 140 to 151. It's going from \$140,000 to \$151,000, and I don't know if you have our book. It's on page 58. It's account number 4231.

Lloyd Winnecke: That is our annual contract with METS for transportation for elderly and disabled.

President Kiefer: Okay, and then the other one related to transportation is Urban Transportation, but it stays exactly the same. Is that a contract?

Lloyd Winnecke: Which line item is that, Joe?

President Kiefer: That is 3090, account number 3090 on page 56.

Lloyd Winnecke: That is the MPO contribution.

President Kiefer: Okay, I was just curious.

Lloyd Winnecke: Area Plan. That's a--

President Kiefer: We spent \$50,000 this year, but then it's showing that we're going to try to stick with what we budgeted last year, but we actually spent more than that.

Lloyd Winnecke: I'll be happy to dig into that.

President Kiefer: It's no big deal. I mean, I was just curious why. I didn't know if that was something different. Actually I thought maybe that was one of these two line items may have been related to that North 41 Transportation.

Lloyd Winnecke: They are not.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, with regards to the ambulance service, I know that the city, they dropped their—

Lloyd Winnecke: Subsidy.

Councilmember Shetler: --subsidy to that last year. Have we had any discussions with the Mayor on how that worked out or, you know, the opportunity maybe for us to do the same?

Lloyd Winnecke: I have not. We've had some...I know there have been some private discussions, but I'm not aware – we have not approached the city to see how that has worked or how it has changed their quality of service or response time.

Councilmember Shetler: Or, and I don't mean to put you on the spot, is that annual contract or is that multi-year?

Lloyd Winnecke: No, I believe it is a multiple year. I think it's....Marissa, is that three years? I think it's multiple year, but we can check and get back on that.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, because I would be interested in trying to follow up and find out what kind of ramifications the city may have incurred and, you know, some of the positives which would be saving one quarter million dollars a year which is a big chunk of change if we can figure out a way here to save that money.

Lloyd Winnecke: We'll check on that.

Councilmember Shetler: Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: Just one point on that. Of course, the city can turn to their fire department and say can you cover some of these. The county, we don't necessarily have that option or some of the volunteer services don't have ambulances.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, Scott actually has a very detailed operation out there and I know German and some of those—

Councilmember Raben: Just Scott.

Councilmember Shetler: I was thinking Perry has some stuff out there as well. Marris, don't they have a cooperation with Marris in Perry outside in Posey County, Marris, to cover some of that?

Councilmember Raben: I think Scott is the only one running ambulance service.

CCD/COUNTY COMMISSION 2031-1300
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Councilmember Raben: Let's turn to page 100 CCD account. The Energy Savings Contract, how many years do we have on that?

Lloyd Winnecke: It expires in 2015.

Councilmember Raben: I see you put the Sheriff's request in there for equipment and police cars. I do have one request. They are also in need of an additional transportation van at the cost of about \$100,000. Can we put that in this budget as well?

Lloyd Winnecke: If you ask, you shall receive.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, very good.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you. Does anybody have any questions on the CCD budget? None?

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS 1310
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Councilmember Raben: Alright. Do you want to take Superintendent of County Buildings?

Lloyd Winnecke: Sure, that would be great, thank you. It should be pretty easy, too.

Councilmember Raben: That would be page 65. This budget is flat. The changes are within the PERF line.

Lloyd Winnecke: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Any questions or comments in regards to this budget? None. Oh, excuse me.

Councilmember Shetler: Just the vacancy rate at the Old Courthouse.

Lloyd Winnecke: Eighty-five percent occupied.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Lloyd, I think that concludes...I don't know that we've got any more budgets that you want to present. Thank you very much.

Lloyd Winnecke: Thank you.

RIVERBOAT 1490

Councilmember Raben: Next is Drainage Board, page 53.

President Kiefer: Jim, Riverboat.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, yeah, I'm sorry. I apologize. Riverboat. Riverboat page 89. Does anyone have questions on this budget? It basically reflects the exact same allocations that we approved last year. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Are we picking up the full tab now for the dental clinic?

Lloyd Winnecke: Between this budget and the Health Department budget, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Lloyd Winnecke: I would tell you this, that we have...we actively seek other funding sources and to date we have not been successful in doing that, but we haven't given up the ship on that.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Lloyd Winnecke: But I would tell you that the Commissioners are still really 100% behind this project. To date, I think Gary probably has the exact number, but it seems like we have treated 15,000 some odd patients since its opening and the number of services is probably two and a half or three times that number, so it is still a vital service to the community.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm not questioning that at all. I was just wondering if the emergency rate...room rates have gone down. I know the hospitals say they haven't noticed a decrease, but one would have to assume there has to be some dent put into that. I know you worked on it before and you worked on it from the beginning so, thank you.

Lloyd Winnecke: You're welcome.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Terry: Jim, I have a quick question.

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Terry: I know last year, Lloyd, there was a request in there for the 41 bus route. Just where...I mean, is that a dead issue now?

Lloyd Winnecke: It is not a dead issue. Commissioner Abell has really been working on that extensively in the last several months and we've run two or three different alternatives to develop a pilot. We think that we can develop a pilot within a budget that we have without coming before this body. Our goal is to work out a palatable plan that meets the needs of those who could potentially use the service and that we could fund it within our budget. Once that pilot is successful, then we would have to circle back and figure out how to fund it on a larger scale. But right now we're still at the drawing board trying to figure out how we can develop a pilot that makes financial sense and is also mechanically and just practical from a use standpoint.

Councilmember Terry: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, you know, coming up we have County Highway, Burdette, and some of the other hats that you wear as a Commissioner. Do you want –

Lloyd Winnecke: Sure, Mike and Steve are ready to talk about that.

Councilmember Raben: --those guys to present their own budgets? Okay. We're not ready for you yet. Before he left the podium I wanted to make sure he didn't, he wasn't going to present any of those.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2130

President Kiefer: Okay. Next is Health Department.

Councilmember Raben: We have a few travel requests that we need to act on today. Do we want to discuss travel before we get into the budget?

President Kiefer: Yeah, that would be fine, Mr. Chairman.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I'm going to give the same spiel, Gary. I'm sorry, but as I look at these travel requests, unless my...if I am doing all my "goes into's" right, it looks like we have 13 people out for the same conference at the same time and I really struggle with that.

President Kiefer: I was going to echo the same thing, Mr. Chairman. That's a lot a people.

Gary Heck: It's from...it's all from the Women, Infant & Children's Grant. It's one of the requirements of the contract and it's all grant funded. So, I'm not sure how else to respond other than to say it's a requirement that they attend the conference.

President Kiefer: Do each of them have to attend or can you send one or two and have them come back and then present?

Gary Heck: If I could--

President Kiefer: To the rest of the group.

Gary Heck: I'm sorry. If I could, I would have done that, so this is a requirement that they all attend.

Councilmember Raben: I glanced through the information I have and I really don't see where it says--

Gary Heck: Well, this isn't the grant copy. This is just the information that they sent about what they are paying for the rooms, they're paying for the meals during the conference. The only thing that the Health Department is required to pay for out of our grant funds...they are using their grant funds to pay those on their end. We're required to pay travel and required to pay the meals outside of the conference time which would be an evening meal. And that's coming out of the WIC grant funds.

Councilmember Raben: I understand, but 13 people away from the facility at one time, that's a lot of productivity that's not going to take place, it's just not going to happen during those three days.

President Kiefer: Can they, is this program only offered once a year? Could they rotate, like have--

Gary Heck: This program is offered once every two or three years. It's a statewide conference. This is where they bring them up to date on any of the program changes that are there. This year, this grant, the federal grant starts October 1 and runs through September 30th and there are some major changes in what they are preparing them for, including the infant formula provider for the State of Indiana is changing this year from one that has been in place for several years. So it's a different one. I can just tell you what they told me and I can just tell you what is in our grant requirements is that they attend conferences that the grants pay for. I understand your concerns. I wish I could say something other to make you feel better about it. Training is required though. It's not like some jobs where the requirements and their dealings with the public never changes. And they want it to be consistent and they want everybody to have the training and if they had a trainer or trainer's options that I could choose, I can assure you that I would choose it. I just don't have that as an option.

President Kiefer: Seems like that would be cheaper with 13 people to have training here in Evansville. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Gary, this is a statewide convention so every county is going to be—

Gary Heck: That's correct. They are all going to West Lafayette.

Councilmember Goebel: So that's a whole lot of people at once, right?

Gary Heck: It is.

Councilmember Goebel: I mean, this is the only actual clinic.

Gary Heck: It's Vanderburgh County, but there are 92 other counties that are going to be having their representatives at the same function.

Councilmember Goebel: So it's not costing us anything, we need to go. I don't know if there is much question that we can control that.

President Kiefer: Just get the Convention Bureau to contact these people to convince them to hold this down here in Evansville next time.

Councilmember Raben: It actually, it is costing us. It's costing us about \$1,500 based on the estimates. You know, and I'm still stuck on the fact that we look at, we can't reduce staffing because we're overwhelmed with the clients coming through our front door every day, but we're sending 13 people out to a three day conference. That's the hardest part of the whole thing for me to swallow. So I've said it before, I think this is the most traveled department within the state of Indiana and I really think we need to figure out ways to cut back on this travel somehow.

Gary Heck: We have acquired video conferencing equipment. It's not an option at this particular opportunity. Any time we can use video conferencing we use that option. It's just not an option in this case. It's a requirement of the Womens Infant & Children's program grant.

Councilmember Raben: And all 13 of these people—

Gary Heck: Are required to go.

Councilmember Raben: --are required by state to go?

Gary Heck: Are required by the contract with the state to go.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I, you know, I would like to see that. In the future I would like for them to send that letter to me two years from now when we are required to go, again, because I have a hard time believing that they even want you to pull 13 people out of one office. I mean, if they are passionate--

Gary Heck: I would just tell you I wouldn't have submitted...sir, I just wouldn't have submitted it if it wasn't a requirement.

Councilmember Raben: If they are passionate about what you're doing, I can't imagine they would do that. Okay. Are there any questions on the travel outside of that? I think what you're going to need to do is probably call for a motion on this.

President Kiefer: Yeah, we'll need a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as submitted and that includes \$145.60 for Legal Aid.

President Kiefer: Okay, is there a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, any further discussion?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, sir. Gary, I don't know if you have direct contact but perhaps at some point you could express our concerns about that number.

Gary Heck: I express them all the time and they are well aware of your concerns. I have to especially request in advance to get an agenda to attach to all of these requests, so the state is well aware of all your concerns about it.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

President Kiefer: Can we do a roll call please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I understand it's a requirement and it's required by the grant, but I want to do a symbolic no because I don't think it's right that all these employees are leaving the office and I would like for a message to be sent to the people that do this grant to say, hey, they need to work with us on how we do this so we don't have to send 13 people out at one time. So with that, I vote no.

Gary Heck: I'll be sure to relay your message and thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, so it passes five to two.

(Motion approved 5-2/Councilmembers Raben and Kiefer opposed)

Gary Heck: Thank you.

President Kiefer: And now we can move back to the budgets.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the budget begins on page 101, give everybody an opportunity to – it's several pages. This budget is relatively flat as everyone is aware of. The important thing to remember on this budget, while it's not General Fund money, it's its own levy, it is part of our overall cap. So it does affect what we can appropriate or what we can budget in other areas of county government, while it stands by itself with its own levy. Gary, are there any lines that you think we can cut in any form or fashion if need be?

Gary Heck: Well, the only ones we're not sure about, with regards to the health insurance, we were instructed to use an 18% rate which has been high compared to what we've done in previous years. I'm not sure where the guidance for that particularly is coming from, if it's from a consultant...but it is high based on what we've done in previous years.

Councilmember Raben: Extra Help is one item that –

Gary Heck: Extra Help, last year, during the budget hearings, we didn't have permission to have a part-time person, extra help in our vital records. We came back earlier this year to put additional funds in that line item to cover that, so this is just a reflection, and it's really a flat line based on what was done with this year, too. That's the Extra Help line item. The other projected increase is based on the consumer price index for rent. We've projected a 3.549% increase based on the previous information we've seen from the labor department. That might, and we're just not sure until it's actually published in October for September what that actual percentage increase will be, but it's required by the lease agreement. I think those are the – everybody has already mentioned PERF. PERF went, the percentage we were instructed to use was 9.5%, so...

Councilmember Raben: Okay, does anyone have any questions?

Gary Heck: As far as the dental clinic, we are about \$50,000 short. We haven't been able to identify the funds that was originally budgeted in the request last year. We haven't had any success with additional funding sources from the other local previous funders. So, as I think Commissioner Winnecke indicated, we're still in the process of looking for additional funds. The Board of Health, at their last meeting, did recommend adopting any out of county residents that come to the dental clinic, not being addressed on a sliding fee scale. We're working with the county attorney to get that language for the fee ordinance introduced, and it was recommended to go into effect in January. So that's when we anticipate that will happen assuming the county attorney can get it done between now and then and the Commissioners can approve it between now and then.

Councilmember Goebel: Does that mean you'll be denying out of county or charging other counties?

Gary Heck: It means the other counties would be charged 100% of what our fee schedule is and not being placed on a sliding fee scale like they currently are and then paying an additional administration fee.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. Chair? On that same issue, on the dental clinic, I was at the Board of Health meeting, so I conveyed this Council's concerns about the out of county patients that come to the dental clinic and there's nothing that doesn't, I mean there's no prevention that the Commission of another county could make an arrangement with our Commissioners on possible payments for out of county, for example, Posey or Gibson or Warrick or Henderson, that they could make an arrangement to pay for their people that visit the Vanderburgh County dental clinic. But anyway, I did express, between this Council and the Commissioners, that we did not think that was appropriate to subsidize them and that we felt that they should at least come up with some kind of a fee payment.

Gary Heck: I did some additional research and I think there was an arrangement like that years ago with the tuberculosis clinic, where Commissioners from other counties had already signed some type of memorandum of understanding. And in some cases were billed and did pay, and so we're looking through all of our records to see if we can't find copies of those agreements, and use those as the basis for moving forward as well. Of course, there were some counties that even signed it, but there's new Commissioners now, and the new Commissioners don't honor that previous agreement.

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. Heck, at one time, you and I had talked about possibly putting together an ordinance for credit card payments.

Gary Heck: Yes Sir.

Jeff Ahlers: Is that something that the county attorney or the Commissioners are looking into as well or would that be something separate that we would need to work on in case the County Council determined it wanted to approve the ability for you to take credit card payments?

Gary Heck: It's my understanding we'd need the County Council approval and we are actively pursuing trying to put a point of sale cash register and receipting program in place, that would allow that as an option, both credit cards or debit cards.

Jeff Ahlers: I just didn't know if in this process, when you were working with the Commissioners and the county attorney, whether this might be an appropriate time if Council wants to pass an ordinance to allow that, whether this might be the time to look into it. So I don't know, whenever you're talking to the county attorney or the Commissioners, or if you want to let me know or –

Gary Heck: I'll forward this information over as well. We've researched it and there's been several counties, particularly the County Clerk's and the judges, Treasurer's office, who all have ordinances that allow that. So, I will pass that on to them and ask them to get in touch with you, to make sure the language is correct.

Jeff Ahlers: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Gary. We're going to move on, pick up the pace here.

BURDETTE PARK 1450

Councilmember Raben: Burdette Park, page 82.

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette Park.

Councilmember Raben: Good morning, Steve. A couple questions. I see some increases like Fuel, and I think you're anticipating high fuel costs. The Uniforms has gone up \$2,000, is that a difference in contract?

Steve Craig: It's not just the uniforms, but it's the laundry and the uniforms combined, and the laundry and that has went up, the price of what we pay to have our laundry done. Several years ago we did buy two washers and three dryers and we do a lot of our own laundry in house, with the stuff for the chalets that can't be done in-house is done through a laundry service.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Steve Craig: Most of these, well, matter of fact, all of the ones that were raised were ones that I foresaw coming back to ask for in the year, and if nothing else, to make you aware that these would be things that I may need to come back. I could have wrote a flat line one, but then I think that wouldn't have been honest to the point where I think that I have to come back for utilities and gas and such.

Councilmember Raben: A lot of those, and you've understood for many years why we do what we do, we have to cut to get below the freeze that we have to meet. Steve, one of them, Advertising, you know, we've just approved a large sum of money for CVB to spend for actually promoting the whole community, but it's approximately \$400,000. I'd like to make a run at them to pick up that advertising line for you through their budget.

Steve Craig: That would be fine. Every year, I do apply to them for a matching grant and they do match my advertising budget for the park. But I will work with him.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I think they've taken an extremely aggressive approach this year and they probably are working with some pretty high caliber consulting individuals on how they're going to promote the whole community. We probably need you to sit down with them and make sure we're not duplicating things that they're already, efforts they're already making in regards to advertising. And I'm sure you're a big part of their package, no doubt, you're a big draw for local tourism, but I just want to make sure we're not doing things that are already part of a bigger plan that they're working on.

Steve Craig: I would love to sit down with them and help them spend that 400 and something thousand dollars that they got.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I'm sure you would. Does anybody have any questions on Burdette? None? Well, this might be the easiest year you've ever faced.

Steve Craig: It is, so far.

Councilmember Raben: Steve, thank you.

Steve Craig: Thank you very much.

Councilmember Lloyd: Jim, their overall budget, up 37,000, 2 ½%.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, how about if we take a five minute pause for a good cause?

President Kiefer: Sounds good.

(Tape changed)

THE CENTRE 1440

Darren Stearns: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Good morning. There's not a lot of change. In fact, the contractual line is actually down. I never like to question why something goes down, but I am curious.

Darren Stearns: The contractual as far as the actual bottom line? Well, we're working with some of the things that we have booked this past year and what we're hoping to come up, we do have a Mary Kay convention that we haven't had in the past year, so we're pretty optimistic that we're going to be a little bit under what we've been doing.

Councilmember Raben: Great. Bookings have been pretty solid considering the fact you haven't had an anchor hotel, haven't they?

Darren Stearns: Yeah, they're decent. Locally, thankfully, the local community has done a lot to help support the building with events and we've chased a lot of that kind of stuff. We're increasing, and we've got one more Broadway show this season than we had last year, so we're chasing some more of the auditorium events that at times

before we might not have been able to get, so we're getting a little bit more aggressive with those as well to try to fill in the dead times.

Councilmember Raben: Any questions on this budget, on page 81? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: The events that you get, do you notice, do you lose events because of not having the hotel?

Darren Stearns: It makes it a little bit more difficult. I don't know that that's the lone reason, but the size of the conventions that we do have are, you know, the 500 to 1,000 people attendees, and with their going to different areas, they're usually used to being in a convention center with a hotel attached or a bigger hotel, like if any ones that you've went to. Not to say that they won't, the CVB has been working with us about bussing them, but if they have the opportunity of just being next door or being bussed, that is a detriment to when we're trying to bring in a convention.

Councilmember Lloyd: Because I think there's some that even ask for like 200 rooms adjacent or things like that.

Darren Stearns: Right.

Councilmember Lloyd: So all you can do is say, well, we have downtown, we have the Aztar Hotel, --

Darren Stearns: Right, and Aztar has helped us, actually I think they're the ones that we're going to be working with for the Mary Kay convention next year.

Councilmember Lloyd: How many attend that?

Darren Stearns: Right now, we don't know how many are going to be in this area, but that's in the same range that you're talking about, the 200 - 250 room nights. And so we did put in proposals for '13 and '14 with them, but we did not receive those.

Councilmember Lloyd: Have you had the opportunity to work with the new Convention Bureau Director, Mr. Warren?

Darren Stearns: Mr. Warren? Yes, I met with him a couple of different times.

Councilmember Lloyd: How is that working out?

Darren Stearns: He's a go-getter. I like him. You know, he's got a new energy, a really positive outlook on it as far as I'm concerned right now, because we're going to try some different things that we haven't tried in the last two or three years, and change is a lot of times good. So we're looking forward to it.

Councilmember Lloyd: So, on your revenues, obviously, we're only a little over halfway through the year, how is it looking compared to 2010?

Darren Stearns: Revenue-wise, the revenue is down from what it was in 2010. Budget-wise, though, because we've been keeping track of the expenses and that, we're ahead of budget.

Councilmember Lloyd: How much percent-wise are revenues down?

Darren Stearns: We're at probably 15 to 20 percent down from last year at this point.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thank you.

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND 3650
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Councilmember Raben: Okay. Any other questions? Hearing none, let's move to page 130, Convention Center Operating fund. This one, there's not a lot here. I see you've adjusted Utilities, anticipating higher costs.

Darren Stearns: Correct, yeah, the Building Authority purchases the gas, and so we get that number from them and then adjust accordingly.

Councilmember Raben: This is one we typically do adjust and it's kind of a crap shoot anyway, it depends on how cold of winter we have or how hot of summer.

Darren Stearns: Correct, and we have the energy savings adjustment on that as well, and I think ours ends about the same time, 2015.

Councilmember Raben: Any questions with this budget? None, well, Darren, thank you.

Darren Stearns: Okay, thank you.

VETERANS SERVICES 1270

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move on to Veterans, page 54.

Paul Dupont: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Good morning.

Paul Dupont: It's pretty much the same budget as last year except it's a little less because salaries are less.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, it is. Does anyone have questions on this budget?
Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: What are your office hours?

Paul Dupont: 8:00 to 4:30.

Councilmember Lloyd: And that's been the same for a number of years?

Paul Dupont: Right, as far as I can remember, it's always been that.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

President Kiefer: A little bit similar situation to what the dental clinic has, I mean, I know you guys get some servicing that you do for out of county residents and I

understand you don't want to turn veterans away, it's so important, but how many, on average, how many out of town, out of county residents do you guys service? Percentage wise?

Paul Dupont: In a week or –

President Kiefer: Just percentage wise.

Paul Dupont: Probably two or three percent. I mean, we try to – if somebody comes in to file a new claim, we try to steer them to, especially in Kentucky, we try to send them over there. Especially other counties, I know up in Warrick County, I had a guy come in the other day and wanted to file an appeal, and I told him, well, you've got a service rep up there. Well, he doesn't like the service rep, he thinks he's, I mean, he really hates him and in that kind of situation there's not a whole lot we can do. We try to steer them to their counties or especially their state, if they're in Kentucky or Illinois.

President Kiefer: Okay, well, that might be another situation where we try to get some reimbursements from other counties then, but okay, thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: Did you say it's only two or three percent?

Paul Dupont: I mean, I'm just giving you a ballpark, I have no idea because it might, of all the claims we've got, a lot of them, right now, we're not working, you know, they might have already got their compensation, but then we've got people that live in Warrick County up in Boonville and Chandler, that whenever they want to file for something else, they want to come to us and file it because we've got their file and we just, we continue to do it because we've done it. And, I mean, it's kind of hard to tell a veteran that our office has worked with for years and got them a claim, got them compensation, they know and respect us and they want us to continue with their claim. And if you tell them, well, we want you to go to Warrick County and they're going to be kind of upset.

Councilmember Goebel: That's understandable. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, any other questions? Thank you very much.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION 1230

Councilmember Raben: We'll move into Co-op Extension, page 48. This budget is pretty much flat. The only increase I see, Susan, is in Contractual Services. And that might just be, what is that contract for?

Susan Plassmeier: That is to help support the pay of the three Purdue extension educators. It goes totally toward salary. Purdue picks up about 70% of that, and the county is contributing about 30% of the pay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, is that, so is there an increase figured in this?

Susan Plassmeier: Yes. If you reflect back, we came and got that appropriation for \$361, that brought us to the budget of, you know, what Purdue had asked, like back in 2009. And they had flatlined that contractual services since 2009, but I had to keep coming back asking for that, because you hadn't granted that amount. So we

finally caught up with Purdue, and then now, they're asking for a 1% increase on that one budget, which is about \$735, over what that previous amount would have been.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Councilman Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Thank you. I know this has probably been an old topic, but something I just wanted to talk about again. On rent of \$38,544, have you guys now relocated back into Vanderburgh County?

Susan Plassmeier: We've always been in Vanderburgh County. We're in Darmstadt.

President Kiefer: You're in Darmstadt.

Councilmember Raben: You're thinking of Soil & Water.

Susan Plassmeier: Yeah, Soil & Water.

President Kiefer: Sorry about that. I was ready to jump on this again. My apologies.

Susan Plassmeier: You know, and I might also point out that Purdue, we have four FMP educators that Purdue totally funds that works with limited resource families here in the community and then pays like their training expenses and stuff to the tune of about \$120,000 that Purdue is putting into our community that, I mean, all we're providing is office space and some paper supplies for them for programming. So, I mean, more is really kind of, you look into the bigger picture, it's more than just money for those three educators that Purdue is giving to the community, and you don't have to pay benefits on the three educators. So if you think of that in terms of that also, you know, what's your increase for three county employees for benefits for a year that you're not paying?

Councilmember Raben: Alright. Susan, thank you very much.

Susan Plassmeier: Okay.

COUNTY HIGHWAY 2010

Councilmember Raben: We will move onto County Highway, page 90.

Mike Duckworth: Good morning, Mike Duckworth, Superintendent of County Highway department, and John Stoll, the County Engineer. We are both here in the event that you might have any questions. I've provided you with kind of a breakdown, I think that you've got, in regards to our specific accounts. Other than step increases, I don't believe we've asked for any increases in any of our line items and we did eliminate new equipment at a savings of about 50,000. So I'll answer any questions other than – anything else that you might have.

Councilmember Raben: Mike, you need to give everybody a moment. Does anybody have questions of the County Highway budget? No questions? Okay, we will move on to Cum Bridge, page 95.

Mike Duckworth: At the end of that account is, listed in your information, we asked for no increases in any of those line items other than step increases. The one account, 4230, is the 50,000 there that I pointed out to you that we did not request.

We are maintaining our equipment at current levels. We do have Garage & Motor, Tires & Tubes in other accounts to help with mechanical breakdowns. As you're well aware, we respond to storms, any other kind of infrastructure breakdowns or problems seven days a week, 24 hours a day. So this budget reflects those situations.

Councilmember Raben: Any questions on Cum Bridge? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I want to go back to County Highway, page 93. We've already spent as of June 30th, all of the budgeted overtime. I just wanted to know, I mean, it's somewhat unpredictable, but where do you think we're going to end up in that account? And we've budgeted 50,000, obviously that's low, but your request is 50,000.

Mike Duckworth: I think that will be okay in the event that we're not out as we have been this year with the numerous snow events, ice events, and then if you add the straight line winds and the storms and the flooding and, you know, we haven't had locusts yet, but it may happen to us next year or it may be a calm year, but I think that's a good starting point, and, of course, what we've done is, as we're doing this year, as we've kind of depleted some of those accounts, then we look at other line items that we haven't had to use and then we come in for transfers.

Councilmember Lloyd: So, right, this year has been, weather-wise, terrible.

Mike Duckworth: It has been.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, it's about as bad as you can think of between snow, wind storm, the ice storm, so all of those entailed overtime for your department.

Mike Duckworth: And those have depleted those accounts, and as I said, we're coming in, I guess, next month to transfer some money. But I will point out to you that my staff and I have been working extremely close with FEMA. I have great expectations that most, and of course, 75% of what we're putting in for, but we calculate everything from depreciation of our equipment to our fuel usage, to our materials and all that, to a certain extent, we'll be getting a significant amount of that money back that will be coming from FEMA.

Councilmember Lloyd: So at least some of that is related to the disaster storm, so that's good to know.

President Kiefer: So, since, Mr. Chairman, since we've gone back to County Highway, I just wanted to ask Mike about Insurance. Is that, what type of insurance is that? 775 to 914.

Councilmember Raben: Employee benefits.

President Kiefer: Employee benefits?

Councilmember Raben: It's employee's insurance.

President Kiefer: So, that's just part of all the—

Councilmember Raben: That's the 18 percent increase that's in all of the budgets.

President Kiefer: Okay, I just wanted to clarify that.

Mike Duckworth: There is a line item that is called Other Insurance. I think last year there was \$19,000 in it, and that is going to be part of this transfer that we're asking for in the next month's transfers, but we've not had to use that per se this year, I don't believe.

President Kiefer: I just didn't see an Insurance line item on every department. So, that's why I was curious, why—

Councilmember Raben: It should be on all the joint departments where we're split city/county.

President Kiefer: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: So the city pays their portion of it. It should be in every budget where there's reimbursement by the state, well most of it's state, which we just picked on today with Prosecutor IV-D. Outside of that, you know, it's all in our big, one single line.

President Kiefer: Right. Okay, that's why he's got his line item there.

Councilmember Raben: His budget is, a good portion of his budget, it used to be all of it, but a good portion of it today is funded by gasoline tax and surtax.

President Kiefer: Okay, that, I understand now. Thank you.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE 2030

Councilmember Raben: Okay, back to Cum Bridge, page 95. This budget, as you'll see is, I think you mentioned it earlier, is down a little over \$100,000, which, you know, this budget not only has employee lines and supply lines and stuff like that, but the projects are in here, too. So that's a moving target all the time as well.

Mike Duckworth: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Any questions on this budget?

Councilmember Goebel: I have a question. John, on the Baseline Road bridge, is that \$50,000 allocated for a request for upkeep? Or is there a problem with that?

John Stoll: This is not the new bridge, this is on the, it's out past Highway 65.

Councilmember Goebel: Cancel that question, then.

John Stoll: It is an offshoot of the bi-annual bridge inspection. They just provide a listing of all the projects that need to be undertaken, and this is one of them.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I think, under your leadership, building that bridge over the train or railroad tracks was an excellent set, or was very worthwhile. It's served the people of Vanderburgh County very well, especially with the new North High School going up. Thank you.

John Stoll: Thanks.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Local Roads and Streets, page 106.

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess, one question on Bridge, the state reimburses some of Cumulative Bridge, is that correct, or not?

Councilmember Raben: That's its own levy.

Councilmember Lloyd: It's its own levy, I understand that.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that's—

Councilmember Lloyd: Do you still get state money for any of this?

John Stoll: We do get reimbursements on the federal aid projects. Like right now, on the final leg of the University Parkway project, since their culvert is out there, we were able to fund some of that project with Bridge money. We have to pay up-front, then we get the 80 percent reimbursement back from the state.

Councilmember Lloyd: Is that project 100 percent complete?

John Stoll: The section up to Marx Road is complete. I don't remember what percentage the section from Marx to Diamond is—

Councilmember Lloyd: Oh, right, that's still under construction, but up to Marx Road it's 100 percent?

John Stoll: Correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, great.

Councilmember Shetler: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

John Stoll: Right.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

John Stoll: Right, the completion date is October of next year for getting the thing completed up to Diamond Avenue.

Councilmember Lloyd: That's great news. That will really help out at USI.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS 2160

Councilmember Raben: Okay, alright, back to Local Roads and Streets. This is kind of everything else. I want to call attention to one thing, the account 2000, Materials, you know, for the last several years I'm going to say as far back as maybe ten years we've, this Council has set in a million dollars out of COIT into this line item for the sake of primarily paving, probably 100 percent of it or 90 percent of it is utilized towards paving. You know, that's probably something that's not going to happen this year. I mean, as Joe stated, we're way behind the eight ball in regards to COIT. So, there's some other things we can do. Mike and I have discussed them, he didn't spend all of the \$280,000 we granted him earlier in the year on salt, possibly taking

this FEMA reimbursement that he discussed earlier, but, you know, we're going to have to get creative in how we reallocate some of those funds. The hope would be that, you know, and there's probably some other projects that, you know, might be over funded, but I just want everybody to know that the likelihood, there's really no likelihood that we'll be allocating a million dollars in COIT. So, we're going to make every attempt to transfer some funds around and at least, you know, we may not pave 10 or 15 miles of road, but we're going to patch a lot of holes and make the best of what we can with the monies we can creatively put in that line.

Mike Duckworth: Yeah, James, you and I discussed this, and one thing I want to point out is, the, we're trying to extend the life of our roads by keeping up our shoulders, our, you know, our ditches that many times get silted in that cause mud and other kinds of debris to sit and to deteriorate our roads. So, while we don't have, possibly, the funding that we've had in the past to actually go in and resurface roads, we're doing other things that will hopefully extend their life. So, we have to be, as James said, creative in how we approach our renovations of over 500 miles of county roads, and we'll do everything we can to keep the cost down.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Mike, on line item 3190, Solid Waste Disposal, you're requesting \$12,000, it looks, it appears that the last couple of years anyway that has been substantially less than that. Is there something major—

Mike Duckworth: Well, let me find it here.

Councilmember Lloyd: Page 106.

Mike Duckworth: Yeah, I've got it, I'm just trying to look at—

Councilmember Goebel: We can discuss that later too. There's nothing—

Mike Duckworth: Yeah, I mean, of course, this year we haven't deducted all of our costs yet, because we haven't paid our debris and sand bag bill, because we were waiting to see what FEMA was coming in on, and we're negotiating that with Allied trying to keep those costs down, but in a normal year I would say that, you know, we've had that over a few years, but if anything probably could be cut, that's probably one that we might be able lighten up a little bit.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: That line, do you not also pay where the county is called out to demo an old garage, or, you know, situations where the, in preparation for tax sales or something like that.

Mike Duckworth: Yeah, that's something—

Councilmember Raben: That's tipping fees at landfill, that's a lot of—

Mike Duckworth: — we have no idea what is going to be called upon us to do, because we do have those county owned lots, we do have, you know, weeds that we have to maintain because the county is required to, you know, we have that ordinance that we have to uphold, and when we get out to some of these properties,

I mean, there's everything on them. Of course, for us to be able to mow them we have to move stuff out of them.

Councilmember Goebel: But, when you, let's say you do a bridge or something, you tear down the old structure, that's not included in this line item, that's part of the project, correct?

Mike Duckworth: That's part of the project, but if we have to do any rehab or something, we look initially if it's busted up concrete or something like that, for county residents that can use—

Councilmember Goebel: Sure.

Mike Duckworth: —fill and that kind of thing before we would pay.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mike. Oh, excuse me.

Councilmember Lloyd: Page 107, I was just going to ask about Oak Hill Road, \$300,000. Is that going beyond Lynch? Is that the county's portion of that?

John Stoll: Yes. This would extend up to St. George. The MPO's long range plan calls for the project to go all the way up to Millersburg, but I did some ballpark cost estimates, and there's no way we could fund all of it initially. So, this would be an initial attempt to get the first phase up to St. George. This would just cover design and environmental work.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so like phase, the very first beginning of it? Is that federal money too?

John Stoll: All the design and environmental costs are 100 percent local. When it eventually gets to construction, then we would get 80 percent federal funds.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

John Stoll: The federal funds would cover construction, plus the construction inspection.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mike, John, thank you.

COUNTY ASSESSOR 1090

Councilmember Raben: Next we'll move to page 41, County Assessor. Man, it's time to really get tough here.

Bill Fluty: Bring it on, we should be okay. Bill Fluty, County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Good afternoon, Bill.

Bill Fluty: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: This is a budget that is not only flat, but it's down close to \$100,000.

Bill Fluty: That's correct, in the General Fund. What doesn't show there, as there are some employees that are not, that through attrition and the hiring freeze that won't be there next year, but it also helps the Insurance line item. So, it actually has two effects.

Councilmember Goebel: How many employees have you—

Bill Fluty: I do have 38 right now, and there's three that aren't going to have, that have left since last year.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, so, you're down from when you took office, three?

Bill Fluty: Three, uh-huh.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: I would like to thank you for your hard work.

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

Councilmember Terry: I guess, in the past, we've kind of been disputing, discussion around the Level II's, how many do you have in your office that are Level II's or Level III's?

Bill Fluty: Oh, I knew you were going to ask me that number, but I'll tell you, in effect, I think there was somewhere over 30. We've identified five that don't need a Level II. Now, there's two things about that, they continue to have their Level II until, there's some that will go off this year, as of December 31st, and then there's a couple that will actually fall off for next year. So, we've only funded, I think we are funding three less this year, and it will be five total in the next, this year and next year.

Councilmember Terry: Okay, thank you.

Bill Fluty: Their job duties don't require it. I think it's been an on-going discussion with the Council and felt there wasn't a need there. If their duties would change, or we would consolidate back, then I may be up here again saying, you know, something has changed, but right now they're not doing that. They could be working in personal property, working different jobs in there that just aren't in the real estate, which just don't have a hands on any changing values. So, that's the thought process on that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions? None?

<p>REASSESSMENT/PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS 2490-1091</p>
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Councilmember Raben: Let's move to Sales Disclosure Fees, page, well, excuse me, yeah, Board of Appeals, page 112. That one's down about \$900. Is there any questions on that budget? None? Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: We approved, Mr. Chair, we approved, didn't we approve an increase in the fees for the PTABOA members?

Bill Fluty: Yes, you did.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, and that's reflected here?

Bill Fluty: Yes, it is, but remember we went from a five member board down to a three member board. So, it was nearly a wash. I think it was, if I remember right, maybe a couple hundred dollars.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, and it's a lot easier to deal with a three member, I would think.

Bill Fluty: That's correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

SALES DISCLOSURE FEES 3300

Councilmember Raben: Sales Disclosure, page 125. It looks like a thousand dollar decrease in this budget. Any questions on the Sales Disclosure budget? None? Okay, well you got, oh, the 110, the Reassessment Budget.

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR 2490-1090

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I almost overlooked that one.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. Chairman? This one also went down \$3,200. So, the four budgets that Mr. Fluty manages, they all went down. I think that's quite an accomplishment. If we had other departments like that, we might make our six million in cuts.

Councilmember Raben: Are there any questions on the Reassessment side?

President Kiefer: Yeah, just real quick.

Councilmember Raben: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Thank you. What's the, Bill, what's the balance on the Reassessment Fund?

Bill Fluty: Joe would have that right now.

President Kiefer: Oh, okay.

Bill Fluty: It's on the financial statement. He would have the up to date balance.

President Kiefer: Yeah, I was just curious.

Joe Gries: I'm sorry, the unappropriated balance currently is \$710,000 plus.

President Kiefer: Thank you.

Joe Gries: \$710,104.

President Kiefer: Thank you.

Bill Fluty: Now, I was here earlier and asked for \$250,000, which you granted earlier in the year. I have used nearly \$85,000 of that. I don't have too much plans to do anymore with that, and that will revert back into that Fund.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions? None? Bill, thank you.

Bill Fluty: Okay, thank you guys, appreciate it.

COUNTY AUDITOR 1020

Councilmember Raben: Joe, it's your turn. Move to Auditor, page seven.

Joe Gries: Okay, just to start, the rationale I just handed out is just showing on our Supply line on 1020-2600, once we combined those different lines we're dropping that \$2,000. And then Contractual Services we are using, next year, the printer study. We're going to the Xerox printers, so we're able to save money there as well. Because of that, Contractual Services is down from \$7,500 to \$6,000. Then one other point of note here, we have an employee retiring, actually, later this week. Friday is her last day. This person is part of the Exemption Department, one of the departments that Mr. Shetler, I think, in talking with Bill in the past and then with me as well, a department that we're looking to cross train with another department. We're in the process of doing that, and we're not going to be asking to fill that position, that line is 1240-1020. Also, we would reduce the FICA and PERF there as well. It would also affect the Insurance line in the Council's budget. So the net effect of that and our reductions in Supplies and Contractual Services here is about a three percent decrease in our budget for this year, or for next year, sorry.

Councilmember Lloyd: So, when this was prepared, you didn't know that that person was going to retire, basically?

Joe Gries: Exactly.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. So, we –

Councilmember Shetler: What line is it?

Councilmember Lloyd: 1240-1020 on page seven.

Joe Gries: 1240-1020.

Councilmember Lloyd: So that's \$35,779.

Joe Gries: Veterans Clerk, yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: I would like to commend you on–

Joe Gries: Well, this is the exemption department within the, the Veterans Clerk within the exemption department.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thank you for that. So you're reducing your staff by one full time?

Joe Gries: Yes, sir. Part of it, the work the Assessor has done with our office in the excise, which we talked about earlier this year, the new program that the Assessor's office put into place, has allowed us to push some of the work onto that employee, because their duties are lightened up because of that new technology.

Councilmember Raben: Any other questions? Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Just a quick point. What do you have, you have roughly what, 18-20 employees?

Joe Gries: I think we're at 25 since—

Councilmember Shetler: Then this, is this the second or third employee that's been reduced in the last four or five years out of that department?

Joe Gries: I think it's the third.

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

Joe Gries: Yeah, so we were up near 28, or 27, we'll be down to 24 as of next year.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, alright, thank you.

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY AUDITOR 2490-1020
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's move to page 109, Auditor Reassessment.

Joe Gries: The increase here is Extra Help.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any questions on Reassessment? None?

Joe Gries: The extra help person right now is helping us with the homestead verification form, which continues into its third year next year. So, they're doing a lot of the paperwork and the data entry for that as well.

Councilmember Goebel: Is that mandated by the state to send out each, with each billing?

Joe Gries: Exactly. There's a three year process where we send that, what we call the pink form, to verify homesteads within our county and then we put it in the state database to make sure that everybody is only receiving one within the state.

Councilmember Goebel: That's been an issue lately. Thank you.

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Well, Joe, great job.

JAIL BOND 3661

Councilmember Raben: Last we have Jail Bond on page 131. That is what it is. I see there's an administrative fee on there this year.

Joe Gries: These are fees that are incurred due to the lending institution administering the bonds. They weren't there in the past because the state actually cut those, because we weren't providing them with the documentation. So, we've done that this year and we're hoping that they won't cut that so we won't have to come back.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Joe, thank you.

Joe Gries: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: That concludes the budget hearing portion of today's meeting.

RESCHEDULING OF BUDGET CUTS & FINAL BUDGET HEARING DATES

Councilmember Raben: I would like to make an announcement, then I'll turn the mic back over to the President. Currently we have our budget cuts date set for September the 7th, and our final budget hearing on the 14th. We're going to move that back. The new dates will be September 21st will be our budget cuts, then our final will be September 28th. Along with that, we'll also be voting on the taxing units, as well as, I think we've also got a Personnel and Finance meeting scheduled. So we'll get to take care of three meetings in one. The time for the 21st, do we want to do it at 8:30 or 9:00, and I think the 28th we have to do it at 9:30 because of a schedule conflict within this room, but do we want to make it the 21st at 9:00 and the 28th at 9:30? Does that work?

Councilmember Shetler: I think I have, the 21st is a Wednesday?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: I have a schedule conflict. (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Councilmember Goebel: But, the 28th, we already have this reserved, don't we, for our regular meeting?

Councilmember Raben: For our regular meeting, yes.

Jeff Ahlers: Regular meeting and also the non-binding budget reviews were also scheduled that morning so we would just be adding something additional on the 28th.

Councilmember Raben: Didn't you tell me it would need to be 9:30 on the 28th?

Councilmember Goebel: Oh, it would be after? Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, so, we'll do our regular scheduled Personnel and Finance meeting at 8:30 on the 28th, and then we'll move into the other meeting.

Right, the non-binding will be immediately after our Personnel and Finance, and then our final budget hearing will be immediately following that.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, but we need to set times, because they have to be published.

Councilmember Raben: Well, let's set them for 8:30, 9:00 and 9:30.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, so, you'll need to re-notice, and you guys, Sandie, you'll need to send to the press, if you're moving the regular 9:00 meeting to 8:30, right? The Personnel and Finance Committee meeting.

Councilmember Raben: They are normally scheduled for 8:30.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, then he's checking on the 21st—

President Kiefer: Well, right now we're looking at 9:00 on the 21st, or 8:30? What's the time?

Councilmember Raben: 8:30, is that what you said, Stephanie? 8:30 for the 21st?

President Kiefer: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, the 21st you're doing 8:30 instead of 9:00?

President Kiefer: That works good. I guess, we're recessed then until the 21st then on this.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, while we're working on that, could you clarify when we expect to have the final numbers on Insurance? Will that be, I know we're estimating pretty high.

President Kiefer: I don't have an answer on that.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, will we get those in before? Okay.

Councilmember Raben: That's part of the delay, is to allow more time to negotiate some rate decrease.

Jeff Ahlers: He says he's tied up till noon on the 21st. Well, we've got, I mean, Teri's saying, so I don't know if we need to take a brief recess and come back in five minutes and everybody check their calendars, because of the way that the advertising rules work for budgets, we need to be able to announce on the record that we're just recessing, not adjourning this meeting, and that it's being continued to a certain date and time. So, if you guys want to take a brief break, make whatever calls, get your schedules, but it's going to cause us a lot of advertising problems if we don't.

Councilmember Raben: Would the 22nd be better? What about, it could be the 20th, it can be the 22nd.

Councilmember Shetler: I can do it the 22nd. (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Kiefer: Russ is out of the room. He had to leave, so we don't know if his schedule is available on that date.

Councilmember Goebel: Five minute recess?

President Kiefer: Sure.

Jeff Ahlers: Let's take a five minute, do you want to take a five minute recess?

President Kiefer: Yeah, five minute recess.

Jeff Ahlers: Just off the record.

(The meeting was recessed for five minutes)

President Kiefer: Can we reconvene now? We're going to reconvene the budget hearings and I think we have a date set, selected possibly.

Councilmember Raben: September 22nd at 8:30 a.m. will be our budget cuts and then September 28th at 8:30 we'll have our Personnel & Finance meeting, at 9:00 a.m. we'll have our non-binding taxing units and at 9:30 we'll set the final budget.

President Kiefer: Okay, I think we have it.

Jeff Ahlers: So this meeting today, just to clarify, this meeting is being recessed until September 22nd at 8:30 a.m., correct?

President Kiefer: Correct, and see you guys then. Thank you.

(The meeting was recessed at 11:20 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**

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

President Kiefer: I'd like to call the Vanderburgh County Council meeting to order for September 7th, 2011. I'd like to ask Commissioner Lloyd Winnecke to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Kiefer: Thank you very much. Today's agenda, we'll start with a roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben		X
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Kiefer	X	

President Kiefer: We have six members here so we have a quorum.

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES AUGUST 3, 2011</p>
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President Kiefer: Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve minutes.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: We have a first and a second. All in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed? None.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</p>

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

President Kiefer: Okay, we'll move right along into the appropriation ordinance and it looks like the first thing we have here is Weights & Measures. And a lot of this, some of this stuff, we talked about last week, but it looks like to amend the salary

ordinance as follows, line 1302- 1120 Deputy Inspector, requested \$508, line 1302-1130 Deputy Inspector \$508, and then the same for 1302-1150 – they’re all the same line item numbers, FICA and PERF, so I don’t see anything unusual about this.

Councilmember Shetler: Move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1302-1120-1302	Deputy Inspector	508.00	508.00
1302-1130-1302	Deputy Inspector	508.00	508.00
1302-1150-1302	Deputy Inspector	508.00	508.00
1302-1900	FICA	117.00	117.00
1302-1910	PERF	172.00	172.00
Total		1,813.00	1,813.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Kiefer: Next is under Superintendent of County Buildings, Utilities, \$50,000. I see Commissioner Winnecke is here.

Lloyd Winnecke: Good morning. I think this is a pretty self-explanatory request asking for \$50,000, although after the bill we received this week, we’re not sure that

it's going to be sufficient to cover us for the balance of the year. The August bill that we just received was for almost \$21,000. Typically, our monthly bill averages about \$15,000 a month, gets a little higher in the winter months, but because of the excessive heat it was clearly up in August.

President Kiefer: So this is basically your Vectren bill then.

Lloyd Winnecke: More or less, yes. But it does include other – it includes all utilities, but that's the big -

President Kiefer: The big chunk of it. Okay, Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Have we done any kind of study to make sure that our rent is appropriate considering our expenses? Because I understand it's 85% occupied.

Lloyd Winnecke: It is. Not lately, I'm not sure that we've done it since we've employed the use of an outside realtor to help lease the space, but it's probably a good idea that we could employ.

Councilmember Shetler: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, any other questions? Is there a motion to approve?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. No further discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I think the delightful 70 degree weather we've had will help the September bill. Hopefully, we'll have milder weather the rest of the year. I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, approved. Thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-3200	Utilities	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total		50,000.00	50,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

President Kiefer: We'll move right along to Superior Court, Judge Dietsch is here to talk about this, the Petit Jurors for \$10,000.

Terry Dietsch: Good morning.

President Kiefer: Good morning, Judge.

Terry Dietsch: In this account, in preparing the budget for 2011, we looked back over the previous years and we noticed that, actually, we were getting by on less than the amount that we asked to be appropriated. So, in a cost cutting measure, we reduced our request for 2011 by \$10,000. Lo and behold, this is the year that we ran out, so we're asking for an additional \$10,000 to get us through the remainder of the year. We have no funds available at present.

President Kiefer: Any discussion?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, questions? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: This is the account for Superior Court where you just pay the jurors? I mean, is that just jury duty pay?

Terry Dietsch: Yes, they have to be paid.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, and you've got jury duty trials going on right now?

Terry Dietsch: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: So we don't want to give them IOU's, right?

Terry Dietsch: No, I think not.

President Kiefer: Okay, so we have a first and a second. If no further discussion, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, approved. And Judge, I didn't know if you wanted to make any comments about –

Terry Dietsch: Well, I have one more item if you don't mind. Mr. President, did you happen to notice perchance how shabbily our tigers were treated last Friday? Isn't there something you could do about that?

President Kiefer: Well, our quarterback was injured, I'm sure the outcome might have been different. Wishful thinking.

Councilmember Shetler: Judge, there was some redemption for us monarch fans in that we got to go to an all school reunion the next night, so that was some satisfaction.

President Kiefer: Well, at least it was a fellow catholic school that trumped us. Okay, we'll move on.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3903	Petit Jurors	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

BURDETTE PARK

President Kiefer: Next is Burdette Park and Utilities for \$30,000.

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, manager Burdette.

President Kiefer: Good morning. I'm assuming this is probably the same story that Commissioner Winnecke gave.

Steve Craig: Yeah, we had spoke last week about the hot summer and that, you know, has put us as it did last year and the year before, it looks like that we will run out. I went back after Tom had asked me if that was more than I needed or not, and with the August bill in, it looks like we will be either right on it or even a little bit short. But like you told me, and I knew the December we pay next year, so I think that's an honest assessment of what I'll need to make it through the rest of the year.

President Kiefer: Okay, I appreciate you reiterating that, and Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: What do you guys run, utilities, a month? Roughly.

Steve Craig: It goes from \$12,000 down to \$8,000 - \$7,000. It just, you know, the spring months are a lot lower and the summer is just off the charts it seems like. But we're running, like I told them, we run six 30 horsepower motors at the pool to run the pumps in the summer. Our Discovery Lodge is used almost every day of the summer by our day camp, and then the weekends, both days are rented. So the summer time, it pushes up to probably 15 - 16,000, but then in the spring and then in the fall, it drops quite a bit.

Councilmember Lloyd: Is it mainly electric or is it also water?

Steve Craig: The water is very minute. I couldn't give you a cost on it compared to the electric, and we do have gas in part of the park and we still even have some propane in parts that we couldn't run the gas lines to when we installed it to the park.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, gas prices are pretty reasonable, so that helps.

Steve Craig: Yeah, I wish we had it all through the whole park because the electric is what's went off the chart in the last several years. But, as I told them last week, every time we replace a new furnace or something we get the most energy efficient one we can. We had changed to the energy efficient light bulbs five years ago when we built the lodge. You know, it was unheard of to use these expensive light bulbs, but most of the light bulbs that we put in it six or seven years ago are still in it and they're still burning. And they're like 19% of what you'd use on a 100 watt bulb, you know, it burns 19%, so we've done everything that I possibly can see. I keep reading about it, if anybody has got any ideas with new energy efficient ways, I'm game for it because we've tried everything. My night watchman turns off our utilities at night in buildings, turns off the heaters, the air conditioners, and they're not turned back on until the facility is rented. So like I said, if I get any suggestions, I will take them.

Councilmember Lloyd: Is the pool still open or is that –

Steve Craig: It closed Monday, Russell.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Good morning, Steve.

Steve Craig: Good morning.

Councilmember Goebel: You did mention that you closed down the utilities to each of the lodges of the rentals as they're not used. I'm just curious if that is a proper way to handle it or do you keep a minimum amount so it doesn't cost so much to kick it back in, if you know what I mean, to make it usable.

Steve Craig: We looked at that, and when my crew, I have somebody, if a building is rented on a day, we have somebody go check it in the morning, and they will turn the air conditioner on to make sure that it is running properly and that, but if it's been off for six days, you know, it's definitely a savings that we had not used that air conditioner for six days. And these are usually, basically, rental cabins and not like the chalets and that. But we do turn them on in the morning and when the people arrive an hour or two later, they are cool. So I know that it ran for that hour or two, but it's been off for four or five days, I think it's a savings to the park.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, I'll leave that to you and I know you're trying. Do you

absolutely need this amount or, I know you enjoy coming before us, would you want to come back later?

Steve Craig: I have no problem coming and talking to you, but I think this is an honest assessment of what we do need. I mean, if you give me less, I'll see you around the holidays, I think, but other than that...I went back and looked, and we sat down and I thought it was a pretty honest number.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, well, it would revert back regardless if you don't use it all, is that correct?

Steve Craig: Yes Sir.

President Kiefer: Okay, we'll look for a motion then.

Councilmember Shetler: Motion for approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and second.

Councilmember Shetler: I have one question or point, maybe, to ask Commissioner Winnecke, and I don't mean to put you on the spot here, but we have a contract with one of Vectren's entities, the Commissioner's office does, --

Lloyd Winnecke: The energy systems group?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes. And I can't recall exactly the specifics of that contract, but it's supposed to be to help us save --

Lloyd Winnecke: At the Old Courthouse, ironically.

Councilmember Shetler: Only there?

Lloyd Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, I didn't know if it was comprehensive for the whole systems or not.

Lloyd Winnecke: No.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, but it is at the Old Courthouse, so can we I guess double check and make sure we're getting the most efficient --

Lloyd Winnecke: I made a note of that when I saw that the Vectren bill had come in.

Councilmember Shetler: Great. Thank you. Great minds.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you very much. We have a first and a second. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Congratulations.

Steve Craig: Thank you very much.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-3200	Utilities	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total		30,000.00	30,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CCD/COMMISSIONERS

President Kiefer: We're going to move down to CCD fund appropriations, 2031-1300-4130 Park & Playground. Commissioner Winnecke, I guess this is for \$107,500, transfer.

Lloyd Winnecke: This is the money that was previously transferred out of this line item to buy the election equipment in order to provide the voting centers for this fall's election.

President Kiefer: Okay, it seems pretty simple. Any discussion?

Lloyd Winnecke: Just as a point of reminder, this is money that will be used to help construct the infrastructure around the new property that we acquired for Burdette, I think, last year. That's how that money is sort of earmarked.

President Kiefer: Okay, I look for a motion, please.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve \$107,500.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. If no further discussion, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that's six-zero approved. Thank you very much.

CCD/COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1300-4130	Park & Playground	107,500.00	107,500.00
Total		107,500.00	107,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

President Kiefer: The next page, we look at the Local Emergency Plan Commission, Emergency Management requesting \$2,500. And is anybody here to discuss that?

Councilmember Shetler: Motion to approve.

President Kiefer: We've got a motion to approve, is there a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

Councilmember Goebel: Was anyone here last –

President Kiefer: No.

Councilmember Goebel: Did we not request that someone show?

President Kiefer: Yeah, we sent out a letter to everybody, didn't we, Sandie?

Sandie Deig: Yes, we did.

President Kiefer: Okay, what this is, in the explanation, they had an unexpected expense and reduction in their yearly funding and grant reimbursement from the state, and that's what it was. It would be good and duly noted that we need to have somebody here to give us an explanation of these expenses. We can hold off on this and we can wait until the next –

Councilmember Goebel: It's not a lot of information as to, are the funds needed right now or can they wait a month or –

President Kiefer: I say we put it off until the next month then.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll withdraw my motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Withdraw my second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we're going to put this off –

Councilmember Lloyd: We're just deferring this.

President Kiefer: Deferring this until our October meeting and, Sandie, if you'll contact them and ask them to show up at our Personnel & Finance meeting the last Wednesday of the month, and then we'll readdress that at that point. Thank you, Councilman Goebel.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2861-3210	Emergency Mgmt.	2,500.00	Deferred
Total		2,500.00	Deferred

TRANSFER REQUESTS

HIGHWAY (TWO REQUESTS)

President Kiefer: Highway Department, is there somebody here to address this?

Lloyd Winnecke: Good morning, Mr. Duckworth had a family emergency and asked that I present his transfer request. I believe all but one have to do with storm related activity early in the year, which we've spent from line items in order to respond to snow and ice, flooding and other wind damage events. This is money we anticipate recovering from FEMA through a reimbursement, but we obviously have to pay the bills in order to get the reimbursement and these transfers just simply replenish some accounts that we've spent down as a result of these natural acts.

President Kiefer: Okay, while we have you up here then, on the second Highway item, 2010-1061 Assistant Mechanic \$7,087.

Lloyd Winnecke: I'm less familiar with that in all candor. Apparently, PERF and FICA were not figured earlier and so there is a line shortage of \$83, if I'm reading it correctly.

President Kiefer: Yeah, I'm reading the same explanation, so if there's no questions about that, we can go ahead and vote on that.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve the two requests from Highway as submitted.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, further discussion? Roll call please. And this is for both line items, 2010-3010, and 2010-1061 and 2010-1046.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So that’s approved 6-0. Thank you, Commissioner.

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-3010	Other Insurance	19,000.00	19,000.00
To: 2010-2210	Fuel	19,000.00	19,000.00

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-1061	Asst. Mechanic	7,087.00	7,087.00
2010-1046	Laborer	83.00	83.00
To: 2010-1900	FICA	2,902.00	2,902.00
2010-1910	PERF	4,268.00	4,268.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (TWO REQUESTS)

President Kiefer: Okay, the Cumulative Bridge.

Lloyd Winnecke: Essentially, the same explanation on this and the Local Roads & Streets, and these are all items that we have documented. All of our expenses have been well documented in order for us to receive federal reimbursement.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved for both Cumulative Bridge.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, first and second. Further discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. That’s 6-0, approved. Thank you.

Lloyd Winnecke: Thank you.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4373	First Avenue Bridge	40,000.00	40,000.00
To: 2030-4425	Fickas Road Culvert	40,000.00	40,000.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4230	Motor Vehicles	50,000.00	50,000.00
2030-2560	Concrete	15,000.00	15,000.00
To: 2030-2210	Fuel	50,000.00	50,000.00
2030-2000	Materials	15,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Kiefer: Okay, and the last thing, I believe, on this is Local Emergency Plan Commission.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, you’ve got Local Roads & Streets.

President Kiefer: I thought we did those all together.

Councilmember Lloyd: No, we just did the two Cumulative Bridge.

President Kiefer: Okay, my apologies. We have Local Roads & Streets, Equipment Lease & Rental, Road Equipment, Tires & Tubes and Equipment Repair. You might as well stay up here for a while.

Lloyd Winnecke: I'm sorry, I thought they were together, too. Same story. We've, obviously, went through a lot of tires and just garage equipment during the course of responding to these events. So we've simply asked, this transfer will replenish these line items and allow us to make sure we have plenty of necessary equipment for the balance of the year.

President Kiefer: Okay, is there discussion?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Further discussion? None? Roll call, Teri.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, approved 6-0.

Lloyd Winnecke: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Don't go away, you never know when you're going to be called back up.

Lloyd Winnecke: Quit while I'm ahead.

Lloyd Winnecke: Yeah, this was affiliated with the flood cleanup.

President Kiefer: Yeah, I remember reading about this in the paper that there was – I was surprised, I didn't realize that sandbags became contaminated and had to be disposed of in a certain way.

Lloyd Winnecke: Yeah, the federal government has a very lengthy procedure of disposal.

President Kiefer: Okay, are there questions amongst Councilmembers?

Lloyd Winnecke: And again, this is a reimbursable item that we've documented well during our cleanup effort.

President Kiefer: That's good. Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve \$16,450 transfer.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, further discussion? Teri, if you could do roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, approved 6-0.

Lloyd Winnecke: Thank you.

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-2230	Garage & Motor	16,450.00	16,450.00
To: 2010-3190	Solid Waste Disposal	16,450.00	16,450.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

President Kiefer: And next, Health Department. I see Gary is here to go through this with us.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. Thank you. Sorry for the lateness, but we had a resignation, a surprise resignation from our Vector Control Supervisor, and the first request will be to transfer funds into Accrued Payments for the time that he would be owed so that we could replace the position as soon as possible because the Vector Control is a critical position to the Health department, especially at a time of year when we've had several positive lab confirmed pools of West Nile mosquitos, that we've been out doing adulticiding operations. Last night I was out until 11:30 with the crews just to make sure that we can continue to protect the community. And then the second request would be to put some additional funds into extra help for the mosquito extra help line item for the same reason. We've depleted the funds that we had because of all the activities since the early flooding this year to combat the mosquito population in Vanderburgh County. I'd be happy to answer any questions. The funds are available in other line items to accommodate both of these requests.

President Kiefer: Okay, so this really ties into your request to fill the Vector Control Supervisor vacancy that's showing in the new business section.

Gary Heck: And plus of the recent – yes, that one does. But the extra help mosquitos is just because we're still combating positive pools of West Nile virus mosquitos and we just need the help to go out and do that in the community.

President Kiefer: Okay, since these two are obviously tied together, what, this position, beyond doing this West Nile control and mosquito control, do they, like what do they do during the winter time when we obviously don't have that concern?

Gary Heck: This position also coordinates our public health preparedness and response efforts which is an ongoing, around the year preparation. We work closely with the emergency management agency and with all the other first responder agencies, the fire departments, law enforcement, ambulance services, hospitals, and we're constantly planning, testing our plans, modifying those plans so that should an emergency occur, we'd be prepared to handle that. And this supervisor's position also coordinates that effort for the Health department, and they also take the lead roll in the GIS system for the Health department where we also use the GIS system to document all of the other types of works that we've done in the environmental areas, mapping, septic systems, the catch basins that we've treated for mosquitos, just to name a few.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Shetler: Where did that individual go?

Gary Heck: It's my understanding that he was approached and that he's going to work in the private sector for a company that deals with boilers. He's not doing anything in public health, per se. He just had an opportunity to go into the private sector and make more money for his family.

Councilmember Lloyd: Nothing to do with bugs?

Gary Heck: Not that I'm aware of. Nothing to do with bugs at this time.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I mean, it just so happens that this year has been a very wet, early summer, so I guess mosquitos are not, I mean, it's a big problem.

Gary Heck: It is and we do a lot of testing where we actually set traps to gather mosquitos that can then go in for testing to see if we do have positive – if any of them test positive for the West Nile because that will change some of the methods that we do and that's why there's been a lot more adulticiding this year with the fogging where you see the trucks out. The adulticiding is probably one of the least effective methods of combating it. The most effective, of course, is if the public will drain any excess water sources on their property, regularly change bird bath water, empty tires, flower plants that retain water when not in use, you have clogged gutters that holds water, retains water, all of those are just prime sources for mosquitos to populate, and that's what causes a lot of the problems.

Councilmember Lloyd: What area of the county did they find the West Nile virus?

Gary Heck: It's been all over, it hasn't been isolated in any one particular area. Last night we were between the Lloyd Expressway and Diamond, between Heidelbach and Weinbach, so previously we were on the west side. Earlier this spring we were honoring requests to go out on some of the public golf courses and some of the areas where there was going to be outside activity for little leagues and soft ball and so we've been all over the county, but it hasn't just been in one specific area, it's been fairly widespread.

Councilmember Lloyd: So the public, they just need to make sure and not have any stagnate water on their property, try to drain that.

Gary Heck: That's one of the best things that they can do, make sure that they wear DEET if they're outside. Most of the activity is when we're out, spraying is going to start at about 8:00 at night, so if they can try to be indoors when we're making that initial pass, that would be very helpful, too.

Councilmember Lloyd: Where do you guys spray?

Gary Heck: Anywhere where we find a reason to, and it's usually where we have found positive cases of the West Nile virus, so it's public streets, alleys, and when invited on golf courses or any places where the public would be out in large numbers.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

Gary Heck: You're welcome.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, motion to approve Health Department transfer, 2130-1520, 2130-3600, 18,324 and 2,016 to the Accrued Payments and FICA accounts.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Alright, we have a first and a second. Further discussion? Seeing none, Teri, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, congratulations, 6-0.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2130-1520	Nurse/HCP/PT	18,324.00	18,324.00
2130-3600	Rent	2,016.00	2,016.00
To: 2130-1971	Accrued Payments	15,809.00	15,809.00
2130-1900	FICA	1,354.00	1,354.00
2130-1910	PERF	1,305.00	1,305.00
2130-1990	Extra Help	1,872.00	1,872.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING
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President Kiefer: We'll move right along here. There are no repeals, no old business, we're into new business. Solid Waste Management District budget, public hearing. I see, Joe, you're out in the audience. I saw your budget here and your letter. We're just having a public hearing on this today and not an actual –

Joe Ballard: That's correct. The state has decided that not only do you need to adopt our budget which we did the last couple of years, but that I must come before you for a public hearing as well. That's what this is, no vote is needed or anything like that, so with me is Susan Jeffries, the administrator of our staff, and I guess let me make a couple of comments and then Mr. Lloyd is on our Solid Waste board also. First of all, I would say that no tax money funds the Solid Waste District. We're completely funded by money that we receive from a fee of waste dumped into the landfill. We've raised our budget this year 3.8% from 392,000 to 407,000 or \$15,000. The last three years we have reduced our budget. At one time it was \$505,000, but with the economy and different things there's been less money coming from the landfill. A couple of years ago we did cut one staff member so it's a staff of two at this point and the landfill at one time was short – well, it was short for a couple of years. It's now started to increase this year and so the money has

been a lot better, but as I said, we've increased it \$15,000. So if there are any questions, I can take them.

President Kiefer: Questions from Councilmembers? Joe, I mean, what is the primary, I think I know this, but for the public's sake, I mean, can you just state what the primary mission of your Solid Waste –

Joe Ballard: Sure, we have some environmental and waste reduction recycling programs. For example, this Saturday, we have what we call the ToxAway Day or household hazardous waste collection day, and we do that by one day programs a lot. We do two electronics recycling days for computers, a couple of tire days, and I will say the vector control person had always gone out on a Saturday and collected about 50 tires for us, too, spots that he knew about. We do 21 drop off recycling days at different locations throughout the county where the public can bring in plastic milk jugs and aluminum cans, newspaper, cardboard, and the like, mixed paper, and then we speak to schools and other civic groups about waste reduction and the like. I will say, as I've told other people, our job is to reduce the amount of waste going in the landfill. But, I get my money from the landfill, so I want to have money to do my programs. So the idea is for you to generate waste and put it in the landfill, which then I can use to tell you not to put it in the landfill.

President Kiefer: I understand. It's like Vectren telling you to reduce energy consumption.

Joe Ballard: Yeah, basically.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Did you say that this Saturday, this coming Saturday is Tox Away Day?

Joe Ballard: That's correct.

Councilmember Goebel: And that's at the stadium?

Joe Ballard: It's at Roberts Stadium for now. This year, it's there.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Joe Ballard: Probably be there for a couple years.

President Kiefer: Any other discussion points?

Councilmember Lloyd: A lot of your budget goes to programs and you generally employ outside contractors to assist in the recycling efforts.

Joe Ballard: That's correct. We do some things, well, we work with the contractors, but for example, the ToxAway Day, I have a contractor from Cincinnati, Environmental Enterprises, Incorporated, that's done a great job, with our drop off recycling days we contract with Wesselman Woods to do that. On the electronics day, we use a company called C & I Electronics, which is a local company that's grown and gotten larger and they contract with the EVSC, Old National Bank, places like that, so they're a local company. The tire program is also with a local company, actually out of Chandler. So yes, we use private contractors on all that.

Councilmember Lloyd: How long has electronics been going on?

Joe Ballard: Seven or eight years, maybe. That has grown by leaps and bounds, tremendously.

Councilmember Lloyd: So many people have an old PC or an old monitor or old TV in the garage or whatever, and this is a great way to –

Joe Ballard: Yeah, the very first year we did tires, which we did that when we first started about seventeen or eighteen years ago, we collected 4,000 tires. I didn't think there would be that many tires out there. Who's got tires? But lots of people do. But now we get about 1,000 to 1,500, which is still a significant number, but the computer day, it's just really grown. And last year, I will say, we take TV's, too. Last year, we filled three semi's full of TV's, including the old five foot by six foot projection monitor TV's, there's ten or twelve of those.

Councilmember Lloyd: The other point I'd like to make is the trash does kind of follow the economy, so a couple of years ago, your budget was hit pretty hard, and tipping fees fell by what, fifteen percent or something like that?

Joe Ballard: Yeah. Oh, it was down quite a bit, like low of \$300,000, we'll probably collect about \$440,000 or so this year.

Councilmember Lloyd: But I think this agency not using any taxpayer dollars, it's funded by fees, it really provides a good service.

President Kiefer: Well, Joe, there's one public hearing.

Joe Ballard: Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: May I ask another question?

President Kiefer: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: When you downsized a couple of years back, was that in direct relation to the lower amount being sent in and the success of the program of recycling? Or does it have anything to do with, are they not related?

Joe Ballard: Well, possibly. But I think it has more to do with the economy and less waste going into the landfill and we had a lot less money coming in for a couple of years, so it has really to do with that.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Thank you, Joe, appreciate it.

Joe Ballard: Thank you.

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Kiefer: Okay, next we'll ask Prosecutor Nick Hermann to come up here. Nick, I see you're looking to fill an Investigator vacancy that's recently occurred.

Nick Hermann: Yes, good morning. We've been notified, one of our Investigators is leaving, he got hired by the FBI, and just by popular reports, I guess, the federal

government has more money to throw around than county government. But we're happy for him, exciting to see him move on and go on a new career path. Our problem is that we're adequately staffed, but close to understaffed to begin with. We can't let this position sit empty. In a different year I'd probably be here asking the Council to buy out his remaining time. Given the financial circumstances of the county, we've pulled some money together and what we're doing is we're offering to pay the buyout as opposed to wait, I want to say it's nine or ten weeks until we can fill the position. But he is leaving on September 16th, we would like to fill the position on September 19th, and then not have that lapse. And what we would propose to do would be to pay his buyout out of our infraction deferral program.

Joe Gries: President Kiefer? Sorry, I just wanted to make a point that we'd want to make sure that the person would start at the beginning of a pay period and I don't know if that's the 19th or, I mean, I'd have to look at the calendar.

Nick Hermann: I'm not sure, either.

Joe Gries: It might be.

Sandie Deig: He doesn't get bought out until the (inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Joe Gries: Unless that payment would be made out of a different line? If it would –

Sandie Deig: Well, he's not leaving until the 16th.

President Kiefer: Sandie, if I understand you correctly, you're not asking for any buyout money. You're paying for that from your deferral program.

Nick Hermann: Yes.

President Kiefer: But what Joe is saying is, he's got to start at the beginning of a pay period, which –

Joe Gries: That, and I think Sandie's point is that we can't pay two people out of the same line, but if we're paying the buyout out of a different line, would they be able to start earlier than that?

Sandie Deig: He will be bought out on the 16th, and he's leaving on the 16th, so he'll get a paycheck as of the 16th.

President Kiefer: Can you coordinate with Joe or Sandie on the start date of, you know, when the pay period begins that way we get him started –

Joe Gries: We'll make sure all that gets coordinated.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Are we allowed to have other means of funding buyouts?

President Kiefer: This is opening a new door.

Nick Hermann: My impression was the Council would take money from wherever they could get it.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, let it ride out until the time expires.

Councilmember Lloyd: If the buyout is coming from a different fund, it seems like that could be done on the 16th. You know, you get the regular county paycheck out of that line, maybe the buyout out of a different line on the same date, then you could start them on the 19th. And I'm just thinking out loud here.

Joe Gries: That would be up, I think, to the Council.

President Kiefer: I mean, it would be okay with me but I just want to make sure he starts not in the middle of a pay period.

Nick Hermann: Obviously, what we're trying to do is we're trying to avoid, with the way that they get paid for, not only for whatever vacation time they have plus last year or whatever they've accrued, it gets to be a lengthy time and then we have another investigator that we know is retiring, would be retiring during the time that we'd be paying out, and we're just trying to not have that gap.

President Kiefer: Okay, Nick, just for the public, can you tell a little bit about qualifications for this investigator position and what exactly their responsibilities are?

Nick Hermann: Our investigators do a wide variety of things. They deal with the public, they are the ones that initially come in contact with the public after they've filed a police report. They come down, they meet with our investigators when they want to file charges. We have other investigators that work with the felony cases that come from the detectives. They work through those toward getting charges filed. It's a wide variety of things. It is a higher level position in our office and based on the applications that we've gotten so far, we have people with college degrees, masters degrees, you know, some people with decades of experience, and so it's, like I said, it's a higher position in our office and mainly it deals with the filing of charges and dealing with the public.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you very much. Okay, any other comments?
Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Did you say you'll have another one retiring during this time period?

Nick Hermann: We're having another one retire. Part of the question on her is how much vacation time she uses between now and then, but I believe she's retiring in October or November, and I believe his, if we let it run out, I think he's got nine or ten weeks by the time you figure getting someone trained and acclimated, we're trying to avoid a situation where we've got two people leaving and not be ready to go.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, and this individual, you don't have a person for that position yet? Or do you have someone you're going to move in –

Nick Hermann: We have interviews starting in fifteen minutes.

President Kiefer: Nick, starting salary versus exiting salary? I mean, I'm sure there's some savings here on what we're going to be paying.

Nick Hermann: The person exiting, I believe, has over five years experience, so that

would be a step three, right now it looks like the new person is going to be new to the county, so there would be some savings there. But I don't know an exact number.

Councilmember Shetler: I think it's around \$3,500.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: That's what I was going to point out, that there's approximately \$37,000 is what he's getting paid now, and the new one would be about 33,000.

President Kiefer: So there's a little bit of savings there. Okay, well, thanks for the help on doing the buyout, appreciate that. I would ask for a motion to approve.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as submitted, approval to hire a full-time investigator.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Any further discussion? Teri, if you could do the roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, six-zero, congratulations, Mr. Hermann, Prosecutor Hermann.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Kiefer: Next is the Health Department, request to fill the Vector Control Supervisor vacancy. Although we talked about this a little bit under the transfer, this is obviously a different line item to fill the vacancy.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, motion to approve the request from the Health

Department to fill the vacancy for Vector Control Supervisor.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have the first by Councilman Lloyd, second by Councilman Goebel. Any further discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. See, Gary, we took it easy on you.

Gary Heck: Appreciate that.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p>CO.R-09-11-008 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA AND VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA FOR OPERATION OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT</p>
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President Kiefer: Next is the resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council approving an interlocal agreement between the City of Evansville, Indiana and Vanderburgh County, Indiana. You'll see on your desk we have this CO.R-09-11-008. Mr. Counselor, do we need to read this resolution into the –

Jeff Ahlers: No, it's not necessary to read it in unless you want to. It's rather, well, I guess the resolution is not lengthy, but there's the interlocal agreement that's also in your packet, so you'll be passing a resolution approving the agreement so that the officers of the Council can sign it. It's already been passed by the Commissioners.

President Kiefer: Right –

Jeff Ahlers: I mean, I guess it will also be passed by the City Council.

President Kiefer: Right, that's for that Building Commissioner consolidation work that we had talked about earlier and everybody has got this on their desk. Is there comments or any other discussion, otherwise I'd ask for a motion to approve.

Councilmember Lloyd: I would just ask our counselor, what's the purpose of this?

Jeff Ahlers: The purpose in what respect?

President Kiefer: The resolution.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, the resolution is just for Council to sign the agreement, is that what you mean?

President Kiefer: I think it's a requirement because next we'll have the actual agreement, that's right behind.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I think all you need to do is pass the resolution, and you can just vote on it at one time. I mean, really, that's what the resolution is doing, it's just approving the agreement.

President Kiefer: So what you're saying is, the next item on the agenda is the actual interlocal city-county Building Department agreement, so we can pass these two together?

Jeff Ahlers: I'd just pass them together with one vote.

President Kiefer: Okay, I like that. Discussion from Councilmembers?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, it looks like these are agreements between the Building Commissioner and the city and county, is that correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, it's just between the city and the county. The Building Commissioner, it has to do with the Building Commissioner, that would be the department head.

President Kiefer: It didn't look like we actually sign on this agreement.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, on the agreement there is. There's a signature for the president of the County Council to sign. As you'll see, the Commissioners have already passed this, so –

President Kiefer: Yeah, it's already got the – I was looking at the last page. Yeah, it's already got the signature of the –

Jeff Ahlers: It's a two year agreement.

Councilmember Lloyd: So it's for the joint operation of that Building Commissioner working in both the city and county.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, it's just like we have with the joint purchasing department or –

Councilmember Lloyd: Central Dispatch.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, some of the other agencies.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

President Kiefer: And this is a good deal because it's saving the county money, saving the city money. I think what they're doing, by consolidating and reorganizing, they're going to save local government money which in turn saves taxpayer money, so I'm in favor of this. I'd look for a motion from somebody to approve this. We'll do both of these together, the resolution and the interlocal agreement city-county Building Department agreement.

Councilmember Terry: Quick question, is there already an assistant Building Commissioner or would this be a new position created with this joint agreement?

President Kiefer: I think it's already existing, already in place, yeah.

Jeff Ahlers: Also the financing of this, the city pays 75% and the county pays 25%.

President Kiefer: Which is really a little bit better deal than what we've had before in the past from the county's perspective.

Councilmember Terry: So there's already an assistant Commissioner?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, this is already in the budget, I believe.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, I make a motion to approve a resolution of Vanderburgh County Council approving an interlocal agreement between the city of Evansville, Indiana and Vanderburgh County, Indiana regarding the – also a motion to approve the interlocal agreement of the City-County Building Department.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a motion, is there a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Shetler. Further discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, so it passes six-zero, and so it's approved. And is there a document that you're going to pass around for signature?

Teri Lukeman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

**AREA PLAN
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
TREASURER**

President Kiefer: Next on the agenda is travel requests. We have travel requests from Area Plan, Health Department, and the Treasurer, and it looks like Area Plan is looking for \$500 attending the American Planning Association. Is there somebody here from Area Plan? It's not a state called meeting. I'd ask that we postpone this or deny it because if there's nobody –

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Kiefer: Yeah sure, if they're available.

Councilmember Shetler: I've got a question here in general. It really kind of stuck out at me on the Treasurer's request, noticing on the form, you know, it's asking if breakfast is provided: checked off yes, and if lunch is provided: check off yes, and then dinner provided: no. Well then you look at the per diem, and I'm just wondering, that \$26, is that per diem set, and is that across the board for all and is there differences between if you got meals provided?

Gary Heck: There is.

Councilmember Shetler: There is. Okay, so what's the standard when there's not meals provided?

Gary Heck: It's like 5.50 for –

Councilmember Shetler: It's broken down by meal?

Gary Heck: Right, but I think dinner might be \$13, is what I sort of believe. I don't have those exact figures, but there is an amount that's allowed for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Twenty-six would be for the whole day if no meals were provided at all.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, well, and because I thought that was very high for \$26 for dinner only, is what this is allowing for, per person, and I thought that was a bit excessive.

Zach Heronemus: To be honest, I've never seen any figures that have been broken down with respect to how the per diem (inaudible – comments not made from the microphone).

President Kiefer: Could you please come to the podium? We need to get this for the

record. Name and...

Zach Heronemus: Zach Heronemus, Chief Deputy Treasurer. To be honest, I've never seen the breakdown analysis or however that goes. I'm assuming maybe I could get that from you, Joe, or –

Joe Gries: I believe so.

Zach Heronemus: This is the only travel request that I've ever submitted where we actually had the breakfast and the lunch provided by the conference. So it's a new one on me, if you need to make adjustments on that, I have no problem doing that for you.

Councilmember Shetler: The other thing that we might want to do is somehow reflect on the form, if certain hotels provide breakfast type things in the mornings and sometimes even heavy hors d'oeuvres in the evening and stuff, but we might want to make some kind of note of that because if they're getting a breakfast, the government ought not be reimbursing them for that when that's included in the cost of the hotel itself. So I know that the conference itself is providing that, but in some cases they may not be paying for that, but the hotel is providing it and we paid an extra charge for it anyway.

Joe Gries: I also know in the past that Council has asked the Auditor's office to require receipts to be brought back, and a lot of times we won't reimburse folks without receipts, so that may be another way that we can look at the cost for meals as well.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you, Joe.

Zach Heronemus: Would that be just sticking with the per diem or would it be that actual amount of the dinner because I think \$26 for a day seems like a lot but if you're having to eat three meals, you know, most likely you're not really getting that all covered with a \$26 per diem, continental breakfast or not, for the most part.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, I'm certainly not the CPA in the room but I'm thinking that the IRS doesn't really allow you to take off 100% anyway to be reimbursed, typically speaking. I think that there's a percentage of that because they figure that you would have spent something at home or whatever for that meal, so they don't allow you the full 100%. I'm talking about in the other world there.

Zach Heronemus: I understand.

Councilmember Terry: I think we do need to establish what the standard is going to be for all departments in per diem rates.

Joe Gries: And I agree, and the Auditor's office would be happy to take anything that Council wanted to do into affect and make those appropriate changes.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, in tax law, the IRS gives per diems, I guess it's based on geographic area, but there's standard per diems that you can use. Mr. Shetler, are you saying we need to adjust this request then?

Councilmember Shetler: Well, it sounds like it, based on perhaps what Mr. Heck has pointed out and two meals are being provided, so the standard 26 for the day would not be, I think that might be a bit excessive and it sounds to me like if Gary is correct

on it, and we're talking \$13 per dinner meal, which would be about half of this request, so it would be \$52 instead of \$104. I know that's only a drop in the 64 million dollar budget here, but –

President Kiefer: Thirteen dollars, so that's what they'd be allotted to spend for dinner?

Councilmember Shetler: For dinner, yes.

Gary Heck: That's what you would get reimbursed –

President Kiefer: It's hard to buy lunch for \$13, nevertheless dinner.

Gary Heck: That's just the way the system works.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: I think let's check out the state, let's check out what the federal government allows, typically speaking, and let's just put a couple things together there, Joe, and kind of analyze that and see if we're pricing it appropriately. My point is that I don't want to reimburse somebody when it's being either covered through their hotel expenses or through the fees that we're paying for the conference. So I don't think they ought to get twice out of it, we ought not be paying twice.

Joe Gries: We'll definitely look into that.

Councilmember Lloyd: So are you saying lower this by \$52?

Councilmember Shetler: Well, if those numbers are correct, yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: So that would be 303.60.

Zach Heronemus: And this is adjusting, just to be clear, the per diem for both days? It would be \$13 per day since it would be one dinner one night and one dinner the next?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Zach Heronemus: Okay.

President Kiefer: Okay, so is there a motion – Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Are we covering all these at once?

President Kiefer: Yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: I have questions on Area Plan.

President Kiefer: Okay, we'll hear Area Plan. John? If you want to talk about yours, \$500, travel to this flood resilient communities conference. My question is, what role does Area Plan play versus like the Water & Sewer Department on flooding or the County Surveyor? Seems like he –

Councilmember Shetler: City and County Engineer.

President Kiefer: Yeah City and County Engineer. What role does Area Plan play in the flooding aspects of it? And who would be attending? Would that be you?

John Ansbro: Yes, it would be me. And it's being put on by the American Planning Association with other people and so the American Planning Association is the national association for city and county planners, so I think there's a connection there. And the Area Plan Commission is the national flood insurance CRS contact, which is the communication rating system which gives residents a 10% discount on their flood insurance in the city and county. And as these programs evolve, there is land use tie in, so I see there is a connection.

President Kiefer: When you come back then, do you then put on a presentation for the rest of your department or –

John Ansbro: Yes.

President Kiefer: Or the other departments, you put on a –

John Ansbro: Yeah, as you know, we're in the midst of updating the national flood insurance multi-hazard mitigation plan and there might be elements learned on how to progress the implementation of that plan. I'm not sure how it's going to evolve yet.

President Kiefer: Well, it sounds okay with me as long as you're bringing back useful information and then sharing that with your, not only your department but other departments. I think Bill Jeffers and his group and –

John Ansbro: Sherman.

President Kiefer: Yeah, all the different groups, it would be good to share that information. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I have no doubt about the value of the meeting, I'm curious about the amount. It's \$500 rounded off pretty nicely, and it's a one-day seminar, is that correct, in Nashville?

John Ansbro: Registration and one night hotel room.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I was looking through and I couldn't find the registration fee. Does that include hotel or is that separate?

John Ansbro: Separate. Registration is separate from hotel.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, unless I can't read very well.

Councilmember Terry: It's on the – there's a little map and there's a registration, workshop registration. Are you a member of the association?

John Ansbro: Yes, I am.

Councilmember Terry: And so the member rate is \$295.

Councilmember Goebel: I saw that, I didn't know if that included the lodging or not.

John Ansbro: No, it's separate.

Councilmember Goebel: That will do it.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you very much. Is there any other discussion or a motion to approve less the dollar amount for the Treasurer's office?

Councilmember Shetler: I'll move approval with the changes on the Treasurer's office.

Councilmember Lloyd: So it's \$500 for Area Plan and \$303.60 for the Treasurer, and then I believe it was zero for the Health Department. Gary, can you just make all of yours zero in your future requests?

Gary Heck: I can try.

President Kiefer: Okay, so we have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, so that's approved six-zero, with a minor change in the amount for the per diem. Thank you very much.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Kiefer: The next is amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Councilman Lloyd is going to do this.

Councilmember Lloyd: In the absence of Councilman Raben, let me read this. You have in front of you the amendments to salary ordinance for September 7th, 2011. Weights & Measures, amend salary ordinance as follows: line 1302-1120 Deputy Inspector \$34,386. Line 1302-1130 Deputy Inspector \$38,131. 1302-1140 Deputy Inspector \$37,061. These three lines were underbudgeted for '11, did not include

the salary increase. Health Department, amend salary ordinance 2130-1290 to allow filling the vacancy Vector Control Supervisor, this is a PAT V position, initiation salary \$37,764, at a Step 1 salary \$39,578 after six months. And this is the buyout from the existing employee paid for after our approval for the transfer of funds from account 2130-1520 into Accrued Payments. Also Health Department, amend salary ordinance to allow transfer of additional funds in the amount of \$1,872. Line 2130-1990 Extra Help for Mosquito Truck Driver. Additional funds required for Mosquito Truck Driver due to laboratory confirming West Nile virus in Vanderburgh County. Prosecutor, amend salary ordinance to allow filling vacancy of an Investigator in the Prosecutor's office, PAT IV position, initiation salary \$33,716, Step 1 after six months, \$35,330. The position becomes vacant September 16th, the buyout of the existing employee paid out of Infraction Deferral account after Council approval. I'll submit that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we've got a first and a second. Discussion please? Roll call please, Teri.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, so it's approved six-zero, congratulations.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

DATES TO REMEMBER

President Kiefer: Dates to remember, September 22, 2011, 8:30 a.m. budget hearing, September 28th, 2011 8:30 a.m. Personnel & Finance, 9:00 a.m. non and binding resolutions, 9:30 a.m. final budget hearing. So mark that, September 28, 2011 final budget hearing at 9:30 a.m. October 5th, 8:30 a.m. County Council meeting and then 9:00 a.m. non-binding resolutions. Also, I'd just like to note that although it seems like we're analyzing and sometimes micro-managing, we go through these costs because we have to find every dollar possible when it comes to operating our local government and with next year's budget being as tight as it is, we

need to be careful not to spend any dollars, so I appreciate Councilmembers noting even if it's only \$13 per diem, you know, those dollars are important to us and we need every dollar we can get to finance local government. If there's no other comments –

Councilmember Goebel: I have one piece of business. Mr. Ahlers, you brought up the Innkeeper's Tax. I did speak with the Treasurer, and they are now working with the legal representation of the CVB, so they're going to come forward later with their resolution, but they are seeking to recover those Innkeeper taxes that haven't been paid. Thank you.

President Kiefer: Thank you, Councilman Goebel for being diligent for that. If there's no public comment, then I would ask for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: We're adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
SEPTEMBER 22, 2011**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 22nd day of September in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by County Council President Joe Kiefer.

President Kiefer: I would like to reconvene the Vanderburgh County 2012 Budget Hearings for September 22nd, 2011. We're a few minutes behind schedule, my apologies. So I would like to do the roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Kiefer	X	

President Kiefer: We have a quorum so we'll proceed. I would like to ask Loretta Townsend to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. You had a look of heart attack on your face.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Kiefer: Thank you, Loretta. Welcome. I would like to...as I said, I would like to reconvene the 2012 budget hearings. Today we are restricting the comments from the podium until after the Finance Chairman, Councilman Raben, has completed his presentation of the budget. There may be some comments between Councilmembers during the presentation of the budget, but all comments will be withheld until Councilman Raben is finished. With that I would like to turn it over to Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning. First I would like to say that all salary lines including FICA, PERF, and insurance will be set for the last and final time on September 28, so that will be the only time we address those changes. So everyone has been given a copy of the 2012 proposed budget cuts. What I would like to do this morning is read from those sheets. It's much easier than dealing with the book. If anyone has a question at any time, stop me. We'll stop right there and vote on everything that was set before that point.

COUNTY CLERK 1010

Councilmember Raben: So first is County Clerk department 1010. The first item is 1260 Appeals & Venue Clerk, the correct figure is \$22,451, 1990 Extra Help be set in at \$10,000, 2600 Office Supplies \$60,000, 3330 Record Storage \$110,000. That's \$110,000, that's an adjustment from what you have there. 3520 Maintenance Repair \$200, 3530 Contractual Services \$15,000 and 4210 Office Furniture zero.

Councilmember Raben: Next, under Clerk IV-D.

Councilmember Shetler: I have a question, James.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, underneath that 1260 Appeals & Venue Clerk, I think that's a position that we eliminated a couple of years ago. A report was made over the last couple of months that we were not collecting in certain areas there with child support from the state on that at an adequate amount. According to the Auditor's Office though, actually the records indicate that we are collecting at the same levels that we had in the past, that there is no appreciable difference in the amount of monies collected. I would like to see us continue to leave that position vacant. If we are getting to a point where we are falling behind on that there is an alternative means. The courts have contracted with a company, I think it's called Maximus, to help filing and submit different forms to the state in order to be reimbursed on certain claims and that they are willing to take on that responsibility from the Clerk's Office of getting those filed at a cost of somewhere between \$200 and \$300 a month. So approximately...I guess the question is to my fellow Councilmembers, do we contract out with somebody who can file these for us at \$3,000 a year or do we spend \$30,000 for the price on payroll plus fringes for an employee to do that same task? To me, with a budget as tight as it is and others have made the sacrifices, it makes no sense to me that we would reinstate this expenditure. So I would recommend, and I don't know if it's the proper time to make a motion on that.

Councilmember Raben: Let's do this. I'm going to make a motion on the approval of the items I've listed and we'll get a second on that and then we can reopen or do whatever we need to do at that point.

President Kiefer: We're not doing anything with--

Councilmember Raben: The motion is to set --

President Kiefer: As you read into, okay.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I guess at some point we may want to call the County Clerk up to the podium, but I don't believe, if you remember actually the person, the Appeals & Venue Clerk, I guess there was a swap within that office. She had to pull the individual that was responsible for doing collections to do the jobs of this position. I guess it is also my understanding from speaking to at least one of the judges that the fact that this additional person isn't in there it is causing a backlog of documents and what have you within the courts as well. So I think there is more to this than just simply collecting back child support. Again, at any point if anybody wants Susie to come up and speak to this, that's fine.

Councilmember Shetler: Actually, that brings up another whole issue or question that I didn't really want to engage in, but we did eliminate the position that I am in reference to, or what you are in reference to, but what has happened is within the office employees were traded out responsibilities, which I'm not quite so sure was a legal thing to do without going to Job Study and getting permission or approval to do that. I'm not sure that any department or officeholder can arbitrarily change the job description of a given position and that is what, in essence, has happened here. But, nonetheless, forgetting that as a side point here, but leaving on the table then what we've been told is that the position that is now vacant is the position that is

supposed to be collecting these back taxes and stuff, or the back...not the back taxes, but the back child support from the state to make those claims. Again, there has been no appreciable difference from this year to past years in that collection process, but if they are getting behind, my recommendation is that we would save the taxpayers in excess of \$30,000 by contracting that out with a firm that could keep us up-to-date on that.

Councilmember Raben: And that's a point well taken. Again, I don't know what that does in regards to speeding up the process within the courts, the backlog that the absence of this one person has created for them.

President Kiefer: We have a first and second, so we're going to vote on this as a whole. Is there any other further discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: You're leaving that in at \$22,451 then?

President Kiefer: Yes. Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: That would be added to this book though since it is not entered, is that correct?

President Kiefer: Yes, yes. So if there is no further discussion, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I agree or concur with Mr. Shetler's statements, but I think revisiting this very position with Circuit Court, I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I'm going to vote yes, which it passes.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1010-1260	Appeals & Venue Clerk	0	-22,451	22,451
1010-1990	Extra Help	15,000	5,000	10,000
1010-2600	Office Supplies	75,000	15,000	60,000
1010-3330	Record Storage	140,000	30,000	110,000
1010-3520	Maintenance Repair	500	300	200
1010-3530	Contractual Services	20,000	5,000	15,000
1010-4210	Office Furniture	1,000	1,000	0

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Shetler opposed)

CLERK IV-D 1011

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next department 1011, Clerk IV-D. 2600, Supplies to be set in at \$35,000.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1011-2600	Supplies	45,000	10,000	35,000

AUDITOR 1020

Councilmember Raben: Next we move to department 1020 Auditor. 1240 be set in at zero.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1020-1240	Veteran Clerk	35,779	35,779	0

TREASURER 1030

Councilmember Raben: 1030 Treasurer. 3310 zero, 3999 to be set in at \$45,000.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1030-3310	Education & Training	500	500	0
1030-3999	Bank Service Charge	55,000	10,000	45,000

SHERIFF 1050

Councilmember Raben: 1050 Sheriff. 1130-0028, 0039, 0047 to be set in at \$43,871, 1130-0060 \$45,271, 1130-0062 \$43,871, 1130-0068 \$43,995, 1130-0070 \$44,571, 1130-0072 \$44,263, 1130-0073 \$45,971, 1130-0088 \$44,263, 1130-0101 \$44,571, 1130-0115 zero, 1370 Data Management \$35,000--

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. Raben, 3370.

Councilmember Raben: --3370 \$35,000, 3991 \$21,247, 3994 zero, 4230 Motor Vehicles at zero and 4250 Equipment at zero, and we will find those items later in the CCD budget.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1130-0028	Deputy Sheriff	45,271	1,400	43,871
1130-0039	Deputy Sheriff	49,471	5,600	43,871
1130-0047	Deputy Sheriff	45,971	2,100	43,871
1130-0060	Deputy Sheriff	44,271	-1,000	45,271
1130-0062	Deputy Sheriff	50,171	6,300	43,871
1130-0068	Deputy Sheriff	43,871	-124	43,995
1130-0070	Deputy Sheriff	43,571	-1,000	44,571
1130-0072	Deputy Sheriff	43,962	-301	44,263
1130-0073	Deputy Sheriff	44,971	-1,000	45,971
1130-0088	Deputy Sheriff	44,012	-251	44,263
1130-0101	Deputy Sheriff	43,571	-1,000	44,571
1130-0115	Deputy Sheriff	43,871	43,871	0
1050-3370	Data Management	37,500	2,500	35,000
1050-3991	Stop Domestic Violence Match	0	-21,247	21,247
1050-3994	Grant Match	21,247	21,247	0
1050-4230	Motor Vehicles	250,000	250,000	0
1050-4250	Equipment	110,000	110,000	0

JAIL 1051

Councilmember Raben: Under 1051 Jail 1130-304 Confinement Officer \$38,985, 1130-0328 \$35,473, 0341 and 0346 at \$35,473, 1130-0364 at \$43,257, 1130-0366 at \$42,149, and 4230 Motor Vehicles at zero. Again, that is in the CCD budget later.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1130-0304	Confinement Officer	35,473	-3,512	38,985
1130-0328	Confinement Officer	35,973	500	35,473
1130-0341	Confinement Officer	36,473	1,000	35,473
1130-0346	Confinement Officer	35,561	88	35,473
1130-0364	Confinement Officer Supervisor	43,275	18	43,257
1130-0366	Confinement Officer Supervisor	44,649	2,500	42,149
1051-4230	Motor Vehicles	110,000	110,000	0

SURVEYOR 1060

Councilmember Raben: Is everybody good? 1060 Surveyor, 2230 Garage & Motor at \$1,500, 2600 Supplies \$2,000, 3520 Maintenance & Repair \$500.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1060-2230	Garage & Motor	2,300	800	1,500
1060-2600	Supplies	2,300	300	2,000
1060-3520	Maintenance & Repair	1,000	500	500

CORONER 1070

Councilmember Raben: 1070 Coroner. 1120 Chief Deputy at \$53,898 2000 Materials at \$1,000, 2600 Supplies \$13,000, 3530 Contractual at \$16,000.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1070-1120	Chief Deputy	53,363	-535	53,898
1070-2000	Materials	3,000	2,000	1,000
1070-2600	Supplies	18,000	5,000	13,000
1070-3530	Contractual Services	25,000	9,000	16,000

PROSECUTOR 1080

Councilmember Raben: 1080 Prosecutor, 1230 Investigator \$35,330, 2600 Supplies, this is a little different from your sheet, \$7,500, 3994 Matching Grant \$0, 3995 \$79,329, 3996 \$88,796 and 3997 at \$50,467.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1080-1230	Investigator	38,804	3,474	35,330
1080-2600	Supplies	28,500	21,000	7,500
1080-3994	Grant Match	218,592	218,592	0
1080-3995	Domestic Violence Co Match	0	-79,329	79,329
1080-3996	Drug Law Enf Prog Co Match	0	-88,796	88,796
1080-3997	Victims/Witness Asst Prog Co. Match	0	-50,467	50,467

PROSECUTOR IV-D 1081

Councilmember Raben: 1081 Prosecutor IV-D, 1310 zero, 1320 zero, 1360 zero, 1370 zero.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1081-1310	Enforcement Officer	24,418	24,418	0
1081-1320	Enforcement Officer	24,418	24,418	0
1081-1360	Enforcement Officer	24,418	24,418	0
1081-1370	Enforcement Officer	24,418	24,418	0

Councilmember Raben: 1210 Election Office.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. Finance Chair, can we go ahead and vote on all those and take this separate?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, yes. I would like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Discussion? Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven-zero approved. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ELECTION OFFICE 1210

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Election Office 1210. First is 1130 Absentee Teams to be set in at \$4,000, 1160 at \$6,240, 1170 \$17,760, 1180 \$17,280, 3530 \$289,034, 3570 zero, 3600 \$5,200, and in addition to that account 3410 Printing, the request was for \$5,000 and we would like to set that in at \$3,000. The new total on that budget for cuts is \$83,220.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1210-1130	Absentee Teams	5,000	1,000	4,000
1210-1160	Election Inspector	34,320	28,080	6,240
1210-1170	Election Judge	50,160	32,400	17,760
1210-1180	Election Clerk	47,520	30,240	17,280
1210-3530	Contractual Services	273,734	-15,300	289,034
1210-3570	Janitorial Service	2,500	2,500	0
1210-3600	Rent	7,500	2,300	5,200
1210-3410	Printing	5,000	2,000	3,000

VOTER REGISTRATION 1220

Councilmember Raben: Voters Registration line 2600 \$1,500, 3520 Maintenance &

Repair \$150.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1220-2600	Supplies	2,000	500	1,500
1220-3520	Maintenance & Repair	300	150	150

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION 1230

Councilmember Raben: Department 1230 Co-op Extension, 3530 Contractual Services \$73,295.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1230-3530	Contractual Services	74,030	735	73,295

AREA PLAN 1240

Councilmember Raben: 1240 Area Plan. Account 3410 Printing \$1,000, 3630 Lease & Rental at \$5,000.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1240-3410	Printing	1,500	500	1,000
1240-3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	5,818	818	5,000

VETERANS SERVICES 1270

Councilmember Raben: Department 1270 Veterans Services, account 3070 \$700.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1270-3070	Memorial Day Service	1,000	300	700

COMMISSIONERS 1300

Councilmember Raben: 1300 Commissioners, account 3040 Soil & Water \$18,962, 3080 zero...excuse me, 3080 zero, 3100 Animal Control \$215,782.

Councilmember Shetler: No change.

Sandie Deig: No change on 3080.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I said zero, didn't I? Yes, 3080 no change. 3100 Animal Control \$215,782, 3210 Emergency Management \$198,306, 3270 Change of Venue \$200, 3420 Legal Advertising \$15,000, 3500 Human Relations \$47,425, 3600 Rent \$4,999,022, 3750 Purchasing \$39,775, 3850 Building Commission \$10,000, 3931 Youth Services \$15,000.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1300-3040	Soil & Water	19,531	569	18,962
1300-3080	Emergency Medical	214,316	0	214,316

1300-3100	Animal Control	184,022	-31,760	215,782
1300-3210	Emergency Mgmt	161,259	-37,047	198,306
1300-3270	Change of Venue	500	300	200
1300-3420	Legal Advertising	20,000	5,000	15,000
1300-3500	Human Relations	45,727	-1,698	47,425
1300-3600	Rent	5,031,022	32,000	4,999,022
1300-3750	Purchasing Dept	67,263	-2,512	39,775
1300-3850	Building Commission	50,000	40,000	10,000
1300-3931	Youth Services	20,000	5,000	15,000

WEIGHTS & MEASURES 1302

Councilmember Raben: Department 1302 Weights & Measures,1120 Deputy Inspector \$34,518, 1130 Deputy Inspector \$38,263, 1140 Secretary \$31,324, 1150 Deputy Inspector \$37,728, 2300 Uniforms \$1,000, 2600 Supplies \$1,400, 3410 Printing \$2,500, 3700 Dues & Subscriptions \$400, 4250 Equipment \$750.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1302-1120	Deputy Inspector	33,878	-640	34,518
1302-1130	Deputy Inspector	37,623	-640	38,263
1302-1140	Secretary	31,203	-121	31,324
1302-1150	Deputy Inspector	37,053	-675	37,728
1302-2300	Uniforms	1,200	200	1,000
1302-2600	Supplies	1,500	100	1,400
1302-3410	Printing	2,700	200	2,500
1302-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	500	100	400
1302-4250	Equipment	1,000	250	750

PUBLIC DEFENDER 1303

Councilmember Raben: Department 1303 Public Defender. Account 1680 \$53,688, 1810 \$33,210, 1840 \$33,210, 1850 \$33,210, 3310 zero, 3943 \$12,000, 3947 \$50,000. Again, anyone stop me at any point.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1303-1680	Public Defender FT	63,309	9,621	53,688
1303-1810	Juv Ct Pub Def PT	33,709	499	33,210
1303-1840	Juv Ct Pub Def PT	33,709	499	33,210
1303-1850	Juv Ct Pub Def PT	33,709	499	33,210
1303-3310	Education & Training	2,500	2,500	0
1303-3943	Pauper Expense	40,000	28,000	12,000
1303-3947	Pauper Transcript	75,000	25,000	50,000

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS 1310

Councilmember Raben: 1310 Superintendent of County Buildings. 1140 \$38,210, 2000 \$4,000.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1310-1140	Maintenance	38,147	-63	38,210
1310-2000	Materials	6,000	2,000	4,000

CIRCUIT COURT 1360

Councilmember Raben: 1360 Circuit Court, 1360 Probation Officer \$41,487, 3310 Education & Training \$1,000, 3902 Grand Jurors \$2,000.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1360-1360	Probation Officer	39,578	-1,909	41,487
1360-3310	Education & Training	1,500	500	1,000
1360-3902	Grand Jurors	4,000	2,000	2,000

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 1361

Councilmember Raben: Department 1361 Community Corrections, account number 1440 Confinement Officer \$35,473. This needs to be added, account 1750 Clothing Allowance, the request for \$25,000 to be set in at \$23,000.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1361-1440	Confinement Officer	35,714	241	35,473
1361-1750	Clothing Allowance	25,000	2,000	23,000

SUPERIOR COURT 1370

Councilmember Raben: 1370 Superior Court. 1690 Court Administrator \$68,294, 1410 Probation Officer \$48,690, 3700 Dues & Subscriptions at \$2,400, 3630 Equipment Lease & Rental \$5,000, 3932 CASA \$96,000, 3942 Judge Pro Tem \$600, 3992 \$71,335, 3994 zero, 4210 zero and 42260 zero.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1370-1690	Court Administrator	77,725	9,431	68,294
1370-1410	Probation Officer	43,492	-5,198	48,690
1370-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	3,600	1,200	2,400
1370-3630	Equip Lease & Rental	7,000	2,000	5,000
1370-3932	CASA	112,000	16,000	96,000
1370-3942	Judge Pro Tem	800	200	600
1370-3992	Drug Court Co Match	0	-71,335	71,335
1370-3994	Grant Match	71,335	71,335	0
1370-4210	Office Furniture	4,000	4,000	0

1370-4220	Office Machines	4,000	4,000	0
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DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE 1371

Councilmember Raben: 1371 DADS, 3600 Rent \$7,650, 3630 \$800, 3700 \$800, 3770 \$2,500.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1371-3600	Rent	15,300	7,650	7,650
1371-3630	Equipment & Lease Rental	1,500	700	800
1371-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	1,000	200	800
1370-3770	Treatment Cost	3,500	1,000	2,500

Councilmember Raben: I would like to make a motion at this point as stated.

President Kiefer: Okay, can we go back to one of the earlier items?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll second to get this going.

President Kiefer: I would like to go back to the Election Office, to the front there.

Councilmember Lloyd: Page 11.

President Kiefer: Back to 3530 Contractual Services. I guess I just had a question again about what the \$289,034 exactly covers. I just want to get one last explanation on what that covers. Yeah, if Susie could come up and go over that one more time. I just want to make sure I get aCouncil has a good understanding what that is. I couldn't remember if that included computers or didn't include computers or hardware.

Susie Kirk: No, this is what we would normally have. You have to remember in 2008 the contract ran out with Election Systems software for our election equipment, okay, which meant the software and the election support. Okay? So I don't know whether you all remember that I didn't like ES & S. I don't like their practices. I think they're horrible. Anyway, I ended up going with RBM. Now we have to keep the software for ES & S, but I went with a company called RBM, which does all the programming of all the iVotronics and the pebs and stuff. We saved like...I think I saved us \$62,000 just by making that switch. So when you break it down we'll start out with RBM, their contractual services for next year to do all of the programming for both the primary and the general, will be \$220,840. ES & S, this is for software licensing, because we're still stuck with that, \$35,594. Kinder Moving & Storage will move the equipment along with the laptops and the little printers. That will be \$11,000. Then we have MRC is our local tech department here in the Civic Center and because we have all these laptops we have to have internet service and a little back-up on that. Their fees are going to be \$12,600. Then for the ePoll Books, that's when people come in, they give their name, they look them up on the poll book on the laptop, their fees are \$9,000 for the year. So that's how you come up with the \$289,034.

President Kiefer: Would you repeat what the big one was again, that \$207,000.

Susie Kirk: Okay, the \$220,000 one is our election support. They are the teams that come in from RBM, this company, and they program all of the iVotronics, that's the voting machines, and then you have these little...the little pebs. When you go in and

vote they put the little, it's like a little cartridge, that's all programmed in, plus they count the ballots election night. They do all that, so that's what that is. Remember, this is still a savings of 60 some odd thousand dollars just by switching from Quest to RBM.

Councilmember Lloyd: Question.

President Kiefer: Yeah.

Councilmember Lloyd: I was gonna ask you what ES & S would have charged for that? So you're saying about \$60,000 more?

Susie Kirk: Yeah, it was. Yeah, they were...they're in a little difficulty right now, that company is. A lot of the clerks are trying to...let's put it this way, we had our little Clerk's conference and they were introducing the vendors and when they got to ES & S, nobody clapped.

Councilmember Lloyd: But going back to '08, we didn't have near this much for contractual services.

Susie Kirk: Well, '08? Yeah, you would have. You didn't have this much, but you would have...in 2008 all you had would have been...you would of had ES & S, that would have been it. Now we're adding in the Quest for \$9,000 for the ePoll Books, and our local support of \$12,600 and then Kinder, so that is why we're up some.

Councilmember Lloyd: But it looked...unless these figures are not right here in prior years, that \$289,000 we could run the whole election.

Susie Kirk: Wouldn't that be nice? I would like to go back to the punch card where we could do it for a third of that amount. And take into consideration prices have gone up.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right.

Susie Kirk: Their fees had all gone up, but when we renegotiated the contract which Mr. Ziemer, he was involved also, ES & S was like 60 some odd thousand dollars, like \$62,000 higher than RBM, so it was just a renegotiation of the contract.

Councilmember Lloyd: I know you're comfortable with RBM, was there other vendors that you looked at, at this point, or you just didn't want to switch?

Susie Kirk: No, we did look at some other vendors. RBM was number one, the best and their price was very comparable and lower than the other two vendors that actually know how to program the ES & S equipment.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: With RBM, this will be a fee we have to pay every election? These contractual services, 200 and something thousand?

Susan Kirk: Yes, you will. You'll have to do that.

Councilmember Goebel: And we have to pay our own people out of the Civic Center \$12,000?

Susan Kirk: This may go down. This is the first year that we're implementing the vote centers. That probably will go down some.

Councilmember Goebel: I think it should go down to zero.

Susan Kirk: Well, this is over and above what they're contracted with the county to do, so that's just, you know. I want this election to run good, okay.

Councilmember Goebel: I know you do, Susie, and the voting center concept is great.

Susie Kirk: And I have already saved \$80 some odd thousand, not that I wouldn't love to save more money, but in order to...they are out now putting up...hooking cables up for the internet access to have it in the correct room, so they really, I mean, believe me we're getting a pretty good price here. So I know it looks high to those that don't really understand the whole thing, but if you actually came down and worked with me everyday you would see that we are actually doing pretty good. But I'm hoping that...and I'm pretty sure it will, whoever the next clerk is will go through some of this and I'm sure that will go down. That \$12,000...what did I say, \$12,000. That will go down.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm not talking about just that. It seems like the cost of running an election has gone up dramatically instead of coming down.

Susie Kirk: It's terrible. Well, they've got you over a barrel. It's like Vectren, you're stuck with it. You want gas and electric, you're going to pay the bill.

Councilmember Goebel: The bill of goods we kind of interpreted was that the cost would go down with the voting centers.

Susie Kirk: The cost did go down \$81,620.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand with the company, but--

Susie Kirk: This is it. I mean, now if you guys want to go to school and learn how to do what these companies and get certified by the state, then that's great. We'll take all the volunteers we can get, but unfortunately elections are, like I said, you're stuck with it. This is the system we have. It's expensive. Clerks, we're all doing it. Everybody is doing it. Ever since they passed that motor/voter law elections are just out of sight.

Councilmember Goebel: It seems like the pilot project or programs in the other counties that did the voting centers actually saved money per election and it doesn't appear that we're going to be doing that. Maybe...I was thinking it was up front costs.

Susan Kirk: No, we're saving \$81,000.

Councilmember Goebel: My book doesn't reflect that, thank you.

Susan Kirk: Well, I don't know what you're looking at, but if I would have done the budget...where is that budget? You all had it the last time I was here.

Councilmember Raben: You might help us--

Susan Kirk: How much was it? Don't we have to cut everybody \$1,000.

President Kiefer: Susie, I think what they're referring to 2008 total cost was \$241,371 for the total Election Office, so when you say savings, yeah, it is a savings off of the budget, but it's not a savings from the 2008 cost of doing it. I'm sorry, Councilman Raben, go ahead.

Susan Kirk: Because in 2008 we were still under the contract.

Councilmember Shetler: What about 2010?

Susan Kirk: It went out. At the end of 2008 was when the contract ended with ES & S, okay?

Councilmember Shetler: In 2010 we spent \$228,000.

Susan Kirk: Well, 2010 is not a bigger election. It's a little bit smaller election.

Councilmember Shetler: Little bit smaller, but this is almost twice the request.

Susan Kirk: I tell you what, you guys tell me how much money that we can deal with and it's up to you if they come back and sue us because we're not paying them.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I think everybody just needs a good understanding here, Susie, of—

Susan Kirk: Well, that's about as good as I can get it.

Councilmember Raben: --when you're saying in 2008 we were at the end of the contract was there a line in another budget somewhere that we're not picking up and adding along with this?

Susan Kirk: Yes, it was the...well, in 2004 when they bought the equipment it took us through I forget how many millions of dollars it was. It was like 3 or 4 million dollars for all this stuff and that took us through 2008. We finished with that, okay? Then we began with, of course, we didn't have any election in 2009 and then in 2010 we did have an election, but it's our least amount of turnout, not that that has a whole lot to do with, but we did the best that we could with what we had and anyway, that's when we made our switch. RBM did our 2010 election. We had ES & S software which we're going to have that forever. We paid the poll book holder...the precincts more, \$500 more, to man the precincts. We have cut all that out. Like I said, if you have the original budget that I gave you and then my granddaughter handed out the other one, you will see that it is a savings of \$81,000, so sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Whoever brought that up, that savings is based on what was originally proposed in this budget.

Susan Kirk: That's right. That was in the original contract.

Councilmember Raben: So I understand you correctly. What you're saying is going back to 2004 we paid a large percentage of the cost up front.

Susan Kirk: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: We made a \$3 million investment in 2004 to host elections basically through 2010.

Susan Kirk: Basically all we paid was if we would go over a little bit in printing costs

for ballots because only so many were allocated, but all this other stuff was in that contract.

Councilmember Raben: I guess had we not gone with voting centers—

Susan Kirk: It would have been \$81,000 more than what you are looking at here. If we had not gone with vote centers you can add \$81,620 to this budget and that's what it would have been.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Are we using the same machines that we got in 2004?

Susan Kirk: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: That's what is kind of confusing. We're going to have this type of bill, pay as you go, each election, is that correct?

Susan Kirk: Well, yes. Normally we...of course, when I negotiated with them, with ES & S and RBM, I've got it through my term. The next Clerk if they would like to pick...you know, if they want to go back to ES & S or whatever they want to do that is up to them, so I had this negotiated through the end of next year and after that it starts again. The contract negotiations start again.

Councilmember Lloyd: Question.

President Kiefer: Yes, Councilman Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: And the figures you gave us are the county...I mean, the Commissioners would contract with these vendors for the 2012 election which obviously you have to get in place, you know, as early as you can?

Susan Kirk: Yes, this actually...the contract with RBM and ES & S was done with the Commissioners last year. It was done last year.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so the bulk of that contract was payable in the next year then?

Susan Kirk: Yeah, that's right.

Councilmember Lloyd: And it may be you, it may be the next Clerk, they could also look at doing a multi year where you may save some money annually, is that right?

Susan Kirk: It could. Most of them are...ES & S, they'll go maybe three years or so, but mostly it's about a two year. From what I can gather from other states because all of us pretty well in Indiana started at the same time, but I did check with some of the other states and they'll go maybe two years, but they're not going to go much more than that.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so I mean if Council chose to cut this, these are already contracts that are going to be in place and it's going to cause problems?

Susan Kirk: Yes. The Commissioners have already signed off on those.

President Kiefer: Councilwoman Terry.

Councilmember Terry: Can you further, I guess, elaborate on you said our IT department does a portion of the work of I think that is setting up the voting sites, exactly what is that?

Susan Kirk: Yes, we have to have internet access.

Councilmember Terry: Right, right.

Susan Kirk: And most all of the vote centers have them, but we need to have it in the room that we're going to be using like the gym. Most of them have...we've got churches and they have it in the offices.

Councilmember Terry: Right.

Susan Kirk: So they are running cables into the gym or the social hall or whatever. Once we do that we're done with it. We don't have to do that anymore.

Councilmember Terry: Right, that's a one time, so that will be one time.

Susan Kirk: Yeah, we're done with it, we don't have to do that anymore.

Councilmember Terry: Should be one time.

Susan Kirk: That will be done, that's over with.

Councilmember Terry: And they don't have...I guess we don't have the expertise to do any of the programming for the voting machines?

Susan Kirk: No, we do not and it was voted on in 2000...early, early 2004 or maybe 2003. The Vanderburgh County Election Board at that time said that they didn't want any of us to have any of the passwords to get in to be able change vote totals or enter any of that in. So we have abided by that and we do not do that, so that they don't come back and say that we switched something around. We followed their suit.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Shetler.

Councilmember Shetler: Did you or the Commissioners take public bids on that area of contractual services?

Susan Kirk: Well, yes, in a way, but I mean it's not...this is very limited to who can actually program our machines, so it's not like we have a wide variety of people out there or companies that can do this. For the companies that were available, yes, we did get—

Councilmember Shetler: Was it an invitational bid?

Susan Kirk: Well, no, it really wasn't. I mean, I had people come into my office from the other two companies that actually know how to program some of this and one was like...no, their price was the cheapest, but there was no way. We already had a county that used them, a couple of them, and no we didn't want them. When I say cheaper, you're talking about a couple of thousand dollars. RBM was the second to the cheapest and they have a good reputation. As a matter of fact, they really know what they are doing because they were all previous employees of ES & S, so they already knew how to do...we basically still got our same people. So when they do...we've been very, very fortunate to have that staff on hand to do that, and the

other company was quite a bit higher, so we weren't going to do that.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Uh, there is a motion and a second.

President Kiefer: Okay, then in that case I think we had plenty of discussion. Roll call, Teri.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven to zero. Congratulations.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Susan Kirk: I don't guess you would let me address that little thing here so that I wouldn't have to come back up here on the Clerk's Office? Would you let me do that?

President Kiefer: Okay.

Susan Kirk: So I can go back to work? No, okay, I don't want to mess you up. I just thought maybe I could get that and explain that right quick and then leave.

Councilmember Lloyd: It's already been approved.

Councilmember Raben: It's already been approved.

Susan Kirk: I thought you had some hesitations because I don't think Mr. Shetler understands this concept of what we're doing here with that position.

President Kiefer: Perhaps you and Tom can get together aside from the meeting.

Susan Kirk: We didn't pay anybody, this is not collecting what he is talking about. There is a company that collects these fees that doesn't charge anything and it's like the really late fees, so if you'll look in the Auditor's Office I think you'll find that we collected like over \$300,000 over and above.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, that motion and vote actually included everything through department 1371 DADS. Just a quick comment before we move on, on the rent, in setting that in at \$7,650, is with the intention that they will be in the Old Courthouse by June of next year.

THE CENTRE 1440

Councilmember Raben: Moving on to 1440 The Centre, 1160 Maintenance \$45,023.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1440-1160	Maintenance	44,986	-37	45,023

BURDETTE PARK 1450

Councilmember Raben: 1450 Burdette Park, 2210 Fuel \$24,000, 2230 Garage & Motor \$6,000, 2300 Uniforms \$13,500, 2600 Supplies \$35,000, 3140 Communications \$3,000, 3440 Advertising \$2,000, 3520 Maintenance & Repair \$51,500.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1450-2210	Fuel	31,500	7,500	24,000
1450-2230	Garage & Motor	8,500	2,500	6,000
1450-2300	Uniforms	15,500	2,000	13,500
1450-2600	Supplies	37,500	2,500	35,000
1450-3140	Communications	4,000	1,000	3,000
1450-3440	Advertising	15,000	13,000	2,000
1450-3520	Maintenance & Repair	53,000	1,500	51,500

LEGAL AID 1460

Councilmember Raben: Department 1460 Legal Aid. 1990 Extra Help \$10,000, 2600 \$1,500, 3250 \$1,500, 3310 Training zero, 3530 Contractual \$3,400, 3700 Dues & Subscriptions \$500.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1460-1990	Extra Help	13,000	3,000	10,000
1460-2600	Supplies	2,000	500	1,500
1460-3250	Law Books	2,900	1,400	1,500
1460-3310	Training & Education	1,080	1,080	0
1460-3530	Contractual Services	5,757	2,357	3,400
1460-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	700	200	500

COUNTY COUNCIL 1480

Councilmember Raben: 1480 County Council, 1920 Insurance \$10,000,000, 3461 Court Technology \$70,155, 3860 Contractual Computer, this is a little different than what you have, \$1,279,688. With that, John Friend has requested that we add \$44,000 for the study.

Councilmember Lloyd: Computer/IT audit and that was my request coming through John Friend.

Councilmember Raben: Again, that total is \$1,279,688.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1480-1920	Insurance	11,800,000	1,800,000	10,000,000
1480-3461	Court Technology	470,155	400,000	70,155
1480-3860	Contractual Computer	1,526,598	246,910	1,279,699

RIVERBOAT 1490

Councilmember Raben: Moving on to 1490 Riverboat. 3110 Economic Development \$430,000, 3112 Infrastructure & Drainage \$425,000.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
1490-3110	Economic Development	488,000	58,000	430,000
1490-3112	Infrastructure/Drainage	450,000	25,000	425,000

COUNTY HIGHWAY 2010

Councilmember Raben: County Highway. 1022 \$38,949, 1023 \$41,630, 1024 \$40,821, 1026 \$42,457, 1027 \$42,739, 1029 \$38,448, 1030 \$40,132, 1031 \$43,640, 1032 \$42,978, 1033 \$40,261, 1034 \$39,130, 1035 \$39,631, 1036 \$39,230, 1037 \$43,640, 1038 \$41,975, 1040 \$36,937, 1042 \$36,937, 1043 \$36,757, 1044 \$37,692, 1046 \$36,436, 1048 \$36,937, 1050 \$40,779, 1051 \$40,946, 1063 \$37,981, 1066 \$40,633, 1068 \$43,674, 1530 \$2,804, 1920 \$816,000, 2230 Garage & Motor \$40,000.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
2010-1022	Truck Driver	38,950	1	38,949
2010-1023	Truck Driver	41,631	1	41,630
2010-1024	Truck Driver	40,822	1	40,821
2010-1026	Truck Driver	42,458	1	42,457
2010-1027	Truck Driver	42,740	1	42,739
2010-1029	Truck Driver	38,449	1	38,448
2010-1030	Equipment Operator	40,133	1	40,132
2010-1031	Equipment Operator	43,641	1	43,640
2010-1032	Equipment Operator	42,979	1	42,978
2010-1033	Equipment Operator	40,262	1	40,261

2010-1034	Equipment Operator	39,131	1	39,130
2010-1035	Equipment Operator	39,632	1	39,631
2010-1036	Equipment Operator	39,231	1	39,230
2010-1037	Equipment Operator	43,641	1	43,640
2010-1038	Equipment Operator	41,976	1	41,975
2010-1040	Laborer	36,938	1	36,937
2010-1042	Laborer	36,938	1	36,937
2010-1043	Laborer	36,758	1	36,757
2010-1044	Laborer	37,693	1	37,692
2010-1046	Laborer	36,437	1	36,436
2010-1048	Laborer	36,938	1	36,937
2010-1050	Trash Container Driver	40,741	-38	40,779
2010-1051	Trash Laborer	40,947	1	40,946
2010-1063	Greaseman	37,982	1	37,981
2010-1066	Maintenance & Utilities	40,634	1	40,633
2010-1068	Gasoline Man	43,675	1	43,674
2010-1530	Shift Differential	2,805	1	2,804
2010-1920	Insurance	914,500	98,500	816,000
2010-2230	Garage & Motor	55,000	15,000	40,000

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE 2030

Councilmember Raben: Department 2030 Cum Bridge. 1140 \$45,143, 1160 \$36,937, 1170 \$41,226, 1180 \$40,954, 1190 \$39,967, 1200 \$38,942, 1920 \$252,000, 3130 \$1,000, 3150 \$1,500, 3310 \$200 and 3600 \$15,492.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
2030-1140	Operator	45,144	1	45,143
2030-1160	Laborer	36,938	1	36,937
2030-1170	Truck Driver	41,227	1	41,226
2030-1180	Truck Driver	40,955	1	40,954
2030-1190	Laborer	39,968	1	39,967
2030-1200	Laborer	38,943	1	38,942
2030-1920	Insurance	282,140	30,140	252,000
2030-3130	Travel & Millage	1,200	200	1,000
2030-3150	Engineer Communications	1,750	250	1,500
2030-3310	Education & Training	500	300	200
2030-3600	Rent	15,957	465	15,492

CCD/COMMISSIONERS 2031/1300

Councilmember Raben: Continuing on to the Commissioners CCD. 4230 Motor Vehicles \$375,000.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
2031-1300-4230	Motor Vehicles	275,000	-100,000	375,000

HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2130

Councilmember Raben: 2130 Health Department. 1340 Environmental Health Specialist \$35,330, 1920 Insurance \$632,000, 1990 Extra Help \$5,000.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
2130-1340	Environmental Health Specialist	40,674	5,344	35,330
2130-1920	Insurance	708,000	76,000	632,000
2130-1990	Extra Help	18,724	13,724	5,000

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS 2160

Councilmember Raben: 2160 Local Roads & Streets. 3481 Traffic Department, the correct figure is as listed \$232,996.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
2160-3481	Traffic Department	55,000	-177,996	232,996

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR 2490/1090

Councilmember Raben: Assessor Reassessment. 1972 Level II Certification \$15,500. A few additions 4210 Office Furniture, the request was for \$7,500 and 4220 Office Machines the request for \$5,000, both be set in at zero.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
2490-1090-1972	Level II Certification	16,500	1,000	15,500
2490-1090-4210	Office Furniture	7,500	7,500	0
2490-1090-4220	Office Machines	5,000	5,000	0

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING 3650

Councilmember Raben: Convention Center Operating. 3200 Utilities \$450,000.

Line Item	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
3650-3200	Utilities	470,000	20,000	450,000

2000, 3000 & 4000 ACCOUNTS

Mr. President, at this time I would like these items that we have stated along with all other two, three and four thousand accounts, General Fund and budgets outside of the General Fund with the except of these changes be submitted as listed. FICA,

PERF and insurance we'll make it final, setting it in at our September 28th meeting. I would like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Second, Mr. Shetler.

Councilmember Bassemier: Joe, I just want to make note that I am not taking out any health insurance on my end, okay? So that should change a little bit, but I'm not taking any health insurance from the county.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Roll call vote?

President Kiefer: Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes. I would like to add though, that this is probably the leanest budget (inaudible, mic not on) and it's going to be very difficult to make any changes next year or add to it. (Inaudible, mic not on)

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. And with that we have 7-0.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, just a brief statement before we close. With these cuts, you know again, there is still...we're still going through the final review on all salary lines. The ones that were made today were obvious corrections. We'll have final numbers of FICA, PERF and insurance, but the cuts that we've approved today will put this budget around \$64,000,000 which is going to be slightly...well, at the end of it it's probably going to be for the most part flat with what it was for 2011. So I would say we've done everything at that point that we can do to flat line the budget. Due to the current state of the economy and how our miscellaneous revenues and stuff are projected to come in, there is just not an allowance for us to get crazy with

this budget. We have to make these cuts and I think we'll have a...I think the county will be in good shape next year. We'll just have to watch every penny.

President Kiefer: Okay. Councilman Goebel, did you have...?

Councilmember Goebel: Just a general comment. I think most people read the article in today's Courier, but something we've been well aware the fact that local government is taking in about eight to nine percent less in revenue and with the property tax caps and other restrictions now we're going to be operating much more leanly, I guess, in the future. We're doing everything we can and I do appreciate what the officeholders have done as far as bringing flat line in pretty well, but it might get worse before it gets better, I would think. We don't have the option of raising a sales tax like the state did twice in that same time period, so our revenues have really gone down. Thank you.

President Kiefer: I agree with your comments. There is going to be a lot of pressure on officeholders and department heads to operate this year...or this coming year. Any other comments or discussion points before we recess? Public comments? Okay, if--

Councilmember Raben: I would like to remind everybody that we'll finalize this budget September 28th.

President Kiefer: At 8:30 a.m. September 28th 8:30 am. We are recessed. Oh, I'm sorry. Correction. This is recessed immediately following regular Council meeting which starts at 8:30, so this will follow that Council meeting at 9:30. Thank you.

(The meeting was recessed at 9:28 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Joe Kiefer

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Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
FINAL BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2011**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 28th day of September, 2011 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by County Council President Joe Kiefer with all members present.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Kiefer	X	

President Kiefer: I would like to ask Mike Duckworth to lead us in the Pledge.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Kiefer: That’s like déjà vu all over again today. Okay, this is the final budget hearing and the purpose is to complete the adoption of our budget and to establish the salaries and employee benefits, and also recommend to the state what would be the proposed tax rate. Today the Chair will only recognize Councilmembers until after the Finance Chairman has completed his duties. At this time, I am going to ask Councilman Raben, the Finance Chairman, to begin with the corrections, amendments and additions. Councilman Raben.

2012 SALARY ORDINANCE, ADJUSTED FICA AND PERF
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First I move that all salaries and rates as listed in the 2012 Salary Ordinance be approved, make the Salary Ordinance part of the record and all FICA and PERF be adjusted accordingly. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have first and a second. Any discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven-zero approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SALARY ORDINANCE EXHIBITS A THROUGH H
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I move that Exhibit A through H in the back of your Salary Ordinance be approved as listed for the 2012 Salary Ordinance.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Shetler. Discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: Just a point of order, all these are corrections from the prior published budget, mainly salaries.

President Kiefer: Thank you. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven-zero approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LIST A/CORRECTED POSITION TITLES AND SALARIES
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I would like to ask all Councilmen to check the listing of salary and position title changes from the budget book and move to approve list A and also make it part of the record, and everyone was given a three page listing of list A. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Shetler. Discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven-zero approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LIST B/ADDITIONAL CUTS, ADDITIONS & CHANGES
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Councilmember Raben: Thank you. Next, and this is list B, all Councilmembers have been given a list of additional cuts and/or additions. I'll move that List B be approved as listed and made part of the record as well.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Second Councilman Lloyd. Discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: Mainly due to insurance changes, we also have Contractual Computer, apparently \$120,000 too much cut last budget, so that brings it back to \$1,400,000.

Councilmember Raben: And on that one, you know, they'll probably have some encumbrances and what have you from their budgets. That one might even be a little short, but at the end of the day we can make those adjustments in '12 if need be.

President Kiefer: So, for example, these are all insurance so when Council-members – we're taking additional cuts because he gets insurance from another–

Councilmember Raben: No, no, no, no, no, no, no.

President Kiefer: --is that what you are saying?

Councilmember Raben: That's the three budgets. What you're seeing there are the three budgets outside of the General Fund. These are just correcting their...that's Cum Bridge's total we're setting it in at.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: That's County Highway's total. That's Health Department's total.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: That's not an individual, that's the lump sum of all those.

President Kiefer: Oh, okay. Alrighty then, further discussion? Roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven-zero.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

2012 INSURANCE BUDGET

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next all Councilmembers have been given a final draft or final copy of the 2012 insurance. I move that along with that the County Council approve the 2012 insurance budget as listed. These figures represent the county's share of the current health plans with a total employee contribution of eight percent. These figures are for full-time employees and do not include insurance for Superior Court magistrates. I would like to also make this a part of the record and make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, second by Councilman Lloyd. Discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven-zero.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

2000, 3000 AND 4000 ACCOUNTS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I move that all other 2000, 3000, 4000 accounts for the 2012 budget be adopted as previously approved and I am going to read all those, so this motion includes 911 Emergency Services, Area Plan Commission, Auditor, Auditor Reassessment, Burdette, Circuit Court, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Commissioners, Commissioners CCD, Convention Center Operating Fund, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Co-op Extension, Coroner, County Assessor, County Assessor Reassessment, County Clerk, County Clerk IV-D, County Council, Cum Bridge, Drainage Board, Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services, Election Office, Health Department, Highway, Jail, Jail Bond, Legal Aid, Legal Aid United Way, Local Drug Free Community, Local Emergency Planning Commission, Local Roads & Streets, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals Reassessment, Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D, Prosecutor Check Fee Recovery, Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion, Public Defender, Recorder, Riverboat, Sales Disclosure, Sheriff, Sheriff Community Corrections, Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, Sheriff Misdemeanor Offender, Superintendent of County Buildings, Superior Court, Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Surveyor, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation, Surveyor Maps, The Centre, Tourism Capital Improvement, Treasurer, Veterans Administration, Voters Registration and Weights & Measures. Again, I make that in the form of a motion.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Second, Councilman Lloyd. Discussion? That was a mouth full. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Approved seven-zero

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY TAX RATE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I move that the Council set the county tax rate as deemed appropriate by the Indiana State Tax Commissioners following review of our final budget. I need to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second by Councilman Lloyd. Discussion? Roll call please. Thank you, Teri.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven-zero approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE TAX RATE

Councilmember Raben: Last, Mr. President, I'll move that we set the Cum Bridge tax rate in at three cents per \$100 assessed valuation. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Shetler. Discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Seven-zero approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Just one brief statement before closing, Mr. President. I would like to thank all seven...or all other six Councilmembers for all their help and guidance through this entire process. It was a difficult year and it was a difficult budget process and I think that it is going to make for even a difficult year next year. We're all aware that it's probably going to come down to possibly spending down some of our cash balances in our funds that we've protected over the last several years, but it's a measure that may need to be taken. We'll see after we get our certified budget back which is usually in March, but again, thanks to everybody for all their input and help and job well done.

President Kiefer: Mr. Chairman, were you going to—

Councilmember Raben: No.

President Kiefer: --no, okay, not today? Okay. Alrighty, if that's all. Any other comments from Councilmembers? Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I would just like to thank Sandie and Sarah for all their hard work. They put a lot of work in and I know we all appreciate it.

Councilmember Raben: Exactly. I'm glad you mentioned that. Along with that, Joe and his staff.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, exactly.

President Kiefer: Just some other closing remarks from me, as the President: additionally, I would like to thank the employees of the county. I know each of the employees is enduring a lot. They're taking on more work, more duties. I know we're not replacing employees as often or as quickly as some of the elected officeholders or department heads wish we would and I know the employees are doing a lot of work and helping us carry on services to citizens of this county. It's going to be a tough year. I mean, with no pay raises, but I do appreciate the work of all the employees of the county and appreciate the cooperation from all Councilmembers working on this very difficult budget. Hopefully, the economy improves, revenues increase and life will get better for everyone involved in local government. With that, I would like to have a motion that we adjourn.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: With a first and a second, all in favor? Aye, we are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Joe Kiefer

Vice President Tom Shetler, Jr.

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
CIVIL TAXING UNIT BUDGET REVIEW
SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 28th day of September, 2011 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Council President Joe Kiefer.

President Kiefer: I would like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council budget review meeting of the Civil Taxing Units for today, September 28th. Please, Teri, if you don't mind, let's do roll call.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Kiefer	X	

President Kiefer: So we have a quorum and we can move ahead. I would like to ask Marcie Au to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance please. Thank you.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)

EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

President Kiefer: Thank you, Marcie. I thought I would ask you to do that since you're going to be the first to get up and talk a little bit about your budget and what you have going on.

Marcia Au: I'm Marcia Au, Director of the Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library. This morning we brought you a couple of additional pieces. These were not actually budget pieces, but we did a printout. We have our annual report for last year online, but we did print one out for all of you. If you got it online you might want to go there and visit it because it is interactive. It's our first interactive. So we're not spending very much on printing with paper this year. We've really switched it to an interactive online as many organizations are doing. You also got a very brief overview of our new three year strategic plan. We're focusing on three main goals. One goal is stable, sustainable fund raising for the library. Another goal is focusing on partnerships and collaborations because we believe by working together we can build a stronger community and hopefully decrease costs and then we're working on programming targeted specifically to groups within the community. So we would welcome any of your comments, ideas, thoughts. We'll be keeping the Council up-to-date as we move along. It's a very doable program. We are in our first year and making significant headway already. I thank you for the opportunity this morning to bring the Library's 2012 budgets to you. I believe you did get them in packet form both from the Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library and the Special Library Fund which is Willard. Oh, there is Greg. I knew he would be here this morning to answer any questions you might have regarding the Willard numbers. With that I would entertain questions.

President Kiefer: Okay, are there any questions from Councilmembers? Marcia, what increase in salaries did you have this year percentage-wise?

Marcia Au: One percent which amounts to just under \$17,000 for the entire 202 members of the EVPL.

President Kiefer: Yeah, I see that at \$16,945.

Marcia Au: Right.

President Kiefer: I know the County Council, in our budget, we're looking at a zero increase for employees and I know that's a hard thing to ask people to do. It's tough, but that's the economic situation we're in. Any thoughts on this from Councilmembers? Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, in that regard I concur since we have already established zero for all county employees, that my recommendation would be that we keep consistent for all employees. I know that's not asking for a lot of money, but it is somewhat the principle.

Marcia Au: It may be. I think, however, there are some offsets. We pay significantly less for health insurance per employee than I think the county does. Almost to the tune of half of what you pay. Our people worked very hard over the past three years, we have reduced personnel costs five percent, so we think the one percent is a small token of our appreciation of the very hard work they do keeping eight locations open for over 23,000 hours, contact hours, public service hours for the year. So I certainly understand the county's perspective and I think we were not wildly ambitious with the one percent, so I would ask for your understanding of that number.

Councilmember Goebel: That's very clear and there is no doubt that you work hard and the new innovative programs that you have certainly are going to benefit our community with your eBooks and things like that. We're moving way ahead as far as technology goes, so I think your overall budget increase is what 1.5?

Marcia Au: 1.4, the total, I think 1.45, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: And certainly everyone is deserving, but I think my feeling is we must be consistent, so not to—

Marcia Au: Well, we'll certainly take that under advisement and I will let the board know. Unfortunately we couldn't have a board member here this morning.

Councilmember Goebel: That's fine.

Marcia Au: They send their regrets.

Councilmember Goebel: I guess in general for the public, this is a non-binding approval, is that correct?

President Kiefer: Non-binding, but our recommendations do go to the state and I think the state does give it some consideration what the Council recommends and we'll have to sign off on those recommendations. Yes, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, if you don't mind. Just what you have, the progress

that you have made with the libraries and the openness for voting, for working with our youth and adults, it is very obvious that you've done an outstanding job. The more educated, literate we become or stay, I think the better this community will be served.

Marcia Au: One of the library's missions is to make sure that we support literacy, both technological and the ability to read. We have some exciting programs going on. Montessori for adults, to help people better prepare for a GED. That's a program that is being run through grants only, so not tax money there. We are very excited about that programming and all of the eMaterials that are available and we also have some substantive, collaborative efforts with the school corporation locally as well.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, you do and thank you.

President Kiefer: Councilman Shetler, did you have a comment?

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, with regard to the health insurance, the employee contribution that you guys—

Marcia Au: Ten percent for individual and the library underwrites 36% – I'm sorry, 64%, the individual contributes 36% and our deductibles are significantly different as well. We pay higher deductibles and co-pays.

Councilmember Shetler: I noticed that your, obviously your percentage-wise to your payroll, is much less than what ours are because they are running 15% of your employee labor costs, which is significant because the county's does run significantly more than that. I do applaud you all for that effort. Did that change at all the percentage contribution from last year to this year?

Marcia Au: No, sir. That's been the same percentage contribution for what? Probably 10, 12 or 15 years. We haven't really changed that. It has never increased.

Councilmember Goebel: Has the amount gone up though?

Marcia Au: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Goebel: Has the amount of the contribution for the employees gone up?

Marcia Au: As the costs rise, so does the dollar amount.

Councilmember Goebel: I mean, you'll be paying more in '12 than you did in '11, is that correct?

Marcia Au: We'll all be paying more. Both the library and the employee.

Councilmember Goebel: I think that is something we may want to consider.

Councilmember Shetler: How much did your insurance, how much have you plugged in here for insurance to go up?

Marcia Au: Tom, I'm going to say eight percent or ten percent.

(Inaudible comments made away from mic)

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, thank you.

Marcia Au: You're welcome.

Councilmember Lloyd: Just a couple of points. I did get to go through the interactive and that was enjoyable. It was kind of fun because you turn pages. Kind of neat.

Marcia Au: We hear people talk.

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess point of order, I can't disagree with what Councilman Goebel is saying, however, you've got the city government that is going two percent on increases. Vanderburgh County, we have a much richer health insurance than what you guys have and our employees don't contribute as much, so in my mind, if your budget overall is going up 1.4%, I mean, if you look at a one percent pay raise, I don't have a problem with that. I did notice, I think, you lowered your capital reserve \$100,000. Did you see that?

Marcia Au: Are you talking about the LERC money?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Marcia Au: Well, actually, that's because we spent a good portion of that this year for the heating plant replacements at the Red Bank branch and so that fund can only be grown through a line item in the Library Operating Fund. This next year we also have some heating/cooling issues at our two older libraries and we have parking equipment that we are most undoubtedly going to have to install given the opening of the arena which may be good news. That also may be an alternative revenue stream for us.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, get some parking in there.

Marcia Au: Yes, absolutely, and we're looking at that, believe you me.

Councilmember Lloyd: Everybody is worried about parking so you may have an opportunity there. The other thing I noticed which is interesting, you're going to spend less on books, physical books, but your electronic is a little bit higher. I mean, and that makes sense because more people going to the eBooks and DVD's and things like that.

Marcia Au: And actually the eBook dollars have been taken out of what was on your budget line item 63 or 4510 in terms of the budget category, and put into its own. It's now 3156 or line item 29. We got significantly heavy use particularly now that the school corporation has also gone to the netbooks, so the kids...and we worked with them very closely this past summer so all of the netbooks are capable of downloading library eBooks and they'll be able to use both our databases with reference collections that will be downloadable as well as reading for pleasure or non-fiction reading. So the eBooks have been extraordinarily popular. I think in the first quarter this year alone the use went up over 200%, so we're putting the money into the resources that the people are actually using.

President Kiefer: Okay—

Councilmember Lloyd: One more question, and you still have, I believe you still work with the state on the number of people doing online, like, job applications or Work One.

Marcia Au: Oh, eGovernment, yes, sir, is a very large part of what we do particularly in our tech lab downtown. Thousands of people file for unemployment insurance, they update their resumes, they file online job applications and we've had classes, training classes, for individuals who are looking to revamp themselves, if you will, retool. I just talked to someone from Work One yesterday. They are going to be bringing a training and counseling service to the former employees of Integra and their Card Management group to the library for retooling, if you will. So we're more than pleased. We work with groups and we have wonderful meeting spaces for people to do that.

Councilmember Lloyd: The only other question I have, I forgot, do you have...you're still dependent on property tax, local income tax, is that something you're looking at, other revenue sources?

Marcia Au: Yes, the primary, well, the number one goal, goal one, in our strategic plan is sustainable fund-raising, so we now have a half time grant writer. I believe the Council suggested that we might look at a grants person and we did do that. We've written some significant grants. Not to the point where we can underwrite operating, but we can certainly with new initiatives and ongoing programming, we hope to be able to do some replacement funding for.

Councilmember Lloyd: We appreciate the work you do and it's a great tool for the community library. Thank you.

Marcia Au: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Just for my information, I guess, have you seen a steady decrease in the number of hard copy books since you've gone eBook or is it about the same?

Marcia Au: It's about the same. Minimally, maybe a little fewer, but not so that we would quit buying, but you notice in terms of the monies, we are putting more of the money for resources, book resources, into eResources than we were before and that's because of the use. Non print and print, and when I say that, a print hard copy book and maybe an audio book that you could have and hold in your hand, we started adjusting when people started to move to the non print sources a number of years ago. So we're just adjusting again.

Councilmember Goebel: And doing well. One other question on Furniture & Equipment. Is that money dedicated already for a certain project or is that just the amount that you have set aside for the rainy day type? It's line 4400. It's the last page.

Marcia Au: Those are specifically for, and let me just check and I will refer you back to, and I don't want to mis-speak. It's the cost of machinery, tools, furniture, motor vehicles, computer servers, other equipment that may be outdated, broken down. It's basically replacement. And correct me, I think some of that may also be Thin Client. We're moving to Thin Client. Thank you for asking that question. Thin Client

is a computer workstation without a CPU. It takes less electricity to run it. It generates less heat. The server actually, the main server actually acts as the server for the Thin Client. We're going to be replacing all of our public computers with the exception of those in the tech center with Thin Client and possibly some staff computers as well. They last longer. We've been leasing computers for the last several years and we usually go at least a year or two beyond the lease and then we release. Libraries are very highly technical organizations. We rely a lot on computers, but Thin Client will allow us to, hopefully, use less electric and be able to keep them longer so we are going to be migrating to that platform.

(Inaudible – mic not on)

Joe Gries: You're talking about tax caps?

(Inaudible – mic not on)

Joe Gries: The tax caps kind of come in on the back end. We go through the budget process, everybody creates their budgets, figures out their levies and then the state, using the assessed value that we submit to them, comes up with the rates. Those rates are then used to calculate the property taxes and the tax caps are figured in when we calculate the property taxes. That money that is above the tax cap is revenue that we do not collect. So everybody is affected.

President Kiefer: (Inaudible -- mic not on)

Joe Gries: Correct, yes. We base the percentage on what they don't collect based on the rate compared to the overall tax rate for each taxing district.

President Kiefer: (Inaudible – mic not on). Does anybody want to make an amendment to the proposed budget?

Councilmember Raben: You know, just an in general comment because there are a lot of – understandably, it costs a lot to maintain our library system and all the wonderful things that you do, but at the end of the day over \$12 million is a lot of money and I hope the board is constantly looking for ways to cut costs.

Marcia Au: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, if you look at it, this is probably roughly over \$67 per resident. Our population is 180,000. That's a lot of money. Even though the library has its own board, its own authority, this is a heck of a lot of money. You know, I have a hard time believing that we can't do the same for less. When we look at constantly buying furnishings. I'm sure, again, I'm sure there is a lot of waste or a lot of extras in here and I wish I had a better understanding of all these lines, but that's a whole lot of money. I mean, we operate on \$63 million, the rest of Vanderburgh County and that's maintaining a whole lot of services, 800 plus employees, trucks, equipment, computers, everything. So–

Marcia Au: Councilman, can you tell me what percentage of your cost or budget are personnel services?

Councilmember Raben: Can I tell you that? Not offhand, no.

Marcia Au: Ours are 57%, which is lower than the national average. So I understand

your point.

Councilmember Raben: Ours is about \$13 million plus...\$25 plus \$10 for insurance, so about 50%.

Marcia Au: Okay, well I think the School Corporation is about plus 90, so I'm not aware of what the other local government units are. That might be something we would want to share. I would certainly be happy to sit down with you or any of the councilmen, women, to look at some of the particulars.

Councilmember Raben: Well, this you're spending about 20% of what we're spending and I am confident that the services that we provide, we've done a good job of doing it as efficiently as we can possibly do it. And I just hope that, not just this budget, but all of these other taxing units as we go through it, have the same interest in mind and that is eliminating a lot of extras. I said waste earlier. Let's say extras, that doesn't sound as harsh, but \$12 million is a lot of money.

Marcia Au: And I think we offer a lot of services, but I think maybe we'll just agree to disagree on that point.

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion to approve as presented.

Councilmember Lloyd: Does that include the Willard Library budget as well?

Marcia Au: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, second.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I'm sure they do everything that they can to cut costs. I mean, they're professionals, too.

Marcia Au: Absolutely.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I know you really put the pencil to it.

Marcia Au: We work together.

President Kiefer: Roll call vote, then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Just a general statement. Marcia, I'm very impressed with what you do in the library system and I think you're making that shift, that 21st century model that the National Institute for Museum & Libraries is really shooting out across the nation and I think you do tremendous work. I think in order to prepare young people for the work force the library is doing just that and being a strong support to the community needs that we have. And my vote is yes.

Marcia Au: Thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I have to echo that also and I'm going to vote 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I would also echo those comments and we use the library and we use Willard on occasion as well. I just appreciate the job they do. I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Thank you for being here today and I vote yes.

Marcia Au: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TOWN OF DARMSTADT

President Kiefer: Okay, moving right along. Town of Darmstadt please. I believe everybody should have the packets there in front of them.

Mallory Lowe: Hi, I'm Mallory Lowe, the Town Clerk for Darmstadt. And I have to say offhand our budget is a lot smaller than the library's. You were talking totals earlier and I was going over mine. I think last year altogether to run the entire town we spent \$174,000 and we've cut that down quite a bit. The years before it was way over \$200,000. So we've been cutting our costs everywhere we can.

Councilmember Goebel: Mallory, what is your single greatest expenditure?

Mallory Lowe: What is what?

Councilmember Goebel: Your single greatest expenditure?

Mallory Lowe: I would say the road paving. We have the hardest trouble with road paving. It takes us a couple of years to save up and then when we do, we paved Darmstadt Road last year. I believe that was \$100,000 which probably isn't much to the county, but that was a lot to us.

President Kiefer: Can you just tell us the percent of salary increase?

Mallory Lowe: Last year we did a three percent and we haven't discussed it this year, but we usually do about a three percent across the board. That's very small because we only have three employees.

President Kiefer: I understand. I think what we're trying to do is avoid precedence.

I think reluctantly they did the library because the insurance situation, they're paying such a big share of their insurance, 30 some percent. Councilman Shetler.

Councilmember Shetler: I noticed about half your budget is for fire protection.

Mallory Lowe: Unfortunately.

Councilmember Shetler: Who are you contracting that with?

Mallory Lowe: With Scott Township and we've had a lot of negotiations over the last couple of years trying to get that down and we haven't had much luck.

Councilmember Shetler: Do you get medical response on that as well?

Mallory Lowe: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: So this includes both fire and medical response in this \$82,000?

Mallory Lowe: Yes, it does.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, alright thank you.

Councilmember Raben: You also have some sewer service as well.

Mallory Lowe: Yes, we run our entire sewer system ourselves.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: It would be nice if we could be provided with prior year budgets too so we could have something to compare.

Mallory Lowe: Sure.

President Kiefer: Or maybe not the entire budget, but a spreadsheet that shows line items.

Mallory Lowe: I actually brought one with me. I can get those to you, that's not a problem.

Councilmember Goebel: We have to move on this today, don't we?

President Kiefer: Yeah, we have to move today, but for future use.

Mallory Lowe: Sure.

President Kiefer: I would like to see if there is any motion for amendments.

Councilmember Shetler: Motion for approval.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Kiefer: No amendment then?

Councilmember Goebel: I think in this case we want to look at the salary increase.

President Kiefer: Yeah, that is what I was concerned about, too, because we give them a salary increase, then we kind of...I felt like it was a big exception for the library, but I would like to stay consistent.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, the library is definitely going to be consumed by their own personal healthcare.

President Kiefer: Yeah, that is what I am saying. But I would like to stay consistent otherwise.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, you could offer to approve the budget first and vote on an amendment with salaries.

Mallory Lowe: That's another thing. Darmstadt is...I don't know if you were aware, but we don't have health insurance or retirement.

Councilmember Lloyd: No benefits.

(Inaudible)

Mallory Lowe: Yeah.

Councilmember Shetler: In some respects its, I mean, I guess if we're going to be consistent on it though, the City of Evansville is coming up and that would mean that we would have to—

President Kiefer: I agree with you, Tom.

Councilmember Shetler: I disagree. It would be nice if everybody was on the same page with health, all benefits, everything throughout the whole building.

Mallory Lowe: If we had a three percent increase, it would increase \$1,050. That would be our total salary increase.

President Kiefer: I know, it's a matter of principle we're talking about here now.

Councilmember Raben: I think it's important to recognize the fact that they have not provided benefits.

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

Councilmember Raben: So granting a three percent salary increase when you're not absorbing, as they stated with the library, a 13% increase on benefits, we're getting a hell of a deal, frankly. But I'll leave that up. My motion stands.

President Kiefer: There is a second. Who was the second?

Councilmember Shetler: I moved to James' second, I guess.

President Kiefer: Okay, I got it. Tom was first and James was second.

Councilmember Lloyd: Our former Councilman Wortman, he would say we have a

representative here from God's country.

President Kiefer: Okay, well, we have a first and we have a second. No other discussion, then I'll ask for a roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: The salary line still gets to me, but since there are no benefits I'll go along with it. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I just have a question. Do you know approximately how much your budget went up over the prior year, percentage?

Mallory Lowe: Very little. Maybe three percent.

Councilmember Lloyd: Approximately three?

Mallory Lowe: We never spend all of our budget. I believe we asked for \$200,000--

Councilmember Lloyd: Oh, 2.35 according to this.

Mallory Lowe: --and last year only spent \$134,000.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, and then did the fire protection go up?

Mallory Lowe: Yes, unfortunately.

Councilmember Lloyd: Quite a bit? Some people would say you're getting hosed on that deal.

Mallory Lowe: And some would agree.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I'm going to echo Councilman Goebel's sentiments here. You know, I like to stay consistent, but extenuating circumstances, you have no benefits. I mean, I can go along with the pay raise, so I vote yes. Congratulations. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH AIRPORT AUTHORITY

President Kiefer: We're moving right along then. We'll move onto the Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority.

Doug Joest: Good morning. I'm Doug Joest, the manager of Evansville Regional Airport. I would just like to mention a few things before we start. The past year our enplanements or this year our enplanements are running about equal to last year. This summer we enjoyed new service to Minneapolis/St. Paul and Memphis. That was seasonal service and we hope to get that back when the airlines again add additional capacity. Fed Ex is now actually flying airplanes into Evansville. In the past they weren't. They are now delivering some packages first thing in the morning. I don't know if you all saw the newspaper this morning. We received a grant to help us get additional airline service. So with that I'll just give you some quick highlights to our budget. Basically our overall budget is only up \$13,000 and that is less than .25 percent of last year's budget. I'll just go right into the topic of interest, salaries. What we did this past year is we looked at our organization. If you recall, last year we had a position in our budget that we eliminated which was an Assistant Safety Chief, so that is no longer in the budget. It wasn't in this year's budget. In going into next year with some changes in our organization, so we have redistributed the work and we have eliminated, basically we've eliminated another administrative position. However, I inputted a two percent increase for people. I basically feel like we are—

President Kiefer: What did you say that was, three percent?

Doug Joest: Two, two percent. Maybe I said three. It's two percent.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Doug Joest: Even with that it's an actual decrease of about \$30,000 in our total salaries because of the changes we made.

President Kiefer: Okay. Councilman Shetler, please.

Councilmember Shetler: Since we have been on this subject a little bit today about health insurance, the insurance policies that you guys have there, what kind of contribution do the employees make?

Doug Joest: Currently the employees do not make any contribution at all, but I would like to temper that with the fact that we have no coverage whatsoever for retirees. That's one difference in our plans. So we don't, because we have an accrual basic financial statement, we don't have post retirement benefits so we're saving a lot of money by not providing post retirement healthcare.

President Kiefer: I don't think county employees have other than Sheriff's department maybe.

Councilmember Shetler: I noticed that basically the health insurance that you're providing to the employees is substantially greater than what is being provided, for example, through the library. Theirs was running 15% of their payroll cost.

Doug Joest: Ours is about 24.

Councilmember Shetler: Yours is running about 30%.

Doug Joest: It's probably closer to 25, actually.

Councilmember Shetler: Well, I'm including...when I say 30 I'm including the life disability insurance along with the health insurance, \$758,000 total up against the payroll of roughly \$2.5 million. A little less than that.

Doug Joest: Okay.

Councilmember Shetler: So it's fairly close to 30%.

Doug Joest: Okay, and actually I think this year...again, I just...nobody knows what healthcare is going to cost. That number is probably higher than it is actually going to be. Our expenses this year look like they are going to be about \$645,000 or \$650,000. Again, admittedly there is a cushion there.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, it just—

Doug Joest: And when our coverages come up we'll look at that again.

Councilmember Shetler: It appears to me that...I'm going to frame the argument all back to what we've been talking about and I think before we've all made the exception of pay increases based upon other benefit packages that are there.

Doug Joest: Right, right.

Councilmember Shetler: And the other benefit packages seem to be much less than what we are providing in the county, so therefore compensation, you know, seems to be logical in direct benefits for pay increases and stuff where yours appears to be a policy that may be as good or better.

Doug Joest: Perhaps it is, but again I think you need...it's hard to say this is better than it. You have to go down and compare it line by line what the actual benefits are and also take into consideration what people have available after retirement.

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

Doug Joest: Because that is part of the total package.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I understand that.

Doug Joest: I don't disagree with your comments, I would just like to—

President Kiefer: Doug, are there any employees who do not take insurance?

Doug Joest: There probably are. I don't know off the top of my head.

Councilmember Shetler: It doesn't cost them anything.

Doug Joest: Yeah, probably not. There might be an exception. That's probably a general statement, would be true, most of them are.

President Kiefer: Councilman Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Doug, this is just the expenditure budget. Revenues this year versus last year, and I look at all your financials that we get each month from the airport.

Doug Joest: Right.

Councilmember Lloyd: Slight increase, would you say?

Doug Joest: Through August our revenues were up about \$136,000 over last year which is about a four percent increase. So we see increases in the parking lot and airline revenue is fairly flat because we have the same number of airlines as we had the prior year. The parking lot is up about seven percent due to enplanements being a little better. Car rental agency, again, it's actually up 13% and our other rent is up substantially, about 38%. We had a warehouse that had been vacant for a couple of years that re-leased late last year.

Councilmember Lloyd: So these are all functions of the economy. It looks like '10 was maybe the trough and it looks like things are coming back. Or '09 was the trough.

Doug Joest: Actually '09 was the trough. Yeah, for example our enplanements in '09 were off 20 odd percent. We recovered half of that last year and then we're kind of holding our ground this year and that's our main benchmark.

Councilmember Lloyd: I did notice going through the expenditures you eliminated the Finance Manager and kind of reshuffled the positions.

Doug Joest: Correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: And, like you said, your overall personnel services is down \$30,000, which is certainly commendable.

Doug Joest: And that is with the two percent increase in it.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, and there are a couple of small increases in different line items. You had budgeted for health insurance, that's on page three, \$750,000, an increase of \$30,000. About four percent. When taking what Councilman Shetler had indicated, have you guys ever had conversations about possibly having the employees contribute?

Doug Joest: We have from time to time. We'll certainly look at it. I'm sure our board will address it this year.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, I think for us it's...we feel like the county's plan is pretty generous. It's hard to find one more generous.

President Kiefer: The airport.

Councilmember Lloyd: But anyway—

Doug Joest: Certainly needs to be looked at, I'll give you that.

Councilmember Lloyd: But the overall budget up only \$13,485 or .2 percent, so it is a pretty tiny increase in the operation budget.

Doug Joest: Correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: Quite a drop from 2010, about \$60,000 or something like that. So you guys are actually operating on a lower budget than two years ago, which I think that is also commendable.

Doug Joest: Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: I think the service the Evansville Airport provides for us is a necessity and sometimes it's a luxury and hopefully you can land some more services. I would like to make the recommendation that we accept the budget as is with a recommendation of no pay raise.

President Kiefer: Ok, before you do that, Councilman Bassemier, you're an employee at the airport. Do you have some comments or anything you want to add?

Councilmember Bassemier: I can just say that our health insurance after we retire, Mr. Joest says we don't get anything, and I think if I understand it right saying when the county employees retire from their jobs they can carry on with the health insurance.

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Bassemier: Depends on the age, okay. But that is a benefit depending on the age, right? Okay, so there is some benefits when the county employees, for some individuals after they retire.

President Kiefer: Okay. Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'll second the motion.

President Kiefer: So that was in the form of a motion, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second the motion and one quick comment. Doug, I think the airport is doing a lot of good things out there.

Doug Joest: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: And it is, it's quite a luxury to have.

Doug Joest: Well, we're kind of proud of it. We try to do better.

Councilmember Raben: Occasionally because of the destination or when you've got to be there, occasionally I have to fly out of St. Louis or Louisville, and I can't tell you want a pain in the rear that is.

Doug Joest: Remember that bridge is out over there.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, but any opportunity you can, please fly out of Evansville.

Doug Joest: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: At the end of the day it's so nice to park and walk 200 yards.

Doug Joest: And when you get off the airplane, you are home.

Councilmember Raben: And quite interestingly, twice in probably the last ten months, they were asking for bumps out of Atlanta coming to Evansville. So the plane—

Doug Joest: Yeah, the load factors have increased.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, the plane has been full twice that I have been on coming in. So that's good to see. I hope we get more service again.

Doug Joest: Yeah, we're working hard at it. The grant that we received yesterday certainly will help us in that effort.

Councilmember Bassemier: Joe.

President Kiefer: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: I would just like to say, you know, that the Airport Manager also took a pretty good cut in pay. I think about a seven percent cut in pay, so he is trying to help out all he can.

President Kiefer: Appreciate that.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, we're going to vote on the airport budget as submitted except for flat salaries, which is your motion? The effect of this, that would be the Council's recommendation to the state, is that correct, Mr. Ahlers? The airport can still vote the budget as they submitted, is that right?

Jeff Ahlers: That is correct. What happens is that, because it is non-binding, though, the State Board of Accounts and the Department of Local Government Finance will look at our recommendations, will look at what the airport puts forth if they don't modify their budget based on your review and then the State Board of Accounts and the Department of Local Government Finance would make whatever inquiry they want and either pick one side or the other or something in between. They are the ultimate authority.

Doug Joest: I have a quick question for clarification. Is that across the board, no step increases or are step increases allowed?

Councilmember Lloyd: The person that made the motion needs to answer that.

Councilmember Goebel: I think we don't control step increases do we?

President Kiefer: No, I think—

Councilmember Goebel: They are automatic.

President Kiefer: --allow the step increases.

Doug Joest: Okay.

President Kiefer: So you're clarifying your motion to allow the step increases?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

President Kiefer: Okay. Alright, in that case. Councilman Lloyd and then Councilman Shetler.

Councilmember Lloyd: Just to point out, the two percent, you guys are following the city's pay increase, so you know there would be some merit to that. I guess my position would be I'm going to allow the airport what they are requesting. I'm not here fighting for everybody's pay increase, but the other thing I would urge you to look at is possibly employee contribution on healthcare. I think it's something you guys need to look at.

Doug Joest: Certainly, I'll take that under consideration.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Shetler.

Councilmember Shetler: I just want to point out that Doug has done an excellent job out there as the Director and the airport is in very good shape and I think underneath good financial hands. I would like to, being a representative of the airport, I have been a little bit busy with the Council budget and other business—

Doug Joest: I understand.

Councilmember Shetler: --activities and stuff the last month or so, but I would like to sit down with you and go through that health plan and look at that and see what can be done in the future.

Doug Joest: Absolutely.

Councilmember Shetler: Because I do think that is something that we need to look real hard at. Not only just employee contribution, but I would like to see where you guys fall in deductibles.

Doug Joest: We do have deductibles and we have co-pays and all that.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you, Doug.

President Kiefer: Okay. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So we have five yes, one abstention and 1 nay vote. Thank you very much, Doug, I appreciate the work you're doing.

Doug Joest: Thank you and I would welcome anybody, if they have questions going forward, to contact me. I would be happy to show you what is going on out there.

President Kiefer: Thank you.

Doug Joest: Alright, thank you.

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmember Bassemier abstained, Councilmember Lloyd opposed)

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

President Kiefer: Okay, now we have Solid Waste. I think Joe is here perhaps. Yeah. Hi, Joe.

Joe Ballard: Hello, I'm Joe Ballard, Director of the Solid Waste District. With me is Susan Jefferies, our administrator and also Jenny Collins, the Evansville City Controller. And I would, well, we'll say even though we are a county wide agency, a separate independent district, we contract with the City of Evansville, the City Controller manages our budget so we follow, basically, the City of Evansville's personnel practices and the like. I guess my one comment would be something, basically, what I said last month in our hearing. We get our funding from the landfill. Two dollars per ton of waste that goes to the landfill comes to us, therefore we are self-supported. We have no tax. We are not tax supported, we receive no tax money, so our budget comes from that. We have raised our budget slightly this year 3.8% from \$392,000 to 407,000 or \$15,000. The last three years we have reduced our budget. In 2009 was the trough on ours, too. We received \$316,000 from the landfill and that has steadily gone up since then. The Solid Waste Board approved our budget last night and Councilman Lloyd is your representative to the Solid Waste

District. I can take any questions.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Shetler, please.

Councilmember Shetler: You're on the city health insurance plan?

Joe Ballard: That's correct.

Councilmember Shetler: Which is self insured?

Joe Ballard: It's self insured, yes.

Jenny Collins: The City of Evansville's per employee contribution is \$15,336. We are a self insured fund. Overall on the city's budget we increased our health insurance by eight percent. We historically have fell below industry average, not to mention the clinic has been a huge benefit for the city and our healthcare cost.

Councilmember Shetler: How much would you estimate that saving the city? Do you have a feel? I know it's early.

Jenny Collins: I don't have those figures.

Councilmember Shetler: It's probably too early in the ball game.

Jenny Collins: It is.

Councilmember Shetler: What have you been doing it, a year, year and a half?

Jenny Collins: Yeah, we're, I think, going on our second year with it. But it's also a huge benefit for the city employees also. In 2011 the city had to raise the co-pays. You know, we all were faced with that, you know, but a benefit to the clinic is city employees, as for the Solid Waste District employees, they can go there and there are no co-pays involved. We have a wide variety of generic drugs that are provided to the employees at no cost.

Councilmember Shetler: The average employer that I have spoken with in the last couple of months that are on similar programs seem to be saving roughly \$1,000 per employee, per year. Which, you know, can be very significant obviously.

Jenny Collins: I think it's a great benefit for employees also to be able to offer that kind of service.

Councilmember Shetler: No, absolutely. It's definitely a win/win program. Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: And I am your representative on that board. We approved the budget last night. I would like to point out, similar to the airport, I guess, '10 you guys had a pretty severe dip in revenue, or '09 and '10.

Joe Ballard: At the end of '08 and in '09, the whole year of 2009, we took in \$316,000. For next year we have estimated about \$440,000.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, so with the bad economy less people were generating trash. Businesses were not generating trash.

Joe Ballard: Our fees are very much related to the economy.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right. And it looks like you got a projection of a slight increase. You think that might be very conservative? You know, a couple of years ago you had to do a hard thing and eliminate an employee.

Joe Ballard: That is correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: So this is a very lean operation. The majority of your expenditures come out of contractual services which is the different recycling programs.

Joe Ballard: That's right. Well, our primary one, the Tox Away Day, household hazardous waste day we have at Roberts Stadium, it was a couple of weeks ago, that is out of that. Saturday we have an electronics recycling day at the Civic Center parking lot and that comes out of that. The various drop off recycling days, tire recycling, those all come out of contractual services, that's correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: So, to me, this is a very lean operation. They have always been administered by the City of Evansville although the county is a participant, so I would just like to approve...make a motion to approve this budget as submitted.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Is there discussion? I guess the comment I would make, again, back to the pay increase, is that, you know, this is completely funded without taxpayer dollars except for your insurance, but outside of that I think—

Joe Ballard: Our entire budget is from the landfill.

Jenny Collins. The Solid Waste District does contribute the per employee cost for health insurance from their non property tax—

President Kiefer: Right. And you have a surplus budget this year.

Joe Ballard: Slightly, but it's better than it was.

President Kiefer: Okay, so I am going to feel comfortable supporting this. Any other discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Since your board member twisted my arm over here, I'll vote yes.

Joe Ballard: Very good. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

President Kiefer: Next on the list, City of Evansville. Jenny.

Jenny Collins: Hi, Jenny Collins, City Controller.

President Kiefer: And congratulations on being selected as 20 under 40 and being featured in the Evansville Business Journal. It was a nice article.

Jenny Collins: Thank you, I appreciate that. As you can see with our budgets, obviously we have the two percent increase that everyone has been talking about in the budget. The city, you know, overall the General Fund from last year increased about 3.66 percent. As you all know, the PERF increased for all employees except for the Police and Fire. We had a 1.5% increase in PERF that was given to us by the state. I stated earlier we had an eight percent health insurance increase. We feel pretty comfortable with that number and hopefully be able to come below that. Life insurance, we had a little bit of an increase there. We had a ten percent increase in our life insurance. Four percent in our Civic Center rent and seven percent liability insurance. We are also self insured in our liability line items and worker's comp. You know, with all those increases we still were able to keep the General Fund budget at 3.66% of an increase, so we did look throughout our budget to see where there could be cuts made. Just alone in my office, I had an employee that had been with us for 30 some odd years and, due to the new computer software and some duplication in services, I decided not to hire that position back. We hope in the future that there may be some other cost savings there. No elimination of jobs, but maybe through attrition, you know, due to just a different style of work. Not so much paper pushing. With that, I'll take any questions.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Got an approval, first and second. Jenny, just, you know, this document here is just not very user friendly. I know when I was on the City Council this wasn't what I—

Jenny Collins: Which document is that? That is the new Gateway form so you can thank the State of Indiana for that form.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, they were copied backward so you've got to even flip it around to read it.

Jenny Collins: Sorry about that. But that is the new state Gateway form and that was printed directly out of the state's website. That is what we are required to put the budgets into this year.

President Kiefer: Any other discussion? Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: I would like echo your congratulations to Jenny for the 20 under 40.

Jenny Collins: Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: And also extend congratulations to Vanderburgh County's own Council person, Stephanie Terry.

President Kiefer: That's right, that's right.

Councilmember Goebel: I feel like this has already been addressed with the city and the City Council, so I don't know how much good it would do for us to adjust it any. I just think we have two different bodies and we are really faced, strapped, the same as you are, but I don't believe we are asking for much of an increase anywhere so maybe in the future that can be considered and we can keep it on the same plane. Other than that, I have no further comment.

President Kiefer: Okay. Couple of questions, Councilman Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I would agree. This is the City Council's role. We're just somewhat perfunctory in approving this. I didn't see in here, I know it's in here, the annexation you have quite a good increase in General Fund property tax.

Jenny Collins: Yeah, I was able to increase the maximum levy by almost \$2.7 million which also helped, you know, in the preparation of the budget.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, okay.

Jenny Collins: And what we had available.

Councilmember Lloyd: But it went from...I know, of course, these are the dark old days when I was mayor it was around \$40 million, but now you've got about 61.

Jenny Collins: That's correct. The overall maximum levy calculation with the annexation and the, I think the percentage growth that we are allowed to grow every year came to about \$62 million. Of course, that is split up between the General Fund, the Parks Fund and any tax supported bonds that are out there.

Councilmember Lloyd: Do you know, what percent do your employees pay for health insurance? Like the percentage for the employee contribution?

Jenny Collins: I'm not sure on that. That is something that I could get for you. Like

I said, we did have to go to our employees and increase their co-pays last year when preparing the budget. It's still a very reasonable, you know, program that we offer our employees.

Councilmember Lloyd: It's like around ten percent or you think it is lower or higher?

Councilmember Shetler: I recently looked at that. It had different tables brought up. I want to say it's a tiered deal. For a single plan it's like 10 percent, up to a family plan it's something closer to 30%.

Jenny Collins: And that is correct. It is a tier plan and that is why I am kind of struggling to think what the cost would be, but that sounds about right.

Councilmember Shetler: Plus I think you guys have some deductibles in there. You have some co-pays.

Jenny Collins: There are deductibles and co-pays. Our co-pays for a regular office visit I believe are \$30, for a specialty, the co-pay is \$50.

Councilmember Shetler: I think so. It's actually a plan that is probably somewhat comparable maybe to the Library. We didn't get into their details, yet—

Jenny Collins: I haven't looked at theirs.

Councilmember Shetler: But it's definitely not as good as what the policy is, I think, that the county is providing.

Councilmember Lloyd: The only other question I had, and like I said, it's City Council's role here, but I noticed on page three fire protection contracts, you had zero, in the prior year, \$37,000. I assume that is the coverage for Knight Township, does that sound right?

Jenny Collins: Um, yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: In the receipts.

Jenny Collins: Oh, in the receipts.

Councilmember Lloyd: I would assume that is revenue coming from your coverage of Knight Township when they disbanded their fire department.

Jenny Collins: That is correct. We also, I think, have some fire protection contracts with Pigeon Township also, where they do pay a portion of that.

Councilmember Lloyd: Then it looked like you had higher cemetery receipts. I mean, maybe you raised the prices there. I just noticed that. It's only a couple of lines below that. Higher than what you've had in prior years.

Jenny Collins: We do have a very good cemetery director out there that has really done a good job as far as, you know, going out and selling plots and so forth.

Councilmember Lloyd: That's good. Alright, thank you.

President Kiefer: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: I guess I'm looking at this as a learning session. The Emergency Medical Response that I think you guys dropped that contract last year.

Jenny Collins: We did, its not a tax supported any longer. It's basically AMR has that contract. The Fire Department has...I can't really speak to the contract, I would want to refer that to Chief Jarboe, but it's not supported by tax dollars any longer. Used to be, the AMR contract was adopted by the City Council and then they could only charge a certain percent and then the tax revenue would pick up the other for individuals, and now I think it goes back to the actual individuals.

Councilmember Shetler: Were you guys in that contract, originally, were you kind of obliged to bill for the service?

Jenny Collins: Correct.

Councilmember Shetler: Then you backed up...if they didn't collect, then you guys backed it up, up to \$535,000 or whatever that figure was. Half a million dollars.

Jenny Collins: That's correct. We contracted with a billing company to do that. We still are actually billing in my department. We have taken that role on for just the...there is probably 100 to 200 customers left that are paying. We have some people that pay \$5 a month. We want to allow them to pay their debt for, you know, their ambulance service that they had even though it was, you know, ten years ago. We still collect those payments from those individuals until their debt is paid.

Councilmember Shetler: Right. I guess the Fire Department is the first provider—

Jenny Collins: First responder, uh-huh.

Councilmember Shetler: First response, and then if there is, in my business it is called cartage, but you're moving the people from there to the hospital, the accident site to the hospital or whatever, that portion of it is billed by the provider—

Jenny Collins: Of the service.

Councilmember Shetler: – by themselves privately and it's up to them to collect it or not collect it.

Jenny Collins: That's correct.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay. Alright, thank you.

President Kiefer: Jenny, are there any major capital projects? I mean, obviously, no new stadium on the horizon, but any major capital projects? The zoo, something?

Jenny Collins: You know, we strived to get that AZA accreditation so we do have some capital projects at the zoo. I can't think of specific ones. You know, we, of course, got a fire truck in there, I believe. We have some police cars, I think 15 new police cars in our capital budget.

President Kiefer: But no major like structures, buildings?

Jenny Collins: Not that is coming to mind right now, no.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I do need to remind everybody we are past the advertising point for our final budget hearing, so we need to move on.

President Kiefer: So we can do roll call vote if there is no other discussion.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I do wish that we could at some point be on the same page with pay increases and health insurance, but my vote is yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I echo Councilwoman Terry's sentiments, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I'm going to vote no. I like to be consistent on the pay increase section of it, but you pass and don't really need our vote anyway, so thank you.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Kiefer opposed)

Jenny Collins: Thank you. Maybe we could work together on health insurance. I think that is one of our biggest dividers in our budget, when you look at them.

President Kiefer: That would be good. Okay, then we are going to adjourn today because we have other taxing units to hear, but these are the ones we had scheduled for today. Our meeting is not closed, it's just adjourned and with that do we need a recess?

Councilmember Raben: Let's just reopen.

President Kiefer: Okay, let's reopen the budget hearing meetings. This is a separate meeting so we are going to give just a minute for Teri to change the tape then.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Joe Kiefer

Vice President Tom Shetler, Jr.

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Stephanie Terry

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 5, 2011

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

President Kiefer: I'd like to call the Vanderburgh County Council meeting to order for October 5th, 2011. If you could do roll call please, Teri.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel		X*
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd		X*
President Kiefer	X	

*Arrived after roll call taken

President Kiefer: We have a quorum so we can move along. I would like to ask Chris Cooke in the audience to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 7, 2011
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President Kiefer: Thank you, Chris. We'll move right in. Is there a motion to approve the minutes for September 7th?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: We have a first and a second. All in favor say aye. Okay, so approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SHERIFF & JAIL

President Kiefer: We'll jump into the appropriation ordinance, Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning. First on the agenda, Sheriff for Utilities in the amount of \$12,800. We'll move on down to Jail, Food, in the amount of \$98,000 and Medical, the Sheriff helped us with this one, it's \$70,000. I'll move approval on those items.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, so approved.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-3200	Utilities	12,800.00	12,800.00
Total		12,800.00	12,800.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2260	Food	98,000.00	98,000.00
1051-2240	Medical	120,000.00	70,000.00
Total		218,000.00	168,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Co-op Extension. We have a request for Utilities, Travel & Mileage and Equipment Repair for a total of \$3,500. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: First and second. Further discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-3200	Utilities	1,500.00	1,500.00
1230-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00
1230-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		3,500.00	3,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next County Council. We have a request for Consultant, Accrued Payments, FICA and PERF for a total of \$17,820. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Any further discussion? Roll call please? Councilman Goebel is now in the audience. Okay, he is now in attendance, thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: This is approval of minutes?

Councilmember Raben: No, this is approval of the—

Teri Lukeman: County Council.

Councilmember Raben: County Council appropriation.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer? Yes.

President Kiefer: Yes. So approved, thank you.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-3460	Consultant	10,000.00	10,000.00
1480-1971	Accrued Payments	6,746.00	6,746.00
1480-1900	FICA	517.00	517.00
1480-1910	PERF	557.00	557.00
Total		17,820.00	17,820.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: That's it for the General Fund. Now we'll move on to Local Emergency Plan Commission, Emergency Management in the amount of \$2,500. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2861-3210	Emergency Mgmt.	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total		2,500.00	2,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

SHERIFF (TWO REQUESTS)
JAIL (TWO REQUESTS)
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
HEALTH DEPARTMENT (TWO REQUESTS)
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay. That concludes the appropriation requests. Now we'll move on to transfers. We've got quite a few transfers. Is everybody comfortable with lumping those together in one motion?

President Kiefer: Yes, I am.

Councilmember Raben: If so, I'll move that we approve all transfers as listed.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and second. Discussion? Further discussion? We did discuss these last week, so roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: I am going to vote yes, but I would be remiss if I didn't point out that I'm grateful for the Sheriff coming forward and looking at ways to cut that medical budget and that saved us because we were really on thin ice on our unappropriated balances for the rest of the year, so that will give us a tad bit of breathing room. It's not that anybody can go out and spend lavishly the next three months here, but this gives us some breathing room. I appreciate it, so I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Unanimously approved.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0032	Corporal	5,000.00	5,000.00
1050-1130-0047	Deputy Sheriff	15,000.00	15,000.00
To: 1050-1971	Accrued Payments	20,000.00	20,000.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0021	Sergeant	8,200.00	8,200.00
1050-1130-0080	Deputy Sheriff	11,000.00	11,000.00
To: 1050-1971	Accrued Payments	19,200.00	19,200.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0312	Confinement Officer	5,400.00	withdrawn
To: 1051-1971	Accrued Payments	5,400.00	withdrawn

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0327	Confinement Officer	10,800.00	10,800.00
1051-1130-0330	Confinement Officer	9,200.00	9,200.00
1051-1130-0337	Confinement Officer	6,400.00	6,400.00
To: 1051-1850	Union Overtime	26,400.00	26,400.00

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3000	Bond & Insurance	11,206.00	11,206.00
To: 1300-3021	Hillcrest Washington	9,206.00	9,206.00
1300-3270	Change of Venue	2,000.00	2,000.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

REQUESTED

APPROVED

From: 1361-1430-1361	Confinement Officer	5,400.00	5,400.00
To: 1361-1850	Union Overtime	5,400.00	5,400.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

REQUESTED

APPROVED

From: 2030-1130-2030	Foreman	9.00	9.00
To: 2030-1140-2030	Operator	9.00	9.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

REQUESTED

APPROVED

From: 2130-1490-2130	Clinic Nurse	1,467.00	1,467.00
2130-1220-2130	Public Health Nurse	7,418.00	7,418.00
To: 2130-1971	Accrued Payments	8,885.00	8,885.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

REQUESTED

APPROVED

From: 2130-3600	Rent	3,450.00	3,450.00
To: 2130-2210	Gas & Oil	3,450.00	3,450.00

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

REQUESTED

APPROVED

From: 2861-2600	Supplies	277.00	277.00
2861-3130	Travel/Mileage	500.00	500.00
2861-3310	Education & Training	300.00	300.00
2861-3313	Ed. & Public Outreach	500.00	500.00
2861-3370	Data Management	100.00	100.00
2861-4431	Hazmat Response Equip.	100.00	100.00
To: 2861-3210	Emergency Mgmt.	1,777.00	1,777.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Kiefer: We're moving right along then. Okay, that's no repeats, no old business. In the new business I think the first thing we'll do is we'll ask Judge Pigman to address us and tell us what he is looking for.

Bob Pigman: Thank you and good morning. Bob Pigman, Vanderburgh Superior Court. We've lost two of our Probation Officers from our Misdemeanor Traffic

Division of our court. Tragically, one of them lost their fight to cancer on September 26th and has passed away. The other has left our employment and moved to Indianapolis. We have submitted requests in September to have these positions filled. This is our busiest court. Half of the 64,000 cases filed in Superior Court are filed in Misdemeanor Court, so it's not a situation where we can do without these folks. I would be glad to answer any questions you might have.

President Kiefer: Any questions from Councilmembers? Okay, is there a motion...oh.

Councilmember Goebel: Motion to approve, but I have an aside. I would like to thank Judge Pigman who makes various trips out, but he came to my classes yesterday and did an outstanding job speaking on the Bill of Rights. Nothing to do with this particular case, but it is a great opportunity for our students. Thank you, Judge.

Bob Pigman: You're welcome.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, second by Councilman Bassemier. Discussion? I want to make sure this is for...there are two line items on our agenda for filling Probation Officer vacancies. Are those one in the—

Bob Pigman: There are two positions.

President Kiefer: So this motion is for both positions? Okay, it is. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So approved. Thank you, Judge Pigman.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Bob Pigman: If I might for just a moment take a second of your time I understand that one or maybe both of these were late. That was my responsibility. That was my fault. I apologize for any inconvenience that may have caused anybody. I certainly will see that does not happen in the future. Our relationships have always been cordial and professional and productive and I know they will continue that way, but I want you to know that I value your time, it's as valuable as ours and I apologize for any inconvenience that may have caused to anyone. Okay?

President Kiefer: Thank you very much.

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Kiefer: Next on the agenda, is somebody here from the Prosecutor's Office? There is a request to pay overtime to Child Support Enforcement Agents & Clerical staff.

Regene Newman: Hi, Regene Newman, Prosecutor's Office. Nick will be here in just a moment. Can we just push him back just a little bit?

President Kiefer: Sure.

Regene Newman: He got detained this morning and he should be here any minute.

President Kiefer: Okay, that's fine. We'll move to the Clerk who has a request to fill five positions. Is somebody from the Clerk's Office here?

Councilmember Terry: Here she is.

President Kiefer: Here she is. Thank you, Susie, you're up. First up, how about that?

Susan Kirk: Okay, I ran over so I am out of breath at the moment. Okay.

President Kiefer: Just tell us a little bit about your request to fill positions.

Susan Kirk: Okay. Line item 1470 is the Assistant Supervisor of Bookkeeping. Obviously, that's a busy place and we're getting ready to start doing some Odyssey transfers. A transfer system from Courtview to Odyssey which means we'll be running two bookkeeping systems at the same time. It's gonna take...I don't know, it has already taken two years for them to even kind of get around to us, but once they start, it will be Misdemeanor and Traffic first and then we'll go ahead and do like Small Claims and then Circuit and Superior. So that will be an ongoing project. Child Support Cashier, I know it was brought up at the last meeting about I was breaking the law having one of my Child Support Cashiers going to court, but you have to remember with our job descriptions the way things are, if we follow the job descriptions, we would not get it done. Right now our job description over there is if there is a job to be done, whoever, we do it. So it's kind of a hodgepodge. Also in child support, it was brought up that we're collecting the same amount of money. Obviously someone doesn't understand the concept of this. Yes, as far as people paying their child support that pay, they are. It's the \$50 fee that they pay each year for the Clerk's Office and the courts to process that. So for those who pay, yes, it's about the same. What we did, we had a company come in and they collected from people who had not paid and within a three year period we collected \$355,551.63 that just goes into the General Fund. So, by having that extra child support person or putting the other one back in there, filling that position, we may, may be able to go ahead and go back to the collection trying to get some more money in for the county,

because what happens is when they send those notices out we get bombarded with phone calls. It's just...it just drives you nuts, we get so many of them. People are like, how come I've got to pay this? Well, this is what the problem is, when people file for divorce and they have children and they have to pay child support, it doesn't say in any orders that come from the court that they have to do it, it's by law. But they don't remember to do it every year to pay the \$50, so time passes and they don't pay it, so then we've got to go back and get it. We don't have to, but when we do it does bring in money. Plus, once we get Misdemeanor and Traffic up and running on Odyssey, we'll probably be able to collect late fees down there too which will be another big amount. So that's what that one is for. Okay, Misdemeanor & Traffic Clerk, that is down there in Misdemeanor & Traffic, and needless to say, they are very busy because I have to pull whoever can possibly do it out of the Circuit/Superior or Small Claims or Child Support to go into court because they don't have enough people to cover all the bases down there. Certified Mail Clerk. That is an all day job, believe it or not, doing certified mail. The stacks are just enormous every day. Again, all of these are time sensitive. They need to be done within a time period and we are behind. We are like ten days behind on getting the certified mail out on time. Circuit/Superior Venues Clerk, that was the position that was empty for a while and we have people from either Child Support or Bookkeeping, whoever we can find, to go in to Circuit Court for court because we don't have anybody to do that, plus the add on cases and adding on new cases and then you add on to existing cases. So those are the five positions.

President Kiefer: I would like to open this up to councilmembers. Councilman Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Susie, I believe, and I got this information from Mrs. Deig, but the 1530 Cashier Child Support, that is not going to be vacant until the end of the year, is that correct?

Susan Kirk: That is true. We can fill 1470 on October 31st, the Child Support Cashier, she has been on FMLA and all kinds of things, so we are trying to wait for that to get done. That will be the first of the year. Misdemeanor & Traffic Clerk is again on October 31st. Certified Mail Clerk is October 7th and that's 1460, and then line item 1260 last year. So that one is ready to go.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so really 1530, I think, I mean I would recommend we wait on that one, but consider these other ones.

President Kiefer: Okay—

Councilmember Raben: Are you making that in a motion?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, I guess. Do we want to—

Councilmember Raben: Why don't you—

Councilmember Lloyd: I was going to say we could either take them one at a time or make a motion for the first four and save the fifth one.

Councilmember Raben: Why don't you...I mean, I'll make a motion.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that we approve 1470, 1570, 1460 and 1260.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. I see no further discussion, then I'll ask for a roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Susan Kirk: Gosh, I think I'm going to faint. Well, thank you very much. This is the best yet. Thank you.

President Kiefer: Thank you. Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, one comment. The Clerk is doing her part to save postal jobs if they got a mail clerk working all day on certified mail.

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO PAY OVERTIME

President Kiefer: Okay, we'll move back to the Prosecutor. I see Nick Hermann is in the audience. Request permission to pay overtime to Child Support Enforcement Agents and clerical staff.

Nick Hermann: Our request has to do with, we are attempting to image our documents and go to a computer based storage system for child support. We have about one and a half to two million pages of files that need to be imaged. We have...we're moving toward getting that system up and running. I think going forward from new cases that start today, going forward we're not going to have any problem

doing that. The problem is going to be going backwards and catching up all the old ones. We have, as we've talked with this Council before, we have about 17,000 open cases. We have...we're doing this in a effort to increase efficiency. We've gone out and gotten quotes to having it done privately to have our files shipped off and lose files for a couple of months and have those done. The problem that I see is twofold. One is that they charge per page and I'm not sure every single page is necessary, and then the other is from an organizational standpoint getting things imaged in is one thing, getting them imaged in in an order that we can use is something else. We sat down and talked about it and we think that we can do it more cost effectively and more efficiently if we do it in-house. So my request is to ask the Council to be able to pay my child support employees overtime to do this. That money would come out of the Child Support Incentive Fund. It would not be General Fund money, so that would be coming. That is one of the approved ways that we can spend that state money, so that is basically my request.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Hermann, would this be a possible position for maybe an intern or maybe a new graduated law student who I think there is an ample number that are seeking some type of work at this point in time according to references made instead of paying overtime?

Nick Hermann: It could be. The company we were looking at has 25 employees and they were estimating it was going to take them four months. The equipment is very expensive and the thing that we're looking at, the outside companies, the closest ones we were finding were in Indianapolis and they are used to scanning medical things when the hospitals and different organizations go paperless. What we are specifically missing with that is we would get them scanned doing them that way, we would not get them scanned into files the way we wanted them and in an organized fashion. I think taking someone with 15 or 20 years experience in knowing what people in court will need as opposed to just somebody to...it's not really a...there is a lot of manual labor to it, but it's not really a low level manual labor job. The product you get out is going to depend on who it is putting it in. So I think, to answer your question, I think some intern help could...we certainly could hire a couple of people to help with that, to move boxes, to do the scanning and some of those types of things, but we're going to need our staff to organize it, decide what is necessary, what has to be in the file, what can be shredded, those types of things. The other complicating thing with interns is you're dealing with federal tax information and some of those things, so there is some substantial training that has to be done prior to that, but it is possible to use some interns, yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: I was just wondering if it would be more cost effective to do it that way plus we might be able to give someone gainful employment for the time being. How long do you propose this will take to make all the catchup with paying overtime?

Nick Hermann: It was going to take 20 to 25 people full-time four months, so we have about 15 people interested in doing it which I assume after a couple of months will drop down to probably half that. Our goal is to get this done within a year to 18 months.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay. Councilman Shetler.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I would like to point out, I think right now we have established that it ends December 31st of this year, so it would be something you would have to come back for and request in January.

Nick Hermann: In January, okay.

Councilmember Shetler: Which is probably appropriate that way we can review it, see how it's going and how it is working out.

Nick Hermann: Sure.

President Kiefer: Councilman Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: What records are we talking about that you need to scan? You said that they've got to sort through. They don't want to scan everything?

Nick Hermann: Uh-huh. If you think of what our criminal side...our criminal cases are usually open anywhere from six months to upwards of a year and a half or two years, so we move through those pretty quickly. As soon as those cases are done we move those to storage. The child support cases, however, they open as soon as the child is born or as soon as there is a divorce and they stay open usually to age 18, but can go all the way to age 21. So if you think about somebody that has, basically, a baby, they stay open 20 years so it's...we have a storage issue. We don't have space to keep putting them. We're buying one of those large file cabinets about once a month and filling that up pretty regularly. But more importantly, the imaging does two things for us. One, it allows multiple people to access a file at one time and two, it allows for very rapid retrieval of files as opposed to having to go to the file cabinet, find them, they get misfiled, those types of things, so it's an effort to increase efficiency. As the Council knows, our child support staff has a workload that is 60% higher than the state average. We do a pretty good job in collecting child support. We are right at the state average, right below the state average which is incredible for a county our size, but just from a staffing standpoint alone with caseloads being 60% higher than the state average, it's something that we are looking for efficiencies anywhere we can find them.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, that makes sense. Thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Shetler.

Councilmember Shetler: Currently you're not using any offsite storage? Everything is here?

Nick Hermann: That's correct.

Councilmember Shetler: On the premises?

Nick Hermann: Yes.

Councilmember Shetler: Are you getting to the point where you may have to consider that as an option?

Nick Hermann: It's not an option for us in child support cases because we get child support calls seven days a week, all hours of the night, and we don't know which cases are really active. I mean, if we have a case where somebody is paying and everything is going well we may not hear from somebody for years and then

somebody loses a job, somebody wins the lottery, somebody this, somebody that, all of a sudden that becomes a priority and we have to pull that file. Actually, keeping files offsite would just exacerbate the problem. We're containing our active files within our office which we are more or less required to do by the federal government and then we are required to keep them, I believe, it's five years and we have those in locked storage downstairs.

Councilmember Shetler: Let me rephrase the question just slightly then.

Nick Hermann: Alright.

Councilmember Shetler: If we were able to enhance our abilities to store onsite, expand that capacity would that be advantageous to your office then?

Nick Hermann: Umm—

Councilmember Shetler: Not necessarily with this particular reason you're coming before us with the scanning and digitizing things, but, you know, in the future it sounds like you're gobbling up a lot of space anyway.

Nick Hermann: Once we get this paperless project running we are not going to be storing paper files in child support. We will not have files to store. We'll still be generating quite a bit of files for juvenile court, divorce court, the Clerk's Office. The number of juvenile paternity cases is going through the roof. The number of divorce cases is pretty high as well, so we are generating a lot of paper for other agencies, but our effort, our goal is by the end of next year not to have paper files in child support.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thank you.

President Kiefer: Yes, Councilman Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve the Prosecutor's request to pay overtime to Child Support Enforcement Agents through 12/31/11.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first with Councilman Lloyd, second with Councilman Bassemier. Further questions? Okay, roll call please.

Councilmember Terry: I just had one...I'm sorry. I do have one question.

President Kiefer: Oh, Councilman Terry.

Councilmember Terry: The equipment to do the scanning, we have that already in house?

Nick Hermann: Uh, yes. We have gotten the equipment. We're using a virtual server. We've been working with the computer guys trying to get everything online. What we're doing is, we are using a service that already exists in neighboring counties that other counties are already using. It was a little bit easier for them to transition to it because they have a smaller caseload and those types of things. It's a big undertaking in a county this size, but it is something that we have to do. But we do have all that equipment already.

Councilmember Terry: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Kiefer: Now we're going to move on to the Health Department request to fill Environmental Health Specialist vacancy. Gary Heck is here to talk about that.

Gary Heck: Thank you. Gary Heck. I would be happy to answer any questions if you have them. Dr. Nic, our Health Officer, is with us today who can address this and Dwayne Caldwell, of the Environmental Division's general section....General Sanitation Section Supervisor who supervises this position is also in the audience if you have any specific questions.

President Kiefer: So this was created when you filled the Vector Control Supervisor's position?

Gary Heck: That is correct. This vacancy position was created then.

President Kiefer: Questions amongst the councilmembers? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: This position, is this the one you're wanting to upgrade to go to Job Study?

Gary Heck: No.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, this is a different one?

Gary Heck: Yes.

President Kiefer: Okay, in that case, ask for a roll call vote please.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll make a motion to approve as submitted.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Oh, yeah, we've got to get the motions first. We've got a first and a second. Roll call vote now then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Gary Heck: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Gary, don't go away too far. We'll come back to you in a little bit when we get to travel requests.

Gary Heck: Yes, sir.

COUNTY HIGHWAY REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Kiefer: Highway request to fill Laborer vacancy. Mr. Duckworth is here.

Mike Duckworth: Good morning, Mike Duckworth, Superintendent of Vanderburgh County Highway Department. This is a position that is vacant due to a retirement. I was here in August and I think we had an agreement to put this off for a couple of months so we are back here to reimplement this position.

President Kiefer: Thank you, Mike. Questions from Council? Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: I guess, Mike, we're going to probably have as many funds as usual for some of the road work and things like that for next year, would that also then lead in your mind to maybe less need for some laborers?

Mike Duckworth: Well, I would just, I guess, go into it this way and tell you that, of our employees, 26 are to the seniority rate where they get six weeks of vacation, nine get five weeks, one gets four weeks and seven gets three weeks. So we have a lot of vacation, they have a lot of comp time that has built up so it is very difficult to juggle that time off with the amount of work details and work orders that we have requested from Vanderburgh County residents. Of course, we are leading into the winter months where, of course, we're going to probably be faced with snow removal and all the wonderful things that brings to us. I would tell you that we are at a staffing level that hasn't been increased well in excess of ten years and I don't think we're to the point right now where we want to back up. So with illness and FMLA and we've got a little bit, like every department has, it would, I think, have an impact on what we're able to do. So my request as it was in August is to fill this position and I'll leave that up to you all.

Councilmember Goebel: I think...my point is, of course, you know, when we have the natural demands, you do respond very well. There is no doubt about that, the Highway Department, in cleaning the roads and things like that. You put a lot of time and effort in and I think everyone is pretty satisfied with that. I just wonder if we could get by for the time being, since it is not disaster time and not snow time, that we could maybe hold off and see if we really need this position with consideration of the amount of work that is going to be done in 2012. If you would consider holding off for the time being and maybe come back later.

Mike Duckworth: Um, of course I am here because my position is that we need this position. I will tell you that we are expecting a pretty good reimbursement from FEMA which will help. I know that every county department is stretched and you're looking for efficiencies. I think we've done that in everything from how we perform our work: from April to November, we go to four day weeks to cut back on fuel usage, and there has been a number of different efficiencies that we've put in, and I guess my position is that we really need this position now.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Bassemier, I guess.

Councilmember Bassemier: I always like to see people's tax dollars at work when everybody is out there paving, cutting down trees and stuff, the public sees this and they know their money is being well spent, so I would like to make a motion to approve that vacancy.

President Kiefer: Councilman Shetler, you had some comments you wanted to make.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll wait for a second.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second.

Councilmember Shetler: The annexation that the city has done in the last few years, how many miles has that chopped off your responsibility at the county level?

Mike Duckworth: Just a little over 20, I believe. Land miles.

Councilmember Shetler: How many miles do you have?

Mike Duckworth: Five hundred and sixty. So the problem with that is through our interlocal agreements with the city, especially in snow removal and right-of-way mowing we have agreements with them so that we try to be more efficient, so if we're plowing or mowing when it comes to a line we don't just pick up our blade or pick up our mower because, you know, we are already there, so we have some agreements, of course, that we're going to have to sit down with the city and tweak a little bit because of recent annexation. I would tell you that this, from April until this point we have had over 800 work orders called in to us. Everything from the remnants of the disaster with the trees going down, the ditching. You know, you get a three inch rain two or three times a month, those ditches out in the county fill up. We have to go out there...I mean, it's just one thing after another that just sits on us. Of those 800 or 900, we have probably been able to knock out 80% of them. But with 20% left, every day we get more, so that's the problem. It's a reoccurring deal.

Councilmember Shetler: This position, or the laborers that fall into that pool, are they the ones that may do work, for example, at the Coroner's Office, or that building and different public county buildings that we take care of?

Mike Duckworth: Yes, that is a position we take care of the Coroner, we take care of the Sheriff. We do some things for the Building Authority. We do paving at the jail lot, you know, potholes. The Training Center, all these different county agencies, Burdette Park, we're getting ready to do some paving out there. So, I mean, we try to set our priorities and do those things and take care of residents at the same time and that gives you some idea of the extensive way that we're called upon to do these things. You know, it ends up being a 24/7 operation. We have two gentlemen that work second shift that all they do is maintain our vehicles that come in that have problems. They change oil, all those kinds of things. So it's a pretty vast operation and that's why I am saying, just losing one person can throw a crew sideways.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, I guess the reason why I am asking that is while you are tweaking that interrelationship, that agreement you have between the City and Building Authority and stuff, it might be that we might be able to trade that off, I mean, because those are pretty inconvenient spots for us to get to. They are in the city, the heart of the city, for the most part and it's cutting grass and perhaps we can do that and do some paving work for the city in, you know, another area in which they don't have the paving equipment and the people to do.

Mike Duckworth: I think that looks a lot of what consolidation looked at between our two departments. As I've said to the Commissioners, there are...there is equipment that we have that the city does not have and there is probably some areas of expertise that they do that we don't have, and capitalizing on those kinds of things can still get the services done in a more efficient way, I think we ought to look at it.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, that's my only suggestion is that perhaps then we might be able to look at this thing. If we get a good agreement where it is kind of working on our side of the ledger this time, then perhaps we can look at eliminating

or taking this position back in a few months or in a couple of years as it comes open.

Mike Duckworth: Just to give you some example of that. We've got another issue today in regards to an interlocal agreement between us and the cemetery. What we do is when we go in to do paving for the city or a Trustee's office or whatever, we use the FEMA formula to build in the cost on our labors use, on our equipment use, so the county recoups what they may have lost just by us doing it as another governmental agency, so we're very cognizant of the fact that we have so many hours, so many weeks, so many times of year that we have to get this work done and if we get pulled off because of another entity needing something we are going to be compensated to come back into the General Fund for that.

Councilmember Shetler: Right, thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mike, you might want to explain about the county comes into the city and takes care of the city property too after it is deeded back to the county.

Mike Duckworth: That has been a real stickler for us because when, you know, we have a weed ordinance for county owned property that our employees are required to maintain after it goes through a certain process, and we maintain county properties, so you are exactly right, Mr. Bassemier. We have a lot of tentacles that stick out that we have to reach out and take care of on a weekly basis.

Councilmember Goebel: Just perhaps then if this position is filled, that would also affect in a positive way a less use of overtime, is that correct?

Mike Duckworth: I hope so, but our overtime is a lot of time based on after hours.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand that.

Mike Duckworth: That's why we extend it in the summer.

Councilmember Goebel: If you have an extra person though that should reduce overtime, I would hope.

Mike Duckworth: Well, I hope so. We're keeping it down every chance we get and I think it has been down this year.

President Kiefer: Councilman Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Two quick questions. So the number of employees at the garage approximately?

Mike Duckworth: Fifty-five.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, and are you guys still doing paving or are we done?

Mike Duckworth: We have one road left this year and then we have some special projects, one at the cemetery in the interlocal agreement with the City, and then we have some paving of the bike path at Burdette. Both of those agencies are paying for their materials. Burdette won't pay the FEMA calculation because it is a county agency, but the city is.

Councilmember Lloyd: You said how many had six weeks of vacation?

Mike Duckworth: Twenty-six, I believe.

Councilmember Lloyd: That's a lot of long time employees.

Mike Duckworth: We treat them good.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yep, thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, good discussion. With that said, we have the motion and a second. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So approved.

Mike Duckworth: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Thanks, Mike.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CORONER REQUEST TO FILL PART-TIME VACANCIES
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President Kiefer: I think the Coroner, we talked a little bit about last week. Councilman Goebel, I think, are you their liaison?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, I am.

President Kiefer: Oh, you are, sorry.

Councilmember Bassemier: We kind of all agreed to agree on this before. We didn't

take a vote on it or anything.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: We have a motion and second. We'll do roll call then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

**AUDITOR (THREE)
COUNTY ASSESSOR
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

President Kiefer: We are down to travel requests, you can see there are several. Does anybody have specific questions they would like to ask about any of these particular requests or do you want me to call each person up one at a time?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval for the travel requests as submitted.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, motion by Councilman Raben. Second by Councilman Goebel. Further discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Travel requests are approved. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF EVANSVILLE AND VANDERBURGH COUNTY FOR PAVING</p>

President Kiefer: Next is the interlocal agreement between the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County. Jeff, Counselor, if you could just make a few comments about the agreement.

Jeff Ahlers: This agreement has already been approved by the Commissioners, so basically it is just seeking your approval and it's just an interlocal cooperation agreement regarding resurfacing of, as you'll see in Article 1, consists of resurfacing parts of roads inside of Oak Hill Cemetery, Outer Lake Drive, Hawthorne Drive, Magnolia Drive, Central Drive, Evergreen Drive, Hemlock Drive, Holly Drive, Pear Drive and Goldenrod Drive and then it compensates the county for the labor and materials to do that work.

President Kiefer: Okay, is there any discussion? Ask for a motion please.

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

President Kiefer: Councilman Terry, did you make a motion?

Councilmember Terry: Uh-huh, yes, that was me.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Lloyd: I was just going to say, Mr. Cooke from Oak Hill Cemetery is here if anybody had any questions for him.

President Kiefer: Okay, I ask for a roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So approved. I was just trying to make it easy on Mr. Cooke. You got out easy, Chris. Okay, that's approved.

<p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION APPROVING REFUNDING OUTSTANDING LEASE RENTAL REVENUE BONDS (JAIL PROJECT) EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH BUILDING AUTHORITY</p>
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President Kiefer: Next I would like to move on to the resolution approving the refunding by the Evansville Vanderburgh County Building Authority of certain outstanding lease rental revenue bonds. Do we need to read this resolution or can we just accept it as is?

Jeff Ahlers: You can just accept it as is. I would just state, and I think I sent everybody correspondence on this, but essentially what you have on this is original bonds for \$35 million on the new jail facility. The balance now is about \$28,935,000. What this will do is, due to the lower interest rates, we can refinance those bonds, we'll keep the term the same so we'll still be on the same track to pay off the jail in the same amount of time, but due to the lower interest rate, we could save up to, you know, a million dollars on this and lower our yearly annual rental payments to the

Building Authority by about \$60,000 a year. So it is just a factor of taking advantage of lower interest rates. The Building Authority and the County Commissioners both approved their resolutions on September 27th. If you approve this then they move forward to refinance those bonds. It's resolution number R-10-11-012. You can just pass that by majority vote.

President Kiefer: I think it's a good thing. We're going to save some money here, take advantage of the lower interest rates.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Motion by Councilman Shetler, second by Councilman Bassemier. Further discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Just wanted to mention we're not receiving any money in interest on the county's funds, so at least there is some way to save some money with these low interest rates, so I would vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I echo those comments and vote yes. So approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Bassemier: Joe, interrupt.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Could I have Dave Rector come up on a different note? I need to ask him a question about the meeting we're going to have. Dave, could you come up, please? Dave and I have been emailing back and forth with Marsha Abell

and I think we got hold of Susie Kirk about meeting about the storage for the old jail. We've been working back and forth here. Dave, is this meeting set up?

Dave Rector: Friday morning.

Councilmember Bassemier: Friday morning at 10:00?

Dave Rector: Meeting in the Commissioner's conference room.

Councilmember Bassemier: And you had an architectural study?

Dave Rector: We had an architectural study on the use of the old jail space as a possible record retention area.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I understand there is more records.

Dave Rector: Due to the load limit on the floor there are more records retained at RetrieveX than what we can move over here, but we can move virtually everything over except the large books that would probably have to remain there or somewhere else in storage, but we can get a good deal of them over here.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think that Councilman Shetler was kind of leaning towards the Prosecutor's Office if they might be able to store some records, so I don't know if there might be enough room if they need to store records or not up there.

Councilmember Shetler: Yeah, I was trying to drum up more business for you over there. Is it possible to shift some of that load to the basement and then take some things that are in the basement and utilize it? I'm thinking of weight differential here and changing some things around that might give you – utilize all of our spacing?

Dave Rector: I think we can do some things and I think we probably need a little bit of a concerted effort in cleaning up the basement of some of the records stored down there, if you have taken a look at all over the last few years there is a lot of issues in that storage area that we might be able to pick up some extra space.

Councilmember Shetler: Right.

Dave Rector: So the answer to your question is yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Dave. I'll see you Friday morning.

Dave Rector: Alright.

President Kiefer: Thank you very much. Okay thank you.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

President Kiefer: We'll now do the amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, everyone has been given a copy of three pages of amendments. I'm going to move that we accept the amendments and ask that these documents be made part of the minutes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: We've got a first and a second. Further discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So that's so approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Kiefer: Any public comment before we adjourn? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: The Personnel Administration Committee, Job Study, will meet October 19th at 8:30 a.m. so we would ask the department heads and officeholders to submit your requests by October 10th to be included on that Job Study agenda.

President Kiefer: Okay. I would ask for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: All in favor?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: We are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Joe Kiefer

Vice President Tom Shetler, Jr.

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
TRUSTEE BUDGET REVIEW
OCTOBER 5, 2011**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of October, 2011 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:27 a.m. by County Council President Joe Kiefer.

President Kiefer: I would like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council. This is a review of the Civil Taxing Units for October 5th. I would like to do roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Kiefer	X	

President Kiefer: I would like to ask Fred Happe to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance please.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)

ARMSTRONG, CENTER, GERMAN, KNIGHT, PERRY, PIGEON, SCOTT AND UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
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President Kiefer: Thank you, Mr. Happe, I appreciate that. All these packets, we’ve had a chance to review these. I don’t know if there are any specific questions regarding the individual packets, but yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Nothing that I see wrong in the packets, just it would be nice in each township if we could have a spreadsheet with a comparison of the prior year or two for each one of them. It would give us a little bit more information, I think.

President Kiefer: Okay, that’s a good recommendation.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: To follow up on that, I just think these state forms are crappy.

President Kiefer: I agree.

Councilmember Lloyd: I don’t know if the townships like dealing with them, but they are not very user friendly, I would say.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I am going to move that we accept the proposed budgets or grant our oversight on Armstrong Township, Center Township, German Township, Knight, Perry, Pigeon, Scott and Union Trustees.

President Kiefer: Okay. Is there—

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: There is a second by Councilman Terry. Is there discussion? I would like to acknowledge that this is my favorite part about having this meeting is to see all these smiling trustees showing up to the meeting. I appreciate your time this morning. Councilman Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, I have questions on some of these individually. Did we have a second?

President Kiefer: Yeah.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. I didn't have any questions on Armstrong.

President Kiefer: If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any question.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, on Center Township their fire has gone up 25%. Is that through the people that you're contracting with or do you guys have your own fire department.

James "Tiger" Ritter: Yes.

President Kiefer: That's Tiger Ritter, the Trustee.

James "Tiger" Ritter: (Inaudible – comments made away from mic.)

President Kiefer: Tiger, would you mind coming to the podium, so that way we can get it on the record? Sorry, Councilman Lloyd is putting you through these rigors.

James "Tiger" Ritter: We find that it's hard to find individuals who want to volunteer anymore. It's not like it used to be. We didn't, we were turning people down and now we've already got five paid and they need more. It's just going to be worse later.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so on the—

James "Tiger" Ritter: Our township has really grown, as you know.

Councilmember Lloyd: So on the Township Fire, some of your firefighters are having to be paid, basically.

James "Tiger" Ritter: Right, out of that, the payroll comes out of that, plus insurance.

Councilmember Lloyd: And then your Township Assistance is up as well 22% and I would assume that is the bad economy.

James "Tiger" Ritter: Yeah, the bad economy affects us in a different way. It just makes things worse. Well, to give you an example, yesterday and Monday and Tuesday we waited on 120 people. For three people that is quite a bit. The most since I have been there.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

James "Tiger" Ritter: And we have cut down on that too, Russ. We used to give \$200 for Vectren and we've cut that to \$100, so we're trying to cut down our help.

Councilmember Lloyd: So you are seeing increased numbers due to the bad economy?

James "Tiger" Ritter: Oh, yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Quite a bit?

James "Tiger" Ritter: Quite a bit.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. The councilmembers, this one cover sheet does give you some good information. Not all of them use that, but anyway it shows your levy going up 11% and the tax rate 16%, it looks like. So, okay. That was the only question I had on Center. You want me to keep going?

Councilmember Raben: You have more questions on others?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thank you, Tiger.

James "Tiger" Ritter: Okay, thank you very much.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, I think it's the same story on German where your fire protection went up quite a bit. Kind of digging around in here trying to find it. You guys actually had to take out a loan?

Fred Happe: Yes, we had to take out a loan. We just didn't have enough money coming in for fire protection.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, and that's the volunteer German Township?

Fred Happe: Yeah, volunteered. There is some paid staffing, but minimal.

Councilmember Lloyd: Was the loan just for operations or was that for capital projects?

Fred Happe: It was to fulfill the contract obligations.

Councilmember Lloyd: Oh, okay. Do they do ambulance, too, or not?

Fred Happe: They do EMS, they don't transport. They are emergency medical service.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. So you guys contract for ambulance?

Fred Happe: No, that's, I guess, paid—

Unidentified: We pick that up through AMR.

Councilmember Lloyd: Oh, okay, I'm sorry. The loan, are you planning on paying that off like within a certain time?

Fred Happe: What we applied for, Emergency Fire Loan, which we'll have to pay about twice a year. Hopefully we'll get it approved this time. Last time they changed everything on it and the loan wasn't approved last year.

Councilmember Lloyd: Was that locally or the state?

Fred Happe: State. They had...they used to have appeals and everything else and they pretty well done away with excess levy and appeals on that, so this time we just went for a direct loan through the state and hopefully that will all be taken care of.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, that is unfortunate when you're saying we need this locally and the state would not cooperate.

Fred Happe: Yes. There is a lot of things.

Councilmember Lloyd: Wow, okay. I mean, that's the questions I had on German.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you. I had a question, I guess, for Knight Township.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you, Fred.

President Kiefer: Kathryn, good morning. Just real quickly, I just want to ask you, since last year was such a, or the year before was a really tough year, so just how are things going in Knight Township – cash flow?

Kathryn Martin: We are 100% debt free.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Kathryn Martin: We are completely, totally out of debt. We owe nobody. We are still providing poor relief and doing the things that are required of us.

President Kiefer: Okay, that is really all I wanted was an update. Any other questions?

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, I am glad that Knight Township is no longer a headline item.

Kathryn Martin: Oh, we love it. We love just doing our job.

President Kiefer: Okay, I have no other questions.

Councilmember Lloyd: According to this report, their budget increased approximately 2.9%.

Kathryn Martin: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: So that's a pretty reasonable request.

President Kiefer: Right, I agree.

Councilmember Lloyd: I appreciate the good work.

Kathryn Martin: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, just for clarification, the motion was that we approve the budgets as listed for Armstrong, Center, German, Perry, Knight, Pigeon, Scott and Union Township Trustees.

President Kiefer: Right, and I believe there was a second. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Going back to my statement earlier, is there a way you can get a form to the Trustees so that they can give us a breakdown? Just a spreadsheet form? Several of them have them, but it would be nice to have that information for comparison. I know we are a non-binding vote, but—

President Kiefer: No, I agree with you. I think it would be useful to have.

Councilmember Goebel: Could we send something because these state forms are kind of cumbersome. Just a quick reference.

President Kiefer: Yeah, something that compares previous year to the current year.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

President Kiefer: No, I agree with that and let's work on that in the meantime so we can get something to the trustees.

Councilmember Goebel: Would that come from us to the Trustees?

President Kiefer: I think Mike is...I don't want to speak for you, but you're asking for something supplemental to the state form.

Councilmember Goebel: A quick read for us.

President Kiefer: Yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: And maybe for the trustees as well. Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: This one at least gives you the prior year, but not all the townships use that.

Councilmember Goebel: That's what I was referring to. Some do. Is that Center?

Councilmember Lloyd: The one I've got is Perry, but Center also has one.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, if we can share that information maybe that would help us a little bit.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, right.

President Kiefer: Yeah, I think what Mike is talking about is like whether it's salaries, what were the salaries in the previous year, what is it this year. Fire protection last year, fire protection this year, that kind of thing. I think it's definitely good and would help us when we review these for our purposes. I would ask for a roll call vote then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Just a quick comment. Having served on the Center Township Board for a number of years I know how tough it is dealing with the volunteer fire department and to make sure you have adequate services. It is getting harder and harder as far as, making sure that the funds are there. So I appreciate the efforts that all of the townships are doing, but I also want to particularly commend Kathryn Martin on the job she is doing in Knight Township. It was a big, deep hole that she had there and to dig her way out of that, it has been remarkable, so it's been impressive. I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri I Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, so approved. Just keep in mind that was a non-binding recommendation, so they each have their own boards that they have to answer to.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Kiefer: Okay, I look for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: All in favor?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Joe Kiefer

Vice President Tom Shetler, Jr.

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Stephanie Terry

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 2, 2011**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of November in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Council President Joe Kiefer.

President Kiefer: Good morning. I'd like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council regular meeting for November 2nd, 2011. Teri, if you would do the roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler		X
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Kiefer	X	

President Kiefer: I'd like to ask Loretta Townsend to do the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Kiefer: Thank you, Loretta.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OCTOBER 5, 2011
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President Kiefer: I'd like to ask somebody for the approval of the minutes for October 5th, 2011.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Bassemier. All in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: None, okay.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Kiefer: Okay, move right into the appropriation ordinance, and I'd like to pass this on to Councilman Raben.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, first on the agenda, under Public Defender, 1303-3943 has been withdrawn. We'll pick this up later in a transfer, so I'll move that this be set in at zero.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, thank you.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-3943	Pauper Expense	50,000.00	0.00
Total		50,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Next under Circuit Court, 1360-3903 Petit Jurors in the amount of \$9,500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: We have a first and a second. No further discussion? Roll call

please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, approved.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-3903	Petit Jurors	9,500.00	9,500.00
Total		9,500.00	9,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

- SHERIFF (TWO REQUESTS)

SURVEYOR

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

COUNTY HIGHWAY

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL

COUNTY ASSESSOR (LATE)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (LATE)

BURDETTE PARK (LATE)

COUNTY COUNCIL (LATE)

JAIL

COMMISSIONERS

CIRCUIT COURT

SUPERIOR COURT

HEALTH DEPT (TWO REQUESTS)

JAIL (LATE)

PUBLIC DEFENDER (LATE)

DADS (LATE)

LEGAL AID (LATE)

COUNTY HIGHWAY (LATE)

President Kiefer: Now we’re ready for transfer requests.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, which we have several today, about three pages worth. Are there any questions on any of the transfers as they have been listed on your sheets?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, I think there is.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, do you want to single one out? Most of the late ones

are just straightening out shortages in PERF.

Councilmember Lloyd: I think Superior Court on page three, Motor Vehicles, I think we were going to have a change there. Maybe Mr. Faraone can come forward? There was discussion at the Commissioners meeting and there was a change.

Bernie Faraone: Yeah, we'd like to humbly withdraw our request for \$75,000 from the General fund. We submitted a revised request of \$58,050 from the Cumulative Capital Development fund. Last night it was approved, and I believe it will be before this body at the end of November. Is that right? And I'll submit the 13 copies.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, it's my understanding you guys changed the vehicles from what you had requested originally.

Bernie Faraone: Yes, we had originally requested the purchase of three Ford Crown police interceptor vehicles and we reduced that to one, and replaced it with two Ford Fusions, 2012 models.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, and that's actually going to save the county money compared to what we had.

President Kiefer: Yeah, better gas mileage as well on the Fusion.

Bernie Faraone: Yes, I took all your comments, I tried to take all of them and do the best I could.

President Kiefer: Thank you very much.

Bernie Faraone: We appreciate the comments.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I was just going to say, thanks to Bernie for going back and being open to it and thanks for saving money.

Bernie Faraone: Well, thank you very much.

Councilmember Lloyd: You know, I think it has worked out really well, appreciate your work on that. So, Jim, that one, we want to change to zero and it's going to be resubmitted.

President Kiefer: So do we want to –

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to make a motion that we approve all transfers as listed with the exception of Superior Court, and that request we set in at zero. And I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, so we have a first and a second. Any further discussion? Seeing none, ask for a roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes, and make a note this includes moving the money from Death Penalty to cover for the Public Defender. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So approved. Thank you very much, and thank you, Jim.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0028	Deputy Sheriff	8,800.00	8,800.00
1050-1130-0082	Deputy Sheriff	5,450.00	5,450.00
To: 1050-1210	College Incentive	2,250.00	2,250.00
1050-1911	Sheriff Retirement	12,000.00	12,000.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0101	Deputy Sheriff	225.00	225.00
To: 1050-1130-0073	Deputy Sheriff	225.00	225.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0304	Confinement Officer	2,300.00	2,300.00
1051-1130-0309	Confinement Officer	6,800.00	6,800.00
1051-1130-0328	Confinement Officer	2,700.00	2,700.00
1051-1130-0344	Confinement Officer	7,000.00	7,000.00
1051-1130-0346	Confinement Officer	2,500.00	2,500.00
To: 1051-1850	Union Overtime	21,300.00	21,300.00

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1060-2230	Garage & Motor	500.00	500.00
1060-3310	Education & Training	550.00	550.00
To: 1060-2210	Fuel	500.00	500.00
1060-2220	Tires & Tubes	550.00	550.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3000	Insurance	40,000.00	40,000.00
To: 1300-3610	Legal Services	40,000.00	40,000.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1302-3200	Utilities	600.00	600.00
To: 1302-2210	Gas & Oil	600.00	600.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-3520	Maintenance & Repair	1,100.00	1,100.00
1360-3902	Grand Jurors	3,500.00	3,500.00
To: 1360-2270	Juror Meals/Lodging	1,100.00	1,100.00
1360-3723	Psychological Evaluations	3,500.00	3,500.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1361-1440-1361	Confinement Officer	2,500.00	2,500.00
To: 1361-1530	Shift Differential	2,500.00	2,500.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	75,000.00	0.00
To: 1370-4230	Motor Vehicles	75,000.00	0.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2010-1053	Secretary	3,364.00	3,364.00
To: 2010-1064	Tool Crib Clerk	1,074.00	1,074.00
2010-1001	Superintendent	2,290.00	2,290.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2130-3000	Bond & Insurance	10,000.00	10,000.00
To: 2130-3790	Professional Svcs.	10,000.00	10,000.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2130-3000	Bond & Insurance	4,300.00	4,300.00
To: 2130-2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
2130-3540	Maintenance Contract	2,300.00	2,300.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2600-1980	Other Pay	3,000.00	3,000.00
To: 2600-1920	Insurance	3,000.00	3,000.00

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

JAIL **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1051-1130-0341	Confinement Officer	1,100.00	1,100.00
To: 1051-1910	PERF	1,100.00	1,100.00

COUNTY ASSESSOR **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1090-1720-1090	Real Estate Transfer Clerk	1,800.00	1,800.00
To: 1090-1910	PERF	1,800.00	1,800.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1303-3948	Death Penalty	50,000.00	50,000.00
To: 1303-3943	Pauper Expense	50,000.00	50,000.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 1361-1430-1361	Confinement Officer	8,000.00	8,000.00
1361-1440-1361	Confinement Officer	4,321.00	4,321.00
To: 1361-1910	PERF	12,321.00	12,321.00

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 1371-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	321.00	321.00
To: 1371-1910	PERF	321.00	321.00

BURDETTE PARK**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 1450-1180	Other Employees	275.00	275.00
To: 1450-1910	PERF	275.00	275.00

LEGAL AID**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 1460-3450	Yellow Pages	240.00	240.00
1460-3680	Malpractice Insurance	127.00	127.00
To: 1460-1910	PERF	367.00	367.00

COUNTY COUNCIL**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 1480-3371	Computer Hardware	2,744.00	2,744.00
To: 1480-1910	PERF	2,744.00	2,744.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 2010-1024	Truck Driver	972.00	972.00
To: 2010-1910	PERF	972.00	972.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES**

President Kiefer: Next we'll move into, there's no repeals, no old business, so we'll move into new business. And the first on that is the Health department, request to fill two public nurse vacancies. Gary, if you'd like to fill us in on that, please.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. We had one

vacancy due to a retirement and the other one due to a resignation. Both of these are critical positions for the public health nurses. One of them works specifically in the immunization clinic for the majority of their duties. I'd be happy to answer any additional questions, but they're both critical positions for the Health department.

President Kiefer: Any questions from Councilmembers? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: When is the expected hire date, if this is approved?

Gary Heck: I believe one of the, we did an accrued payout transfer, so we would, as soon as we could identify a candidate and hire, would be as soon as possible. I would say sometime in the next month, if we're fortunate. We always post the positions internally, if we have any nurses that are in grant positions currently, there may be like a rotation in-house, and then we have to come back and try to fill the grant positions, of course, too.

Councilmember Goebel: So, Gary, you're saying you'll have one position that can be filled immediately?

Gary Heck: I think we have both positions that could be filled immediately, because there is, there won't be any kind of other payouts that we have to wait on. So, both of them could be filled immediately.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay. Any other questions from Councilmen?

Councilmember Lloyd: I would like to make a note that the Board of the Health Department approved this as well.

Gary Heck: They did. The Vanderburgh County Board of Health met in October and they made a resolution, too. Thank you, Councilman Lloyd.

President Kiefer: Okay, Gary, thank you very much. If there's no further discussion, I'll look for a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as submitted.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: A second by Councilman Terry. Roll call please, Teri.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Kiefer: That's six to zero. Thank you, Gary.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Kiefer: Next, the County Commissioners request to fill Water Quality Specialist. They submitted a letter from the Council President Winnecke, he said the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County respectfully request the Vanderburgh County Council to fill the vacant Water Quality Specialist position with the Soil and Water Conservation District under the County Commissioners. This position has been vacant since the end of September. Are there any discussion points or questions amongst Councilmembers?

Councilmember Lloyd: Did we get a copy of that letter, or just you?

President Kiefer: I don't know. I assumed everybody got one, but that's all it was. It was short and brief. Sandie, do you know, has the payout been—

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Kiefer: The payout is all taken care of. Does anybody, would anybody make a motion to approve this?

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as submitted.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, and I have a second by Councilman Bassemier, first by Councilman Lloyd. Further discussion amongst Councilmembers? Teri, could you do roll call, please, then?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that's six/zero approved. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION CO.R-11-11-013 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUNDING BY THE EVANSVILLE- VANDERBURGH COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING LEASE RENTAL REVENUE BONDS</p>
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President Kiefer: Next under new business is a resolution approving the refunding by the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Building Authority of certain outstanding lease rental revenue bonds. As you'll recall, this is something we had to redo because some of the, I think some of the rates changed, and so we needed to redo this resolution. You know, you talked about this last time, Jeff, I don't know if you want to mention anything else.

Jeff Ahlers: It's essentially the same resolution as you passed a month ago. It's just that it alleviates, before it said that the jail bonds could be refinanced if they saved a minimum of \$750,000 because interest rates have moved. They're going to wait to refinance some of the bonds, but on some of them they are still favorable rates and they're going to move forward. So, this resolution basically allows them to move forward as long as there is a net savings to the county. It's still anticipated that there will be a considerable savings, but because the bond prices are floating, we needed to be alleviated from that requirement. Otherwise, the resolution, it's resolution number CO.R-11-11-013.

President Kiefer: I think this is a good thing to do. We need to pass this. Would somebody like to make a motion?

Councilmember Lloyd: I make a motion to approve the resolution on the refunding of the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Building Authority bonds as submitted.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Bassemier, first by Councilman Lloyd. Discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: I think Mr. Ahlers had indicated last week, the rates have gone up slightly, so we're not refunding the whole issue. It's just like a third of it, isn't it?

Jeff Ahlers: Right, and it will still save a substantial amount of money.

President Kiefer: \$500,000.

Jeff Ahlers: I gave everybody a letter—

President Kiefer: Savings over \$500,000.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, just refinancing, you know, approximately half of them. Keep in mind, the term remains the same. So, they'll still be paid off in the same amount of time. It's just a pure savings due to the interest rate, and it will save the county a significant amount of lease rental every year.

President Kiefer: I suppose while we lose money by not having higher interest on our savings, we gain money by getting lower interest rates on our debt. So, this is a good thing for us on the debt side.

Councilmember Lloyd: If rates continue to decline, the rest of this could be refinanced at a later time. So, I mean, that, to me, that seems the prudent way to go.

President Kiefer: Yeah.

Jeff Ahlers: Fifth Third, Steve Meno there is continuing to monitor that and look at it, and when the opportunity is there, I mean, they want to go ahead and refinance them. It's just some of the bonds, it's changed a little bit.

President Kiefer: Well, let's grab this savings while we can. I would like to have roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, and that is one happy vote to take. That passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

COMMISSIONERS

President Kiefer: So, next we'll move on to the travel requests. I believe the first on the travel requests is from the Commissioners. I think this is for IACC conference. Commissioner Melcher wanting to attend this in Indianapolis. It looks like the total estimated cost of the trip is \$600. I believe he's the only one going, so it's probably prudent that we at least have one Commissioner attend the conference. Any discussion amongst Councilmembers? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: It's the Indiana Association of County Commissioners.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: I would move approval as submitted. They have the money in their budget.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, six/zero approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

ASSESSOR

President Kiefer: Next is the Assessor, and I see we have the Assessor here, Bill Fluty. Bill, if you want to, I don't know if you want to say anything, it looks like attendance of the International Association of Assessing Officers Course 102, part of the Level III. It looks like it approximately costs \$740. Are there questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second, but I see Councilman Goebel has a question. Bill, you weren't going to get away that easy, were you?

Councilmember Goebel: Bill, your personal seminar, that's at Ivy Tech, where?

Bill Fluty: It's in Bloomington, I believe.

Councilmember Goebel: Bloomington, but that has to be because of the numbers? It's not offered around here, right?

Bill Fluty: We will have two scheduled here next year, but as all County Assessors, all 92 County Assessors will have to have their Level III. It's a legislative—

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Bill Fluty: —so, it's by law.

Councilmember Goebel: I have no problem with that.

Bill Fluty: Also, some of the staff will have to obtain their Level III.

Councilmember Goebel: But that will be handled right here?

Bill Fluty: Hopefully. We've got two scheduled next year, we'll try to schedule some more the following year, and we may have to travel on some. There is, these are all five day, four days and the test, and there's one that's three days and the test. We'll try to travel on that one to save a little bit of money.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, and on the Pictometry training, does the company that sold us the Pictometry equipment not come to do training here?

Bill Fluty: They have been down here on different times, I think. Once this year, and then in the past they had been down here.

Councilmember Goebel: It seems like they would provide that service here.

Bill Fluty: I can move that way if you would like to see if they can come down here.

Councilmember Goebel: I mean, it's not a lot of money, but I think it's pretty important for our local community. I think there's a lot of different departments that use Pictometry, so maybe they get trained in-house. It might be a little easier.

Bill Fluty: We had training earlier this year in-house—

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Bill Fluty: — for most of the staff.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Bill, I noticed that, being in real estate myself, I look at this, there is

a lot of meat to this. It doesn't look like there's much fluff, you know, some of the course work you're going to be going through. So, it looks like a good program.

Bill Fluty: It's required. You know, I would rather do something different that week, but it's required, it's part of the job.

President Kiefer: Well, enjoy yourself and thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: Could I ask a question for a refresh of my memory?

President Kiefer: Sure.

Councilmember Lloyd: As a County Assessor, are you required to become a Level III?

Bill Fluty: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: By state law?

Bill Fluty: And staff also that actually functions, their duties require them to price and change values, and that is new.

Councilmember Lloyd: So if a lay person ran for County Assessor and had no assessing levels, they would have to do that within a short period of time or they could not qualify?

Bill Fluty: Yes, it keeps ramping up. I think it's, I think the last requirements were you had to have your Level I and Level II. Then I think the requirements keep on going, as I remember.

Councilmember Lloyd: I think the law allowed current elected Assessors, not necessarily to have it, but they have to acquire it over a period of time, is that right?

Bill Fluty: The Level III?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah.

Bill Fluty: Yes, by some date out in the future. I'm not sure when.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, alright. Well, I mean, I think this is, I mean, you have to do it and it's worthwhile to do sooner rather than later. Thank you.

Councilmember Terry: I have an additional question. Are the additional staff people that have to get the Level III, are their salaries already set in based on them receiving this certification next year?

Bill Fluty: The Level III doesn't pay extra.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

Bill Fluty: The Level I and II does. We talked about that before as we are reducing that to a, I think, four total, if I remember from what we had before. If you obtain your Level III there's no increase in salary.

Councilmember Bassemier: But, you have to take the I and II first to be able to take

the III?

Bill Fluty: That's correct. Yes, you have to have those first.

President Kiefer: Then, I think that's for the one you're doing for \$740, but then you also have one for two of your employees to attend the Indiana Assessor's Pictometry User Group.

Bill Fluty: That's correct.

President Kiefer: For \$177.

Bill Fluty: That's a travel up and back—

President Kiefer: Right.

Bill Fluty: —same day.

President Kiefer: So, did—

Councilmember Lloyd: It was Mr. Bassemier, I think the motion was for both of them, wasn't it?

President Kiefer: Right, that's what I wanted to make sure it is. Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: That's what my second was.

President Kiefer: Alrighty, great. If there's no other discussion, Teri, can we do roll call please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Six/zero approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Kiefer: Thank you, Bill.

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

CLERK

President Kiefer: Okay, next is the County Clerk. I see Susie's out in the audience. I think this is pretty simple, Election Administrators Conference, \$956. Is there, are there any questions from Councilmembers?

Councilmember Lloyd: This is in December. Motion to approve as submitted.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and second. Further discussion?

Councilmember Goebel: I was just curious if we needed two people to go to that? Is that essential? It's very important we carry out the elections, I know that.

Susan Kirk: Yes, it is, because what they do is, they have breakout sessions to where, you know, you've got to choose which one you're going to go to.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

Susan Kirk: Even with the two of us, we still don't make all of the breakout sessions.

Councilmember Goebel: I've been to those kinds of seminars. Thank you.

Susan Kirk: So, I don't know why they do that, but, yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, and Donna Porter is your Chief Deputy for Elections, is that correct?

Susan Kirk: She is my Chief Deputy—

Councilmember Lloyd: For everything?

Susan Kirk: —and she spends most of her time over there when the election is going on. So, it's just, it's good, two heads are better than one sometimes. It's quite a bit of information, but that's why, it's because of the breakout sessions.

President Kiefer: By the way, on another note, congratulations on so much participation on early voting. I see that's being successful. Then, I don't know where, you must have gave a speech to somebody or talked to somebody, somebody was complimenting you the other day, saying how knowledgeable and thorough you were—

Susan Kirk: Wow, thank you.

President Kiefer: — regarding the election information. I wanted to pass that compliment on as well.

Susan Kirk: Well, I appreciate it. I assume all of you have downloaded the app that you can get on if you have an iPhone, or a Droid, or whatever that is. Anyway, I'm not real good on that stuff, but you can go onto the market, or wherever you get your

apps from and just look up Vanderburgh elections. If you prefer not to do that on your phone, you can, at home, go to Vanderburghvotecenters.com and download it, and then election day, if you're busy, you bring it up and it shows you where you're at and where the vote centers are at. Then you can click on a vote center and it will tell you the wait time. By the way, I paid for that out of my own pocket, in case you were going to ask the next question, who paid for it? I did.

President Kiefer: No, it's a good service.

Susan Kirk: It's pretty cool.

Councilmember Lloyd: As of last night, how many early voters?

Susan Kirk: We're right at 6,000.

Councilmember Lloyd: That's pretty good.

President Kiefer: I think it was, they said, the news said it was like 20 percent of the expected voters.

Susan Kirk: It's almost, yeah, it was, depending, if you figure 35,000, it's around 17 percent; if you want to get down to like 30,000 it's like 20.

Councilmember Lloyd: I don't think we'll get 30.

Susan Kirk: You don't think we'll have 30,000 voters?

Councilmember Lloyd: Let it be on the record.

Susan Kirk: Well, it has kind of, some people have moved out of the city or whatever, but that has gone down a little bit. We can't do much comparison, because four years ago it really wasn't too hotly contested, and four years ago was when I started early voting at North Park Library and we had a total of 54 voters. So, that's gone up.

Councilmember Lloyd: I think four years ago it was like 18 percent or something like that. It was really low.

Susan Kirk: Yeah, it was bad.

Councilmember Lloyd: But you did have a Mayor's race that wasn't really contested.

President Kiefer: Thank you very much. Did we have a motion on that?

Councilmember Lloyd: I made a motion.

President Kiefer: Okay, and we had a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have the first by Councilman Lloyd, a second by Councilman Bassemier. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

President Kiefer: Then, the final travel request is Health Department, Essential for Health Home Practitioners Training Course. It is a state called meeting for \$800. Discussion by Councilmembers?

Councilmember Lloyd: It's, I think, lead in homes, other carcinogens and things like that.

Gary Heck: Yeah, this is Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. It is the Indiana Lead and Healthy Homes Programs Grant. It is all grant funded. We have a recommendation letter from the program officer at the state for that program and that grant would pay for it.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as submitted.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first by Councilman Lloyd, second and second by Councilman Goebel and close right behind by Councilman Terry. Anyway, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Gary Heck: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, so approved.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

President Kiefer: Okay, next we'll move onto the amendments to the salary ordinance. Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Under Sheriff, I move we amend salary line 1050-1210 College Incentive as previously adopted; salary line 1050-1911 as previously adopted. Also under Sheriff, 1050-0073 Deputy Sheriff as previously adopted with an annual salary of \$45,550. Under Jail, salary line 1051-1850 Union Overtime, as previously adopted. Community Corrections, 1361-1530 Shift Differential as previously adopted. County Highway, salary line 2010-1064 Tool Crib Clerk as previously adopted with an annual salary of \$43,327. Hire date on that one is September 10th of '74. Also move salary line 2010-1001 Superintendent as previously adopted. The current employee salary is \$56,450 with an effective hire date of January 15th of 2011. Along with the following PERF transfers, Jail 1051-1910; Assessor 1090-1910; Community Corrections 1361-1910; Drug and Alcohol 1371-1910; Burdette Park 1450-1910; Legal Aid 1460-1910; County Council 1480-1910; County Highway 2010-1910. Under County Health Department, move for a new hiree for Public Health Nurse 2130-1490 in the Communicable Disease Division with an annual salary of \$42,144. Also under Health Department, salary line 2130-1220 in the Nursing Division with an annual salary of \$42,144. We also have an approval as previously approved for Soil and Water line 1300-1260. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: We have a first and a second. Discussion amongst Councilmembers? Teri, if you wouldn't mind, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Six/zero, so approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you, Jim, appreciate that.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Kiefer: Is there somebody here in the audience from VenuWorks? Okay, we were going to have, I think Scott Schoenike was going to be here today, but I see he's not in the audience. Perhaps, Sandie, we could send them a letter or something saying that we would like to have them appear before Council. Somebody from their office had called me and said they were going to be here today, that's why I was curious if somebody from the audience was representing them.

Councilmember Lloyd: So they did call you back?

President Kiefer: Well, somebody, I think Sandie called VenuWorks, and then somebody responded from Sandie's call, but it wasn't Scott, and they said that Scott might show up today.

Councilmember Lloyd: Maybe they went to the Commissioners by mistake.

President Kiefer: Yeah, anyway, well, hopefully we'll eventually get them here to talk about what they're doing. Any other public comments? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, I was just going to say, Tuesday is election day, there's early voting in the libraries, and I would encourage everybody to vote. You're going to determine the next Mayor and City Council, so it would be very important for people to vote Tuesday, November 8th.

President Kiefer: I echo that sentiment. If there's nothing else, I would look to somebody for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Goebel: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: All in favor?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: So adjourned. Thank you.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 a.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Joe Kiefer

Vice President Tom Shetler, Jr.

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Mike Goebel

Councilmember Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Stephanie Terry

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 7, 2011

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

President Kiefer: I'd like to open the meeting for the Vanderburgh County Council, December 7, 2011. If we could, let's see if Councilman Shetler could lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Kiefer: Thank you, Tom. Do we have a motion to approve the minutes from November 2nd, 2011? Oh, attendance roll call, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd		X*
President Kiefer	X	

*Councilmember Lloyd arrived shortly after roll call.

President Kiefer: We have six members here, so we're good to go.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2011

President Kiefer: Now if we could have a motion to approve the minutes.

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Kiefer: We have a first and a --

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, all in favor, say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

President Kiefer: We'll jump right into the appropriation ordinance. Chairman Raben, if you could lead the way on that, please.

RECORDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning, first on the agenda is 1040-1910 PERF under County Recorder in the amount of \$237, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Roll call please, and please note that Councilman Lloyd is here.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So approved.

RECORDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1040-1910	PERF	237.00	237.00
Total		237.00	237.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Sheriff, 1050-1130-0199, I guess there's some confusion that has been brought to our attention on that one, that we can't increase this line item by the \$450 requested here, so we're going to set that in at zero, and hopefully Sheriff Williams will be able to do something from another account to offset the extra monies.

Councilmember Lloyd: I was going to say, he needs to do a transfer on that, right, but we can't do that as an appropriation.

Councilmember Raben: The problem is, this is the last meeting of the year.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So approved.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0199	Part-time Clerk	450.00	0.00
Total		450.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: In fact, we might, if we can get the correct account number, we might be able to do a late transfer at the end of the transfers. Next, under Fuel, 1050-2210 in the amount of \$48,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Any further discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So approved.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2210	Fuel	48,000.00	48,000.00
Total		48,000.00	48,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Kiefer: We'll just wait one second, please.

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Coroner, Autopsies in the amount of \$15,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. Chair, what about putting that in at \$10,000?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll entertain that in the amount of \$10,000, I'll amend my motion.

President Kiefer: Okay, is there a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: First by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Lloyd. Discussion?

Councilmember Terry: If memory serves me correctly, this is what we're being billed for, correct, from the other counties? I thought that's what was –

Councilmember Raben: Well, that and probably paying the –

President Kiefer: Perhaps we can take a minute and have an explanation.

Steve Lockyear: Good morning. My name is Steve Lockyear, I'm the Chief Deputy

in the Coroner's office.

President Kiefer: Steve, you know, it was amended to do \$10,000. Is that something that is sufficient to get you through December and do the rest, the balance in January?

Steve Lockyear: We are down about, we owe the doctor, right now, about \$26,000 through the end of the year. Those are bills that are in right now from him. That's per the contract with him.

President Kiefer: Okay, so is there monies that we can transfer then?

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, when this was presented, I guess you had a balance of about \$4,500, so that's been all expended, is that what you're saying?

Steve Lockyear: I think we're down to about \$2,200 now. I don't have the sheet in front of me.

President Kiefer: So basically, the \$15,000 is not going to cover you, is that what you're saying?

Steve Lockyear: That is correct. It will get us through the end of the year and then it's an ongoing bill as they come through.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, my thought was just save some money from the general fund, and push that bill off until January.

Steve Lockyear: We can certainly work with that. I mean,...

President Kiefer: Okay, if you can work with that, then, --

Steve Lockyear: Yeah, I think we can work with that.

President Kiefer: Okay, we'll go with the motion as it stands then.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second the \$10,000.

President Kiefer: And a second from Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Lloyd: I had already seconded it.

President Kiefer: Okay, well, we've got a third from Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Shetler: It's insurance.

President Kiefer: Okay, then if there's no further discussion, thank you. Then we'll have a roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero, approved.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-3650	Autopsies/Diagnostic	15,000.00	10,000.00
Total		15,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR CHECK RECOVERY
VOTER REGISTRATION
DRAINAGE BOARD
COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC DEFENDER
THE CENTRE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Prosecutor, 1082-1910 PERF in the amount of \$9, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: This is going to be a tough one, guys. Okay, we've got a first and a second. Discussion on this \$9?

Councilmember Lloyd: Unless you want to kind of lump all these PERF requests together.

Councilmember Raben: We can. I'll amend my motion, let's do that.

Councilmember Shetler: I'll amend my second.

Councilmember Raben: Let's also include Voter Registration 1220-1910, Drainage Board 1260-1910, Commissioners 1300-1910, Public Defender 1303-1910, and The Centre 1440-1910 as listed.

President Kiefer: Okay, is the motion amended by the seconder?

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay. Discussion? Okay, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero, approved

PROSECUTOR CHECK RECOVERY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1082-1910	PERF	9.00	9.00
Total		9.00	9.00

VOTER REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1220-1910	PERF	214.00	214.00
Total		214.00	214.00

DRAINAGE BOARD		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1260-1910	PERF	14.00	14.00
Total		14.00	14.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-1910	PERF	842.00	842.00
Total		842.00	842.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-1910	PERF	860.00	860.00
Total		860.00	860.00

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1910	PERF	400.00	400.00
Total		400.00	400.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Circuit Court, Accrued Payments 1360-1971 in the amount of \$4,609, I'll move approval.

President Kiefer: Is there a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Second, Councilman Lloyd. Discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Aye.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero, approved.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1971	Accrued Payments	4,609.00	4,609.00
Total		4,609.00	4,609.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Court, 1370-3460 Consultant, in the amount of \$650, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Lloyd. Discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, that's seven-zero, approved.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3460	Consultant	650.00	650.00
Total		650.00	650.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Raben: The Centre, we have Overtime, FICA and PERF for a total of \$4,215, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Discussion, please? Seeing none, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Aye.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, approved seven-zero.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1850	Union Overtime	3,500.00	3,500.00
1440-1900	FICA	315.00	315.00
1440-1910	PERF	400.00	400.00
Total		4,215.00	4,215.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: Next, County Council 1480-1920 Insurance in the amount of \$400,000. I'm going to move that we approve this and with this motion, also move that this body authorizes the County Auditor to transfer money from our set aside into the general fund to cover this, we need that in the motion.

Councilmember Shetler: Second.

President Kiefer: I have a first by Councilman Raben, second by Councilman Shetler. Discussion from Council?

Councilmember Shetler: Is this going to be enough to complete our insurance bills and take care of –

Sandie Deig: It's taking every penny.

Councilmember Shetler: This will take it all, though.

President Kiefer: And I think this is indicative of the concerns that we have as a county government with ever increasing costs of insurance and, you know, next year it doesn't look like it's any easier than this year, so just, this is a special note to the public, I guess, to say these are tough times and insurance costs for us have increased dramatically. Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I was just going to point out, the money is coming from the Jail set aside that this Council had moved when the new jail was constructed, and that was money moved from the general fund, so it's general fund monies coming back to cover the insurance bills at the end of the year. But, I mean, it's one of the places where the Council has saved money over the years and we're going to have to use some of it today.

President Kiefer: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Perhaps we could get some of the \$288 million they just found at the State House to help us.

President Kiefer: Joe, do we have any computer glitches that will uncover some money for us?

Joe Gries: We try to avoid that, but we'll double check.

President Kiefer: Okay, Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: There are some measures that have been taken, though, for next year on the insurance. The health insurance for most of the county employees has been tweaked slightly, a slight deductible that wasn't included in the past, a few other things. It's still a very good policy, I think, for the employees. The Commissioners, a couple of Councilmembers, have worked on that and next year, in fact, one of the things that would have no effect on existing employees is extending the probation period for a new hiree until they get on the health insurance program will be extended a little bit. That's going to be a savings of \$50,000, for example, so there's several things that we've looked at and implemented for next year that will hold the line on the insurance cost. Had we left it alone, we were talking about increases somewhere between 12 and 16 percent. So a significant savings that we've been able to get. And I still, and I think it's probably one of the best insurance policies you'll find out there. So we're still providing well for the employees.

President Kiefer: I agree with you, Councilman Shetler, I just merely wanted to point out that despite the hard work of the elected officials on this, it's still tremendous pressure that we're put under every year by these increasing costs in health insurance. Anything else? Okay, roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, it's approved seven-zero.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1920	Insurance	400,000.00	400,000.00
Total		400,000.00	400,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Bassemier: Joe?

President Kiefer: Yes, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to go back. I know we already voted on it, but The Centre, on that PERF, it was listed twice. I didn't know if that was, if you look at it, by itself, it's \$400, and then you go down to Union Overtime, PERF again, \$400. Did we vote on that twice or is that two different –

Sandie Deig: It's two different requests.

Councilmember Shetler: It's PERF on the Union Overtime.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you.

President Kiefer: Thank you. Okay, I think we're ready for CCD fund appropriations.

CCD/SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Court, Motor Vehicles. Everybody was given a great deal of information, and appreciate their efforts and trying to make the necessary changes that they did, in the amount of \$58,050, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Any further discussion? This was, as Councilman Raben said, discussed in great detail. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero, approved.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1370-4230	Motor Vehicles	58,050.00	58,050.00
Total		58,050.00	58,050.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CLERK	SHERIFF	JAIL
SURVEYOR	CORONER	PROSECUTOR IV-D
ASSESSOR	AREA PLAN	CIRCUIT COURT (2)
SUPERIOR COURT (2)	LEGAL AID	CUM BRIDGE (2)
LOCAL RDS & STREETS (2)	REASSESS/AUDITOR (2)	CLERK (LATE)
TREASURER (LATE)	SUPERIOR COURT (2 LATE)	HEALTH DEPT. (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that concludes our appropriation requests. We'll move into transfers. Mr. President, there is quite a number of transfers, I'm going to move that we approve all transfers as listed.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Is there anything any Councilmember would like to discuss about the transfer requests? Okay, seeing none, I ask for a roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero, approved.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1260-1010	Appeals & Venue Clerk	362.00	362.00
To: 1010-1990	Extra Help	362.00	362.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0062	Deputy Sheriff	6.00	6.00
To: 1050-1130-0063	Deputy Sheriff	6.00	6.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0312	Confinement Officer	6,500.00	6,500.00
To: 1051-1971	Accrued Payments	6,500.00	6,500.00

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1060-3520	Maintenance & Repair	425.00	425.00
To: 1060-1910	PERF	425.00	425.00

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1070-3540	Maintenance Contract	2,972.00	2,972.00
To: 1070-2600	Supplies	1,400.00	1,400.00
1070-2710	Color Film	1,350.00	1,350.00
1070-1910	PERF	222.00	222.00

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1081-3720	Lab Tests	419.00	419.00
To: 1081-1910	PERF	419.00	419.00

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1090-1720-1090	Real Estate Transfer Clerk	51.00	51.00
To: 1090-1120-1090	Chief Deputy	51.00	51.00

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1240-3410	Printing	413.00	413.00
To: 1240-1910	PERF	413.00	413.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-3130	Travel/Mileage	400.00	400.00
To: 1360-3903	Petit Jurors	400.00	400.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-1150-1360	Court Reporter	3,352.00	3,352.00
1360-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00
1360-3730	Continuing Education	900.00	900.00
To: 1360-1971	Accrued Payments	3,352.00	3,352.00
1360-2270	Juror Meals/Lodging	900.00	900.00
1360-3944	Special Reporter	1,000.00	1,000.00

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

From: 1370-3949	Home Study/Adoption	5,250.00	5,250.00
To: 1370-3941	Guardian Ad-Litem	1,500.00	1,500.00
1370-3931	Youth Services	3,750.00	3,750.00

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

From: 1370-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	22,073.00	22,073.00
To: 1370-3941	Guardian Ad-Litem	22,073.00	22,073.00

LEGAL AID**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 1460-3010	Other Insurance	10.00	10.00
1460-3600	Rent	12.00	12.00
1460-3680	Malpractice Insurance	110.00	110.00
1460-3730	Continuing Education	200.00	200.00
To: 1460-2600	Supplies	332.00	332.00

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

From: 2030-2530	Bituminous Materials	6,500.00	6,500.00
To: 2030-3610	Legal Services	1,500.00	1,500.00
2030-2230	Garage & Motor	5,000.00	5,000.00

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

From: 2030-3930	Other Contractual	110,000.00	110,000.00
2030-4425	Fickas Road Culvert	70,000.00	70,000.00
2030-4746	Mann Road Culvert	10,000.00	10,000.00
To: 2030-4381	Broadway Ave. Bridge	190,000.00	190,000.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 2160-3930	Other Contractual	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 2160-3610	Legal Services	2,000.00	2,000.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

REQUESTED

APPROVED

From: 2160-2530	Bituminous Materials	140,000.00	140,000.00
To: 2160-2580	Calcium & Chloride	140,000.00	140,000.00

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR

REQUESTED

APPROVED

From: 2490-1020-3530	Contractual Services	2,500.00	2,500.00
To: 2490-1020-3370	Data Management	2,500.00	2,500.00

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR

REQUESTED

APPROVED

From: 2490-1020-3530	Contractual Services	750.00	750.00
To: 2490-1020-2700	Other Supplies	750.00	750.00

LATE TRANSFERS			
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CLERK

REQUESTED

APPROVED

From: 1010-1260-1010	Appeals & Venue Clerk	1,400.00	1,400.00
To: 1010-1990	Extra Help	1,400.00	1,400.00

TREASURER

REQUESTED

APPROVED

From: 1030-2841	Copy Fees	22.00	22.00
1030-2600	Supplies	29.00	29.00
1030-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	32.00	32.00
1030-3410	Printing	31.00	31.00
1030-3610	Legal Fees	3,500.00	3,500.00
To: 1030-3530	Contractual Services	114.00	114.00
1030-3999	Bank Service Charge	3,500.00	3,500.00

SUPERIOR COURT

REQUESTED

APPROVED

From: 1370-1690-1370	Court Administrator	6,566.00	6,566.00
1370-1570-1370	Riding Bailiff	3,465.00	3,465.00

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1370-1804-1370	Court Reporter	4,251.00	4,251.00
1370-1820-1370	Day Reporting Officer	1,479.00	1,479.00
To: 1370-1971	Accrued Payments	15,761.00	15,761.00

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

From: 1370-1470-1370	Probation Officer	8,772.00	8,772.00
To: 1370-1971	Accrued Payments	8,103.00	8,103.00
1370-1910	PERF	669.00	669.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 2130-3000	Bond & Insurance	3,920.00	3,920.00
To: 2130-1990	Extra Help	3,640.00	3,640.00
2130-1900	FICA	280.00	280.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES
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President Kiefer: Okay, that takes care of the transfers. There's nothing on the repeals or nothing on old business, so we'll move right into new business. First on the agenda under new business is the Circuit Court request to fill one full-time and one part-time vacancy. Judge?

Carl Heldt: Carl Heldt, Circuit Court. Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I have two requests, one for a part-time intern in probation. This intern assists in on-site drug screening and filing and such, necessary to the operation. It's a part-time job, twenty hours a week, no fringe benefits and it comes out of the user fee fund, so there's no impact on the county budget. The second one is for a Court Reporter that is retiring at the end of this week, forty years service to the courts and we need to replace her. We have three court reporters in Circuit Court and she is one of them, and so obviously, it's necessary to the operation of the court to have a replacement. Those are the two requests.

President Kiefer: Thank you, Judge Heldt.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

President Kiefer: Got a motion from Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Second from Councilman Lloyd. Any discussion? Okay, you're going to get off easy today, it looks like. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Aye.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, seven-zero, approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL EIGHT VACANCIES

President Kiefer: Next on the agenda, Superior Court, request to fill eight vacancies. Judge Niemeier, I see you're out in the audience, I know we've talked about this a little bit last week on the Superior Court vacancies.

Brett Niemeier: Judge Niemeier, Juvenile Court with the Superior Court, if anybody has any questions.

President Kiefer: I'd look for a motion to approve from somebody.

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

President Kiefer: Motion from Councilman Bassemier. Is there a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Second from Councilman Lloyd. Discussion please?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, the only thing I would add is, some of these were unplanned vacancies. Is that a good way to say it?

Brett Niemeier: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: But there's eight in total and they're all in the budget and some of them will be filled with new people, correct?

Brett Niemeier: Yes, we anticipate.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so from the Council's point of view, some of those would come in at lower salaries than what's leaving, so in that way, the county will save money, but you have some inexperienced people, so that's the tradeoff. That's all my comments.

President Kiefer: Okay, well, we have a first and a second and if we could do a roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. Judge Niemeier, thank you very much.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Kiefer: Okay, Prosecutor, I think I see Prosecutor Hermann here. This is a request to fill one full-time vacancy and one part-time position from the incentive funds and continue paying overtime to Enforcement Officers and –

Nick Hermann: I believe the overtime issue is supposed to be in January, I think that's to continue to next week.

President Kiefer: Okay.

Nick Hermann: I mean, we can talk about it today if the Council has any questions, but that's ongoing now and it's my understanding that it has to be renewed in January.

President Kiefer: Okay, any questions from Councilmembers?

Councilmember Goebel: You'll stop then, as of January 1, any overtime, until you come back to us? Is that correct?

Nick Hermann: I'd prefer not to, but it was my understanding that that was the procedure. If I'm wrong, if that just continues as is, then that would be fine, but it was my understanding we had to come back in January to ask to have that renewed in to next year.

Councilmember Goebel: This is still the filing process and things like that?

Nick Hermann: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: I still have a bit of an issue just from the outside. Perhaps there are some people who could do this part-time, intern or something like that, who have some law background that might be able to help instead of paying overtime. It might help your cost as far as getting the work done and also help individual's cause without paying overtime. I think there probably are some people out there that would be very grateful for the opportunity.

Nick Hermann: We've looked at a couple of different ways to do that. We've looked at the document imaging places, we've gotten some quotes from that. They were all in the, well into six figures, and we've looked both at the part-time and at paying overtime. Due to the training cost at this point, we made the decision to get the people trained. It's very expensive to bring somebody in to train them and we're trying to get our staff up and going, making sure that they're proficient in that. Once they're at a proficiency level that they may be able to train someone else, and we're not having to pay multiple thousands of dollars a day to have somebody come in and train them, then that's something that we'd certainly entertain and look at.

Councilmember Goebel: And when you get caught up with this procedure, this will become part of the job without overtime after that?

Nick Hermann: That's correct. We're starting from here forward, we're putting everything in. Our issue is we have about 17,500 old cases that we also have to get in, and that's what's taking the time, is getting the back on top of maintaining the current caseload.

Councilmember Goebel: Nick, I was wondering if maybe you could give a little bit of a summation as to how far along you are with this or how long the overtime will continue.

Nick Hermann: We expect, if we closed our office and sent our files away, it was going to take a document imaging company four months full-time, to get all of that done. We estimate that we can get it done in about a year and a half.

Councilmember Goebel: I suppose we can discuss it in January again. Alright, thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, so basically we're looking for a motion to approve the full-time Investigator's position that's vacant as of December 23, and then hiring the part-time employee at \$10 per hour.

Nick Hermann: That's correct. And it's my understanding that if we hired somebody December 21 or 23, whatever it is, that that would hit in the last payroll, so our expectation would be to hire at the beginning of the year, but we want permission to

hire for that so we can go ahead and interview and offer people the job.

President Kiefer: Right.

Councilmember Lloyd: I make a motion to approve both as submitted.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. Councilman Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Can you kind of explain the difference between what the job responsibilities would be for this investigator versus what you would use the sworn police officers and sheriff deputies to do?

Nick Hermann: That may be something more directed toward the Sheriff or the Police, but I can give it a shot. Our investigators perform a couple of different roles, one is they prepare case files on cases that come down just as reports. Sometimes when there is a police report made, there's not a full case file done, and the police department sends people down with their reports and we do a little bit of investigation into that, contact the victims, get a case file together. We've been working with the police department, they've started trying to take some of the domestic violence cases, in particular, over. I can't say numerically that that's been real successful to this point, but it is something that we're pushing for. They are also available to help our attorneys as they prepare for cases to go out and find witnesses, talk to them, help in case preparation. All of our attorneys carry about 200 cases at a time and have multiple cases set for trial in given weeks, and so they can help aid in that and get information for those trials.

Councilmember Shetler: Approximately, what's that salary level?

Nick Hermann: The Investigators are PAT IV, the person that is leaving, I think, has worked for the county on two different occasions for a total of about, I want to say twenty plus years. But I think she was at a salary level of twelve years this time because she had left and come back. So we don't anticipate hiring someone with a lot of – they're likely to be a new hire.

Councilmember Shetler: So about 33 - \$35,000, roughly?

Nick Hermann: I think that's accurate, yes.

Councilmember Shetler: It sounds like you're describing that the job is a lot of clerical, kind of a little bit the person is kind of a, call it a conduit between the sworn officers and their work and putting that into some kind of written form to hand to your people.

Nick Hermann: Our Investigators are sworn law enforcement officers.

Councilmember Shetler: Okay, but I'm trying to figure out a way here, if we don't have some duplication here, if there's ways to utilize I guess other services here somewhat. Perhaps that's for a different time here but –

Nick Hermann: I'd be happy, if you want to sit down and talk about it, I'd be happy to meet with you any time.

Councilmember Shetler: Alright, thanks, Nick.

President Kiefer: We have a motion and a –

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: Any further discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Aye.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Kiefer: Okay, next on the agenda is the Cooperative Extension, request to fill a full-time vacancy. I thought someone was here to, yeah, they were here.

Randy Brown: I know you talked about it at the last meeting, I just came in case you had any more questions.

Councilmember Shetler: I thought the request was to see how urgent it was and to see if it could be put off.

President Kiefer: I think that's what we're going to do is just defer this until the next month.

Randy Brown: Okay, no problem.

President Kiefer: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: I don't know if you want a motion to defer?

Councilmember Shetler: So moved.

President Kiefer: Okay, we've got a first.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Kiefer: And a second by Councilman Raben. Okay, we've got a first and a second. All in favor, say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Kiefer: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Kiefer: Okay, it's deferred.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>SCOTT SCHOENIKE VENUWORKS UPDATE ON FORD CENTER</p>

President Kiefer: Next on the list we have Scott Schoenike from VenuWorks. I asked Scott to come today just to give us a brief update and pass on to you a letter that we received here to the Council, somebody had sent us, about their experience and so we'll just, after you're done, if you don't mind, come up and I'll give you a copy of this letter. But, Scott, why don't you just tell us a little bit about what you guys are doing, how it's going. As you know, we've got quite a bit of money invested in this project and would just like to have a brief update.

Scott Schoenike: Well, the good thing is I've gone through a number of openings before in my past. I think overall, we've had a really good opening. I think overall, the comments have been positive, I think some of the fears haven't came up that was greatly feared, including parking, I think, has been about as well as can be expected. You know, the building got opened on time, on budget. A couple of stats, we've been open just a little over a month of true opening here. We've done, in the first twenty-five days, we did twenty performances, 103,000 people came through the door. Concession sales were over \$600,000 in the first month and that equates to Roberts that was, I believe, under \$800,000 for the entire year of last year, so I think you can see where we've been making some pretty good strides. You know, overall, I think we've trained our staff pretty well, you know, obviously, that's an ongoing issue. You know, I think you can always train, but I think the ushers have gotten a lot of positive response from them, you know, from the patrons coming in and saying we're doing a good job. The upcoming year, you know, it continues to be strong. Obviously, we run on a calendar year like you guys so we're kind of ending a stub year here of November/December and then we'll start a new fresh year, but the businesses and the sponsorship sales have been great, we're over \$1.6 million per year which is going to go a long ways to keep those operating costs and keep it on the positive side, so like I say, you know, VenuWorks, the home office is based out of Ames, Iowa. We're in fourteen different states, mostly markets the size of this, so I like to say we kind of specialize in this size market and it's different when you're in a smaller market and you have to market and get the shows. I think this facility gets Evansville back on the map. You know, we're getting quite a bit of interest as far as routing tours. They're starting to build up again, you know, I think the recession kind of had a little lull in where they

are but it sounds like next year a lot of them are coming back on tour, so we'll try to break that trend of being a country only area. You know, tonight we have Trans Siberian Orchestra, the Christmas show, which is sought after in the entire U.S. It's one of the top Christmas shows that are out there, so I think it shows the interest nationally, I think it shows the promoters are interested in the building, so it's something that Evansville can be really proud of and the whole county can, and I really look at this as being the catalyst for the downtown area. And not only that, but it is interesting to talk to some of the stores in the outlying – we've had comments from restaurants that when people are coming in town, it's not only a downtown issue, people are driving in from southern Illinois, southern Indiana, coming to businesses, going to restaurants, and they've even seen an increase on our event day, so it's kind of one of those things where you kind of pat yourself on the back, going, you know, it is working as it's supposed to, it is bringing dollars to the area even though I think it definitely helps the downtown, it's more than just the downtown that it's bringing in to. And so when you hear some of those, it's kind of, you know, I was kind of happy to say it's doing as planned and doing everything that it was projected to do. And so far, it looks like it's going to continue on for some time.

President Kiefer: Scott, do you guys track where your patrons come from? I mean, is there any tracking mechanism to determine if they're coming from outside of Evansville/Vanderburgh County, like western Kentucky, southern Illinois? I would just be curious to know how we're doing pulling in people from outside the area.

Scott Schoenike: Yes, we will track, as much as we can, I mean, obviously, we can't track everybody, but we probably will get eighty percent of the people, know what zip code they are actually purchasing from, so when we get some track record and a little longer time frame, we'll definitely report that. I've always shown it in my other cities that I've been at, kind of showing how many tickets have been sold in which zip codes, and that's how we track it is by zip code. So you'll see some, probably wait until probably after the summer, after our first full season here and kind of put a report out, but so far, from what the beginning couple of events, you know, I think it's going to show exactly what you want it to, is that it's much larger than just this county or just the couple of counties around here. I think you're going to find that it stretches all the way into southern Illinois and northern Kentucky. So we've seen some good numbers so far and I don't see why that would change.

President Kiefer: But the center is meeting financial projections or exceeding, basically, is what you're saying?

Scott Schoenike: We're exceeding financial projections. So we're in good shape there.

President Kiefer: Councilmembers? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Not much, Scott, but I think the media has covered pretty well the response here locally, the Courier and different articles, and it's been, I think, very favorable, but what has been the response of groups that have come in to the center as far as the facility itself, these groups that maybe travel to other venues?

Scott Schoenike: I think the nice thing about having, you know, you hired HOK, they're a national company that builds arenas, so it definitely is designed as a multi-use facility and the first two shows coming in, you know, another compliment we got from the Bob Seger group was, for our first show, first load in, we were on schedule with shows they do in established buildings. So they were very complimentary of that because, generally, you've got to work the bugs out and the first couple of shows

we've done, we've actually just been on a normal schedule, so it's been very stress free for them and we've gotten a lot of positive comments from the national touring acts and have been real happy.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Kiefer: Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Good morning, and I appreciate you coming in. I guess one note of history, I don't know if you knew, but this Council approved moving some food and beverage tax money to help the bonds that were issued to pay for the Ford Center, so anyway, we did have a role in that. You've been open a month, so what's the largest crowd you've had so far?

Scott Schoenike: Bob Seger was, which was just slightly under 9,000, that was our largest crowd. As an opening event, that's where, you know, we've kind of continually opened up seats kind of further back because the first time we actually got a stage in there and we kind of opened some seats in the back, but for all essential purposes, that was our first sell-out was Bob Seger.

Councilmember Lloyd: You're not counting the basketball?

Scott Schoenike: Yeah, basketball would have been, I think, Indiana was 11,000. I'm trying to think of the numbers of, I think tickets were over 11,000, so we pretty much sold out for Indiana, you know, just do the configuration, you see some closed seats behind the bleachers that I'm sure some have seen if you've been at the games. That's just due to side line issues with the bleachers that you put on the floor, so it's essentially a trade in seats, you're just moving seats closer and closing ones further back. So that's been one question that some people have asked, why were those seats closed. It's really just moving seats closer to the court and then closing the seats behind them.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, that generated a lot of excitement and I know there was quite a demand for those tickets, so –

Scott Schoenike: That was nice to have Butler and IU; you probably couldn't ask for a better schedule of anything and hockey has done fairly well. Their first game there, they had over 8,000, so the Ice Men have done a good job in getting it out in the community, so I think the two sports tenants have come out strong and we should be able to continue that on. But it's hard to beat Butler and then IU.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, that would be hard. So anyway, the record now is roughly 11,000, the U of E/IU game.

Scott Schoenike: For attendance, yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Do you see any effect not having a hotel next door at this point or –

Scott Schoenike: Like I said, you know, I mean, it would be nice but its not critical for an arena. There's a lot of arenas that don't have it, so it's not an expected – most of the tour buses, they're coming in, you know, like Trans Siberian will come in today, they've actually had a couple of days, so they've kind of slowly came into the city, but most shows arrive here in the morning and leave in the middle of the night. Some shows like it, but it definitely is not as critical as The Centre, I'm sure it is much more

critical for them. But I'm coming from an arena that had an attached hotel and it's definitely nice, it's nice for the patrons, it's nice for the acts. It would be a nice amenity, but for me, personally, I don't lose much business. The current business I'm going after is much more the sports tenants, the one day in and outs, and there's a few things that we'll work with. But overall, it would be a nice amenity to have, but not critical.

Councilmember Lloyd: And I don't know, the last question I would have, much discussed issue, parking. And I think all of the evening events, I don't think there's going to be a problem, the problem would be a daytime event where you have, if you've been out there, you'll see all the employees for the government building park out there, so I don't know if you anticipate some daytime events coming up, and if so, do you have any kind of plan on the parking or is that part of your domain?

Scott Schoenike: You know, obviously, I work a lot with it. I mean, technically, it's not my domain, but it is my domain, obviously. Well actually, our perfect storm actually almost started off right with Butler, actually with an afternoon crowd, large, and The Centre also had a very large Jehovah Witness conference going on at the same time. And surprisingly, parking wasn't an issue. One of our, kind of we talked about, our biggest concern was always if The Centre is doing a large event and we're doing a large event, what happens. And that actually happened on Butler and it still seemed to work pretty well. You know, the Jehovah Witness will actually be in the arena in June and we're working with the city/county employees on how to ease that, with what they call the back 40 a little differently and have the employees, I believe, park in the ramps. So I know they're working with that and we're working to come up with a solution. It's only that Friday as Saturday won't be an issue. But I think my biggest concern was actually the Butler game when we went to the afternoon and there was a Jehovah Witness, a fairly large one at The Centre, and it seemed to work, so I think that was another positive look that parking can work in these areas. And I come from, once again, Cedar Rapids had much less, I had a 10,000 seat arena in an arena with less parking. And the learning curve, I expected a little longer learning curve, actually, and here it seems like people are figuring out and I've seen a lot of good comments about how they're actually home quicker than they ever were at Roberts. I believe I projected that even before the building was opened, that I think you've got to look at it that way, that there's so many different ways to get out of downtown, you can park a little bit more spread out because you know exactly how you want to get out of downtown to get to your house the best way. And it seems like people have figured that out pretty quick and you make sure you park in the direction you want to go and the right street you want to get out of downtown. So I think the public really, you know, as much a concern as it was, I think they thought it through and also kind of figured out how they wanted to get out of downtown and it's actually worked out pretty well.

Councilmember Lloyd: Great, that's all I have. Thank you.

President Kiefer: Scott, thank you very much. I can only say from my own experience, I've been to a concert plus three of the Aces games including the IU and the Butler game, and from my own personal experience, I never had any parking issue. I was able to get in and get out really, honestly, quicker than I did at Roberts Stadium because there's so many exit points. But that was just my experience. I can't speak for other people. But thank you very much for coming. We may ask you once a year to come back and just give us an update, if you don't mind, and do appreciate you coming by today.

Scott Schoenike: And if there's something else that comes into your head later, feel free to call. We are in the office now at the Ford Center, so we've moved in there and

concerns, issues or just questions, always feel free.

President Kiefer: Here's a letter, you can come up and I'll give you a copy. You may have already got a copy of this, but this came across my desk and I thought I would share it with you. Thank you, Scott.

Councilmember Terry: I also wanted to say that he has a great team of individuals in the Evansville office, too, to work with. I had the privilege of working behind the scenes and planning an event down at the Ford Center, and so he has an awesome team and they're very good to work with, and so I think that's important to note, too.

Scott Schoenike: Definitely makes my job a lot easier having a good support staff underneath me and so I appreciate hearing that, I'll make sure and I'll tell them that.

President Kiefer: Thank you, Scott, I appreciate it.

<p>PETITION TO APPEAL FOR A PROPERTY TAX SHORTFALL LEVY INCREASE DUE TO ERRONEOUS ASSESSED VALUATION</p>

President Kiefer: Okay, next on the agenda, there's a petition to appeal for a property tax shortfall levy increase due to erroneous assessed valuation. I thought maybe, Joe, you might just give a brief explanation of this.

Joe Gries: Sure, this is something that has happened every year for the last several years, probably six or seven years. It allows the county to recover property taxes that were lost. As it says kind of in the explanation, due to property tax appeals, assessed values that were dropped, taxes that we're unable to collect for the current year. The petition shows a dollar amount there for property tax shortfall. That's an estimated amount; the reason that's estimated is because the Auditor's office has to finalize everything here in December to distribute property taxes. Once we know the final numbers, we'll put that number in and we'll send that to the state. But this is something that we've done, like I said, the last several years.

President Kiefer: The same thing happens in the city as well?

Joe Gries: That's correct.

President Kiefer: What I'd like to do is, basically, read this and then ask for a motion to approve this. This is something that has to be signed by Councilmembers: "Petition to Appeal for an Increase to the Maximum Levy. The County Council of Vanderburgh County, State of Indiana, has determined to file for an excess levy appeal", and then as Joe stated, it's checkmarked "Property Tax Shortfall (IC 6-1.1-18.5-16) \$2,800,000 (Estimated)". And then "The fiscal body of Vanderburgh County hereby resolves to proceed with a petition for an excess levy to the Department of Local Government Finance to increase the taxing unit's maximum levy. Adopted this 7th day of December, 2011." If I could ask for a motion to approve.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve petition to appeal for an increase to the maximum levy.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first by Councilman Lloyd, second by Councilman Raben. Is there any discussion? Questions? Councilman Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, I think this is something we've done over a number of years and Councilman Raben would know more than me, but part of having the property tax caps where your property tax dollars are frozen to a very small increase, this is one way to try to recoup some of that. It's not any kind of increase on taxpayers, it's collecting monies that you wouldn't normally collect.

Councilmember Raben: Good point. Thank you.

President Kiefer: Okay, roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes, and I think that's a document that has to be signed today, so please sign before you leave today.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS AND CERTAIN METHODS OF PAYMENT</p>

President Kiefer: Next is a resolution authorizing the Vanderburgh County Health Department to accept credit cards and certain methods of payment. I appreciate Jeff Ahlers having worked on this. You might, Jeff, give a brief explanation of what we have here.

Jeff Ahlers: Yes, and I know that Mr. Heck with the Health Department is here today if you have any questions. I think the way this came up was, I guess, in order to help them serve the public, they feel like it would streamline that they would be able to collect payments from people better and it would be more efficient to be able to accept

credit cards. And by Indiana statutes, the County Council has to authorize county agencies and departments to be able to accept credit cards or certain forms of payment. Now there is a separate statute that governs the Treasurer's office, so this doesn't affect that. There was some thought about expanding this to other departments, but given the close of the year and there being so many different circumstances in the various offices, the thought here was to go ahead and just pass a resolution to respond to the requests of the Health Department. If other departments in the future or if the Council wants to consider allowing them to accept credit card payments and such you can do so. And I don't know, Mr. Heck may be able to explain -- kind of in this resolution, of course, you know, if there's something that anybody wants to revise, we can certainly do that. But what this ordinance provides is it gives the Health Department and their discretion to determine what forms of payment that are listed there: cash, check, bank draft, money order, credit card, debit card, electronic funds transfer to accept, however the caveat that we've put in here is that it is being authorized for the Health Department to accept credit cards and such provided that they collect whatever fees that would be charged by the credit company from the person who chooses to transact with the credit card. So in other words, it's set up to where it doesn't cost the county any money, but if someone wants to use that convenience or the Health Department does, they would just add the transaction fee on to the credit card. So I don't know if you want Mr. Heck to explain or if there's anything else we want to discuss or if you have questions about.

President Kiefer: I don't need any further explanation. I do think this is a good thing, allow people to pay with credit cards, for example, and we're not going to get charged a fee for that. That's going to get charged back to the person using the credit card. But I'll open it up to Councilmembers for questions.

Councilmember Raben: I'm just curious how you do that, how do you charge that fee back on the credit card and what percentage or what rate have you gotten?

Gary Heck: Well, the convenience fee can vary depending upon which vendor you choose. There's several that are out there. We're still exploring all of the options. The County Treasurer uses a group called Official Payments to accept theirs. There's one called Pay Gov, there's Municipal-Pay, there's Government Net Pay. Under the Government Net Pay, for any transaction from a dollar to fifty dollars, it's \$1.75 convenience fee would be charged. And that convenience fee is paid by the individual who chooses to want to use that method of payment.

President Kiefer: Similar, probably, to the Treasurer, when you pay your taxes it has a convenience fee and it gets added on to the credit card bill.

Gary Heck: And all of the various vendors have it set up where it segregates those dollar amounts and fees so there's nothing that, the government pays nothing for the service, it's just if an individual chooses that method of payment, it's just that's the cost of doing business to accept it. That's what it's all about.

Councilmember Lloyd: Quick point, by law, you cannot make a profit on this, so any fee you would charge the client, you can't take an extra dollar and stick in the Health department checkbook. I mean, it has to be a pass through, and you're saying that these providers will set that up for you.

Gary Heck: That's correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: I think that's a good thing. I'm sure you have people wanting to pay with a credit card, so it just makes it easier to use the Health Department.

President Kiefer: Motion please?

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve resolution authorizing the Vanderburgh County Health Department to accept credit cards and certain methods of payment.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Kiefer: Okay, we have a first and a second. And that resolution number is CO.R-12-11-015. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: I vote yes because I really do think this is a good way to do business to make it more convenient for our citizens of Vanderburgh County. Thank you, Gary. Okay, so that's approved.

Gary Heck: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

**COUNTY ASSESSOR
HIGHWAY**

President Kiefer: Next we have travel requests, and it looks like there was two things on here: the Assessor and County Highway, but then I see on the form that we only have the County Assessor's request. Is there one also from the County Highway?

Councilmember Raben: It was more for informational purposes, I guess.

President Kiefer: Oh, okay. Well, hey, that's good. No charge. Okay, so what we do have to approve, though, is the County Assessor travel request for \$670, and it's a state called meeting, Indiana County Assessor's Association Winter Conference. Is there a motion to approve that?

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve as submitted.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Kiefer: We have a first and a second. Further discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Kiefer: We're done with new business, amendments to salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Everyone has been given a copy, it's six pages today. I want to call attention to the Prosecutor, the first paragraph should be X'd out and should not be included in this motion. So my motion is, Mr. President, that the amendments to the salary ordinance that are in front of us be made part of the minutes.

President Kiefer: Okay, first by Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Kiefer: Second by Councilman Lloyd. Any further discussion? Seeing

none, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Aye.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Kiefer?

President Kiefer: Yes. So approved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Kiefer: Finally, this is something I remember Councilman Lloyd started, I think it's a good idea, public comment. Is there anybody in the public that would like to make a comment? Seeing none, I ask for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Lloyd: So moved.

President Kiefer: Okay. We are adjourned.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.)

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