

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2012**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 11th day of January in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Vanderburgh County Auditor Joe Gries.

Joe Gries: Good morning, everyone. I'd like to open the January 11th, 2012 County Council meeting. I'd like to ask Teri to call roll please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
Councilmember Shetler	X	

Joe Gries: Okay, the next item on the agenda, if everyone would please stand and join me in the Pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Joe Gries: Okay, the next order of business is the election of the 2012 president. I'd like to ask for a motion, please.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chair, I'll move that we nominate or appoint Councilman Shetler.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Joe Gries: Okay, 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 Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Shetler?

Councilmember Shetler: Yes.

Joe Gries: Congratulations, Tom, and I'll turn the meeting over to you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

President Shetler: Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity this year to serve the county in this capacity and the next item on the agenda is the election of the Vice President. I'll entertain a motion for Vice President.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President, I would move that Councilman Raben serve as Vice President this year.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Any questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven for and none against, election of Councilman Raben for Vice President approved. Thank you, James.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL ATTORNEY

President Shetler: Next is the appointment of our County Council Attorney. Mr. Ahlers has done an outstanding job for the six years that I've served on County Council and I greatly appreciate his counsel, his advice, and would entertain a motion to retain Counselor Ahlers.

Councilmember Swaim: I'll make that motion, Mr. Chairman.

President Shetler: It's been moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Shetler: And seconded. Any questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the appointment of our County Council attorney, Jeff Ahlers, is retained and we appreciate that.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL CHAIRMAN AND FINANCE CHAIRMAN

President Shetler: The next is appointment of Committee Chairpersons. We have

two standing committees, the first is the finance chairman. Councilman Raben, I'd like to ask if you would continue on with that. You've done an outstanding job for the last couple of decades and we greatly appreciate the work you've done. You took one year off there, and I was landed with that opportunity, and I'm glad to see you back in that role again. And then the other is personnel chairman. Because of his tenure on the board, I greatly respect what he's done and stuff, I'd like to appoint Mike Goebel as the personnel chairman to head that up. So I'd like to ask Mr. Goebel if he would please take on that task this year.

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES DECEMBER 7, 2011</p>
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President Shetler: Next is approval of the minutes – no objection, I assume, Mr. Goebel, since you didn't speak quick enough. Approval of the minutes, I need a motion for approval of the December 7th minutes.

Councilmember Bassemier: So moved.

President Shetler: It's been moved.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: And seconded. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, with a comment. I will say there's no replay in these meetings, either.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries for approval of the minutes.

**RECOGNITION OF JOE KIEFER FOR
SERVICE AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT IN 2011**

President Shetler: I'm going to deviate just a little bit from our agenda, real quickly. I know Commissioner Kiefer has some other pending business, but I would like to call Commissioner Kiefer up. As many of you know, Commissioner Kiefer was Councilman Kiefer just a few days ago, and served as our president last year and did an outstanding job. And I'd like to present you, Joe, with this plaque, token of our appreciation.

Joe Kiefer: I'd just like to briefly say thank you very much. It was such an honor serving on this Council and it was great for me to be here because already on the Commission, what I learned on the Council was so critically important; mostly that we don't have a lot of money. But I do take this and thank you and this will go up on the wall over there in the Commissioners office. Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, Joe, and good luck to you.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET MINUTES
AUGUST 16 - 17, 2011
SEPTEMBER 22 & 28, 2011
TAXING UNITS SEPTEMBER 28, 2011
TAXING UNITS OCTOBER 5, 2011**

President Shetler: Next is approval of the budget minutes from August 16 & 17th of 2011, September 22 and 28, 2011, and I should separate that for the taxing units, or not? Okay, we'll do this all in one motion, then. And also for the taxing units that we had on September 28th, 2011 and October 5th, 2011. I need a motion for approval on those minutes.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

President Shetler: The next is the appropriation ordinance, and I'd like to ask Councilman Raben to take over at this point.

PROSECUTOR

PROSECUTOR IV-D (TWO REQUESTS)

Councilmember Raben: Thank you. Good morning. Before we start I'd like to just mention one thing and this is typical of every year in January and really spreading into February most every year and has gone into March before. But as everyone is aware, we really don't have a true snapshot of what our finances look like until we receive our final stamp from state which is usually middle February sometimes and early March. So we don't have any real picture of what our unappropriated balance looks like today. So with that being said, over the course of our next few meetings, we need to be careful what we spend. You know, I think we need to, we can look at small amounts where absolutely necessary, but any big appropriations, you know, it wouldn't be advisable for any of us to take any action. So first on the agenda under Prosecutor, it's in the amount of \$18,762. This was an error in the salary ordinance. I'm going to move approval of the first request from Prosecutor, the Prosecutor IV-D, the first one in the amount of \$163,288, there is an offsetting repeal later on in the meeting, so that is basically a wash, zeroing additional dollars out, and the third request under Prosecutor IV-D for four Enforcement Officers including FICA & PERF of \$114,423, my motion is going to be to zero those items. So approve the first two Prosecutor requests and zero the last one, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: There's a motion and a second. Are there any questions about the motion? We are retaining the first two sections, the Prosecutor and Prosecutor IV-D, the first two sections and then the third section, we are zeroing that out. Any questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes, no nays, the motion carries.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1390-1080	Deputy	16,014.00	16,014.00
1080-1900	FICA	1,226.00	1,226.00
1080-1910	PERF	1,522.00	1,522.00
Total		18,762.00	18,762.00

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1081-1330-1081	Deputy Prosecutor	77,725.00	77,725.00
1081-1340-1081	Receptionist	32,264.00	32,264.00
1081-1350-1081	Subpoena Clerk	29,394.00	29,394.00
1081-1900	FICA	10,663.00	10,663.00
1081-1910	PERF	13,242.00	13,242.00
Total		163,288.00	163,288.00

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1081-1310-1081	Enforcement Officer	24,418.00	0.00
1081-1320-1081	Enforcement Officer	24,418.00	0.00
1081-1360-1081	Enforcement Officer	24,418.00	0.00
1081-1370-1081	Enforcement Officer	24,418.00	0.00
1081-1900	FICA	7,472.00	0.00
1081-1910	PERF	9,279.00	0.00
Total		114,423.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Next under Superior Court, 1370-3460 Consultant in the amount of \$7,800, I will move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Any questions about the motion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3460	Consultant	7,800.00	7,800.00
Total		7,800.00	7,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's it for the General Fund, now we move into Circuit Court Supplemental budget. We have a request for 13,207 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Shetler: We have a motion. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Do we have any questions about the

motion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1280-2600	Chief Probation Ofcr.	5,000.00	5,000.00
2600-1610-2600	Asst. Chief Stipend	5,000.00	5,000.00
2600-1600-2600	Special Stipend	1,395.00	1,395.00
2600-1900	FICA	872.00	872.00
2600-1910	PERF	940.00	940.00
Total		13,207.00	13,207.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is the repeal that I referred to earlier in the meeting for Prosecutor in the amount of \$163,288, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Any questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1330-1080	Receptionist	32,264.00	32,264.00
1080-1340-1080	Subpoena Clerk	29,394.00	29,394.00
1080-1380-1080	Deputy Prosecutor	77,725.00	77,725.00
1080-1900	FICA	10,663.00	10,663.00
1080-1910	PERF	13,242.00	13,242.00
Total		163,288.00	163,288.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

**PROSECUTOR
SUPERIOR COURT
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Councilmember Raben: That’s it for appropriations, then we have three transfers: we have a transfer for Prosecutor, Superior Court and the Health Department. I’ll move that we approve the transfers as submitted.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It’s been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions about the motion? I think we’ll take a voice vote on this. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1080-1080-1080	Deputy-Part Time	37,674.00	37,674.00
To: 1080-1390-1080	Deputy	37,674.00	37,674.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-1690-1370	Court Administrator	3,925.00	3,925.00
1370-1800-1370	Sm. Claims Secretary	1,231.00	1,231.00
To: 1370-1806-1370	Day Reporting Officer - Juvenile	5,156.00	5,156.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2130-3600	Rent	6,716.00	6,716.00
To: 2130-1400	Secretary	4,881.00	4,881.00
2130-1410	Secretary Communicable Disease	1,185.00	1,185.00
2130-1900	FICA	290.00	290.00
2130-1910	PERF	360.00	360.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF 2012 AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE
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President Shetler: Alright, next, we haven't any old business that I'm aware of here, is approval of the amended salary ordinance for 2012. Everybody should have gotten a copy of this on their desk and –

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

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions? Voice vote – legally, we can do a voice vote as long as there's no objection. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So moved.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPOINTMENT OF LIAISONS

President Shetler: Next is appointment of liaisons and I think you all should have gotten a copy of this on your desks. I'll just ask that this be recorded as part of the minutes of the meeting and submitted. I don't think we need a motion on that. Does anybody have any questions about their assignments? It's all fairly close to what it was in the past. I don't know that there's any radical changes.

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

President Shetler: Next is appointment to the personnel administration committee. I mentioned earlier, Mike Goebel is the County Council Personnel Chairman, and I would serve, the Finance Chairman serves, and then in addition to that, Wayne Trockman, County Judge representative; Marsha Abell, County Commissioner representative; Bill Fluty, the republican elected county officeholder; Rick Davis, the democrat elected county officeholder; Doug Brown, the executive classification rep; Robert Goedde, POLE classification representative; Wallace Corbitt, the PAT classification representative; Lynn Underwood, the COMOT classification representative. In addition to that, Sandie Deig, County Council Executive Assistant; Sarah Nunn, County Council Administrative Assistant II; and Jeff Ahlers, County Council Attorney; and Tim Deisher, Job Study Consultant are the official members of the committee as well. Are there any questions about that?

APPOINTMENT TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION

President Shetler: And then we have an appointment to make to the ABC board and I would like place the name of Jeremy Meeks and appoint him as the ABC representative for the County Council. Do I have a motion on that?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL BOARD APPOINTMENTS
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President Shetler: The other County Council appointments, I think all of you have gotten our County Council appointment sheet on your desk. Rather than me going through and trying to skip through the dates here and making sure I have everything correct, you have that in writing and I'll submit this as part of the record as well. We need a motion for approval on that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shelter: And seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

2012 MEETING DATES

President Shetler: Then the next is the approval of the meeting dates. Again, you each have copies of the meeting dates on your desks and including the tentative budget hearing dates. So any questions? I need a motion for approval.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Shetler: It's been moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And seconded. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Shetler: That might be all of the necessary work that we have to do there, next is, I think we have Circuit Court here, request to fill staff attorney.

Kelli Fink: Good morning, my name is Kelli Fink, I'm the magistrate of the Circuit Court. I apologize that Judge Heldt isn't here today, he had to be in Indianapolis today, but I do apologize. We are requesting to be able to fill the staff attorney or court administrator position, which we have a person right now who is set to leave on January 20th. This is really an indispensable position for us in our court. This person acts as a third judge for us, if Judge or I are stuck in other hearings or trials or out of town, this person would actually handle the regular matters which we have every day at 9:00 and 1:00, so it is very, very important to us. The person leaving that position is being transferred to Superior Court and that person was at the five year mark, I believe, as to salary and the person that would come in would begin at the bottom line or the beginning salary, which is \$48,880. And that's our request, please.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: When will this position be open, again?

Kelli Fink: January 23 is the opening date. The person we have currently is leaving January 20th.

Councilmember Goebel: And, Sandie, there's no problem with the transfer or anything?

President Shetler: And this is an attorney?

Kelli Fink: Yes, it is. It is an attorney position, yes. They pro tem, so they sit on the bench, so they have to be an attorney.

President Shetler: And how much experience, how long are they out of school usually?

Kelli Fink: Generally, sometimes they're right out of school maybe a couple of years or maybe, – they have to have passed the bar in order to sit on the bench, obviously. But sometimes we hire someone that might be five to ten years out of school.

President Shetler: Alright, any other questions? Alright, we can't typically take a motion –

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second for approval. Alright, all in favor?

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Yeah, as far as formally, can we actually take a vote?

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Shetler: Alright, nobody has any opposition or a problem with that, filling the vacancy. Alright, thank you.

Kelli Fink: Thank you very much for your time.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES
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Eric Williams: Good morning, Sheriff Williams, I believe you've got my request in front of you. I'd be glad to answer any questions.

President Shetler: Anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: I have no questions, I'm going to move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. Any questions about the motion? Alright, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

Eric Williams: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY AND PAY OVERTIME
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President Shetler: Prosecutor.

Nick Hermann: Good morning, and welcome to the two new Councilmembers. I think you have our request as well. I don't know if anyone has any questions.

President Shetler: That paying over, that's paying overtime for this calendar year.

Nick Hermann: That's correct, I believe we had to put that back on because we went over the calendar year. It's the same as what we have been doing for, I want to say since August or September.

President Shetler: And that will terminate at the end of the year?

Nick Hermann: I believe that we have to come back and request each calendar year is what I was told, yes.

President Shetler: Anybody have questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Do you have any estimation when the process is going to be complete as far as going paperless?

Nick Hermann: We expect, based on the quotes that we got to send that out to private companies, we hope to have it done inside of a year and a half to two years. There is about 17,500 files. I think the company that gave us an estimate, estimated about two million pages and we hope that we can be more efficient than they would be. The problem with sending it off was obviously the cost, and then also we would

have to send our files away for four months, and people aren't real happy when you can't help them with their case for four months. So we feel like by doing it in-house, we can do it more efficiently and hopefully get it done as expeditiously as possible.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Back to my grind, Mr. Hermann. Are these people working, are they coming in early and then leaving late, or if they're doing this overtime, when are they –

Nick Hermann: They are working until about 7 - 7:30 typically, and then they come in on the weekends. The County, we've tried to stay – we've tried to stay close to the county handbook because our judicial circuit hasn't put one together, so we're not allowing overtime, for example, when there's a holiday. It kind of messes up the whole week, they're not able to work the Sunday before or the Saturday after and get any overtime. But they're coming in on the weekends, there are some groups that stay until about 7 - 7:30.

Councilmember Goebel: It just seems to me from the outside looking in that if it's going to be a year and a half or a two year process that there are some recently graduated law students or even interns who have background, who could help out and it wouldn't necessarily cost us overtime. And I brought this up before and I know that the people in your office are much more familiar, but I would think if it's transcribing and making copies and that, that perhaps there would be people –

Nick Hermann: It's not transcribing or making copies, it's going through a legal file, determining what needs to be kept, what doesn't, because if we can get rid of paper and don't have to scan it and don't have to process it in, that saves us a lot of time and a lot of money. That's one of the attractive things that doing it in-house did, was we felt like we could eliminate a lot of the paper. It takes us typically, if we were to hire a new Enforcement Agent today, it takes about six months or so before they're fully trained and up and going. To bring somebody in off the street, get them through the course with the federal government with regard to their having people's social security numbers and having access to their unemployment and all those types of things, learning the computer systems, learning what documents are worthwhile, I think there is some room that could be gained by hiring some additional people, but I think right now is probably the most efficient way that we can do it. I really don't know what else to say, I mean, if you're offering a bunch of part-time, we'll gladly take it, but I don't know that they'll be able to work on this project.

Councilmember Goebel: I was just thinking in lieu of the overtime and also maybe to give someone a temporary position, that might be an option, but I understand a little bit more about the people who are familiar with the cases, so I'm not going to put up a big argument, I'm just curious.

Nick Hermann: I'd be happy, if you'd like to come down and take a look at it, we're doing it as efficiently as we can. If anyone has any suggestions on how we can do it better, I would be happy to take those. I'm not going to say we can't use part time because we'd love to have 20 people down there working, but I don't know that they would be working on this specific project.

Councilmember Raben: Are we actually paying overtime or comp time?

Nick Hermann: We're paying overtime. You are not paying anything, it's not costing the General Fund any money, it comes out of the Child Support Incentive Fund, one

of the few prescribed things that we can pay out of that, and that's how IPAC recommended that we do it, quite frankly.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I do like Councilman Goebel's point, I mean, when you're paying time and a half, which is what we're doing, I don't care what fund it comes out of, but at the end of the day, it still belongs to the taxpayers, but if a person from within inside served as supervisor and you were able to bring in, again, some interns or something like Mike suggested, it seems like you could get a lot more people doing this work and probably speed the process up, supervised by the right person. You know, I think it would be in your best interest to revisit that idea, frankly. I like it.

Nick Hermann: Alright.

President Shetler: Any other questions or comments?

Councilmember Goebel: I did have one more. This is going to be about a two year process now or one year or?

Nick Hermann: It's hard to say. It was going to take a company with, I think they have about forty employees they were going to dedicate. It was going to take them four months, full time. It's difficult to say when we first started this. We didn't take into consideration the problems that not being able to pay them to work on the weekends when there's a holiday, and then we've had a holiday every week for the last, you know, it seems like forever.

Councilmember Goebel: We can fix that.

Nick Hermann: You know, they'd be more than happy to come in and work. It seems to be going very well at this point. You know, it's something that – the problem with it is, and I want the Council to understand, it's not a matter of going in and scanning or copying pages, it's a matter of getting a computer program set up in a logical way that somebody sitting in court is able to access those documents quickly and efficiently, and that's the technical piece. I mean, aside from the privacy issues, aside from all the regulations, we have to deal with the federal and state governments, that goal is to have this to be an efficient thing that speeds the court process up, that allows an office with a 64% higher case load to be able to do their job. We just had over a thousand new paternity actions filed in the last year. I mean, you know it because you hear it from every speaker that gets up there about how many new cases are coming in and quite frankly, we take it very seriously, dealing with the single parents and trying to help them get money to support their families because we know the overall effect that has on the community and it's something we take very seriously. And I'm all for saving money and I'm all for doing things as efficiently as possible, but at the same time, we have to have a good product come out at the end.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I'm not questioning any of that, I think it's obvious you're working for the betterment of all of us here, so I was just thinking maybe there might be an alternative method to do it, that's all. Thank you.

President Shetler: Any other questions? Councilman Koehler?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Mr. Prosecutor, do you feel that as this process is ongoing, that you've been able to speed it up a little bit and you may land closer to the year and a half rather than the two year mark?

Nick Hermann: I'd love to be able to tell you that. We've only really been doing, I think this got approved in I want to say August or September. We started it in November and December and January. So far, we've had holidays in every week, so it's kind of difficult to say. Based on the amount of volume of paper that we're shredding and what's coming out, I think it's moving; it's too early for me to give you any type of number with regard to that. Luckily, we've already started all the new things that come in, we're scanning in, and so there's going to be some level of attrition, if we did absolutely nothing outside of regular work hours, 18 to 20 years from now, we'd be done. You know, so there is a level of attrition at the end, so it should speed up as we move further and close cases, but as far as, quite frankly, my people have enough to do during their day to begin with. Then when you add this on top, I can't give you an idea how long it's going to take. Maybe in a couple more months, we'll have a better idea.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, and then just for my knowledge, you said this doesn't come out of the General fund, so give me just a brief explanation of the incentive fund and where those dollars come from, as a new person.

Nick Hermann: Sure. Each county in the state of Indiana is charged with IV-D collections, which is collection of child support. Of the money that is spent, there is a formula that decides how much money will be reimbursed to the county or paid to run the office and I want to say our number is somewhere around \$144,000, some random number, they pay 100 percent of that amount. Beyond that amount, we get reimbursed two-thirds of anything we spend over that, so the majority of our department gets reimbursed at two-thirds. Then we are graded on four different criteria: child support collection, collection of back support, what percentage of cases we have orders established, and in what percentage of cases we're able to establish paternity. Those are kicked into a formula. Every year the federal government gives the states money, and then the states turn around and distribute that money to the counties. And that's based on those four criteria. That money comes to our office in terms of child support incentive money. It goes, I believe, to the Clerk's office and a portion of it comes to the General fund. That money is tied down, it can only be spent on child support issues, on these types of projects, and so that's where that money is coming from, so the overtime allotment is not coming, there's not a penny of it coming out of the General fund.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions? We need a motion for approval if that is your desire.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second for approval. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**RECOGNITION OF RUSSELL LLOYD
FOR HIS SERVICE ON COUNTY COUNCIL**

President Shetler: Next, again, I'm going to interrupt the agenda for just a second and then ask former Councilman Lloyd if he could come forward please. Boy, I tell you what, this is a beautiful plaque. Nice, it's blue, listing out your tenure of service two different times, and we appreciate the service that you've given the county and we're going to miss you.

Russell Lloyd: Thank you. Mr. President, if I end up coming back, we can just add a line there. I enjoyed my time on Council and enjoyed working with each one of you and good luck in the future. I'm across the hall if you ever need me, dealing with these other situations. Thank you.

President Shetler: Thanks.

PUBLIC DEFENDER REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Next Public Defender, Steve.

Steve Owens: Good morning. I think you have my request before you. This is one that was approved to convert two part-time positions to a full-time position at the budget hearings last year.

President Shetler: Okay, do we have any questions? Will this be an entry level – full-time?

Steve Owens: Yes.

President Shetler: Which is about 50?

Steve Owens: After you average it out over for the year, it comes out about 50. It starts out at 48,880, there's a step increase at six months, so assuming that person gets that step increase, then it's going to be for the first year, it's about 50.

President Shetler: And the part-timers we're paying...?

Steve Owens: The part-timers, you're looking at two part-timers about 78.

President Shetler: So about 39 a piece, roughly?

Steve Owens: Yes, plus benefits.

President Shetler: On both.

Steve Owens: On both, so you're going to save about \$50,000 thereabouts, well, probably not quite that, but –

President Shetler: 48?

Steve Owens: 40's, something like that.

President Shetler: Okay. The starting salary, and is that pretty well, I noticed earlier

when the Circuit Court came before us and she was talking roughly 48, is that all pretty consistent between the Prosecutor's office and your office and the courts for starting salary, or is it, I mean, I just want to make sure that we don't have somebody paying 53 and someone else paying 46, and it sounds like its fairly close at 48, 49,000.

Steve Owens: My understanding is that for all of the classified attorney positions, they would all be uniform. There are agencies and there are departments that use non-classified positions and my understanding is that the salaries for those is whatever the Council approves. So in this instance, this is a classified position, I think they're all classified as Executive Level II positions and the salary is 48,800, something like that.

President Shetler: I don't mean to put you on the spot and I really meant to ask our Prosecutor as well when he was up here earlier on this, but the question that does come to my mind and that is, on the salary levels for a starting attorney, I'm not speaking of one with a few years of experience underneath his belt, but I've had a niece recently graduate, been out for a couple of years, and just others that I know that have graduated from law school and passed the bar, and it seems like some of the bigger firms in town, that 50 would be kind of pushing, and not quite the benefits and some of the other perks that we have available in county government.

Steve Owens: I think the difference would be, Tom, that if I had to look at it, and we have looked at that in comparison to other counties. If you look at what our starting salaries are in Vanderburgh County compared to similar positions in other counties, we're comparable. We're not totally out of line with Lake County and Marion County or any of the other counties. In terms of what you compare it to in a private entity, probably in Vanderburgh County, that's fairly comparable to what a recent graduate would start at with one of the firms. The difference is going to be, is after five years, our attorneys, if they're progressing under the normal salary ordinance, they're going to be making about 63,000. I suspect that in the private firms, if they've been there five years, they're going to be making more than \$63,000.

President Shetler: Right, and that's kind of getting to, I guess the point that I would want to eventually get to, and that is we want to retain good help as much as we can, and it seems like we might be a little beefy at the bottom starting out, and then at the same time, we don't progress quite like you might in the private sector. So we kind of get short changed a little bit and aren't able to keep perhaps some of the more experienced, and I'm just wondering if maybe we looked at that a little tighter and kept the same dollars in the budget, but were able to look at starting salaries a little bit lower, a little bit more like you might find in the private sector, and I'm comparing all the benefits that you have being in the public sector compared to the benefits that you'd have in the private, that we might be better off if we perhaps cut that back a little bit, and then use some of that money when they get to that five and ten year experience level so that we could boost those up a little bit.

Steve Owens: Well, I certainly can't speak for Mr. Hermann or the Circuit Court personnel, I can tell you that based upon my interviewing for this job that we've just had open, I probably would not be in favor of lowering it at the beginning level. I think if you're trying to attract qualified candidates that you're going to try to keep, you have to offer them something that is attractive enough for them to want to come in here and do public service either as a prosecutor or a public defender or court administrator or whatever it would be. One of the selling points is hey, our salary may not be as high as what you could go to in a private firm, for example, the

50,000 or 55,000, or whatever the private firms are paying, our benefits are maybe better in terms of insurance and that sort of thing, so I think it's something that is a selling point. Is it tougher to keep these people after they've been here for five years or ten years? Perhaps. But if you – I think if you do a good enough job in terms of the initial hiring, you normally get people who want to stay in this sort of sector and like the benefits. So I don't know that I would agree with a reduction at the starting salary stage. I don't know what Mr. Hermann or what the Circuit Court would feel about that, but I would not be in favor of that.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Sir, would it be beneficial to hire a full-time person versus two part-time people? You just said, you know, you save several thousand dollars by this full-time person we're getting ready to put in now, since you're paying benefits on two of them and benefits only on one with a full-time. Would it be more beneficial just to hire more full time attorneys?

Steve Owens: Well, that's what we've been doing. I mean, as we have been transitioning from part-time felony attorneys to more full-time positions, as we get openings, as we've had people either resign, retire, pass away, we've tried to consolidate those part-time positions into full-time staff. We're somewhat limited just by physical space in terms of our office arrangements and we have some issues with experience levels. Obviously, I'm not going to get a ten-year experience criminal defense lawyer to come in at 48,8.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, how many part – I know you've told us in the past, how many part-time employees do you have right now, attorneys, versus full-time?

Steve Owens: Let me think here a minute. In the felony division we've gone from 16 part-time felony lawyers to 10, with this position. I have three part-time misdemeanor positions, which we've had for 12 years. We have four part-time juvenile lawyers which do the civil juvenile work, the CHINS determinations, the paternity cases. So, total, I look like I'm at about what, 17?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you, sir.

Councilmember Goebel: I was just going to reiterate what Mr. Owens said. This process of going from two part-time to one full-time to save the county money and still continue the workload, that has been going on for what, six or seven years now?

Steve Owens: Yeah, we've probably been doing it for the last five - six years.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, for the new members , I might explain that this office is reimbursed by the state for basically 50% of all the –

Steve Owens: If I might correct you, Tom, it's 40% for non-capital cases. So

everything that we spend, goes through that office for indigent defense in a non-capital case, gets reimbursed at 40 percent. I mean, that's rent, benefits, office supplies, salaries, anything that's spent on indigent defense, and it really doesn't matter what line item it comes from as long as it's spent for indigent defense, so if we do an office remodel, or add an office or we buy a piece of equipment, it gets reimbursed at 40%. We take in, for the new members, and I know I've talked to the Council about this in the past, there is what's called a Supplemental Public Defender account. Frankly, we couldn't handle the number of cases that we handle without having the Supplemental Public Defender account. Our theoretical maximum number of cases that my salaried lawyers can handle and stay in compliance so that you get the 40 percent is about 1,600 a year. We've got over 2,000 appointments last year. The excess appointments have to either be farmed out or some of those cases have to be farmed out anyhow because of conflict rules. We pay most of those attorneys that we farm out on a case by case basis, out of the Supplemental Public Defender account. We take in about between 200 and 250,000 a year. We don't have a lot of control over how much that amounts to. It's limited somewhat by what the Judges give us, it's limited somewhat by what the people post in bonds. Those supplemental funds get reimbursed at the 40 percent rate as well. So even though the money doesn't come from the General fund, the money that is returned, that 40 percent that's returned for those expenses comes back to the General fund. So in any given year, there is between 80 and \$100,000 that is coming back to the General fund, that never originated from the General fund. And absent that particular amount of money, we would not be able to stay in compliance and we've struggled with that mightily for the last two years. I anticipate this year we're going to have some significant problems trying to maintain compliance because of just the sheer number of cases.

President Shetler: And misdemeanor cases are not.

Steve Owens: Misdemeanor cases are not reimbursable, civil juvenile cases are not reimbursable. I'm sure you've heard from Judge Niemeier, have read in the paper, that the CHINS termination cases have gone up tremendously and our attorneys that handle those kind of cases are not in any way close to being in compliance with the Public Defender Standards, however, since they don't reimburse for those cases, they don't require the counties to maintain that compliance to get reimbursement. Same thing with misdemeanors. My misdemeanor public defenders handle somewhere between one and a half to two times the number of cases that they should handle under the Public Defender Standards. Again, since they don't reimburse for those, they're not going to require us to come into compliance. If they did, we'd be looking at somewhere around six to seven part-time lawyers to handle the number of misdemeanors that we get assigned. I don't know that I can predict the future. I know that there has been a move afoot at the state level to bring misdemeanors into the reimbursement program. I am not particularly in favor of that for a number of reasons, one of which is the sheer number of attorneys that we would have to have to handle that number of cases. It would be great to get the 40 percent, but I don't really think the Council wants to give me four additional part-time lawyers.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Steve prepares a quarterly statement as far as reimbursables and things like that. I get a copy of that and I think the Council President does. Does anyone else receive that copy?

Steve Owens: Normally, Mike, I send that to the Council President, the Finance Chairman, you, because you're our liaison, and that would be the only three Councilmembers that would normally get it. I think Joe gets a copy and Commissioners get a copy.

Councilmember Goebel: I think it would be beneficial if all of us received a copy if we could maybe just zap copies so we all have an idea of what's coming back and if, in reality, that money does actually come back. I know it's presented to come back, but –

Steve Owens: It's coming back. You're getting over 700,000 a year going into the General fund.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, we need a motion for approval, if that's your desire.

Councilmember Bassemier: So moved.

President Shetler: It's been moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And seconded. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. The motion did pass unanimously.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Next is County Clerk.

Susan Kirk: Good morning. I believe you all got the paperwork I sent in for the replacement of the Child Support Clerk. That will be a new position, so it will be less in salary, obviously, than the person that was there before. They'll come in at the beginning salary.

Councilmember Raben: And the person that this is replacing left when, Susie?

Susan Kirk: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Raben: How long has this position been vacant?

Susan Kirk: It was vacant basically for, what, 12 weeks. She had a baby and then she came back and worked the first part of the year and then it's been, I guess, probably a couple of weeks now, I think. She came back and worked like the first week.

President Shetler: Any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: Are we good to go on this, with this timing?

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve, Mr. President.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. How many employees do you have, full-time employees, do you have in your office now?

Susan Kirk: Fifty-two and one part-time, and we're like the Prosecutor, we would like to have more, too.

President Shetler: Okay, and you, what, had 53 a couple of years ago, a few years back?

Susan Kirk: Uh-huh. Well, there's 54 when I started, so we lost one and then one full-time was replaced by part-time.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions, then? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers except President Shetler voted aye)

President Shetler: Opposed? I'm opposed again. So we have six for and one opposed then.

Susan Kirk: Thank you for the aye votes, I appreciate it very much.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Shetler opposed)

AUDITOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Shetler: Next is the Auditor.

Joe Gries: Good morning. The Auditor's office is asking to fill a vacancy we have in the Bookkeeping department. This is the Insurance/Retirement Bookkeeper. We submitted a letter and some information and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Councilmember Raben: None other than, you know, this person is handling primarily insurance for 800 plus county employees, it's probably one of the more stressful jobs within these walls. I'll move approval and I think it's also important to recognize the fact that this office, over the last, what, probably five years, has reduced their staff by three or four?

Joe Gries: At least. Actually, just to expound on that a little bit, we had an individual leave last year in our exemption department which we did not include in our 2012 budget, and then we had an individual leave after budget hearings late last year, and because of new technology the Assessor's office has implemented, we're not asking to fill that position, as well. So those are two just within the last year and before that, probably another two or three, as well.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I think that, as a county, that speaks volumes.

You know, we spend a tremendous amount, millions of dollars on technology, software, hardware, everything, and there's few offices that we ever see a real benefit from doing that. I mean, a lot of offices are asking for more people and times are different, I hope that when we're spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on software, that we're actually using the software or that we're not using bits and pieces of it, that we're spending the time to really figure all the ins and outs and what it really can do for us, and this is a prime example. This office is working with far fewer today as a result of technology and we're just not seeing it everywhere and we should be.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I was just going to ask Joe if he would consider giving seminars in the other departments. Thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Auditor, what would be your number on your full-time and part-time employees in your department?

Joe Gries: We have 24 full-time employees and we have one part-time employee. And the part-time employee is actually paid out of the Reassessment fund.

President Shetler: So I think a few years back, and our Assessor, who was the Auditor, is in the audience and could, but we had roughly 27 - 28 full-time employees in the Auditor's office a few years ago, and we have been able to cut back roughly, what, 15 percent of our staffing in that office, which was exactly why I had an issue on the last office, is we've got to be able to make these kind of cuts across the board. You know, we still don't know what our unappropriated balance is going to be for next year. It's going to be razor thin, it's going to be tight, and we're going to have to figure out ways to make these offices more efficient like you all have done in this office in order for us to be able to sustain the kind of financial position that we've been able to have and have the luxury of having over the years.

Councilmember Raben: Well, and it's not just there, I mean, you mentioned the former Auditor, he's in the audience, but as Assessor today. And, you know, in a matter of a few years, I think that office has eliminated two or three people. Four or five years ago they were telling us they needed more. And the County Treasurer, you know, I think they've eliminated a person or two. Treasurer Davis has done a wonderful job there, I mean, some offices that are interested in making a difference are making a difference, and I can't imagine why that cancer can't spread through the entire building, be it county or city, but those that are doing their best to utilize today's technology that's already bought and paid for, you know, hats off to you.

President Shetler: But back to this position, this is a necessary position, we've kind of made the agreement before when an essential position became vacant, that because of what you guys have done in the past to try and make that office as lean and as efficient as possible, that we would honor those and so I have no problem with replacing, in fact, I know it's going to be difficult to replace the position as it stands. So, Councilman Goebel, did you have anything further to add?

Councilmember Goebel: No, I was just, maybe for the benefit of the two new Council persons and really all of us as a refresher, if we could get maybe a hit sheet in Excel or something for each department, how many people work in the department full-time, part-time and maybe over the last few years. I don't know how difficult that would be, but we can see if there has been some downsizing in certain

departments that might, instead of going over it every time in this meeting.

Joe Gries: That's something that we could probably pull out of our payroll system and we'd be glad to –

President Shetler: Maybe you could go back eight years, four years, and then present.

Joe Gries: Sure.

President Shetler: And then let us know. And then put a separate category in for part-time because, you know, if we could utilize part-time people, I've stressed this before, rather than the full-time, we could save quite a bit and also be doing a real benefit to some people out in the community who are looking for part-time work as well. Alright, I need a motion for approval.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Joe, before you leave the podium, this isn't for discussion for today's meeting, but maybe in the future, another day and time, but how big of a deal would it be to give us a list of employees with comp time and how many hours of comp time?

Joe Gries: Within the Auditor's office, the payroll system that we have, if the departments are reporting that to us, but not all departments report that information to us, they keep that within their books and that's something that they kind of control themselves. We can give you what we have, but it's not going to be across the board, I would say.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Joe Gries: You would get everybody that way.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible)

Joe Gries: You would encompass everybody. We wouldn't have all 40 departments within the county.

President Shetler: Yeah, I think it's a good idea. We need to have a handle –

Councilmember Goebel: We haven't found a couple hundred million sitting around unaccounted for to help us out?

Joe Gries: As I've said before, that would be nice, but we try to avoid that.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President? Would that be something that you would want to have, the comp time sent to the Auditor's office, to keep track of that or should we just see what we get from the memo and go from there?

President Shetler: I think it's – I'm not sure that this body can require, is that part of the Commissioner's responsibility?

Councilmember Raben: I think we can because at the end of the day, it's an issue of funding.

President Shetler: It is funding, okay. But I think it's a great idea to do that because it ought to be coming through the payroll system.

Councilmember Raben: And I think along with that, should be that it is by Council order or something, but that information is passed on to the Auditor's office.

President Shetler: Why don't you put that in the form of a motion. That might make it a little bit more solid.

Councilmember Raben: I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And I'll second that, and I think that it sounds like this is an issue that we're going to have to deal with on the comp time, so we need to know what we're looking at as far as the numbers and where we need to go from there.

President Shetler: Right, it is, in some respects, an unfunded mandate. In the other respect, though, we don't fill the positions until that is all expired as well. So if it were an emergency position, though, you could have a cost effect to you, but I think it is something we should have a handle on in the payroll department. So I have a motion and a second, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Okay, we'll get something put together on that issue.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Shetler: We voted on the Auditor's position, so the next is Health Department, and we are in need of a dentist. It sounds pretty critical to me.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health department. I think you have our request, we need to hire a dentist, and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

President Shetler: We do have a working plan at the moment to be filling that position, is that correct? On a temporary basis?

Gary Heck: We've been seeking a solution but I think we need permission from the County Council to try to do something. To try to hire even a replacement, we need some type of an approval from here. We were going to do a contractual thing with a temporary dentist but I believe we still would need –

President Shetler: Correct, but my point is, is that we're not leaving people with aches and pains and without service where we're not covering it.

Gary Heck: We're not able to service anyone without a dentist, so the answer is no. Without a dentist, we can't. We can refer them to other offices, but it's –

President Shetler: Okay, my understanding was that we had some things worked out where we were bringing in some people on an hourly or daily basis.

Gary Heck: Well, we've been looking for replacements on the ability to do that, but we don't have an ability to pay them without permission from the County Council.

President Shetler: So is the office closed, I guess, is my question?

Gary Heck: Yes. Well, it's closed as far as seeing patients. It's not closed as far as continuing to try to get it ready for when the new dentist is hired.

President Shetler: Okay. I thought that we had a way of patching that to keep the service going for a period of time.

Gary Heck: No, sir.

President Shetler: Alright, so it's pretty critical.

Gary Heck: It is critical.

President Shetler: Have you interviewed yet?

Gary Heck: We can't do that without approval from this body. We wouldn't assume to do anything without approval from this body, so the answer is no.

President Shetler: Alright, will you be interviewing this afternoon if you get approval?

Gary Heck: We have some candidates in mind.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, any other questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Alright, thanks, Gary.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRAVEL REQUESTS
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Councilmember Raben: We might as well keep him up here for his travel requests.

President Shetler: Yes, we have travel requests now, Gary, we'll just go ahead and deal with yours real quick.

Gary Heck: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Gary, I'll start this one. As you know, I've raised this issue with the Health Department, and I'll make myself very clear, I know mounting and balancing tires isn't as sophisticated as running a medical clinic, so I'll throw that out there right away, but it does seem like, you know, again, this is the most traveled department imaginable in government. And when I look at some of these clinics or seminars where we're sending three people at a time, that just seems like a waste, you know, and I would think that a person, a supervisor, should attend those meetings, you know, come back and train your staff.

Gary Heck: I don't believe, if you're referring to the one that's an annual request, it's not sending three people at a time, it's that these would be the individuals who would be responsible for performing a disease investigation and this is a blanket –

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– permission for them to leave them the county because they need to go to the Deaconess Gateway Hospital where Vanderburgh County residents receive services in order to follow up on an investigation. And if the county vehicle is available, they would use it, but if it's not, then they would need to drive their vehicle and get mileage. So that's what that particular one is for.

Councilmember Raben: So wait a minute. We're actually – say that again. They're actually driving to Deaconess –

Gary Heck: In order for a county employee to leave the county on business, we need permission from the County Council in order to get reimbursed for mileage, if it's required. And the particular request where there were three individuals' names is for permission for them to do one of two things: one of them would be to attend the public health meeting that's called for nurses, or the other is to follow up on a disease investigation for Vanderburgh County residents who happen to be receiving services at the Deaconess Women's Hospital in Warrick County.

Councilmember Raben: So I guess, what are we following up on at that point?

Gary Heck: Well, if someone has a communicable disease and it requires an investigation, one of our disease intervention specialists or epidemiology nurse or the director of that communicable disease division needs to go over and follow up on the medical records to see what tests have been done and what other treatment is going to be required in order to make sure that whatever disease is there, isn't

spread. And this could be tuberculosis—

Councilmember Raben: So that's not communicated by phone or email or —

Gary Heck: That's correct, it can't be because —

Councilmember Raben: I know when I have annual blood work done for my physical, I can call a number and you talk to somebody and they tell you exactly how your blood work turned out.

Gary Heck: Well, communicable disease investigations don't operate that way, unfortunately.

Councilmember Raben: Is it an interview with the patient or —

Gary Heck: It could be both. It could be an interview with the patient or it could be looking and having access to the patient records to follow up on.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Gary Heck: But it has to be done in person, it's not something that we can do any other way.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the others, you know, not to kick a dead horse, I just, I've quoted a number of days, a number of hours sometime last year and it blew my mind how many people we have absent from that facility. You know, and if we're as busy as we say we are, I can't imagine that that's allowable and as I look at some of these others, and I certainly, again, I apologize because I probably am out of line here, but some of these that we see come up routinely throughout the year, the one that is being held in Salem, Indiana, I can't imagine that that method of childcare has changed that drastically year after year, that we continue to keep using that one as a place to send countless people back and forth to, or to those types of programs throughout the year.

Gary Heck: This particular one, and I don't take offense, Councilman Raben, because I'm just trying answer your questions, that particular one is to fulfill a grant requirement and it has to do with — the individual is the supervisor of the WIC clinic, and this has to do with the breast feeding coordination training, that's all part of that program and it's paid for with grant funds. I can assure you that any time we can attend these meetings using the video conferencing system that we have in place, we do, and we have been able to use it a number of times. If it's available for us to attend meetings that way, we certainly do to try to save money. All I can say is that these are legitimate requests and I don't know how else to do it other than just to come ask for permission and to give you our best estimate of what the cost will be from the funding source. None of this comes out of the General fund, I can tell you that. It's out of the Health fund or out of the grants that are managed through the Health department, if that's of any consolation.

Councilmember Raben: Not really, it's still tax.

Gary Heck: I realize that, but I wouldn't be asking for it, if it's not required. And one of the things that we —

Councilmember Raben: I just encourage you to continue to do so, that's the thing.

Let's try to eliminate as much of this as possible in 2012.

Gary Heck: We try to do that, but one of the charges of the public health department is also to be prepared to respond to a public health emergency. And the only way you can do that is if you are trained. And if you do have the skills, then, in order to be able to do that, so I can just assure you that if I send something over, I'm letting you know that it's something that our staff needs and we have the funds in place to do it. But that's all I can do for you.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

Gary Heck: You're welcome.

President Shetler: Are there any other questions on the Health Department travel?

Councilmember Bassemier: I just don't think you can get enough training, so I'm going to make a motion to approve this.

Councilmember Terry: I second it, and having worked in public health for about two years myself, I mean, these are legitimate requests I think that are being made because there's a lot of travel and certification that you have to keep renewed and so I think these are things we definitely, Gary, look at more closely, but definitely these are things that are beneficial to our community as a whole.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second on the Health Department travel. Are there any further questions, comments? All in favor, – yes?

Councilmember Goebel: I wonder if we should consider throwing travel requests back to the Commissioners and take it away from this body again. They had it for years and years.

Councilmember Raben: You know, ultimately, what you're saying is true because we're dealing with a lot of departments that are under their control and not ours.

Gary Heck: It's my understanding that part of the reason for the approval is not just for funding but also for advance knowledge of workers compensation, that someone officially knows that somebody is leaving the county on official business. That was my understanding of why it was required. But I'm happy to do whatever you all decide that you need us to do.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm not talking about you in particular, I'm just talking about, was it about a year ago that this was thrown at us?

President Shetler: Okay, motion is on the floor for approval of the Health Department travel. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed? Alright.

(No opposing votes were cast)

Gary Heck: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">TRAVEL REQUESTS ASSESSOR, COUNTY HIGHWAY & COUNTY ENGINEER</p>

President Shetler: Okay, we have the Assessor's office and the County Engineer's office, does anybody have any questions about either one of those two?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, on the Assessor, question, Bill. There was a question on what exactly this is.

Bill Fluty: Training for Level III, which all County Assessors are required to have and some of their staff. This is training in Bloomington. We do have two scheduled classes coming here that we're hosting, which we'll save money on, but not all classes can be here and the time line is to get it before 2014 for members of our staff and myself. This is, I think, a three day, which we'd rather travel on the shorter – some are all week long, from Monday until Friday. I believe this is a three day, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, so we will travel on the shorter days to save hotel costs.

Councilmember Goebel: Bill, how many more meetings will you have?

Bill Fluty: This will be, I think I have three more after this, maybe.

Councilmember Goebel: And you'll be good to go, then, for –

Bill Fluty: Yes, that's the end of that.

Councilmember Goebel: Will anyone else in your office have to do the same?

Bill Fluty: Yes, we'll start with the top layer, management, but yes, they're required to have Level III, and we'll have to take five courses to achieve that. Some of them have taken some, but some haven't, so it's kind of a mix. And you also have to take 22 hours a year to keep your certification for a Level III and for a Level II.

Councilmember Goebel: After you receive your Level III, can you then train others to get their Level III here?

Bill Fluty: Myself? No. That's by course design, the IAAO.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: How long does the certification last for? Is this something you have to do annually, or once you're done, you're done.

Bill Fluty: Once you're done, you're done. But you have to keep having continuous education hours, 22 hours every year, a total of 45 hours in a – 22 ½, I guess – hours in a two year period to keep your Level, so you're going to continue to go to education classes. What we try to do is, you can get them in a conference, we try to get everything locally. We do some travel, but as you see, we do as little travel as we can and we just kind of pick and choose. And we should be able to train most our staff going to classes here in Evansville. But there will be some where I will be up here asking that this person has to go up to wherever that class will be held to get their Level III's.

President Shetler: Any other questions? Anybody have a question on the Highway

department or the County Engineer travel requests?

Bill Fluty: I can give you my comp time if you need that right now. We had 900 hours last year and we cut it by 200, so we're only starting with 700 this year. So we've reduced that number and we'll continue to reduce that number.

President Shetler: Okay, motion would be in order for the approval for the Assessor, Highway and the Engineer.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: It's been moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: And seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: The next is amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Everyone has a copy that was passed out. Do you have any questions? Motion would be in order approval.

Councilmember Swaim: I'll make the motion.

President Shetler: Motion has been made for approval of the amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. We have several, my motion is going to be that we make the Salary Amendments be made part of the minutes. There is one correction on the first page under Prosecutor IV-D, the fourth item, fourth paragraph, I'd like to omit, and the paragraph reads, amend salary ordinance to allow hiring four Enforcement Officers as follows: line numbers are 1081-1310, 1081-1320, 1081-1360, and 1081-1370. Those are the requests that we zeroed out earlier in the appropriations, so strike that paragraph and I'll move that the rest of it be approved as submitted, and again, ask that it be made and entered into the minutes.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

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

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Any further comments? A motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Raben: Motion to adjourn.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you all.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 1, 2012

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

President Shetler: Good morning. Today is February the 1st and time for the County Council meeting, it's a few minutes after 8:30. I'd like, first, to call roll.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
President Shetler	X	

President Shetler: There being seven present and no absent, we have a quorum. Next, I'd like to ask Councilman Swaim if he would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 11, 2012</p>

President Shetler: Thank you. Next would be a motion for approval of the minutes.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: It's been moved, do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</p>
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President Shetler: Next would be the appropriation ordinance, Councilman Raben.

ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning, first on the agenda under County Assessor is salary adjustments that have been approved by the Job Study committee, a total request including FICA and PERF for \$10,791, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a couple of seconds. Do I have any questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1160-1090	RE/PTABOA DEP I	1,691.00	1,691.00
1090-1390-1090	REAL EST DEPUTY	1,092.00	1,092.00
1090-1670-1090	REAL EST DEPUTY	5,406.00	5,406.00
1090-1540-1090	GIS SPECIALIST	1,000.00	1,000.00
1090-1900	FICA	710.00	710.00
1090-1910	PERF	892.00	892.00
Total		10,791.00	10,791.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Co-op Extension, this has kind of been back and forth. There is yet still some confusion on this. I'm going to move that this be set in at zero and we'll revisit this in March or April.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about the motion? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-3530	Contractual Services	735.00	0.00
Total		735.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Alright, thank you. Superior Court, 1370-1806-1370 through FICA and PERF. There is an adjusted figure on the first item. The request was 39,578. The correct amount is 34,422, for a total appropriation of \$41,210, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Shetler: We have a motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Does that affect the FICA and PERF at all?

Sandie Deig: No, that's the total amount.

President Shetler: Because that's the total, alright.

Councilmember Terry: Can you give me the amount, again?

President Shetler: \$34,422, is that correct?

Councilmember Bassemier: And the total was \$41,210.

President Shetler: What was your number again?

Councilmember Raben: \$41,210.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1806-1370	Day Reporting Ofcr	39,578.00	34,422.00
1370-1900	FICA	3,028.00	3,028.00
1370-1910	PERF	3,760.00	3,760.00
Total		46,366.00	41,210.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Next under Superior Court, we have a request for \$6,090. This is a change in staff and the difference is the existing employee was a Step 3, the current employee is a Step 5, for a total of \$6,090, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Any questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1410-1370	Probation Officer	5,198.00	5,198.00
1370-1900	FICA	398.00	398.00
1370-1910	PERF	494.00	494.00
Total		6,090.00	6,090.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move into transfers, we have a request for the County Assessor. Let's take these one at a time. Mr. President, I'll move that we approve the Assessor transfer as listed.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Do I have any questions on the motion? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1090-1500-1090	First Dep.- Real Estate	12,975.00	12,975.00

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To: 1090-1150-1090	Dep. Real Estate Appr/Hearing Officer	7,346.00	7,346.00
1090-1410-1090	Sales Disclosure Dep.	4,896.00	4,896.00
1090-1540-1090	GIS Specialist	733.00	733.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: On the next one I might call Gary. If you wouldn't mind coming to the podium on this one because I do have a question on this. The request is to transfer from 2130-1520, which is a Nurse/HCP/PT into Extra Help and FICA. I'm a little confused on this one and I know at budget time we approved that Extra Help line at only \$5,000, so –

Gary Heck: This request, last year or I guess it was really December of 2010, you gave us permission to have Extra Help for the Vital Records part-time, and then we also, traditionally, we've had an Extra Help for the Environmental Health Division for the mosquito truck driver and also applicator, who works with the grease trap program as well, so when you funded it for \$5,000, there wasn't money to cover the money that you had given us permission to have for the Vital Record person as well, and that's why we're trying to transfer money into Extra Help to be able to continue the Vital Records part-time position and the mosquito truck driver position. I mean, we had permission to do it previously, and we had requested money during the budget, and it was set in at 5, which I certainly don't argue with because you certainly have the right to do that, but we do have this position that we need, and it needs to be funded if we're going to have the person be able to do some work. And that's what this request is for. Otherwise, we won't have that and we'll have longer waits for folks who are trying to get death certificates or birth certificates, because we only have two staff members in that department, that division.

Councilmember Raben: How many of those type records and certificates are we pulling or copying a day?

Gary Heck: It varies. That division generates somewhere in the neighborhood of 280 to \$290,000 a year, which is one of the largest income producers for the Health department in the county, and it varies depending upon the number of deaths and the number of requests we have for birth certificates, so there's no way to predict on a daily basis, the number, because it's all handled on a walk-in basis or through mail. They can complete applications and requests through mail as well. And I just assumed that during the budget hearings, the Council didn't realize that we had been given permission to have this position and funding but maybe you did, and you intended us not to have it any more. And if that's the case, then maybe we can communicate a little differently.

Councilmember Swaim: What's your breakout for each one of those positions, of the 14.7 figure? I mean, do you have some rough idea how you're going to use that?

Gary Heck: Well, I think, if I have to go back and look at my budget request, but I believe that – let me, I'm going to have to look – I'm going to say that probably the Vital Records, I believe our request was for somewhere between 14 and 18,000. I'm sorry, I'm not prepared to answer that directly. They were allowed to work up to 32 hours a week, which is what we had at their regular pay rate. I can do some calculations, I guess. Oh, well, I take it back. At the bottom of the request, 18,832

is what we were looking for, for that position, which is what it would have been if it had been funded at the level we were originally approved for when the Council approved it originally.

Councilmember Raben: So that person, 18,832, --

Gary Heck: Yes, they work four days a week.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, this request is for -- let's just round this number up to 14,8. We approved 5,000, so that's 19,8. So are we paying the mosquito control person \$1,000?

Gary Heck: No, at the bottom of the form, and I'm looking at the request for transfer form that was submitted on January 11. I'm sorry, that 18,000 is where the money is coming from, I apologize. We were taking money from the part-time nurse position and putting it in extra help. So when you add, I think we need a total of 5,000 plus 14,727 in order to have the 19,000. It looks like we were going to end up with \$19,727 in that, and that would have funded both of those positions for a year. What makes this difficult is that you're funding two different people out of one line item, so I can't break that figure down much better than what it is there. The 19,727 is what we need to fund those positions to do the amount of work they accomplished last year.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Gary, this position is working, once again, when people come in and get birth certificates or something like that, is that correct?

Gary Heck: When people come in, they're also completing requests that come in through the mail, there's several of those.

Councilmember Goebel: And this generates quite a bit of income?

Gary Heck: It does. It generates somewhere between 280 to 300,000 every year.

Councilmember Goebel: I've recently been for that very purpose and treated very well with respect and very quickly ran through the line, so I think it's needed. It was pretty busy that day, and if it's generating income, it seems like we should go.

President Shetler: And I've been down there myself for birth certificates, death certificates, things of that nature, and it's always seemed to run fairly efficiently, it's not like the license branches of old were, you know, where you had to wait for 45 minutes to an hour and a half or two hours, or anything like that. It always moved along fairly quickly and I understand that there's no way of predicting if you're going to be busy at 11:00 or 2:00 or Monday or Thursday or a given day or time of the day or month or whatever it might be. I guess my thinking on it, though, is that if you basically have a person kind of running it and they see that they're getting overwhelmed, that there's a line generating out there, it's not much different than what they do at some department stores. They have two or three cashiers running the lines and as soon as they see that they're busy, they do a buzzer and four or five people come up and man the lines and expand their checkout lanes to get things moving along a little quicker. I'm just wondering if that wouldn't be a more efficient way of doing things, if you have the main person that's been there for a long time and that as soon as she sees that line growing, she's able to get some people from the back room come forward, because it's a fairly basic clerical position. It's not a real complicated --

Gary Heck: I wish that were the case, President Shetler, but the truth of the matter is, birth certificates and death certificates are primary sources of documentation for drivers license, passports and since Homeland Security passed some rules, not just anyone can walk in and get on-line to go to the state's computer system to generate one of these records. You have to go through training and you have to be certified and we have limited staff to do that. We're also somewhat concerned that we don't violate any of the county's job descriptions or personnel policy rules which says the County Council sets all of that stuff up, and I don't know that we have anybody other than our deputy registrar and the supervisor in vital records who have job descriptions that allow them to do those things. If you're giving us permission –

President Shetler: That's an easy resolve.

Gary Heck: Well, that is on this end, but it's not easy on the state end because it's a state controlled database and computer system. And you have to have authorization and permission to use that database. And I think we all want that because we don't want anybody to be able to falsify a document that's needed to get a drivers license or a passport if they're not the individual they're supposed to be. And that's what these documents prove. We're certainly not against doing anything that we can run more efficiently and we're certainly in favor at the Health department to cross train and use staff any ways that we can in those regards. We still need to have a lot of our job descriptions looked at since they all go back to 1993 and a lot of what we do today is somewhat different than what's described in all of our job descriptions. Now we all have in there, other duties as assigned, other related duties as assigned, which gives you some broad discretion to do some things, but we certainly don't move somebody from one division into an unrelated job and ask them to do something.

President Shetler: Okay. Certification for getting on the state system, is that a week long process, a day long process, is that a webinar type of deal? What does it entail?

Gary Heck: Getting on to generate the documentation or being able to understand how to put the data in the system would probably be a month to a month and a half. But also, this office is the one that schedules affidavits for the courts and there's paternity affidavits, there's change of name requests, and under the new laws, the paternity affidavits have the same weight as a court order after they're completed, notarized and filled out. And they're actually used to establish paternity, so there's some very serious work that goes on in this office and we just don't feel like we can have just anybody do it.

President Shetler: But your request is to hire a part-time person.

Gary Heck: Someone who the Council gave us permission to hire in 2010 and keep them. I'm not asking to hire them, I'm just asking to keep them working. And when the Council did the budget last year, they didn't fund it to the request that we had that would have allowed us to do that.

President Shetler: So does this give you a third person in the office then or a second?

Gary Heck: There's two individuals there right now on the county's budget. There's a vital records supervisor and a vital records deputy registrar. When we requested to fill the second vital records deputy registrar, which would have been three full-time positions, which is what we have had prior to 2009, it was repeatedly denied and we eventually saw the wisdom of the Council's position and asked for part time help, which we were granted. Then we funded that position last year and everything ran real smoothly. When we went to the budget hearings, we requested that part-time

position be set back in at the dollar amount that we had been given permission the previous year and it was limited to \$5,000 instead of what we needed to have those two positions funded at the level they have been previously. So all this is doing is making us whole from where we had been.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Shetler: I guess one more question that I have and then Councilman Bassemier, is it possible to put this off a little bit, because I really would like to have more detail on how much money of this is being assigned towards the mosquito guy and how much is being assigned for vital records, and how much –

Gary Heck: Well, the 5,000 is what we have always had traditionally for the mosquito guy and whatever the balance is, is what is in for this position.

President Shetler: So roughly, \$10,000?

Gary Heck: Well, if we're going to end up with 19,727, I think it's actually 14,727 is what we need.

President Shetler: Okay.

Gary Heck: That's what we need and that's what we're asking for.

President Shetler: So then, how much is that on an hourly basis? How much are you paying by the hour?

Gary Heck: I believe it's \$8 and either 75 cents or 95 cents for this position.

President Shetler: Okay, Councilman Bassemier?

Gary Heck: 9.75? I know 9.75 is what we're paying the mosquito worker, but I'm not sure that both of these positions are paid identically.

President Shetler: Alright, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Heck, I like your last wording, wisdom of the County Council last year, I appreciate that. But I think this is really a no-brainer, you know, and I think the County can afford that. I'm going to make a motion to approve it.

Councilmember Goebel: This is a transfer, correct? It's not adding to?

President Shetler: That's correct, it is a transfer.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Did you have a question? Is there somebody else that had a question over here? Councilman Raben and then Councilman Swaim.

Councilmember Raben: A couple comments. Well, we have a motion, did we get a second?

President Shetler: Yes, we did.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, at the rate, that \$38 an hour, that's about 8,200 - 8,500

bucks a year, so we're still –

Gary Heck: \$32 an hour? I mean, what did you say? I'm sorry, --

Councilmember Raben: It's 32 hours at 9.75.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, they are bringing in \$290,000.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I understand, but I've got one other question that is part of this request. When I look at the rationale, that account, it shows a balance after this transfer of \$147,106. How many part-time people...

Gary Heck: Obviously, this is – I mean, there's something wrong and I apologize –

Councilmember Raben: That's the FICA line?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's where all the – well, I can tell you this, I know why the extra help was reduced. Those that were on this Council back in August, and it was primarily because of the vast numbers of people, salaried personnel, from the Health department that's gone traveling/training throughout the course of the year, which there was a lot of us that thought if we can do without the numbers of people that we have week after week absent from that office to be off here or there, that we certainly don't need a bunch of extra help, that reducing the numbers of people we send to a training class from multiples higher than one, some of those people could fill that part-time void. So that's why it was set at 5,000 bucks. But –

Gary Heck: The people that went to the training can't work in the vital records office unless they happen to be the deputy registrar or the vital records supervisor.

Councilmember Raben: Or cross trained.

Gary Heck: And if, well, if what I'm hearing from the County Council is that we have permission, that we can use anybody who is qualified anywhere they can benefit, but I think you'll find that most of the training that we've requested is to maintain certification and it's those types of trainings, one individual can't go and receive and bring back and share with someone else, who then has to test and meet those certification qualifications to prove that they have maintained their skills or that they know this new educational material or the new things that have happened in medicine. And I'm sorry that the – and I don't know that everyone on the Council feels this way, but public health and health care and medicine isn't a stagnate discipline. It's not something that there aren't changes that happen all the time. And I would be at fault if we didn't try to maintain certifications for our folks to protect the community. And I just – I don't know how else to strongly try to impress –

Councilmember Raben: And where those positions, where those testings are mandated by state or federal government, I agree with you 100 percent. I do. But not always, until we see 100 percent of the documentation, you know, we hear when the requests are here, and periodically, we'll get something, in fairness, but we hear well, it's a state mandated meeting and I can dig through minutes and show you where we've sent people to conferences where it was not mandated. It was available, but it wasn't a you have to do this or you have to do that. So I'm ready to move on. The motion is on the floor, I'm going to give you the benefit of the doubt on this one, but this better get us through the year.

President Shetler: Okay, I would like to point out, though, that the revenue that comes in, is going to come in, regardless, on the vital records. I don't want to see anybody have to be put in a longer line or other issues come up, but if we don't need that nurse in the 2130-1520 line item, and there is a way of repealing it and bringing \$15,000 back into the county, I've been a proponent of cross training employees in every department since I've been on this Council for the past six years, so it's not a new position for me. I still believe that that's the most efficient way to operate all of our offices and if we can do that –

Gary Heck: And I don't disagree, Council President Shetler, but there's also a chilling effect on county departments when the Council also chastises other folks who – and I'm just thinking back in history when a previous Assessor did some things in personnel that upset the County Council, and the Council made it really clear that they were the only ones who could decide who gets paid and how the personnel policy is followed. So I'm a little hesitant to try to be the one to go out on my own and some of this cross training without explicit permission from the County Council to do so.

President Shetler: Okay, well, there is a remedy. I mean, we could take that to the Job Study committee and relook at all those positions or any of those positions and include that into the job description. We're going to go ahead and move on then and I appreciate your position, Gary.

Councilmember Raben: I do have one question after this vote.

President Shetler: Alright, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Since this is just a transfer, I will go ahead and vote yes at this time, but I would have appreciated being able to hold it off and get a little more clarification.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: No. There being six ayes and one nay, the motion carries.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President? We talked about mandatory training, Jim, I really feel like even though it's not mandatory, if their department thinks it's important for them to get this training, I'm all for training, so sometimes they just have to do it even though it's not mandated. So that's where I'm going to on it.

Councilmember Raben: I understand, but there's been requests, Ed, where we've had not one or two people out weekly, we've had 6 or 8 or more people out in the same week. And it might not be one person for a certain clinic, it could be 3 or 4. But, Gary, I did have another question. Later on in the meeting, under amendments to the salary ordinance, we have the buy-out or actually it's setting in the contractual rate or the hourly rate for the new replacement dentists. But what I understand is there was a buy-out of 16,243. The past dentist was an exempt employee. Exempt employees aren't entitled to buy-outs.

Gary Heck: I thought he was an unclassified employee. I'm not sure, I thought we followed whatever rules that were established by the county. I'm pretty sure we checked with the Auditor's office on it, and if there's an error, then I thought it would have happened, I mean, I thought we would have known about it before we got here today.

Councilmember Raben: Let me take just a moment. I see Teri has got a copy of the...right, so, I mean, yeah, it's one and the same, they're exempt until we approve the buy-out and were we given that opportunity. Again, that's water under the bridge, but that should have come before us. Okay, thank you, we'll move on.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2130-1520	Nurse/HCP/PT	15,854.00	15,854.00
To: 2130-1990	Extra Help	14,727.00	14,727.00
2130-1900	FICA	1,127.00	1,127.00

(Motion carried 6-1/President Shetler opposed)

AUDITOR (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Under County Auditor, we have a late transfer in the amount of \$13,765, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Questions? Joe, do you wish to –

Councilmember Goebel: Explanation maybe.

Joe Gries: Yes. What this is, our exemption department has a supervisor and she is retiring after 34 years. She has some sick leave and vacation leave that we will have to buy out. And we wanted to be able to – because this is a supervisory role, we wanted to be able to get somebody in as quick as possible, so that's why we're requesting the money be moved to accrued payments so that can move forward.

President Shetler: Any questions? We have a motion on the floor and a second. No

further questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

Joe Gries: Thank you.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-1330-1020	Assistant to 1 st Deputy	13,765.00	13,765.00
To: 1020-1971	Accrued Payments	13,765.00	13,765.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that concludes my business. We'll move on to new business and back to you, Mr. President.

<p align="center">RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUNDING BY THE EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING LEASE RENTAL REVENUE BONDS</p>

President Shetler: Okay, a Resolution Approving the Refunding by the Evansville Vanderburgh County Building Authority of Certain Outstanding Lease Rental Revenue Bonds. Does everybody have a copy of that? Do you have any questions? If anybody has any questions, Mr. Ahlers could address those questions.

Councilmember Raben: No questions?

President Shetler: The Chair would entertain a motion for approval.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll make a motion to approve the resolution approving the refunding by the Evansville Vanderburgh County Building Authority of certain outstanding lease rental revenue bonds, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Should this be read into the record?

Jeff Ahlers: No, it's not necessary to do that. I mean, it's referenced, this is just, again, what you did toward the end of last year. This is refinancing more of the bonds. When you did that at the end of last year, we saved \$800,000. This time refinancing these bonds will save the county \$700,000. The term of the bonds will remain the same, it's just we're taking advantage of the extremely low interest rates right now and refinancing the bonds. And the Building Authority gave their approval earlier this week, so this would be to give your approval to do so and then the Commissioners, I believe, is their next meeting the 7th, they will pass a similar

resolution.

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Ahlers, will we be seeing any other bonds being refinanced or is this pretty well it?

Jeff Ahlers: I think this will take care of it, but I will check with –

Joe Gries: Mr. Ahlers, actually, there will be a third round for the jail bonds. They have to keep it under a certain level of \$10,000,000. And so this is the second of three rounds, so we will see another.

Councilmember Goebel: These are very good moves for us. Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: There being no one opposed, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL GRANTING A WAIVER OF NONCOMPLIANCE FOR AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR AMERIQUAL FOODS, A DIVISION OF AMERIQUAL GROUP, LLC (18200 HIGHWAY 41 NORTH)</p>
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President Shetler: Next is also a Resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council Granting a Waiver of Noncompliance for an Economic Revitalization Area for AmeriQual Foods, a Division of AmeriQual Group, LLC, 18200 Highway 41 North.

Donna Crooks: Good morning. For the record, my name is Donna Crooks, Business Development Director for the Growth Alliance of Greater Evansville. With us today are representatives of AmeriQual Foods. In 2001, AmeriQual was approved for a ten year real estate tax phase-in incentive which would expire in 2011. Last year, the CF-1 form for the final year of the incentive was not filed in a timely manner, therefore, the company is requesting a waiver of noncompliance and that the tax phase-in incentive be granted. For the record, per the CF-1, the company is in compliance with both real estate investment and the number of jobs created. Mike Beshears, the Director of Corporate Finance with AmeriQual, is here today to give some further explanation.

Mike Beshears: Yes, good morning. As stated by Donna, my name is Mike Beshears, I am the Director of Finance at AmeriQual, and I guess we're kind of coming with our tail between our legs. We had a three phase deferral put in place and the timing of those was such that the third phase added what I guess you would call eleven years, not added eleven years, but made the total time window eleven years. And that's where the confusion came in. The first two phases did expire within the first ten year window and we pretty much lost track of this final phase in on the abatement we're talking about here. And as she stated, Donna was correct, we've exceeded our compliance levels with employment retention, investments,

we've had all of that done as well, and I guess what we're just coming to ask is for the ability to have that final year allowed. This will be the final year on the third phase that we're looking towards.

Councilmember Raben: It's a little bit unclear. This last and final phase, the last year, does it begin in March of 2011 or it expires in March of 2011?

Aaron Wilzbacher: Good morning. My name is Aaron Wilzbacher with Harding Shymanski. We ended up filing the actual return, this goes back to the 3/1/2010 assessment, is what this goes back to.

Councilmember Raben: Its actually just a little unclear, the third phase actually kicked in in December of '01?

Aaron Wilzbacher: Yes, I believe so.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so this is its last year, is that what it is?

Aaron Wilzbacher: Yes, it would be for the 3/1/2011, that would be the last year for this, and we missed that filing, so that's what we're asking for, a waiver.

Councilmember Raben: I said earlier, 2011, but it will terminate in 2012, in March of 2012.

Aaron Wilzbacher: No, it actually terminated in March of 2011, and we missed that filing.

Councilmember Raben: But the extension now, will it go through December of 2012?

Aaron Wilzbacher: No, I don't believe so. I think it will stop at the 3/1/2011, and then when we file it, if we get the grant waiver, then we'll file that as of 3/1/2011, I believe.

Donna Crooks: And I think what they're asking is just that final year which was 2011 pay 2012 be approved. It's not an extension of time, it's just allowing that incentive to be captured for last year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I'll move approval.

President Shetler: Alright, we have a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any further questions? All in favor –

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sorry. There's no money lost here to the taxpayers or anything? There's no money lost. It's just filing the state –

Aaron Wilzbacher: Yeah.

Donna Crooks: Correct.

Councilmember Bassemier: On your end.

Mike Beshears: Yeah, we are, yeah, with our tail between our legs. We just lost track of the eleventh year, you know, it's supposed to be a ten year, but since we had that

third phase and it added a year to our math and we lost track of that eleventh year.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do you think they're going to have any more additions out there in the future and hire more jobs?

Mike Beshears: It's entirely possible. We are currently looking for new technologies right now. We are heavily based towards the military. About half of our Evansville business is tied to the military but we're looking to expand right now into heavier commercial. You have the military cutbacks occurring now, we're looking to expand our research and development into areas such as microwave technologies, high pressure pasteurization, looking to get into the school lunch programs, there's all kinds of opportunities that are out there, that we're looking towards right now and we do have, you know, we've expanded our marketing force due to the fact that we're out there actively searching for those now. So there is potential.

Councilmember Bassemier: So in the future, there might be a chance of you all coming back for –

Mike Beshears: It's possible. I mean, I don't know if you're aware of it or not, we've had actually two sizable additions to our facility since this back in '89, so we are actively encouraged by the ability to keep expanding.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, in this economy, you guys are doing a great job.

Mike Beshears: Yeah, you know, military cutbacks hurt us but that's only about half of our business and we just have to live under the tighter finances just like everybody else does in this economy. But we're doing very well.

Donna Crooks: I think it's also important to note that their original CF-1 said that they would only hire about 290 folks. They now have –

Mike Beshears: What is it, 600?

Donna Crooks: Yeah.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

President Shetler: Alright, it's a great company, and a great opportunity for our community. So we have a motion and a second. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Hearing no nays, the motion carries. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Mike Beshears: Thank you.

Donna Crooks: Thank you.

GAGE ANNUAL REPORT

President Shetler: Alright, next is GAGE annual report.

Debbie Dewey: For the record, I'm Debbie Dewey, President of the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. And as part of our agreement with Vanderburgh County, we report annually as to the activities and I'm here to report on our 2011 activities. It may be a little after the fact because we have sent out our annual report by email and we've sent out quarterly reports. But I would like to report just the highlights of 2011. When I was here a little over a year ago, I told you that we were changing the direction of GAGE. We were changing the areas of focus and I think that they have been very successful. One of the first areas of focus was business attraction, retention and expansion, and in 2011 we assisted 325 companies and entrepreneurs. That's everything from somebody coming in the door with an idea to start a new business or an invention or large projects that were directed from the state but we had to reply with some kind of a request for proposal information. Then we also work on dozens of projects and we landed a few very great projects. In fact, we landed projects in 2011 that will add over 970 jobs over the next five years to the Evansville Vanderburgh County area, and those jobs will provide over 100,000,000 per year in positive economic impact in addition to the secondary and tertiary impact of those primary jobs. On any given day we're actively working about a dozen projects. Again, you have to always have a full pipeline or you may be working a dozen at a time and very few you will land, but the ones you land, we hope are going to be the best jobs that we can get. We're also now capable of doing economic impact modeling, so when we come before you and ask about an abatement or a tax phase-in we can tell you it may be this much is the impact, but it's also how many hundreds of millions of dollars those jobs are going to create so that you can make an assessment of what the incentive is worth. We've created new promotional materials for Evansville. We have community quick facts, we have a quality of life file and a mobile app that we developed for the 25 to 35 year olds because some of the businesses that we've landed, SS & C in particular are trying to attract those 25 to 35 year olds, and we've actually put together promotional materials to sell Evansville so they can attract that type of worker. We've also obtained state Shovel Ready Certification on a property on North 41 in the county. You're allowed, as a county, one per year, and we were able to get that last year. We now have that North 41 property is shovel ready and we also have the Vanderburgh Industrial Park shovel ready. And, of course, next year we're going to be looking at another property that we can have. This helps when site selectors are looking at it and if you have a property that's already designated as Shovel Ready, they know they can come in and start construction immediately so that's very positive. We also have developed a benchmark data file where we're looking at competitor communities to try and find out what types of incentives are they offering and also what types of assets do they have so that we can compete with them. We developed a business licensing and permitting guide which we were told was desperately needed because a lot of folks who were wanting to start businesses or to do things to their businesses didn't exactly know how to go through the processes, so we put together a guide for them. It's on our website. We also conducted with USI eight entrepreneur roundtables which were free of charge to any small business owner, entrepreneur that wanted to come. The USI faculty provided topic specific workshops so that they could address the things that these small businesses and entrepreneurs needed. We also began a database of existing companies because we understand that working with our existing companies and helping them expand, like AmeriQual, is very important to job growth. So we've developed that database and we're now making personal calls on all of those companies so we can understand what it is they need. Are they getting the workers that they need, do they have any plans for expansion? We developed and

conducted a flight service survey for the airport so that when they go and negotiate with airlines to try to get additional flight service, they have some very specific data from our businesses about how many flights per month and what cities they're going to. We also, through one of our board members, provided Kauffman Foundation Growth Ventures training and we've done that to about 20 companies so far. These are targeted at small to medium size companies who've already been in business for five years so they've kind of gotten past that first five year struggle period but now they're ready for the next growth opportunity. And what this program offers them is a way to develop a growth plan for their business. And we have a big target for putting more businesses through that in 2012. We've also been working with some faculty researchers at USI on a city branding initiative. You'll be hearing more about that. We've been serving a lot of different groups across Evansville/Vanderburgh County, as well as regional, to try and define an identity for Evansville. One of the things that we've studied in terms of city branding is that those of us who live here, if we have an identity that we're comfortable with, taking that, and turning it into a city brand that can be used to sell the city for economic development, tourism and other things, as more successful. So we're working with USI again on that. We've also developed a new strategy for tech transfer in relationship to our partnership intermediary agreement with the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Crane. We took six companies through this new process last year and as a result, one new product idea is being investigated. There is another joint technology development agreement with Crane that's being negotiated and two local companies were provided with information on state of the art technologies that they didn't know about, that will now impact their product development. We also conducted with USI and the Small Business Development Center an SBIR workshop where 15 companies and entrepreneurs attended. This was training to teach them how to go after federal grants for their technology development at Innovation. We have a local U of E engineering student who is on board with us helping us with tech transfer researching federal labs and we're also working with USI to make this a bigger program where we get engineering and business students in to help work with those on tech transfer with the federal labs. We participated in intellectual property mining events with Crane and commercial idea generations, we have continued to be the facility operator for Innovation Pointe, the city owned building, that is used not only for incubation space for new businesses, but we're also using it as attraction space for some of the larger companies who need quick start up space, and use it as an incentive to get them to come to Evansville. We are partnering now with USI and Crane on a – I'll say a long-term, big, hairy, audacious goal. We call it the I-69 technology corridor innovation interstate. We've got some grand ideas for that, and you'll be hearing more about it in the future as we work with USI and Crane to develop a plan for that. We continue to focus on commercial corridor promotion. We developed the downtown walking map, printed and handed out about 700 of those with the arena opening. And in addition to that arena opening, we had some of the local high school students do faux stores in some of the empty storefronts on Main Street to say this is what it could be, to try and get people excited about opening businesses downtown. We maintained the Main Street certification, and the certified technology park certification. We co-chair the bicentennial celebration planning committee, and we administer the sister city program. We provided marketing suggestions to the Franklin Street merchants association, we produce the 4th of July fireworks, we successfully transitioned many of our events to other not-for-profits, the Freedom Festival became Shriner's Fest, Jazz Wine and Arts Festival to the Philharmonic, cruise-ins to the Pony Express Car Club, we're working with local growers and artisans to be a stand-alone farmer's market. And with all of that, emphasizing, again, adding 970 jobs over the next five years. We hope you'll forgive us for not having a rain date for the holiday parade. And that's kind of a highlights of 2011. Are there any questions?

President Shetler: Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: Firstly, is this your first presentation?

Debbie Dewey: No. Why, because I was speeding through?

Councilmember Goebel: No, you ran very quickly, very well. And it looks like you're going in the right direction. I was curious, do you have any more partnerships in mind with UE or even Ivy Tech? I noticed things are headed west normally.

Debbie Dewey: Right, we have met with Ivy Tech and we have actually used, met with U of E and Ivy Tech, too, and when we were trying to attract, and particularly SS & C, we met with those and attracted them to try and put together packages that will attract some of these companies. We also have been working with Ivy Tech where they have some grants and training programs that may be applicable to some of the companies we're trying to attract, and actually kind of selling them to these companies as saying they will do a customized training program for you. We do have some ideas, I've got on my to do list with U of E, to expand some of the tech transfer work we're doing and to pull them into that innovation interstate concept.

Councilmember Goebel: And also, do you work closely with the other economic groups in southwest Indiana, because when we read about these in the paper, it seems like each group has had a hand and is taking partial credit for the job attraction. And, of course, the headlines, like 3,900 jobs coming to Evansville are good headlines for us, but how closely do you work with the other economic groups?

Debbie Dewey: We work very closely with them. The 3,900 jobs reported by the Economic Development Coalition is for the metropolitan service area outside Vanderburgh County, but of course, being the largest metropolitan, the city, inside that larger tri-state region, we benefit from jobs that are located in any of those counties. And what we do is to look at the Economic Development Coalition as the southwest Indiana marketing arm, who is marketing southwest Indiana to the nation and the world, and then we work very specifically as certain leads come in or projects to develop the local incentive package, look at the sites, work with our local higher education for training programs and try to put together the specifics that then land that job here in Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: I would just comment that, obviously, you've done an outstanding job of really putting that together and its really becoming a leading, I think, development group here in our community. Two questions that I might ask, though, one is on the incubator program. Do we have a plan in mind or I know sometimes we get hanger ons, people that just, they rent, they're kind of there and five years later, they're still – do we have a graduation plan?

Debbie Dewey: When I first came in a little over a year ago, the issue we had with Innovation Pointe is that we had a lot of open space. And so rather than have space sitting empty because, again, we're having to cover the cost with that, we did rent to people who were not high tech businesses and we also had people who stayed longer, but were not either an economic development agency or a high tech incubator. But we're getting full now and, of course, most of these folks are all on month to month leases. So now with the facility being full, we're going to have to put together a program that starts getting them into other locations especially if they're about two years old and to try and bring in the next one. What we haven't had, I

think, is enough new tech businesses in the pipeline. I know people have said, you know, the incubator, the incubator, but you have to have people knocking on the door who have high tech ideas for business. I'm really excited about a new thing that's going to happen at USI in February. They are going to do a startup weekend, which is a program that's been offered other places in the nation and it's really exciting. For 55 hours, people who maybe have business ideas, technology based business ideas, come in and have a concentrated, working the whole weekend, GAGE will be there as a sponsor, will be there to offer counseling services as well as other faculty from USI, and the concept is at the end of that 55 hours, they come out with an elevator speech for angel investors and a basic business plan. Where this has been done other places in the country, they've had as much as 36 to 40 percent of the people who are there actually go out and start a business. So I'm really excited, I think that this program is going to help give us some potential new incubator clients and then we're definitely going to have to address what you mentioned, President Shetler, is that we need to kind of graduate some other ones to make room for these new ideas. But, initially, in 2011, we had a lot of space, not a lot of incubator startup business. So now I think we're getting to the point we'll start seeing that move through.

President Shetler: Another question. A few years ago, what was the staffing level, a couple years ago before you started?

Debbie Dewey: I think – I don't know. Again, it was prior to me, but I had heard that when they first merged I think Downtown Evansville, Inc. and other things, that it was ten or twelve or something.

President Shetler: That's kind of my recollection.

Debbie Dewey: Yeah, we have six today and –

President Shetler: So you've really right-sized the organization to what, as you kind of shed some of those responsibilities to the Shriner Fest as an example, you've kind of right-sized the organization.

Debbie Dewey: What we do is to find homes, other champions, not-for-profit, hopefully, who can use these festivals as fund raising events so that we can free up our time to spend on the economic development, the technology transfer, the incubation. We also, with one of the positions that we have now, I want that person to be doing more and more of their effort on going after the grants that may be available, targeting grants for technology transfer, federal funding for technology transfer, so it may be that we can do more, but to try and do more with that type of funding.

President Shetler: One other thing, and I guess its just really in the way of a comment, you know, it's no secret that government funding is shrinking and that tax dollars are tighter and tighter. I think jobs are number one and they're important and that's one way we can expand our tax base to bring in more revenue, so I'm all for programs and organizations such as yours that are helping to retain and build and bring in new jobs. However, keeping that in mind that our dollars are also tightening up, I would like to see us come up with some kind of membership plan or some kind of a program whereby, I know right now there's a handful of businesses that are contributing to the GAGE organization, but I'd like to see it more community wide-spread if it's at all possible, something similar maybe to what the Chamber of Commerce does and people pay in actual dues to it. It could be nominal, it could be \$100, \$150, \$200, whatever you would deem appropriate, but I think if it gets wider acceptance, it would also be less responsibility on the tax payers. So just a

suggestion, if that's something that couldn't be looked at toward the future here.

Debbie Dewey: We have not increased or asked from the city county government at all, even though we've been doing more and more. To your point, we have started making one on one calls to many of our county businesses that are not investors in GAGE and to tell them the types of things were doing to show them that we can give them promotional materials to help them attract the right talent and the different things that we can do for them and ask them to continue to support what we're doing with invest dollars.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Anybody else? Alright, thank you, Debbie.

Debbie Dewey: Thank you.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Shetler: The next item is Cooperative Extension, Susan. This is a request for a full-time Area Extension Agent, there is a vacancy that has been there since what, October, September?

Susan Plassmeier: Yes. Susan Plassmeier, County Extension Director.

President Shetler: Susan was here last week and explained a little bit about that and I think I had placed on the table the possibility of reducing that salary back about 20 percent, roughly, and she felt that that would not be a problem, so that's kind of where we left things off. Did anybody have any additional questions or points or comments they'd like to make or...if not, then a motion would be in order for either approving the level they're requesting or at the level that I suggested, which I prefer, at that or anything else.

Councilmember Terry: I move that we approve this position, full-time Area Extension Agent at 32,000.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any questions about the motion? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

Susan Plassmeier: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK PART-TIME SALARIES

President Shetler: The next is Burdette Park, part-time salaries.

Steve Craig: My name is Steve Craig, I'm the manager of Burdette Park and I'd like to welcome Peter Swaim as Councilman and new Councilwoman Angela Koehler Lindsey. I've not been before you before. The high cost of gas and unstable economy are causing vacationers to find destinations closer to their homes. Mike Right of the AAA Auto Club quoted gas prices have been estimated to flirt with the \$5 mark in parts of the country in the near future. This summer, local destinations can expect a boost in attendance and in revenue and we at Burdette Aquatic Center want to be prepared for a busy but a safe summer season. In the summer of 2011, Burdette Park did not have enough guards to apply to fully staff our aquatic center. I have been working around Burdette Aquatics since the late 60's and this has never happened before due to the fact that most years, Burdette Park, the city parks, and private parks have all paid about the same hourly wage. In recent years, private pools and in 2011, the city parks department raised their starting wages to \$8 an hour and more. Burdette's starting wage was set at \$7.35 per hour. Employees working as life guards and EMT's received special training to hold these positions. To become a lifeguard at the present time, it can cost in excess of \$300 for the life saving CPR and first aid certificates. The American Red Cross CPR and first aid alone is up to over \$110. Life saving and life guarding is a multi-week process that these young adults do in their spare time. These guards must work several weeks in the summer just to cover their gas expenses, their life saving courses and their CPR and first aid fees. EMT training is even more expensive and intense than life guard certifications. We cannot let safety be an option. These jobs will probably be the most important jobs that these young adults will ever hold or will ever have held. To me, saving lives as a job should be paid more than a dime over minimum wage. Last summer, we had days that we could not even open our slides and parts of our baby pool. This started to affect our attendance and we had people turning around and leaving our facility, wanting discounts and our office phone had call after call wanting to know if the slides would be open that day. These fun amenities are what makes Burdette stand out from the other facilities in the tri-state. The good news is that in 2010, we returned \$19,000 to the general fund from our other employees account and at the end of 2011, we returned 53,773 to the other employees account. In 2008, with the minimum wage still at \$5.85 an hour, our part-time expenditures were at \$558,647. With minimum wage at \$7.25 in 2011, our part-time expense was down to \$486,013. This means we spent \$72,634 less in 2011 on part-time help than we did in 2008. In retrospect, we could give starting guards a 65 cent raise and match what the other pools are paying, not ask for any additional funds and still return money to the general fund at the end of 2012. Please take my request under consideration so that we can ensure that Burdette Park and Aquatic Center can keep our amazing safety record intact. We are truly trying to lower our deficit and still furnish the people of Vanderburgh County a safe park and a fun park to enjoy. In 2010 we took in over \$925,000, breaking the \$900,000 mark for the first time ever, and we lowered our deficit by 68,917 over the previous year. If you have any questions, I'd entertain them now.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, as many years as I've been on this Council, and I've been liaison to Burdette on and off a lot of those years, I know Steve has followed this pretty close and for the past couple of years this has been an issue. I mean, this isn't the first time we've heard that, that competing with the city pools is difficult and we're asking kids to drive further out in the county, use more fuel, I mean, I see this as a reasonable request and I move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second. \$8.00 an hour, right, --

Steve Craig: Yes, sir. There's -- I had sent out a sheet and --

Councilmember Raben: Actually, what I thought we were approving was the sheet.

Steve Craig: Yes, that's what I was going to say.

Councilmember Raben: And the adjustments towards --

Steve Craig: Its got the head guards and none of them are over what any of the city parks pay and some of them are still actually a quarter less than what the city would pay.

Councilmember Raben: So, Sandie, what we're doing is approving this new hourly rate schedule for -- yeah, the ones that are in bold highlight or they're not actually highlighted, they're just --

President Shetler: James, why don't you restate that motion and make it really clear so that it's understood that, particularly for the minutes, exactly what we are going to approve.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll make it as clear as possible. I will move that the pool manager hourly rate move to \$11.00; assistant pool manager \$9.50; head guards \$8.75; assistant head guards \$8.50; full-time life guards with certificates \$8.25; part-time life guards with certificates \$8.00; deck patrol \$7.50; emergency medical technicians \$8.50; and emergency medical technician first responders \$8.00. All other rates for part-time employees the same.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Steve Craig: One question, highlighted at the top was the part-time ground crew, and there's a footnote at the bottom that we had restrictions on it. It says four employees, four employees, and I wanted to drop them and leave it to my discretion because I've been working with Tom Shetler and then discussing how we want to do this. The problem that I've got with putting that on there, I have a lot of people that work on call and they may not work for two months, but if I have the Discovery Lodge rented back to back, I will call them up and they'll come in and work. These people, not all of them want to make minimum wage or \$7.50, and I wanted it at my discretion that I could just pay them what I wanted as long as I did not exceed \$8.25 and need more money from my funds.

President Shetler: Right.

Steve Craig: Which is part of that sheet.

President Shetler: So you're basically saying up to?

Steve Craig: Up to.

Councilmember Raben: Let's approve these today, we'll come back to the ground crew. If you would, we'll revisit those --

(Tape changed)

– because we need to establish some guidelines on those classes and what have you.

President Shetler: Okay, I do have a motion and a second and then a question by Mr. Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Steve, the request that you have matches what the city pays, does not go over any city pay?

Steve Craig: Not that I know of, that any of them go over. Like I said, I think a couple of them are even a quarter less, but...

Councilmember Goebel: Well, they can't go over. Historically, we've been behind, lower than the city?

Steve Craig: No, historically, we all stayed the same but they got, I guess, kind of to the point that we did, where they were having troubles getting guards and the private sector had raised quite a bit, and they moved theirs to \$8.00 last year. And like I said, I didn't even have enough people apply, let alone have the ability to hire them. And we usually stay pretty close to the same.

President Shetler: Steve, what do you do in the situation that, you know, you've got inclement weather, bad storm and pretty well wash out a whole day?

Steve Craig: Well, the first thing we do is we put second shift on call and if the weather, we watch the radar, we will close the pool up and send everybody home.

President Shetler: If the evening before it is imminent that, you know, a 100 percent chance, tomorrow morning we're going to have thundershowers, do you still call in that first shift?

Steve Craig: Usually, we let them come in, it just depends, I've called them off many a times and not even had them come in. And we'll do that in the morning, but they can come in and we'll put them on cleaning crew for an hour or two and send them on home and then call second shift and tell them not to come in. In that instance, we would only pay them for maybe an hour or two hours, just so that they would pay for their gas, but if it has warnings and all that, we call them and do not open the pool at all. There's many days I don't the pool because of weather.

President Shetler: You know, it certainly wouldn't work with me because I don't do any texting type stuff, but most of these folks are kind of, you know, fairly young and stuff, and they use that texting a lot. And I didn't know if it was possible, do you guys utilize that at all, that like 6:00 in the morning, it's pouring down raining and just text out to your crew, you know, to everybody that's scheduled to come in, just, hey guys, it's pouring down rain and –

Steve Craig: We had talked to Matt Arvay's office about getting wi-fi and we had a management meeting with my aquatics facility instructors and that, and they brought up the fact that we could be on-line and if we could get wi-fi out there, which we talked about getting it, and then they could, they post their, they're all used to getting now their schedules for work. You know, they just get on their iphones and they know when they've got to go to work. They don't have to call nobody, and my people were wanting to do that and then they would also use that to inform the kids, you know, the night before or in the morning that you would not either be working or would be on call in case we open for second shift, because sometimes it's a 100 percent chance

of rain and its pouring down rain, thunder and lightening at 8 or 9:00, and you get to noon and the sun is out, and we have 500 people standing in the parking lot wanting to get in. And I've been caught in that situation where I had a lot of mad people. And where you get into the problem with that, is that we have been pushing and at times exceed 500 season passes. And when you have people with season passes, they don't necessarily plan a whole day of coming to Burdette, they might plan a two or three hour period where they're going to come and take the kids swimming because it's not a cost matter, that they're only going to pay – or they're not going to pay the full price for a couple of hours. So we have to take into consideration the weather for most of the day because of our, like I said, 4 to 500 people that have season passes.

Councilmember Raben: It could be as simple as even just calling in and having an answering – it goes to an answering machine that employees don't report to work. You know, you could have them call in by 8 a.m. every day or whatever time you need them to and the answering machine would tell them if there is work today or there's not.

President Shetler: There's just a little bit of implementing some technology here that might be able to save this increase pretty easily and I think it's a necessary thing. We need to do this because we need to be competitive. And as a little bit of an anecdote to your situation here, I have two nieces that worked out there that found jobs other places because of the pay rates and stuff.

Steve Craig: I think my management crews main message to me was that we had to get more into the technology age at our meeting this year.

President Shetler: Right, it's coming whether we like it or not, Steve, so people are going to have to get used to it.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President, state again, I believe I heard you say it's been just the past two years since the wages, have the discrepancy that you've had the most trouble with filling the positions or does this go way back?

Steve Craig: I usually, we have a pool of young adults that we pick out guards from and we have a process where we do testing, and we turn them away. We actually have more guards than we need. But as we fell behind on the wages and that, they're not married to Burdette, they're a little bit more pocketbook savvy than maybe they used to be, especially when gas is pushing, as the AAA said, it's going to be \$5 a gallon in certain parts, for them to drive to Burdette and drive home everyday, it is a cost that they have to look at. And then the Red Cross this year, I talked to the gal out there and she said it was \$110 for CPR first aid. You know, my ground crew, my concessions, those people don't have to take that, so that's not an expense. Life saving can be anywhere from \$125 to \$200. I think it's an eight week course now that they have to take and I think that somewhere in there we have to look at compensating them for the extra time. And also, the importance of the job. I mean, I don't know where you start putting cost on saving people's lives, but I know that it's something that we looked at and we want to make sure that we're covered at all times and I think that this is not out of line. I think it's equal with everybody else, but I do want my pool and my aquatic center to be safe.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

President Shetler: Any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: No, let's move on.

President Shetler: All in favor of the proposal, the motion, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Steve Craig: Thank you very much, and before, James, that we go into the March thing for the part-timers, I would like to sit down with whoever I need to, to discuss so I can at least let them know where I'm coming from and the situation that we're in.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we can get together prior to the March meeting because we'll also want to make continue to use the same guidelines on the incentives for returning people, the people that stay after the – later in the fall and what have you. You know, we don't want to get away from that, we want to keep those in place.

Steve Craig: I appreciate that.

President Shetler: Thank you, Steve.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

**AREA PLAN
TREASURER
AUDITOR**

**COUNTY ENGINEER
DADS (TWO REQUESTS)**

President Shetler: We have travel requests now and the first one is Area Plan. Anybody have any questions for Brad Mills? I think the request was for \$2,000 for a trip to Los Angeles.

Councilmember Raben: Other than, is there a closer conference?

Brad Mills: Brad Mills, Area Plan Commission, this is the annual American Planning Association conference. This is just a request for hotel and travel, I pay for the per diem and the actual conference fee separately.

President Shetler: Is this part of a certification or anything, Brad?

Brad Mills: I'm sorry.

President Shetler: Is this part of a certification?

Brad Mills: Not required to be certified for this, no.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I think we mentioned last year, I think it was Boston, Brad, if you could consider, maybe, I know you've made arrangements already for this one,

but maybe every other year or something, does every city our size or metro area our size, have representation at these conferences?

Brad Mills: Typically so, and they even send a lot more staff other than just the director. They will send junior staff or other planners as well. So I think it's vital that we have at least one person attend it. In the past, if I haven't attended, Blaine Oliver, my deputy director, has attended.

Councilmember Goebel: So those area plan commissioners don't have to go before Council, I take it.

Brad Mills: I don't know what their situation is.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm kidding.

President Shetler: Alright, any other questions? Alright, thank you, Brad. The next one is County Engineer, John Stoll's office. Anybody have any questions with John? He is here, \$225 is the estimated cost for the trip. It's in West Lafayette. Drainage, no questions. Go on to the next, is Treasurer, Rick Davis. Somehow I don't have that one.

Councilmember Raben: I don't have any questions for Rick on this, but once we get through the travel I do have a question for Rick.

Rick Davis: Okay, sure. Want me to stay here or –

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, or sit down and –

Rick Davis: I can sit down, I just wanted to welcome Mr. Swaim and Angela Koehler Lindsey as well. This is my first time to see them at the Council meeting as well.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we can go ahead and address it. I don't want to stay on the subject very long, but you know, monthly, we get the Innkeepers tax and delinquency report. And just in an effort to clean some of it up, you know, we've got taxes going back to '09 for the Days Inn, Best Western '02, which I think those two eventually were the same facility, right?

Rick Davis: Yes, and I agree with you, Councilman Raben, and I've actually been to the Convention & Visitor Bureau meetings and met with the Council and their attorney. This is a self reporting tax. We do not bill, they have to self report their activities and I have talked with the former attorney, Krista Lockyear, and the current attorney, I believe, is Mr. Schopmeyer, and they are handling it on that end, from the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Councilmember Raben: That's what I was going to suggest, that we figure out some way between the county attorney and the Convention & Visitors Bureau, to put some teeth in this.

Rick Davis: That's exactly what I –

Councilmember Raben: Because in these instances, you know, there should have been a tax lien against these facilities at some point when they changed hands and they probably have changed hands three or four times since these. And then you've

got other situations where they still exist: Econo Lodge and Econo Lodge Inn & Suites, I think that's the same facility, where there is delinquent taxes and the place is still open.

Rick Davis: I would be very happy to send each of you an email by the end of the day or early tomorrow with the scenarios. There is a different scenario for each one of those circumstances. And as you've pointed out, it's gone on from previous administrations, not just mine, and I can explain to you exactly why each of those scenarios is taking place and what the Convention & Visitors Bureau intends to do in order to rectify the situation.

Councilmember Raben: And it is kind of strange where you've got the Evergreen Motel that owes taxes for a few months back in '07, I mean, did they actually start paying in '08 through early '11 or –

Rick Davis: Again, each one of those has a unique circumstance and I can give you a complete breakdown on each one of those by the end of the day or early tomorrow.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Rick Davis: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible)

Rick Davis: In this circumstance, I am just a messenger, however, I am just a collection agent. The Convention & Visitors Bureau, they are the ones who are reaping the benefits of this tax. And it's in their best interest to do everything they can to make sure these folks are paying what they're supposed to be paying.

Councilmember Raben: It might be more of a state issue. I don't know what the city of Indianapolis or –

Rick Davis: You know, it's funny, because I brought that up at the meeting, and I said, is that something we want the state to start collecting? And they said, no, no, no, once the state gets a hold of it, then they may not want to give it back to the local –

President Shetler: It may be legally, though, a state thing in order to put teeth into it, I'm not sure.

Rick Davis: That's true, right.

President Shetler: Not that they would collect it, we don't want to lose the money. Councilman Goebel, did you have a question or point?

Councilmember Goebel: No, I think we addressed this about four or five months ago, and your deputy, Zach, got right onto it and basically, the same information. It went to the CVB. Thank you.

Rick Davis: And I talked to, I think it was Mr. Schopmeyer in December, and he has written some very stern letters to each of these motel or hotel owners as well. And I complimented him on his, you know, basically, what I asked the previous attorney to do before and I never really saw any evidence that it was done. But I think that Mr. Schopmeyer is handling it now and it looks like he's really taking it very seriously.

Councilmember Goebel: This report has been cleaned up and some of the old long

standing issues are gone.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a question.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I think the key probably is, and if you're working with Mr. Schopmeyer on it, is to determine whether the Convention Bureau can file, I don't know whether they have the ability to file the lawsuit in their name or whether that has to be shifted to the county attorney and they collect it, then, for the Treasurer or however that is, but it seems at some point –

Rick Davis: I'd be glad to get hold of Mr. Schopmeyer and have him talk with you if you don't mind.

Jeff Ahlers: Sure.

Rick Davis: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thanks, Rick.

Rick Davis: I appreciate it.

President Shetler: Alright, let's see. The next is DADS. I don't have that one either. Any questions, comments on the two for DADS? Okay, let's go on to the next one. Auditor Bill Fluty or Auditor Joe Gries. My mistake, sorry, Joe. Does anybody have any questions? So, if not, then unless someone objects, I'm going to put this all, I'll entertain a motion that we would put this all in one motion for approval on the travel requests then.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: It's been moved by Councilman Koehler Lindsey and I need a second then.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

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

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The ayes carry.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Councilman Raben, amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, there are three pages of amendments, I'm going to add a caveat to the last one, Co-Op Extension in the amount of \$32,000. I would like that to be added to everyone's sheet, and outside of that, I want to move

that this be made and entered into the minutes.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion, do I have a second?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And seconded. Do I have any questions on the motion? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Okay, so ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Shetler: Anybody wish to address the Council? Seeing no one, a motion for adjournment would be in order.

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

President Shetler: Its been moved by all the Councilmembers. Thank you. We'll see you later this month.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MARCH 7, 2012

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of March in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good morning. It's March 7th and time for the regularly scheduled County Council meeting. Last week I brought up the fact that Rex Mundi was celebrating the 40th anniversary of the announcement of closing, so Mr. Bassemier and I led the – this year, since, in fairness here, Mater Dei winning the state championship in girls, I thought it would be appropriate that Mr. Goebel and Mr. Raben, and then I see Judge Pigman, who I know is a Mater Dei graduate as well, out in the audience, so maybe the three of them can lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. But first we'll call the roll and then have the Pledge of Allegiance afterwards, and the three Mater Dei graduates can lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
President Shetler	X	

President Shetler: There being seven members present and none absent, there is a quorum, and now ask the Mater Dei graduates to please come forward and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 1, 2012

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Did everybody receive the minutes of the February 1st meeting? I need a motion for approval.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Shetler: It's been moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

President Shetler: Next is the appropriation ordinance and I'll turn it over to Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, before we begin, this really doesn't have anything to do with the appropriation ordinance as we see it today because the Co-op Extension is a Popcorn grant, that's not out of the general fund. The County Assessor's request is out of Reassessment, and the other item today is Cum Bridge, a transfer, which the funds are in place. But I do want to tell everybody that we probably, or I certainly don't suggest that we take action on all of the requests for filling vacancies today. We still don't have our even firm preliminary numbers yet as far as our county finances and what our unappropriated balance is. So, you know, initial indications are, it's probably going to be less than originally hoped for, but until we get something sound and concrete, I think we need to lay off of any additional dollars appropriated from the general fund until April.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Councilmember Raben: With that being said, first on the agenda is Co-Op Extension, again, that's a popcorn grant, I'll move approval. It's in the amount of \$1,351.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a second, do I have any questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-1990	Extra Help	1,247.00	1,247.00
1230-1900	FICA	104.00	104.00
Total		1,351.00	1,351.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Next under County Assessor/Reassessment, Overtime, FICA and PERF in the amount of \$9,372, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Any questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

REASSESSMENT/ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1090-1300	Regular Overtime	8,000.00	8,000.00
2490-1090-1900	FICA	612.00	612.00

2490-1090-1910	PERF	760.00	760.00
Total		9,372.00	9,372.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: And last, we have a transfer out of Cum Bridge, from Foreman to Temporary Replacement in the amount of \$18,372, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

REQUESTED

APPROVED

From: 2030-1130-2030	Foreman	18,372.00	18,372.00
To: 2030-1970	Temporary Replacement	18,372.00	18,372.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: We haven't any repeals or old business, next is new business. As Councilman Raben had indicated earlier, we would prefer to delay or put off any requests for filling vacancies in positions until next month until we have the exact numbers in. The unappropriated balances do look like they're going to be razor thin and until we have the exact numbers to go off of, this Councilman would feel more comfortable to have those numbers at hand. So I know the first one up is Superior Court and Judge Pigman is here. If anybody wishes to hear his request or Judge Pigman would want to come forward and still make that request, that's fine.

Robert Pigman: Of course he wants to come forward and still make that request.

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Shetler, while Judge Pigman is coming up, when do we expect the concrete numbers or maybe Joe Gries can tell us that.

Joe Gries: I can inform the Council that we have submitted our final budget numbers to the Department of Local Government Finance earlier this week. Normally, it's seven to ten days usually when we receive the final budget order. Once we have those numbers, we'll have all our tax rates, we'll be able to provide the Council with a complete financial statement and any backup information that would be required that the Council would need. So probably within the next, I would say, you know, week to ten days, we would have that information.

Councilmember Goebel: So we'll be good to go then at least with a little better understanding by the April meeting?

Joe Gries: Exactly.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Joe Gries: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: We might know it by the last meeting of this month, our Personnel & Finance.

Joe Gries: I would say that's correct.

President Shetler: Which, that meeting is earlier, it's not the last Wednesday of the month this time, it is the week prior to that. What is that, March 21st?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I might stand corrected on that.

Joe Gries: I think we'll be okay. I think probably early to mid next week we'll receive the information from the Department of Local Government Finance, and then the Auditor's office will be able to put that information together for the Council. So it might be a little tight, but we'll make sure that the Council has the information they need.

President Shetler: Okay, Councilman Koehler?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Then will we receive that in our packets or by email? How is that generally done?

Joe Gries: It will be however the Council feels, you know, the Auditor's office will be happy to provide it through emails ahead of time or give that within the packets, however the Council feels it best for the Auditor to do that.

Robert Pigman: Let me just say that many of the requests that we're making here will not change the amount of money that's been appropriated in those line items. In fact, some of them may well reduce the amounts that need to be paid out because at least one of the ladies that's retiring is an experienced veteran employee who has a number of years credit and it's unlikely that the person chosen to replace her is going to be paid at that same level. I doubt seriously whether they'll find somebody with that much experience to take that position. So we're not asking for any new money in any of these positions, it's just the positions where we've already got appropriated funds and two of the changes won't require any. One is likely to require less and the fourth one we don't know about yet because we haven't hired that person, but if you feel uncomfortable committing any additional funds to that, I'd strongly prefer to go ahead and be able to fill that position and just say that we're limited to what's in the line item already appropriated.

President Shetler: Judge, when will the positions actually be vacant, and be available for filling?

Robert Pigman: April 2nd is the first one that will be vacant, April 2nd. And April the 27th is the second one. Now the April the 22nd, we're going to have to pay out some accumulated time so the actual date there, I'm not sure of exactly when that would run out, but it would be sometime in May or June.

Councilmember Raben: August, \$10,000 –

Robert Pigman: Well, that depends on who goes in, obviously.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible, microphone not turned on)

President Shetler: So, Judge, when you have a vacancy for a period of time, how is that generally covered within the court structure there?

Robert Pigman: Professionally, you know, we share responsibilities. These two positions that we're talking about here, one is a court reporter position that serves essentially as a backup for the court system. They have assigned specific duties that they're required to meet, but that's probably two-thirds of their responsibility, and one-third of their responsibility is cover the other courts when there are shortages in the current staff of court reporters. So if we don't have that position, then we've got two-thirds of that work has to be reassigned to the existing court reporters, which on a very short term basis, is doable, but long-term creates a difficulty because you gave us that position years ago because of the workload that more than justified it. The other one is a bailiff on one of the judge's personal staffs, this is a statutory position that I think is provided for by state law. It's one of those things where you have to provide it and the state statute says he is entitled to it, and then you have to pay for it, it's one of those deals.

President Shetler: Right, well, Judge, I guess my question is on that, you know, people take vacations and there's times off, and you have a certain amount of gap if you haven't found somebody in time, all that kind of stuff. From a practical standpoint, how long can a position stay vacant and not create a problem for the courts? Like the bailiff, for example, I mean, could you go a week empty or you can go three weeks empty, or six months?

Robert Pigman: No, you couldn't go six months. You could go a month.

President Shetler: And during that time, you utilize bailiffs from one of the other judges?

Robert Pigman: Yes.

President Shetler: And the same thing with some of the other personnel.

Robert Pigman: Court reporters would be more difficult. Court reporters are the employees who are responsible for recording what happens in court on a daily basis, and their workload is not only heavier, but is more important. It is critical to the efficient operation of the court, as you can well imagine, that we are able to document everything that happens when it happens, accurately. And so I think last year our court reporters made, our staff, and of course, it didn't make them all, but almost a million and half entries in our chronological case summaries. So it's a pretty heavy caseload that they're dealing with. Court reporters, we would be hurting to go much time at all without that job classification being filled. Bailiff, I mean, this is not actually my bailiff, this is actually Judge Kiely's bailiff, and I'm a little uncomfortable speaking for him, but I think he would agree that we could go a little bit longer there. And as a practical matter, we're going to have to go a little bit longer there because we have to pay her out. She's leaving at the end of April.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Judge Pigman, the bailiff is not available until April 27, correct?

Robert Pigman: Right. That's when she's leaving and she's got some accumulated time we have to pay out, so the real vacancy so to speak won't occur until, Sandie said August, I think that's if we hire somebody at that same level. She's got 20 plus years, I don't think we're going to find somebody with 20 plus years to take that job. I think we're going to be lower on the pay scale than that. So I think it would be earlier than that, but in any event, it's going to be the end of May or sometime in June probably.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, so regardless, we don't really have to act on that today.

Robert Pigman: No, you don't.

Councilmember Goebel: As far as your court reporters –

Robert Pigman: You could leave us hanging in that regard.

Councilmember Goebel: As far as your court reporters, if we don't fill this position, does that create overtime issues with the other reporters or are they able to manage in the regular work schedule?

Robert Pigman: You know, that's hard to say. It could. I mean, most, it just depends, I mean, it's an interconnected system where they cover for each other and it depends on the number of trials we have and what they're tied up doing. Our concern is that when a court event happens, that court event be recorded as soon as possible after its happened, so it could be recorded accurately and so that the parties who were

there and participated know, have a permanent record of what happened and it's accurate. The more time that elapses between the time they come out of court and finish their court session and have the opportunity to do that, the less reliable those entries are and the more troublesome they become. So our court reporters are our most sensitive and most critical employees. They are the ones who, obviously, they're the highest paid, but they're also the ones in whom we have the most trust and they have the greatest responsibility. So I wouldn't want to go very long without having somebody in that position.

President Shetler: Councilman Bassemier, did you have –

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, Mike asked about the same question, so on that first one, that April the 2nd, is there a buy-out, I mean, is there a time that –

Robert Pigman: No, she's actually transferring to another position, so there won't be a net change there at all. But then her position will be vacant, so there's no buyout to anything there. I mean, it's just an opening that we'll have available that we'll need to fill.

Councilmember Raben: As I see it, not to sound unfair, but I think until the time that any of these are approved, I don't think you lose anything. I think what probably happens here is the Circuit Court is not able to fill their vacancy. You'll continue on until these are granted.

Robert Pigman: They might be, I mean, I don't know. See, they've already committed, that employee is already committed to leaving, so –

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, but which that employee won't be able to do until we approve that, fill that vacancy within Circuit Court. So Superior Court, you're covered until we grant these, it's Circuit that's going to be without the employee.

Robert Pigman: For the court reporter, yeah, but not for the bailiff. They're two separate issues. But you're right, I mean, you don't need to vote on it right today. I thought coming early was better than waiting until the last minute.

President Shetler: Thank you, Judge.

Robert Pigman: Alright.

President Shetler: Alright, so unless I hear anybody disagreeing with it, we'll put this off until next month and review it at that time.

Robert Pigman: Do you know what date that meeting would be?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: April the 7th.

Robert Pigman: April 7th?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: No, April 4th.

Robert Pigman: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, sir.

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Alright next, County Clerk.

Susan Kirk: Good morning. My positions are vacant, have been vacant, so the last time I came you said we needed to wait. The one position in misdemeanor and traffic, she was as high as you could go. She'd been there like 30 years, so that's going to be quite a savings to come in and have someone, you're already going to make a savings there. And what happens in our office when we can't fill our vacancies is, we keep getting behind. And according to statute, if we don't get our work done, it causes quite a bit, and we're just teetering right now, plus we've got vacations coming up, so for us to wait, we're asking for trouble to fill these three vacancies.

President Shetler: Any questions?

Councilmember Swaim: Susie, one is misdemeanor and a clerk and –

Susan Kirk: One is misdemeanor and traffic and the other one is Circuit/Superior and the other one is administrative.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay.

Susan Kirk: Like I said, the one that retired, that's going to be, good gosh, that will be a little over \$10,000 by replacing that with a new person, so that will be a savings right there, and the rest of them, we're not asking for any additional money, you'll be getting money back. But to wait is just, like I said, we waited the last time and we're ready to go.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions? Comments? Alright, thank you.

Susan Kirk: So you're not going to fill these vacancies today?

Councilmember Swaim: I'm going to make a motion to approve the filling of those vacancies, Mr. Chairman.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm going to second.

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, are these – one vacancy I see is 4/27, April 27, is that correct or am I looking at the wrong paper?

Susan Kirk: No, we're ready to fill every one of these vacancies. We've already waited. The lady that retired in misdemeanor traffic, I asked for that –

Councilmember Goebel: Wrong request, sorry.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Madam Clerk, what is the third vacancy? I have a listing of two vacancies, misdemeanor and traffic, and Circuit and Superior mail.

Sandie Deig: We just got the other one yesterday.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, and so what is the third one?

Susan Kirk: Okay, the third one is child support. It would be line item 1530.

Councilmember Goebel: Do we have any paperwork on that?

Susan Kirk: What I did, this happened reasonably quick so we just added – it was added to your agenda today or I talked to Sandie yesterday to see if we could get on and she said yes, so –

Councilmember Goebel: What is the third one again, and when is it vacant? I'm sorry, because we don't have that information.

Susan Kirk: Every one of them are vacant. Every one of them are vacant, which would be line item 1410 that's Circuit/Superior, line item 1460 – I mean, I'm sorry misdemeanor and traffic, I should have brought my glasses. Line item 1460 is Circuit/Superior, line item 1530 is child support, and they are all vacant. Two have been vacant for quite some time now. The child support one is the newest one. The other two have been vacant for quite some time and we're – it's not good.

Councilmember Goebel: According to this, two of them were vacant toward the end of February, which is about two weeks.

Susan Kirk: No, well, the one of them, she, we had to do, the one that had been there for so long, we had to pay her out so she was like February 3rd or something like that. Well, she's been gone longer than that because we had to wait for the buyout, but that's the one where you're going to save the money on, which should more than take care of the other two which you're going to get money back, let's put it that way, we will not be costing you anything, you'll get around \$10,000 back.

Councilmember Raben: The third, Susie, the 1530, there's no buyout involved, that position is –

Susan Kirk: No, that's all been taken care of.

Councilmember Raben: So, I guess in fairness to the Council, the first two, we couldn't approve until today anyway, even though they've been vacant, because they've been paying the buyout up until February 21st. So this would have been the first time, first opportunity to fill those vacancies.

Susan Kirk: Well, I asked before when I know I'm having a vacancy so that I can interview people. I don't want to tell people, oh yeah, you're going to get a job when we're never too sure. But like the judge said, it's busy, unfortunately. Like I said, I wish it wasn't. They have a new law now to where if you have a – I don't know if I want anybody to hear it or not because they'll all start coming more and we'll have more than we already do. If you have a Class D felony, you can have it erased and that's literally, my staff has to get white out, get in the files and we're so far behind on those that it's not good. So, like I said, I wish we weren't busy, but we are.

President Shetler: Alright, any other questions of our Clerk?

Councilmember Goebel: Is this motion for all three positions? Or...

President Shetler: As I understood it, it was, or do you want to separate that?

Councilmember Bassemier: I have no problem with it if you can't hire it. I mean, if you –

President Shetler: Why don't we take -- it's up to you, you made the motion.

Susan Kirk: We have no buy-outs. This isn't going to cost anything. You're going to get back around \$10,000 because of the woman that was in misdemeanor and traffic had been there forever, and she was making like 30 some-odd thousand dollars. So the new one comes in at the \$20,000 mark. So you will be saving \$10,000; by filling all three positions, you're still going to get \$10,000 back.

Councilmember Goebel: And I believe that was the same case we have with Judge Pigman because we'll be hiring in at a lower rate.

Susan Kirk: It will be a new employee.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't know, but I would feel more comfortable approving a position when we have the paperwork at least for the third position. You did turn in for these two. Yes, I know you introduced it today.

Susan Kirk: The next time I will retype and hand them out. This happened pretty quick. And I talked to Sandie yesterday and asked if we could add it on.

Councilmember Bassemier: Are you more into favoring just two of them today?

Susan Kirk: We need three, please.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm just trying to get her some help, I mean, you know.

Councilmember Goebel: This doesn't affect what's been appropriated, the balance, right? I mean, this money has been already set aside in --

Councilmember Raben: For that matter, none of them --

President Shetler: None of them will affect that, but here's where the problem is, is that last year we had an unappropriated balance at the beginning of the year at this time of close to half a million dollars. I don't remember the exact numbers. If you recall, September, October, November, we had several requests for food from the Jail, for fuel, for overtime expenditures at the Civic Center or at the Centre, at different places that typically come up, and we spent that half a million dollars when it all got down to it. This year, we know we're looking at something substantially less than that half a million dollar unappropriated balance, so the question is, where are we going to be able to get that money? So it's not a matter that we aren't budgeted for it, it's that we need to find a way to have a half million dollars in reserves come this fall. Because fuel is much higher this year than it was last year and we know we're going to have substantial requests for that. And we've been saved by the fact that we didn't have to put out the salt and all the other chemicals this year and overtime for the highways, but we are getting into another type of season, tornadoes, and there's thunderstorms and all that kind of stuff that could create other problems and hopefully not, and knock on wood here now, but we know that we're going to have some issues come this fall, we traditionally do. And the key is that we need to figure out ways that we're going to come up with that reserve for this fall.

Susan Kirk: Well, you're going to get \$10,000 back by hiring my three.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand all that, and in the past we've had well over a million or even close to \$2,000,000 with the unappropriated balance and now we're,

you know, maybe 10 percent of that, so we do have real difficulties ahead. I'd like to see us go one by one on these if we're going to do it.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question?

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. I guess more of a comment. What I am feeling and thinking is that, as a Council, I would like to see us be consistent and go one way or the other. I'm kind of confused as to why we're even having the officeholders come up here and make these requests today if we already stated that we don't feel comfortable until we know the numbers, and we're going to hold these until April. And that's fine if there's information that needs to be gotten out to us today while the officeholders are here. But I would just like to see us be consistent and either say we're going to hold all these positions, if you have information you want to give us today, that's fine, or we're not, unless there's just some really unusual circumstance. I suppose I'm just looking at being consistent and going with what we're saying if it's important to look at where our unappropriated balance is, so we know if that is critical, then hear whatever information we need to hear today. But let's be consistent and let's just hold all until next week. And I understand that puts officeholders in a bad position, but I think that as a Council, we need to be consistent.

Councilmember Raben: Good point. I'd like to echo that. You know, after we complete these requests, we have three more, we have Circuit, Veterans and Co-Op.

Councilmember Bassemier: My question, Susie, how critical is this?

Susan Kirk: It's very critical.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, that's all I need to hear. And I agree with Ms. --

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion on the floor, we've had requests to amend that, if possible, but that's up to the motioner and to the amender, or the seconder.

Councilmember Bassemier: Pete made the first.

Councilmember Raben: At this point, I'm sure they're all very critical. All very important. Circuit Court is going to argue the same thing --

Councilmember Bassemier: We keep putting Susie off every month --

Councilmember Raben: -- we heard a great explanation out of the Veterans Office last --

Susan Kirk: Thank you, Councilman Raben, I agree, you keep putting me off and you're killing us over there. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: I understand, but Circuit Court --

Susan Kirk: No, you don't.

Councilmember Raben: -- is going to have the exact same argument. Veterans, we heard a very --

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I have a feeling it's going to get voted down, I'm

going to stick with my motion, my second to the motion. Pete made the first and if she says it's critical, we need all three, --

President Shetler: Do I have any other questions of our County Clerk? If I have no further questions for Madam Clerk. Alright, we have a motion on the floor for approval, and is there going to be a separation of that motion or...if not, --

Councilmember Bassemier: His motion was for all three.

President Shetler: Then roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: For the reasons I stated before, to be consistent, I'm going to vote no at this time.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: No, for all the stated reasons here, we need to find out what we're talking about in hard numbers next week before we make these decisions. So there being, let's see, five nays and two ayes, the motion for the three positions is denied at this time, but the Clerk could come back and talk to us again in April about this. Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Shetler, will these positions automatically come back before us at Personnel & Finance?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

(Motion fails 2-5/Councilmembers Terry, Koehler Lindsey, Goebel, Raben & Shetler opposed)

<p>CIRCUIT COURT, VETERANS AND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REQUESTS TO FILL VACANCIES</p>
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Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, at this time, I'm going to move that the last three requests, Circuit Court, Veterans and Co-Op Extension be delayed until our Personnel & Finance meeting.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion and a second, do I have any questions on the motion? There being no questions, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Paul did say last week that we could hold off on this and it wouldn't hurt us, so I vote yes also.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'd like to say I'm voting yes and I do like the idea of consistency here across the board, that's a very good suggestion.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: I'm sorry, let me make that clear, you'll be coming back on April the 4th on those requests for personnel that we just talked about, that will be April the 4th rather than the Personnel & Finance.

Councilmember Raben: Well, if they want to plead their case, they can. If they want to make their plea, they should do it again in March.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: But the vote will be April the 4th.

THE CENTRE 2011 YEAR END REPORT
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President Shetler: The next is The Centre.

Darren Stearns: Good morning, Darren Stearns, I'm the general manager at The Centre. I wanted to give you our 2011 year end report. As of December 31st of 2011, the Centre had hosted 226 events totaling 359 event related days with an attendance estimated at over 148,000 people. The Centre hosted Broadway performances of Legally Blond, Spamalot, South Pacific, and three performances of Mamma Mia! Also performances of Don Williams, the Trans Siberian Orchestra, Hinder, Max and Ruby, Alison Krauss and Union Station, the Oak Ridge Boys, Straight No Chaser, Moscow Ballet, and Vince Gill and Amy Grant, along with the Illinois Oil & Gas Convention, the NAACP convention and numerous dance recitals, trade shows, conferences and receptions. Revenues for events at the Centre totaled \$1.94 million for 2011. The 2011 fiscal year budget came in \$297,523.25 under budget. Our event surveys were sent out to our customers in 2011, the scoring was given with a 4.49 on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being poor and 5 being excellent. The part-time staff at the Centre have all went through customer service training as well as serving alcoholic beverages, they're all licensed to serve the alcoholic beverages through the state. We also had annual training for our ushers for critical situations for events and concerts. The first quarter of 2012 is looking pretty well. We've had two bridal shows, a motorcycle show, a race car auction and trade show, the Illinois Oil & Gas Convention was just this past weekend, The Really Big Show, we have three Centre'd on Kids events, which is Broadway plays for kids throughout the area, Disney Live, Cirque Dreams, the Pink Floyd Experience is this next coming week, Gabriel Iglesias, Broadway play Damn Yankees, Girls in Bloom, and our first dealing with the Home Show. We're going to have part of the Home Show now that its been moved downtown this year, so we're looking forward to that, along with our usual meetings and training sessions. We're hoping to continue looking for more annual events and new events, and we appreciate the support that we've gotten from this Council in the past, and hopefully for the future. Any questions?

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Darren, are bookings up in 2011? Were they up?

Darren Stearns: No, bookings weren't up. What we had was, we had more profitable bookings than we've had in the past. The actual bookings were down, but the events themselves were more profitable, and the shows were a little bit more profitable than they were in 2010.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I'd just like to say, Darren, the events that I have attended like last year, everything seemed like it was very well organized and everybody just appears as it they're doing a great job there.

Darren Stearns: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Good job, thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, any other comments or questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I just want to say, on behalf of the Mary Kay

consultants in town, we're really looking forward to coming out there March 30th and 31st, the first time we've ever had our regional career conference, and that's a pretty big deal in our company. So we look forward to being at the Centre.

Darren Stearns: Great, thank you. We do, too.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you, Darren.

AUDITOR REQUEST PERMISSION TO SEND SET OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ON MICROFILM TO CENTRAL LIBRARY

President Shetler: The Auditor?

Joe Gries: The Auditor's office is requesting that Council approve for us to release a set of microfilm archive Council meeting minutes to Central Library. This will allow the library to have a copy, the Auditor's office will also keep a copy of the microfilm, we also have the original hard copy. It will allow the public more access to Council meeting minutes and the dates are listed on the information that we provided. It goes from January 20th, 1971 through December of 1996.

Councilmember Raben: Is there a cost to the county for any of that?

Joe Gries: I don't believe so because the library said they want the information and they provide space for it and put it into their archives, so we give them a copy.

Councilmember Bassemier: If there's no cost to the county, I'll make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

CHANGE TO BUDGET HEARING DATES

President Shetler: There are some changes to take note of for the budget week, the first week of the budget meetings. The dates will be August the 28th and 29th, and then the second week of budget would be September the 12th, and the final budget hearing date is September the 19th.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Shetler: Now we have requests for travel. We will hear those that are here today. In the future, I'm going to ask that Sandie draft a letter to the department heads restricting travel to only state called mandated meetings in the future so that

we can minimize again the expenses that we have there for travel requests.

Councilmember Raben: And I think what's important there is, not state called, because you could arguably say all of them are state called if they are state hosted. State mandated, and I would like to see the documentation from the state mandating such meetings. And outside of that, I think we put a moratorium on all travel.

President Shetler: I guess outside of that, anything that requires a certification or licensing, obviously, that would fall underneath the statutory type of requirement, so we understand that people have to be legal to perform their duties and we certainly don't want to impede that. Yes, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Shetler, I'd like Mr. Heck to address that issue about no more training unless it's required. Mr. Heck, would you address that issue, what do you feel about that? I'm always in for in-service training even though it's required or it's not, so...

Gary Heck: I'd be happy to address it, but Dr. Nick asked me to – he was going to present ours today, so I think Dr. Nick would actually like to present --

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sorry, --

President Shetler: Well, I think, actually, Mr. Heck, I believe Councilman Bassemier's question is separate from that. I think he's asking the question that my directive to restrict the travel – if that will, how much that's going to interfere with the operation of your office. And I don't mean to put words in your mouth, Councilman Bassemier, but is that...

Councilmember Bassemier: That's fine, I just wanted to know, I'm always, you know, sometimes required training, it's just not enough.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. Most of our travel requests – I won't say all of them, but the vast majority that we send over have to do with either certification, licensing requirements, it's a state mandated meeting to fulfill a grant requirement or it's training that would directly improve and affect the Health department's ability to respond to a public health emergency. So those are the types of trainings that we try to attend. I would note that none of our training comes out of the General fund. All of them come out of the Health fund or grant monies that we have, but public health feels like we do need to be prepared to respond to any kind of an emergency and whether it's a state, we try to comply with the Council's requirement that it is a state called or state mandated meeting, but we do feel very strongly that education and prevention is one of the best ways we should proceed. We certainly understand the Council's and the county's financial restraints. So we will comply with whatever the Council sets up. It could create some hardships in the future. We'll let you know if there is something that would put us in a position where we couldn't protect the public and then we'll just let it go at that.

President Shetler: And, Mr. Heck, you've done a very good job, I think, of reducing the number from where you were three and four years ago, utilizing webinars and teleconferences and etcetera. We're just saying we need to ratchet down just a couple more notches here and save a few more dollars again. While it may seem a little bit silly here to look at very single nickel and dime, but we really are at that point where we need to and we have to. And make a decision on two or three people going to this place for a seminar or that place for a seminar could end up making the

difference between being able to hire an emergency type of personnel somewhere else. So if we have an emergency and a situation that it may not necessarily be state mandated, but it's certainly going to impact the citizens of this county, by all means, come forward and submit the request. But for the most part, other things that would not be – it's the same thing on routine medical type things that go on year after year, and I don't want to give any examples, I don't want to fall into the same boat that some –

Gary Heck: Sure, we understand, and we do have a video conferencing system in place as we told the county a year or so ago, that we would make that investment. And the state is trying more to offer that as an opportunity. They need to actually do it from their end with the camera and having the system in place so that we can participate that way. But we do have that investment made and we do try to utilize that whenever we have that opportunity.

President Shetler: Thank you, Gary.

Gary Heck: Thank you so much.

COUNTY ASSESSOR TRAVEL REQUEST

President Shetler: Now the first travel request then, is the County Assessor and Mr. Fluty is here to address that. Welcome.

Bill Fluty: Bill Fluty, County Assessor. Then, again, this is for certification. It's a level III course that I'm required to have and I'm traveling, I guess it's in April, the second week of April.

President Shetler: Alright, anybody have any questions? Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Bill, how many more of these seminars will you be required to go to?

Bill Fluty: This is it, this is the last one I'll travel on.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Any other questions?

Bill Fluty: We will be holding another one here in town for a different class.

President Shetler: Motion for approval would be in order.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. Any other questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries. Thanks, Bill.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>SURVEYOR, COMMISSIONERS, HIGHWAY AND ENGINEER TRAVEL REQUESTS</p>

President Shetler: Next is the County Surveyor with a couple requests.

Kevin Myers: I just wanted to let you know that Bill Jeffers is at the road school.

President Shetler: Okay, yeah, I think that's what a couple of these might be on here for the road school deal. And I know they're already there. This might be one of those kind of requests that, in the future, we would not look as kindly on particularly with so many people going from the county. County Commissioners, and I think Steve Melcher is in the same situation. I guess that's what that request was for. Weights & Measures, wait a minute --

Councilmember Raben: Let's do this --

President Shetler: Uh, yeah, I'm going to go to the County Highway.

Councilmember Raben: I'll make a motion we approve --

President Shetler: Well, let's talk to -- because is that what yours has to do with? John?

Councilmember Raben: Well, we've got Surveyor, Commissioners, County Highway and County Engineer all at road school, so I'll move --

President Shetler: One second. Let me see if -- well, do you want to go ahead and move on that then?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I'll move approval since that's already --

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second. Any questions on that motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Okay, thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

WEIGHTS & MEASURES TRAVEL REQUEST
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Loretta Townsend: I was going to have a question anyway, so maybe while I'm up here you can answer it and I think maybe you may have already answered it. But okay, the reason for our going to Indianapolis, first of all, nothing against Indy, but you're not going to find me or my guys spending any time up there that we don't have to. I mean, we just flat, we don't like it, we go because we have to go. We have in our budget account, I think like \$300 or something like that, and that's what this is used for. Now during the year, the state calls training sessions but none of us have been able to go for years. We don't have the money. I mean, we just sort of, we've got the books, we talk to them, we sort of train ourselves and hope to God we're doing right, you know, which so far we have. But we do need to take our equipment up there to make sure that our stuff is correct before we get out and start locking up gas pumps and taking people's scales and stuff away from them. And the state does not have, unless they've changed it, a law that requires that these installers and people who calibrate your scales, people who install gas pumps, who do all this, who repair gas pumps, they do not require that their equipment is certified. So any boat that could come right across the river over here and start messing with your equipment, they don't have a law that says it has to be correct. So a long time ago, I had an ordinance written and that's what ours says, they must have it checked, every one to two, it depends on what it is. Gas measuring things have to be checked once a year, and we've got a way of taking care of that, too, because every so often, what we do, and it's sort of mean, but it works. When a gas pump or a truck is way off the calibration, padlock it. We've got the keys. We've had them to ask us, well, are you going to leave me the key? You know, and that's not happening, but they do ask. We've got the key to unlock that lock on that gas pump, but the only other people who have a key are the people who bring to us a copy of the certification for their equipment for that year, and then we'll give them a key and they can go out and work on it. I mean, so it works for us, but this is our reason for going to Indy to make sure that our cans, that's what we call them, not supposed to be gas measures, but our cans are correct before we even start out this year, that our weights are correct before we go checking them out at Schnucks or anywhere else, we're sure before we go saying that someone else isn't. And it costs \$75 bucks a round trip, you know.

President Shetler: When you have this done, do they give you a certificate then that it's been cleared and it's been checked, so that minimizes our liability that if you shut down a pump and they say bull hockey, you know, my pumps are working fine and they would file a suit against us or something?

Loretta Townsend: No, they like to cut the lock.

President Shetler: Well, you've got proof, though. I'm just saying they've lost business and they get upset about it, you've got proof that, in fact, your gallon is correct and that whole business, and so –

Loretta Townsend: Yeah, we've got that. The state lab up in Indianapolis, which is part of the Board of Health, they get their stuff certified from NST, which is the National State Standard, you know, so everybody, it goes right back into Washington, DC, the Department of Commerce is where it lands at.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, it seems like this is very important. I'm going to make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, it's been moved and seconded. Councilman Goebel, did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: No, I think \$100 to Indianapolis and back is pretty reasonable.

Councilmember Raben: Outside of the equipment checking, is there some training involved, is that why three people –

Loretta Townsend: They hold a training school on various things. It could be big vehicle scales, it could be on just various things, once a year and they're never held it here. They had before, but it's been a long time, maybe it's like Ft. Wayne or somewhere like that and so we don't have the money. How are you going to send somebody up there when we know we're going to have to take like 200 - \$250 out because some years we've got a hundred gallon prover that we use on the big trucks and on the big diesel pumps that has to go. Well, this isn't the year for that. Next year it will be, so there will be three trips made up there.

President Shetler: But truthfully, you guys probably have more experience than the rest of the state put together anyway, so you could probably teach the classes.

Loretta Townsend: If they'd teach them in Evansville.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered. Thanks.

Loretta Townsend: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY ENGINEER TRAVEL REQUEST

President Shetler: Next, I need to go to County Engineer because there's one area there, John, that's another request other than the road school that you had down, so we'll take up that.

John Stoll: John Stoll, County Engineer. The second request was to attend IDEM's storm water annual meeting. This is a state called meeting, but it's not state mandated, but they do have regulations as part of their mandate for storm water programs that we have to get training. So indirectly, I guess it's mandated, although they don't specifically state that you have to attend this annual meeting, that's just part of the overall –

President Shetler: Mandated, but not statutory, or it's mandated but not really statutory?

John Stoll: They don't say that you specifically have to attend this, they do say that you need to provide training for people associated with the storm water programs.

President Shetler: Alright. Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Will this be held at the same time as your other meeting? I mean, will you be able to kill two birds with one stone or is this at a different place, because you're going to be at road school and –

John Stoll: I went to road school yesterday.

Councilmember Goebel: Oh, you've been there?

John Stoll: Yeah, we just went up and back the same day.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Will you learn, I don't mean it the way it sounds, but I mean, will you be taught anything new in this thing that you haven't had before and would you be certified any higher?

John Stoll: I don't even know. With the filing deadlines to get these on the agenda, I don't have the meeting agenda as of yet for the IDEM meetings, so I have no idea what they plan to discuss in May so far this year.

President Shetler: Alright, thanks, John. Do I have a motion for approval?

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: Just, John, when is the last storm water conference you attended?

John Stoll: Pardon?

Councilmember Raben: When was the last conference –

John Stoll: Oh, last May.

Councilmember Raben: Last May? Okay, are there any changes today in any guidelines that you have to, or parameters, that you have to work within versus what they covered last May?

John Stoll: Once again, I'm not sure what the agenda is for this year's meeting, but according to a meeting that we were at in Jasper last year, IDEM plans to do some audits of various portions of the storm water program, whether they will provide updates on anything like that, I really don't know. I would suspect that they might, but that's just me guessing at this point. They're always – it's a big unfunded mandate, so they're always providing new guidance on what they want, but with no personnel specifically assigned to this storm water program full time and no funding, we're getting by so far but I'm not sure how long that would last. But relative to what they want, they're always sending out emails and saying, hey, this area, they've got a

great program, you should try this and try that. So, it's potluck what we may get at the meeting as far as any specific direction. Last year, they provided a lot of different storm water programs throughout the state. They would say what they were doing to comply with specific components of the storm water regulations, encouraging people to model theirs after successful programs, but like I said, I'm not sure if that would be the scope of their agenda this year or not.

President Shetler: John, to clarify, this isn't coming out of the General fund request?

John Stoll: No, this would be off the travel account in my office budget.

President Shetler: Okay. And does that come out of –

John Stoll: I believe this was Roads & Streets.

President Shetler: Local Roads & Streets, that's what I was thinking. Yeah, so it's not coming out of the General Fund, it's coming out of the Road & Street fund anyway. Alright, not that that doesn't matter. Okay, let's see, I think we had a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRAVEL REQUESTS
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President Shetler: Okay, next is the Health department where there's three travel requests. Dr. Nicholson.

Ray Nicholson: Dr. Ray Nicholson, Health department, the health officer for Vanderburgh County. Can I answer any questions? I'd like to make a statement that in our particular field there's a lot of specialization, for example, an RN, a registered nurse, that gets a license and that license is good for life. She never has to take another post graduate course unless she just wants to. A public health nurse has very special capabilities and they have to be recertified (inaudible) once a year, in their particular thing that they're doing. For example, in the field of STD's, sexually transmitted diseases, there is resistance that develops all the time and new bacteria that they take over, become the leaders, new techniques of diagnosis and treatments, and they have to be constantly going to these situations. I do know that Gary, Mr. Heck, alluded to a lot of this, but we get a lot of requests every month for travel and you only see part of those. You only see the ones that require certifications and that are required by the state.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. And yes, I mean, there's no doubt, you guys have really, I think, looked over that much better than it was in the years past, three, four, five years ago, I know that there were a lot more requests and you've trimmed that down. Unfortunately, we're in a financial situation here that is going to require us all to look at it a little bit harder.

Ray Nicholson: Well, I know speaking for myself, I have six meetings a year that I'm required to go to and you don't see any of those requests because I pay for it myself, and a lot of the people are doing that in order to try to save money. And I benefit because I'm required with my own academy to keep up certain hours, so I look at that as my responsibility and not necessarily yours.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, Doctor. Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Dr. Nicholson, the request for the travel to St. Louis, is there a difference in state requirements or state procedures to handle these diseases, or is this a national set of rules? The reason I'm asking is, would Indianapolis or Indiana dictate to you more on a seminar like this?

Ray Nicholson: The districts have changed and we are actually, we're supposed to go to New York City, but we made a special request and were able to change that from New York City to St. Louis in this particular case. This is a new hire, she's an RN. If she did not hire on with us as a public health nurse to do STD testing and treatment, she would not have to take any additional training. But because of the fact that she has to acquire this particular expertise, which is over and above normal nursing, this is why she has to go somewhere where they give the courses. And they do move the courses around to different cities. So naturally, (inaudible) New York and St. Louis, and we were able to get it in St. Louis.

Councilmember Goebel: But the requirement is the same regardless of where the seminar is held? Is this nurse the only one that handles that or is she overseeing all of the treatment or are there others on staff?

Ray Nicholson: She's a new hire. She will be seeing patients with these diseases and she'll have to be able to recognize the conditions and they can be very, very subtle. You can have very little evidence. It's not a textbook picture all the time.

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, I don't want to go into any more detail. My question was, do you have any other people that are certified?

Ray Nicholson: Yes, we do have.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, do you know how many?

Ray Nicholson: With cross training, everyone eventually will have to sooner or later take this type of training.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay. Thank you. Any further questions? Motion for approval then would be in order for all three requests.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. Again, any questions on the motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered. Thank you, Doctor.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Next is the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, there are just three today. First is, and I move that we amend 1230-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. Funding is from the St. Mary's Hospital grant, part-time funds not to exceed the balance of the grant. Under County Assessor/Reassessment, amend salary ordinance line 2490-1090-1300 Overtime as previously adopted in the amount of \$8,000. And last, Cum Bridge, amend salary line 2030-1970 Temporary Replacement to allow hiring a temporary replacement for the Foreman position due to an approved unpaid leave of absence and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about the motion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Shetler: Is there anybody that wishes to address the County Council at this time? I do want to make one, I guess, clarifying point real quickly and that is, and this is often brought up, while, for example, I'll use the Health department since it was brought up by them today. While the Health department doesn't come out of the General Fund per se, --

(Tape Changed)

-- effect on the amount of revenue that we're able to generate for the General fund, and by that I mean, for example, let's just say that our budget on the county level is roughly \$64,000,000. If their budget, and I don't have it at hand here, but let's just say it's roughly \$10,000,000, if they would raise their budget up to \$15,000,000, we'd have to reduce ours down to \$59,000,000, so it has an effect on what we're able to do, so the converse is true. If we're able to reduce theirs down to nine, then we've got room for ours to grow a little bit. So the argument that some may want to give us from time to time, that their particular department or unit doesn't affect the general fund isn't quite the case. It does have an effect and all of it has an affect on the taxpayers. So I want us all to keep that in mind as well proceed forward in what is going to be definitely some austere times.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President, the memorandum that's going to go out with the directive on the state called meetings, would it be possible to put something in there, when there is travel, if maybe they could look at paying their own hotel? Because it looks like some of these that we've had prior to this request, we're paying for hotels, where maybe the county kicks in the registration fee and then if they have to stay overnight, they pay their own. I don't know how Council would feel about that. I know, personally, I pay all of my own any time I have to be recertified in my field. Nobody ever pays for it for me.

Councilmember Raben: I think another important thing is, I don't think it always takes multiple people. I think you send one person and they come back and they bring back, you know, any training I've ever been part of, there's printed materials or there's video tapes you can buy. You know, there's all types of things. I think you send one person, let them come back and train whoever they need to train, you know, I don't think we need to be allowing spouses to participate or pay any travel on those. There's a lot of things we can do to eliminate some of these extra costs and while it appears as if it's pennies, it's really not. I mean, today we, I'm going to go out there and say we probably approved 3,000 plus in travel and we do that every month. So it's probably more than 3,000 today.

President Shetler: Alright, very good points. Any other questions, or anything else? Comments?

Councilmember Terry: No, I just think with that correspondence, I think giving an overview or the thought around where we are financially and sharing that with the department heads to make sure that they understand that we've still got to make some efficiencies, and within their offices, and really have those conversations with us about things that they're doing in their department, and not waiting until they come up here to kind of do that and then we have to turn them down. But have those conversations and they know up front, and they're doing some things actively in their

offices to reduce costs.

President Shetler: Thank you. That's a point well taken and actually, I have contemplated this for a couple of years and I don't mean to put Councilman Raben on the spot, but as finance chairman, myself as president, what I would really like to do within the next, let's say month, is to gather all of the department heads together, give them the details of where we are and what we're going to have, and what our goals are and what we hope to accomplish by September or October, so that we can hopefully keep from dipping into emergency type funds that we have set aside at least for the balance of this year. I think if we can get them to buy into this program, we'll have a greater buy-in from all. And I think that they'll respect us for that and I think that will go a long ways. It's not necessarily my idea, I'm going to give credit to our Sheriff back there. He told me this a couple of years ago and he's absolutely right, and I think it's the way to proceed on it. So I think it's something I'd like to try and get set up in the next four or five weeks. Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Just in my time on this Council, we've not raised taxes and we haven't asked to and we hopefully won't have to do that. At the state level, while they put constraints on local government, they seem to be operating pretty much in the black and I don't know if their revenue streams have increased. I know they did increase sales tax while the property tax cap hit us between the eyes, so we're trying to do as much or maybe even improve on much less revenue. And you know, our county employees are suffering somewhat as well because they've not received pay raises and that's something we hopefully will be able to deal with this particular budget session, but I don't know. It doesn't look very healthy right now.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President? Two things real quick: Mr. Auditor, I would appreciate just as soon as we can get that information, particularly being new to this board and the quicker we get it, the more time that we'll have to review it and be up to speed on where we need to cut those pennies, dimes and nickels, and then just one comment to the department heads, I know, most of them have gone, but just for the record, I do appreciate their understanding. I know some probably have more understanding than others and maybe when they leave the meeting they'll kind of think about it and appreciate this Council being consistent on this issue and treating all department heads fairly. You know, if we have to toe the line, we all have to toe the line. And I think the travel requests from this point forward, once that memo goes out, we really have to seriously look at all of that. I feel like that's what we were all put in place for is to watch those pennies and nickels. So I appreciate the department heads' support and appreciate the fellow Councilmembers. Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions or comments? Motion for adjournment? Yes, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: And I believe in being consistent, but when an officeholder stands up there and says it's critical and we keep putting her off every month, sometimes I just have to vote the other way. So nothing personal, you're right, Angela, you're right. I agree with you, but there are some cases that you have to go the other way because they are critical for that officeholder to be able to run her office. So with that I –

President Shetler: Well, Councilman Bassemier, I fully understand, but the point is this, that if we don't make what are relatively hard decisions right now, today, I guarantee you, in six months, you'll have to put out pink slips to 20 people instead of denying ten people opportunities today to fill positions.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I don't disagree with you, but I've known Susie for thirty years, --

President Shetler: It's not a matter of Susie, it's not a matter of any personnel, --

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, she wouldn't be up here, Sir, if she didn't need this help. So that's my argument. So with that, you need a motion to adjourn, you say?

President Shetler: Yes, thank you.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2012**

The Vanderburgh County Council held a special meeting the 2nd day of April in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss funding of budget requests and other financial information with county officeholders and department heads. Notice of the meeting was published in the Evansville Courier & Press on March 19, 2012.

Members present were:

Tom Shetler, President
James Raben, Vice President
Ed Bassemier, Member
Mike Goebel, Member
Pete Swaim, Member

County Council President Tom Shetler opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m. and began a discussion of Vanderburgh County’s finances. County Auditor Joe Gries gave an overview of miscellaneous revenue sources and the impact that property tax caps have on collections.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and county officials regarding budget constraints, revenue and expenses. Suggestions and concerns regarding possible areas for reducing costs were also voiced. It was suggested that another meeting be held prior to the county’s budget hearings for further discussion of these issues.

There being no final action or votes taken, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 4, 2012

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of April in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good morning and welcome to the Vanderburgh County Council meeting this morning. It's April the 4th, a couple of minutes after 8:30 and at this time, I'd like to ask the clerk to please call for the roll call.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
President Shetler	X	

President Shetler: There being seven members in attendance, there being a quorum, I'd like to ask Councilman Bassemier to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Shetler: Thank you. Before I begin, I might just real quickly, we did have a meeting Monday with the department heads and elected officeholders and greatly appreciated the tremendous attendance that we did have. I think there may have been only perhaps one missing and I think that person had written down the wrong time and had expressed his feelings that he was not able to be there and stuff. So otherwise, we did have a perfect attendance, and I was gratified by that. I wasn't gratified by the announcement we had to make, the words that had to come out of my mouth, but anyway, I was gratified that we had such interest. Several good things came out of the meeting, one particular suggestion that was made I think by Judge Heldt, and I think we got a sense or a feel that there may have been a bit of a consensus on that idea and it's an idea that I've slept on and like, and that is the idea of looking at maybe cutting the existing budget or repealing perhaps one and a half percent from everybody's existing budget this year. That would get us the million dollars that we need if we're able to do that, particularly across the general fund. Again, it's not an edict or a mandatory deal but it is something that would help us get to that point. I'd like to keep that in mind as we start looking at some of these requests for rehires and stuff, and I guess my position would be, I'm very, as one Councilmember, very open to filling the roles as requested by the department heads and elected officeholders if, let's just say by June 1st, they could come in with some kind of a repeal of the existing budget, reducing it by maybe one and a half percent, they know their budgets better than we do as far as exactly where they might be able to make adjustments and cuts and that would get us in line for where we need to be. We are trying to set up another meeting for the same group in early June, the first week of June perhaps. That gives enough time to kind of get things staged for the end of June budget for 2013, and that also, any questions or help or guidance that they might need in that regard as well. So anyway, welcome any of you for

comments or points and questions that any of you that were not able to make it. If not? Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: With your request, are we going to mandate that to the different departments?

President Shetler: I would not mandate, at this point I'm not, I'm just offering, that has been a suggestion that has come forward and I, as one member of Council, I think that's a position that I would like to be in, is to ask that department head as they come for a request on employees, that if you're, you know, are you willing or do you have the ability to make some cuts. Not all departments are going to be able to, there are some that are very small with one, two, three employees that really don't have the capacity to cut.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't know, maybe some food for thought, but perhaps, we've already dipped into our Rainy Day funds, perhaps as a compromise to the officeholders, we could lower that amount they have to come up with this particular year and take some funds out of the Rainy Day because, as Judge Heldt mentioned, it is pretty cloudy out. I know we can't replenish those funds and we won't be able to in the future, but maybe this time, and then we could allow the officeholders then to fill their positions knowing that they have to make up the difference, probably let them operate and I think that way we can actually work together on it all.

President Shetler: Alright. Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I don't even know legally at this point that we can mandate that they return any funds once its been granted through the budget process. I might ask our legal advisor to look into that. But maybe something we could do is a letter from the Council or from the Council President requesting that of all elected officials and departments. You know, get that word out now, and establish a time line like between now and June 1st to review their budgets and come up with one and a half percent cut and file a repeal for those cuts for our June 1st meeting.

President Shetler: Good suggestion. Yes, Councilman?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, Mr. President. I was not able to attend the meeting on Monday, but I appreciate the efforts that went into getting the information to department heads. Just so that I'm clear on the figures, I think that looking at a compromise like possibly trying to repeal this year and then do a little bit next year, I would support something like that. If we repeal one and a half percent this year, then what's the total amount that we're looking at that needed to come out all together?

President Shetler: We're basically looking at something between 800,000 and a million dollars. Now that's based on historical precedents that we've had in the past that may be a few areas where we're a little bit underfunded. Overtime, generally speaking, particularly in the Jail and Sheriff Deputies, Highway garage people depending on storms, depending on what would come up. We were saved by the snow this year, the lack of snow, so that won't be there, but you don't know what's going to happen in November and December as well. And the other thing that we generally, sometimes food in the Jail, fuel will be an issue in some of the departments this year. When you look at all of that history, we're usually talking about additional appropriations of, I think it's \$933,000 has been the average the last three years.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. And then if we were able to repeal, say, one and a half percent this year, then would we be looking at cutting an additional one and a half percent next year or two percent, or do we have a figure on that?

President Shetler: Well, I do in general parameters there. Basically, today's budget is at 64.2 in round numbers, we would probably need to get somewhere around 62.4 next year in order to keep it without having to dip into the Rainy Day funds. If everything else stays the same, I mean, all revenues stay the same, which is not likely, and all expenses stay the same, which is not likely, we would need to cut about two, so that's why you'd end up with about a three percent cut.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And then I would also support the idea of a written letter from this Council just maybe putting all these things in writing. I know the department heads were at the meeting on Monday, but I think it's always a good idea to have that there for them to refer back to and if at all possible, like you said, we don't know the budgets as well as someone that's working with it on a day to day level. So I would be supportive of a letter from the Council. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Any other comments?

Councilmember Raben: Just a brief comment. There are also departments that I would challenge where they collect fees, where they have grants that aren't tied to employment or something like that, to review those, see what those funds can be used for, absorb more of their budget items. One that kind of comes to mind as an example, the Recorder fees, you know, where hopefully we'll come to some type of resolution where those fees can pick up a percentage of their IT, things like that. You know, we've attempted that a few years in the past or the past couple of years and maybe we can bring that to some type of resolve and there's other departments that, again, I'm sure fees that are collected could possibly be used in better ways to offset their costs.

President Shetler: Thank you. With that being said, let's move on through the agenda then. Appropriation Ordinance, Councilman Raben. I'm sorry, I did skip the approval of the minutes.

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH 7, 2012</p>
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President Shetler: I need a motion for approval of the minutes from March 7.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Shetler: I have a second and I assume Councilman Lindsey will be the second on that?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Stephanie, okay. Then all in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

President Shetler: The appropriation ordinance then. Councilman Raben?

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the first item on the agenda under the Sheriff’s office, those items have been withdrawn.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0002	Major	2,163.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0003	Deputy Sheriff	1,849.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0004	Lieutenant	7,211.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0005	Lieutenant	6,449.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0006	Lieutenant	7,136.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0007	Lieutenant	8,373.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0008	Lieutenant	7,843.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0009	Sergeant	3,982.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0010	Sergeant	6,405.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0011	Sergeant	3,282.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0012	Lieutenant	6,436.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0013	Sergeant	5,263.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0014	Sergeant	4,556.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0015	Lieutenant	7,843.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0016	Sergeant	3,282.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0017	Deputy Sheriff	1,068.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0018	Sergeant	3,282.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0019	Lieutenant	7,843.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0020	Sergeant	3,282.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0021	Sergeant	4,556.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0022	Sergeant	4,244.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0023	Sergeant	3,856.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0024	Sergeant	2,205.00	Withdrawn

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1050-1130-0025	Sergeant	3,982.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0026	Sergeant	3,483.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0027	Sergeant	4,556.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0029	Sergeant	3,282.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0030	Sergeant	3,282.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0031	Deputy Sheriff	1,149.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0033	Sergeant	2,205.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0034	Deputy Sheriff	1,242.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0035	Deputy Sheriff	575.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0036	Deputy Sheriff	76.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0038	Deputy Sheriff	2,423.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0040	Deputy Sheriff	1,178.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0042	Deputy Sheriff	575.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0043	Deputy Sheriff	1,149.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0044	Deputy Sheriff	1,149.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0045	Deputy Sheriff	263.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0046	Sergeant	3,982.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0049	Deputy Sheriff	1,282.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0050	Deputy Sheriff	1,149.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0051	Deputy Sheriff	1,149.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0052	Deputy Sheriff	1,723.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0053	Deputy Sheriff	1,660.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0054	Deputy Sheriff	1,149.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0055	Deputy Sheriff	1,149.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0056	Deputy Sheriff	1,149.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0057	Deputy Sheriff	575.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0058	Deputy Sheriff	3,508.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0059	Deputy Sheriff	1,237.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0060	Deputy Sheriff	575.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0061	Deputy Sheriff	1,723.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0063	Deputy Sheriff	2,423.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0064	Deputy Sheriff	254.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0065	Deputy Sheriff	2,071.00	Withdrawn

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1050-1130-0066	Deputy Sheriff	575.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0069	Deputy Sheriff	1,671.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0070	Deputy Sheriff	254.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0071	Deputy Sheriff	1,520.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0073	Deputy Sheriff	450.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0074	Deputy Sheriff	642.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0075	Sergeant	3,282.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0076	Deputy Sheriff	374.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0077	Deputy Sheriff	575.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0078	Deputy Sheriff	1,849.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0079	Deputy Sheriff	1,666.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0082	Deputy Sheriff	1,849.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0083	Deputy Sheriff	254.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0084	Deputy Sheriff	642.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0085	Deputy Sheriff	2,423.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0086	Deputy Sheriff	1,779.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0087	Deputy Sheriff	3,130.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0089	Deputy Sheriff	859.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0090	Deputy Sheriff	575.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0091	Deputy Sheriff	450.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0092	Deputy Sheriff	1,723.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0093	Deputy Sheriff	642.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0094	Deputy Sheriff	451.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0098	Deputy Sheriff	3,054.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0099	Deputy Sheriff	575.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0102	Deputy Sheriff	575.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0104	Deputy Sheriff	749.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0114	Major	4,699.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0227	Major	2,850.00	Withdrawn
1050-1130-0228	Lieutenant	5,862.00	Withdrawn
1050-1530	Shift Differential	3,775.00	Withdrawn
1050-1900	FICA	16,503.00	Withdrawn
1050-1911	Sheriff Retirement	15,102.00	Withdrawn
Total		251,115.00	Withdrawn

ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: We'll move into the County Assessor, we have a request for the upgrade to the Network Supervisor along with FICA and PERF in the amount of \$4,204. At this time, I'll move that we defer this matter and set that in at zero.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Any questions about the motion? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1180-1090	Network Supervisor	3,588.00	0.00
1090-1900	FICA	275.00	0.00
1090-1910	PERF	341.00	0.00
Total		4,204.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Councilmember Raben: Under Co-op Extension, Contractual Services, last week it was mentioned that they would find monies from other line items and submit a transfer, so I'll move that this be set in at zero.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-3530	Contractual Services	735.00	0.00
Total		735.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Next, under Drug & Alcohol Deferral Service, Rent, in the amount of \$7,650. This is one that is due and I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do we have any questions on the motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1380-3600	Rent	7,650.00	7,650.00
Total		7,650.00	7,650.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID

Councilmember Raben: The last item for the General Fund requests, Legal Aid, Rent, this has been withdrawn, so I'll move that this be set in at zero.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

LEGAL AID		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1460-3600	Rent	1,160.00	0.00
Total		1,160.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

President Shetler: Transfers.

**AUDITOR
JAIL
BURDETTE PARK**

**SHERIFF
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMM.**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, at this time, I'll move that we approve all transfers as listed.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do we have any questions about the motion? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-1330-1020	Asst. to First Deputy	354.00	354.00
To: 1020-1170-1020	Bookkeeper Insurance/Retirement	179.00	179.00
1020-1390-1020	RE Tax Sale Clerk	122.00	122.00
1020-1900	FICA	24.00	24.00
1020-1910	PERF	29.00	29.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0230	Court Screener	2,500.00	2,500.00
To: 1050-1130-1531	Civilian Shift Differential	2,500.00	2,500.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0306	Confinement Officer	2,500.00	2,500.00
1051-1130-0314	Confinement Officer	9,300.00	9,300.00
1051-1130-0341	Confinement Officer	8,800.00	8,800.00
1051-1130-0344	Confinement Officer	8,800.00	8,800.00
1051-1130-0357	Confinement Officer	1,200.00	1,200.00
1051-1130-0359	Confinement Officer	8,800.00	8,800.00
1051-1130-0407	EMT	1,300.00	1,300.00
To: 1051-1850	Union Overtime	40,700.00	40,700.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1361-1220-1361	Confinement Officer	7,400.00	7,400.00
1361-1290-1361	Booking Clerk	8,000.00	8,000.00
1361-1360-1361	Confinement Officer	7,500.00	7,500.00
1361-1400-1361	Confinement Officer	2,800.00	2,800.00
1361-1420-1361	Confinement Officer	3,100.00	3,100.00
To: 1361-1850	Union Overtime	28,800.00	28,800.00

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1450-1280-1450	Office Assistant	3,549.00	3,549.00
To: 1450-1970	Temporary Replacement	3,549.00	3,549.00

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2861-3130	Travel/Mileage	300.00	300.00
2861-4431	Hazmat Response Equip.	100.00	100.00
2861-3370	Data Mgmt.	150.00	150.00
To: 2861-3140	Communications	550.00	550.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: There are no repeals and no old business. New business, Superior Court.

SUPERIOR & CIRCUIT COURT REQUESTS TO FILL VACANCIES
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David Kiely: David Kiely, Superior Court Judge.

Carl Heldt: Carl Heldt, Circuit Court Judge, and I’m here because it’s all really one big issue.

Maggie Lloyd: Maggie Lloyd, Superior Court Judge.

President Shetler: Judge Pigman is waiting in the background here, I don’t know if we should –

Councilmember Goebel: Are there any cases going on this morning?

David Kiely: My Bailiff is retiring at the end of this month and I’m asking that I be able to replace her. Also, with the Council’s approval, Judge Heldt is filling his position, his Reporter position in Circuit Court. My Reporter would like to go up there immediately upon that position being filled, which means I’m going to have an open Court Reporter spot. I have someone who is a roaming reporter in Superior Court

that would like to come down with me upon that happening, which opens up another roaming reporter spot, that Superior Court would like to fill. And we're asking that we be able to fill those spots.

Councilmember Swaim: Judge, I have a question. The roaming person that is shared between obviously different courts, but is that person assigned to a particular Judge between roaming gigs, I guess, is the way to phrase that?

David Kiely: There are some that have certain responsibilities, yes, but we share them throughout the Superior Court.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, thank you.

Carl Heldt: If I may speak just a moment on this.

President Shetler: Yes, Judge.

Carl Heldt: I want the Council to know that as a result of the fact that the person who is retiring from my court had a lot of years of service, if all this is approved, the county is going to generate a positive cash position of \$25,600, so it's not like we're spending more of the county's money, we're spending less of the county's money. I also want to say that this is absolutely essential and it's essential to be done now. We cannot operate without Court Reporters, so it's a matter of great urgency. I also want to say, I mean, I was here, and as you say, I'm the person that spoke about the across the board cuts, and we'll find a way to do that, but I hope that you'll require that of every department. It will be a lot easier to swallow across the board with all the departments you're asking this of, if they know that everybody is sharing in the sacrifice. As I said, including the Council and the Commission. I think that would be a good example for everyone to follow, that everybody is going to have to do this. And so I hope that you'll approach it on that basis so that everybody knows that everybody is sacrificing because it's going to be hard to do for everybody, not just the small groups, but for the large groups as well.

President Shetler: No, absolutely, I understand, and I couldn't agree more. Any other questions or comments?

Councilmember Goebel: Just to follow up, I agree with you 100% and I think the idea of the meeting Monday and the one coming up in June is the fact that we want to work together and allow you to have control of your departments because you know far better than us, but we have to work together. We didn't create this mess, you didn't create it, but we're all in it together, so the best we can do is work together. Thank you.

Carl Heldt: We understand the problem, we really do and we'll work with you on that.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions or comments? So we need a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Are we taking a motion for both Superior and Circuit?

President Shetler: I think, why don't we take one for the package.

Carl Heldt: Actually, Circuit has already been approved. I think it's later on the agenda, you're approving the change in the budget? It's the salary ordinance. I think ours was approved in December but ours is dependent upon theirs being approved.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so I'll move approval of the request for Superior Court.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any questions about the motion? Okay, let's do a roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. It sounds like you pleaded a good case. Thank you.

Carl Heldt: Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Seven members for and none against, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: The next is Commissioners request to fill a vacancy...? Next County Clerk, request to fill three vacancies.

Councilmember Swaim: By way of a little history, aside from the three vacancies that they currently have over there now, I'm aware that the Clerk's office, back during the 80's lost a couple of positions under Helen Kuebler, but aside from that, they remain at the same strength now as the day that I started on the Sheriff's department in 1972, and needless to say, that workload has increased with the advent of M/T court and small claims, and the addition of several magistrates, so I'm going to make a motion to approve filling those three vacancies.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

Councilmember Raben: I'm not sure where this is going. We can, I guess, roll the dice and take the vote, but would you consider a compromise of two in lieu of our current financial climate and allow us more time to come back on the third one?

Councilmember Swaim: I suppose so. I guess I could amend my motion to two instead of three.

President Shetler: You may if your seconder agrees to that, yes.

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay.

President Shetler: Personally, I would, I guess my only reluctance a little bit this morning is I prefer to have the officeholder here to answer any questions and one of the things that I was inclined on the Judges, not only did they plead their case for needing it, the situation, but I also felt that we were getting a position from Judge Heldt that he was going to look for ways to cut that budget by one and a half percent. So that was kind of a deciding mark for me, you know, if department heads are able to come in and make that kind of commitment, then we can find ways that we can hire the people back and stuff. But, if not, then we're going to have to do certain things ourselves.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, as far as the amendment, the two salary lines that we would grant at this time would be 1010-1460 and 1010-1530.

President Shetler: Okay, so the motion has been amended to approve two of the three and it's position 1460 and 1530.

Councilmember Swaim: And the seconder accepted it, too.

President Shetler: Yes, Stephanie did. Any questions on that motion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Due to the fact that we don't have the officeholder here this morning to answer the questions, I'm just not comfortable voting to support that at this time. I'd like to have some input as to, are those the correct two positions to fund that are the most needed and then I would also like to know perhaps where some cuts could be moved around in the office, if at all. So without having that information, I'm going to have to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I think that Susie did prioritize these at an earlier meeting, so I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: I agree with Councilman Koehler Lindsey, I would like to have the person here to verify that this is going to work and also a commitment that we could cut the one and a half percent between now and the end of the year. But I know that they're in a critical need and three vacancies will be very difficult to swallow at this point in time. So I will vote yes for the two, but in the future I would like to hear from them. So, there being six ayes and one nay, the motion carries.

(Motion approved 6-1/Councilmember Koehler Lindsey opposed)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, before you move on, under Commissioners, we skipped over the Soil & Water Conservation District.

President Shetler: Yeah, I just didn't see anybody here, I asked for it, but...

Councilmember Raben: Is this a one person office? So we probably need to go back to that one.

President Shetler: Yeah, I didn't know if the Commissioners were going to be here to answer any questions, and not being, and the points I just made on the last one.

Councilmember Goebel: This was just put on our table this morning, correct? This request? Did we have it last week or two weeks ago? We did?

President Shetler: It is a relatively new request, though.

Councilmember Raben: If you'll take the motion, I'll make the motion we approve the request for Soil & Water.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion, do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Goebel: Is everything paid out that this would be able to be filled or what date would it be able to be filled?

Sandie Deig: April 17th, (inaudible – microphone turned off)

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I'm sorry, I'm not able to find anything on that at all, so my vote – I just hope that we can possibly wait until the next meeting. My vote is no.

Councilmember Goebel: I think the paper just showed up today. I'm not sure. I do have a copy.

Councilmember Raben: The letter from the Commissioners is dated March 21st. Let's – if possible, Sarah, you might walk next door and see if anybody, if there's a Commissioner there, and let's come back to this, then. I'll withdraw my motion at this time. My concern would be if this is a one-person show, you know, what kind of havoc are we creating? So, if that's okay, I'll withdrawn my motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: My second, same thing.

President Shetler: The motion has been removed and let's go on while they're checking that out.

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Prosecutor's office, yes, I thought I saw Nick earlier.

Nick Hermann: Good morning. I'm always happy to follow four Judges. I have a little bit of a difference between what I've asked for and what I need. What I've asked for, the request before you is to fill a part-time position that came open when Bob Zoss retired from our office. The difference between that part-time position and the starting salary for a full-time position is \$5,317. We have submitted the paperwork to go to the Job Study. We understand that there won't be any job studies in the foreseeable future. Our issue is that in the last four years, the number of major felony cases per attorney has gone up 50 percent. We can get 15 to 20 cases a year out of a part-time person. I have full-time people that are closing over 300 felony cases a year. So where I'd like to go is, I'd like to hire a full-time attorney. We can find the savings to cover the \$5,317. I'm trying to figure out how to get there logistically if we're not going to have a job study. I don't know that I can ask for this right here, right now. I just need a little guidance as to how to get where we need to be.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I think in lieu of the economic situation right now for us, we've postponed those because we can't grant any more funding, but I know in the Public Defender's office, he has combined two part-timers to make a full-time. Is this something you're asking for? Something along those lines?

Nick Hermann: What I'm telling you is, we can find the savings to cover the cost of this, and that we can get a more productive employee without spending any more general fund money. It's just, it's going to be a net sum gain, and I'm kind of at a loss of how to do this or who to negotiate this with. I'm asking for a little guidance as to how to accomplish this. I'd be happy to sit down with any of you and discuss this and go over this, I just, I mean, if all that is not possible, I'm asking to fill the part-time deputy prosecutor position. But I think it would be wrong of me to stand here and ask to do that when we can be much more efficient and have someone that handles more cases if we can do that in a way that doesn't cost the county any more money.

Councilmember Goebel: Could you prepare that request as opposed to the one that we have here so that we can better understand, maybe?

Nick Hermann: I can, I guess I'm just a little confused on how to prepare that request. If I could meet with someone or talk about how we'd want to shift this around or do this.

Councilmember Goebel: Perhaps Mr. Ahlers...

Jeff Ahlers: I guess, technically, the Council rules are that we go through the Job Study. But if they don't want to have a Job Study meeting, by statute, the County Council is the final authority. And I suppose the cleanest way to do it, if you don't want to have a Job Study meeting, would be for Council, for the sake of addressing its rules, would suspend the rule that it have to go before the job committee and then Council would just need to take up and approve upon submission of the paperwork to change the position from part-time to full-time. I mean, County Council ultimately can do whatever it wants regardless of Job Study. Job Study is just a recommending body, kind of like Area Plan is for zonings. Ultimately, this body can do whatever it wants. But for the sake of clarity so you don't get everybody doing this, you probably ought to have some kind of motion saying what the circumstances are that would warrant you not having a Job Study meeting. If the Council does not want to waive that requirement, then you're right back to where you were, either it doesn't occur or you have to have a Job Study meeting. But that would be the way that I would address it.

Councilmember Goebel: I think the Job Study, the direction taking, if it's going to be a revenue neutral or cost effective or not cost the general fund any more as far as permanent pay raises, that we might be able to consider those. My question is, if we fill the position now and it's \$5,317 more this year, next year, in the line item, will we be picking that up or will you continue to pick that up permanently?

Nick Hermann: Well, I mean, we can do it as a cost saving thing. I mean, we can eliminate another position and move into this. We're on the criminal side, we're hurting for attorneys. I mean, we continue to see more cases go to court, we continue to see more serious cases. Our case filings in the last year, you saw, I don't know that I have the numbers in front of me, I believe that A felonies went up a third, the B and C felonies went up 22 and 23 percent. So we're seeing more serious cases come before us. More serious cases mean more time, greater likelihood of trial, those types of things. This is an area that we need to address even if it means that we have to cut back in other areas. On the criminal side, it's an attorney situation, I mean, you can't get anything done without them.

President Shetler: Truthfully, I think I look at this circumstance a little different than I would see the typical Job Study applicant. I think what we're seeing there is that you're requesting that the position's responsibilities have changed from being a COMOT III to now a COMOT VI, for example. And in this case, what you're really requesting or what you're saying is, I think it's appropriate for this body in itself, and that you're basically saying, you know, I've had a part-time person in the past, he's retiring and gone, I really have got to have a full-time person. And the economics of that position, I guess is up to you, Mr. Prosecutor, to plead that case. But, I guess, and some questions that I had on it, I didn't really track those numbers, the case numbers as well, and so I'd like to know that and get that down. And then, I guess, the other questions I had, you know, like your part-time prosecutors, are they paid health insurance?

Nick Hermann: They are.

President Shetler: And their salary, generally speaking, and then what a full-time prosecutor would cost you in salary, and then, of course, they get the benefit of health insurance and some other things. So trying to put that on some kind of economic basis there –

Nick Hermann: The insurance is the same for both. In this situation, it's somebody that had a full family plan. Normally, when we hire in at a lower level, it's a lower level health plan. The difference in salaries is that \$5,317.

President Shetler: So that \$5,300, if you hire a single guy, could be easily made up, I guess. I mean, not suggesting that you do that, I'm just saying that – okay, yes, Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Would you consider a trade? Eliminating an additional part-time in lieu of granting a full-time?

Nick Hermann: Well, what I would like is –

Councilmember Raben: So you would lose this position that's vacant, along with another part-time and we would consider a full-time.

Nick Hermann: What I would like the Council to do is, whether you do it now or in the future, move this from part-time to a full-time position, and tell me how much money you want me to save the county. And then once we save the county that money, we fill the position.

Councilmember Raben: Give me those numbers again. You said a part-time can handle how many cases?

Nick Hermann: It depends. It depends on what types of cases we give them. I want to say that this particular one probably handled 20 - 25 tops, a year.

President Shetler: A year?

Nick Hermann: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: 300...

Nick Hermann: Our highest full-time attorney closed 350 or so felony cases last year.

President Shetler: So that's like 30 a month.

Councilmember Raben: If we eliminate another like part-time where we're benefitting 40 cases a year, --

Nick Hermann: You could, but we don't have any like part-time people. Our other part-time people, one of them handles I think three or four misdemeanor sessions a week, including the weekends. One of them handles the entire load of juvenile court, despite the fact that the other side has a full-time and two part-time people. You know, it's not an apples to apples thing. I think from a cost effective standpoint, this Council is better off with full-time people down in the office as opposed to part-time. But we don't have any like attorneys. Bob had been with our office since I think the mid-70's. He handled murder cases, handled very high level cases, so I

don't think it's fair to say it's a quantity thing. I mean, he handled some very tough cases and so it's not an apples to apples thing. We don't use them for the volume in this circumstance. We do in the juvenile court, we do in the misdemeanor.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible – microphone turned off)

Nick Hermann: If we do that, we could only do that the portion of their time that was spent collecting child support because we wouldn't survive an audit if we kept them in criminal court. I mean, we could move this position down there, but to do that, we'd have to move one of the positions out of there and that would cost you money.

Councilmember Raben: So there's no other funding outside of child support?

Nick Hermann: I believe that we can find some funding in some things that the Council has already approved to spend out of other departments that possibly could be paid on behalf of child support. For example, the technology side, some of those things, I think we could find some cost savings there. What that would take would be either us getting a bill and paying it out of child support or transferring those funds and then repealing from the IT world.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I like where we're going with that. I think it might be appropriate to come back to this. I know there's some more questions, but I think we probably need to give you time to compile some information and provide it to us, and then possibly come back to us in May with this.

Councilmember Goebel: Will we need to have a Job Study to create the full-time over the part-time? Or can we do it right here?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone turned off)

Jeff Ahlers: Is your question today or in May?

Councilmember Goebel: In May, I don't think we're prepared today.

Jeff Ahlers: In May, technically, yes, but I think what we need to do, is we'd need to suspend the rules to make sure that it's clear why we're doing it. But, I mean, ultimately yes, statutorily, Council has that authority.

President Shetler: Councilman Swaim had a question.

Councilmember Swaim: Yes, Mr. Prosecutor, does the piling on of more ethical restrictions such as the experience by Mr. Zoss, I mean, is that going to be problematic for you, for part-timers if you have to replace one somewhere down the line? It seemed like that's a no-end deal there.

Nick Hermann: The tough thing with Mr. Zoss's particular category was the type of work that he does, you know, divorces are contentious, and if you're going to get a complaint filed, you're going to get a complaint filed in a divorce case. And so, while I can't speak directly to his case because it's pending, I think that the disciplinary commission is trying to make a point here, I think where they're going with this is, unfortunately, I think they're trying to eliminate these positions which may make it different in the future. The rest of our part-timers are in different areas of practice where I wouldn't expect to see those types of complaints, however, until the disciplinary commission rules in probably the end of April or early May, we're not really going to know.

President Shetler: When is this position going to become vacant?

Nick Hermann: It became vacant about two weeks ago.

President Shetler: Past tense. So do you need a part-time person now?

Nick Hermann: Need is an operative word. What my goal is, and what I'm asking for is, I'm asking for a way to get to this full-time. So if you're asking, do I need a temporary part-time for a month or two? The answer is no.

President Shetler: So the person that you...let me, I guess, if you were to hire a part-time person, would you hire that part-time person with it in mind that that could potentially become a full-time position for that person?

Nick Hermann: I don't know –

President Shetler: It's kind of talking about a different –

Nick Hermann: I don't know that I'd feel right offering somebody a job and saying that the pay is going to go up or it might go up, or, you know, I don't know. That is a possibility. It's something I hadn't really considered. I've been trying to figure out how to maneuver through –

President Shetler: I guess where I'm coming from, I would like to see a little bit more of the financial plan on it. I'm inclined – I know that it's a tough situation there at the moment, in your office. I'm inclined to agree with, you know, even the full-time position, but I don't think we have enough information to make that decision today. I think we're talking about kind of two different personalities that would be occupying those positions depending on which way you go. So I'm a little reluctant, you know, but if you're in a real need, then that's where I'm coming from.

Nick Hermann: I mean, I guess it would be possible if the Council were to allow us to fill that now, that we would interview people with the expectation and hope of bumping that to a full-time with this recent case against Bob. You know, there aren't going to be a lot of people that want to practice law on the side and do this part-time without knowing what those ethical implications are going to be.

President Shetler: Alright, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I move that we postpone or deny today, get the paperwork together and bring it back at the next personnel meeting because I think that there's a general sense that this might be a good move.

President Shetler: Alright, so we'll table, I don't know if we need to act on, unless –

Councilmember Terry: I have one question, in terms of the Job Study and since we have time and it seems like you're open to waiting, how soon would a Job Study be possible for this?

Councilmember Goebel: We could call one...in two weeks. If we should go that route we can or we can suspend for this case, yeah.

President Shetler: And it's really your pleasure. I mean, I can honestly justify the fact that we would not do that because we are simply taking a request to upgrade a position, from part-time to full-time, but we are not changing the responsibilities of

that office per se or that position.

Councilmember Goebel: There may be a couple more --

President Shetler: It's your call.

Councilmember Goebel: -- situations where we have a wash as far as the cost, but I think there are some pending Job Study issues so I think -- I'll get with Sandie and maybe we'll convene.

Councilmember Terry: Thanks.

Nick Hermann: And what I'll do is, I'll sit down with Joe if he'd meet with me and go through some of these numbers and try and put a presentation together and then get that out to the Councilmembers.

President Shetler: And I'm more than happy to meet with you, Nick, on it, to go through the numbers and see what we can do.

Nick Hermann: Alright, great. Thank you.

VETERANS SERVICE REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Next is the Veterans. Paul? Third time's a charm or is this the fifth time or sixth time?

Paul Dupont: I'm Paul Dupont, if you don't know. I know you're filling full-time positions but you're asking for the one and a half percent cut and there's no way our office can come up with anything like that. The only thing I can think of that we might have a surplus in is the burial benefit fund and I have no idea how that -- because whatever is left over goes back to the general fund but I'd hate to tell some veteran he can't get the burial money because we ran out of money.

President Shetler: Right.

Paul Dupont: And we're asking for full-time, I'll change that to ask for a part-time position. Hopefully, within -- I just don't want the budget changed for the full-time position, to take it out and make it part-time. I'd like that left in and then maybe in, I don't know if it's going to be a year or two, whenever it's possible to make that a full-time position, I'd like to make that a full-time position.

President Shetler: Alright, the request then is for a part-time person and that would be how many hours a week?

Paul Dupont: Well, I mean, according to the handbook, anything under 40 hours is considered part-time, but it's up to you guys to come up with how many hours and what salary you want to pay. I believe the secretary position is like \$22,451. Now, I know you said something about maybe raising the salary for a part-time --

President Shetler: The hourly wage is a possibility, yes.

Paul Dupont: I mean, we could hire somebody for 39 hours and take 39, however many hours and divide it into the 22,000, or we could set like 32 hours and then -- it just depends on how you want to do it. Do you want me to take 32 hours a week and divide it in to this secretary salary and come up with that figure? That would

probably be about 13 and a half. I mean, whatever you guys – do you want me to try to –

Councilmember Raben: A recommendation here. I mean, generally, part-time employees come in at the range of 8 - 8.50, you know, possibly, let's look for something around 9 or 9.50. I think 13 is getting up there for part-time help.

Paul Dupont: The only reason I brought that up is because somebody on this Council said that, you know, to make it a little higher in order to get somebody.

Councilmember Raben: I think the highest we have within the county, and that might be within Nick's office, or do you have part-time? I thought at one time, it was like 11.50 an hour something like that, I think is as high as we've got. If Sandie were here, she might be able to answer that.

Nick Hermann: I think we have someone in Adult Protective Services and I think it may be 13 or 14, but it was to do away with the full-time and was done prior to my time. Maybe Sandie would know.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Is that an attorney, is that part-time position an attorney?

Nick Hermann: No, that was a case worker.

(Inaudible – several comments made away from microphone)

Councilmember Raben: Let's allow up to \$10.

President Shetler: I was going to suggest 10, and up to 30 hours a week.

Councilmember Raben: And Paul, we'll need –

Paul Dupont: If you could, could you make it 32? That would make it four full days and we could – would that be alright with you guys?

Councilmember Raben: And Paul, what we'll need you to do next month, put in a transfer request from that full-time line item into part-time and it will be – you'll be transferring into your 1990 – well, you don't have one in place, it will be creating a new extra help line item or part-time line item.

Joe Gries: Councilman Raben? Sorry. Mr. Dupont, if you'll contact the Auditor's office, we'll get that new line number for you and help you with that.

Paul Dupont: Okay, appreciate it.

President Shetler: So you really cannot hire anyone until after that part is done, though.

Paul Dupont: Okay.

President Shetler: Because there's not any money to pay them in the appropriate line until –

Paul Dupont: Okay.

President Shetler: It's just a procedural thing that we'll –

Paul Dupont: I mean, would it be possible to start interviewing people, then?

President Shetler: Yes, it is. Yeah, depending on our vote this morning, which it looks pretty optimistic. Alright, do I have a motion for approval of up to \$10 an hour, 32 hours a week?

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions about that? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

Paul Dupont: Thank you very much, appreciate it.

President Shetler: Sorry it's taken so long.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REQUEST TO FILL PART-TIME VACANCIES
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President Shetler: Okay, next is Cooperative Extension, 4-H part-time help.

Randy Brown: We've reduced that number. Last year we had four people that worked for us during the summer. One of those folks would be returning and we're asking for two more. So it will be a total of three. There would be one less than we had last summer. And again, as I mentioned the last time I was here, these people are just paid minimum wage.

President Shetler: Alright, do I have any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES
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Eric Williams: Good morning. Let me have it.

President Shetler: I'm just glad you protected my backside the other day.

Eric Williams: No problem.

President Shetler: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move that we approve the request with the exception of the two Clerks, which are 1051-1130-0338 and 1050-1130-0232.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, I assume Jim worked that out with you before this meeting. You've talked about it.

Councilmember Raben: The Clerks don't become available until June anyway. I may have had my mic off. Approve everything except 1051-1130-0338 and 1050-1130-0232.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I'll second that. That was in a motion, wasn't it, Jim? That was in a motion, right? I'll second it.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions about the motion?

Eric Williams: Just to answer your question, yes, I speak frequently with my liaison. We talk quite a bit about the issues that are going on and where we need to be and what it's going to take to get things moving. I would also share with you that when I present those numbers, if I know in advance that I'm going to have openings, I try to get those on that list so you have an idea. That's why I put those dates out there so you'd know when the openings are expected to occur and what my earliest time line to fill might be. And most of it is for your information.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

Councilmember Raben: And having sat in contract negotiations with the Correction Officers, the major point of real frustration in getting that contract negotiated was these vacant openings for Correction Officers and not being able to take requested vacation times and what have you. And we're spending it out in overtime two-fold anyway.

Eric Williams: And you are correct, and it's also just for a point of clarification, or historical perspective, I also have seven CO openings that aren't listed here that have been approved to be filled, historically, and they've been open for over 18 months, because the Sheriff's office had picked those positions up out of our user fee account through Community Corrections. But like so many of the others, these user fee accounts that are driven by the inmate population, those can't support those positions anymore. And the Council's position was, I can fill those when user fees are in a position to support those again. Which is fine, however, those numbers of Confinement Officers are also factored into the minimum staffing requirements of the contract. So while, yes, we're surviving that, they are affecting the minimum staffing requirements that are forcing us to use overtime. So when we have these kinds of numbers in the general fund and the misdemeanor housing budgets, it creates this

situation; to meet the contract, we're using a lot of overtime.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question. Sheriff, so in the end, am I hearing you say that we're actually going to save some money because we're not having to use the overtime?

Eric Williams: No.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I was just hoping.

Eric Williams: No, it may make it easier and better. I mean, we've got turnover in the jail. It's a natural thing and I take some pride in that. It's a great place to work, it's a good job, but we train people very well and they become very attractive candidates for not only the Sheriff Deputies, but other police agencies around the area, so we do have some turnover in that environment. While they're in turnover, we've got transition, so we've got that downtime. We're always going to be using some overtime. Some overtime is accrued because of the nature of the contract and holiday pay. You know, it's kind of like Vegas down there. Work 24/7 and you don't know what day or time it is when you're inside the jail. But it may make it a little better, but I can't sit here and promise you that we're going to save an extreme amount of overtime at this point in time because of this. If at some point in time I can get those user fee positions back in place and get back to where we were designed and staffed to run that facility, that will make a difference, but as long as we're going to be seven short, you know, that's basically two off each shift that are gone, that are already counting against that minimum staffing requirement in the contract.

Councilmember Raben: And that minimum requirement is 16, is that –

Eric Williams: Depends on the shift, but generally, I have to start the shift with 16 people.

President Shetler: And I might just say, the Sheriff has been very prudent. While we still have the same staffing numbers of Deputies and Correctional Officers and etcetera on paper, he's very good at holding off on vacancies for a period of time to fill those at – all at one time so that we can send people to school and get their education and get their things done that need to be done, as far as qualifying them as Deputies, etcetera, and by doing that, I don't know if it averages out to a net savings of one position a year or two or –

Eric Williams: Actually, last year, if it was just FTE's, full-time equivalent people, it averaged over four people that we saved through the course of the year by staging and hiring guides. So while I didn't on paper reduce my staffing by four, the salaries were saved by four people.

President Shetler: Alright, yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Thanks for working with us, Sheriff.

Eric Williams: It's alright. And I recognize and I've got the numbers, but I'll send those to you. You know, we've already done all of our estimates because that number that you talk about when you talk about that unexpected expenditure usually comes out of my office, I recognize that, in the form of fuel, food, inmate medical and overtime. And we've got most of those numbers and if there's one bright spot in there, we do look like we'll make it on medical if nothing happens in the jail. We're on track to meeting budget now, which is unusual. I can't say the same for the

others.

Councilmember Swaim: Speaking of fuel, do you have a Plan B, with the prospect of higher gas prices this summer? How far out are your fuel prices locked in?

Eric Williams: Actually, we're in pretty good shape now, we're getting ready to under take what I would consider a significant change in the way we allocate fuel to the troops and how they use it, which I think will make a significant reduction in the amount of fuel that we use. The cost is locked in until 12/31 of this year and right now I believe the price is \$3.21 a gallon. So we're in pretty good shape compared to everybody else. The unknown is 2013. I've initiated conversations with purchasing, our current fuel vendor and the Evansville Police Department, to see if we could begin negotiations on getting the prices locked in for 2013. Even if that price is a little higher, it sure makes it a lot easier to budget if you know what the dollar is going to cost you for the year.

Councilmember Swaim: How are you going to go about reallocating? Give us a –

Eric Williams: We've been monitoring fuel usage across the board from all of our areas and divisions, and everybody that uses fuel coming up. And we're finding some places where there may be some excessive use/under use and we're basically going to set a threshold that says this is what we expect you to be able to burn to do your job, and if you go over that, we're going to talk to you to make sure you're not, you know, driving more than you need to or letting your car idle longer than it should be. There are times when guys go way over because they've made transports to Michigan City two or three times in a week or in a month. But we're going to watch that from a different perspective as opposed to the dollars spent to the gallons used per person.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you. I'm not sure I'd know anything about that Michigan City trip.

Eric Williams: You've made it a few times, I'm sure.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: This is way off the subject, but kind of on it, natural gas, it seems like we have a glut or at least an ample supply of natural gas. Is there any movement along government vehicles to go in that direction?

Eric Williams: We actually equipped a few of our – we converted them to natural gas burning vehicles, oh, it's been several years ago, and found that the maintenance and performance was not on par and that the actual cost of it, it's kind of like a lot of the other things: when the price of the hybrid comes down a little bit more, you might be able to cost justify the expense of the increased cost of the actual vehicle to purchase. And the same thing is true in the natural gas. We think that there will be a point in time when they've developed a vehicle that's cost effective to purchase and actually runs the way it should and it doesn't spend more time in the shop than on the street. And that was our findings. We have seen studies where other people found them to be very effective.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, Sheriff. Alright, any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: Well, the conversion to natural gas is a huge expense.

Eric Williams: Yeah, and we got a really good deal on that. We got a really, really good deal when we did it as a test. It didn't cost us anything to do. It cost us to get rid of it, but...

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions? We have a motion and a second. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

Eric Williams: Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK PART-TIME SALARIES

President Shetler: Next is Burdette Park. Steve?

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, manager of Burdette.

President Shetler: Alright, do I have any questions of...Jim?

Councilmember Raben: I do have a question...

President Shetler: Anybody else have any questions or comments for Mr. Craig? Councilmember Raben, do you need to get a....Okay, Councilman Raben, are you finished? Alright, there are no questions? Anybody want to make a motion for approval?

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: You're basically asking for that schedule of park time –

Steve Craig: It's about the bonuses and that of the day camp, the swimming pool and that, as stated from 2011.

Councilmember Raben: Sandie, could we pass out those amendments to the salary ordinance so everyone has a copy? I've got an extra one here... it's on page 4. It's pretty much the schedule that was provided a couple of months ago, right?

Steve Craig: Correct, it passed, the one where we made changes for the aquatic center, and at that time they had asked to take another look at the way the salary ordinance had been set up for Burdette from 2011, and I didn't know if there had been any changes made or not. I had not been told.

Councilmember Raben: Alright. No other questions?

President Shetler: I have a motion on the floor from Councilman Swaim.

Councilmember Raben: Well, actually, we'll be approving this through the salary ordinance amendments, so we really don't need to – I don't think we need to vote on this at this point, although we can.

President Shetler: Point well taken.

Councilmember Swaim: I'll withdraw (inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Shetler: Okay, we'll pass that through the amendment on the salary ordinance coming up.

Steve Craig: Could I have a copy of it so I can see what you guys are talking about? I haven't seen it myself.

President Shetler: Yes.

Steve Craig: Thank you.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRAVEL REQUESTS
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President Shetler: Okay, we have one travel request from the Health Department or three, I'm sorry. Dr. Ray?

Ray Nicholson: Ray Nicholson, Health officer for Vanderburgh County. Anybody have any questions on these?

President Shetler: Anyone have any questions on travel requests from the Health department? Okay, no questions? Motion for approval, then, would be in order.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve, Mr. President.

President Shetler: It's been moved.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: And seconded. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Ray Nicholson: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, Councilman Raben, amendments to the salary ordinance.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, because there is six pages of

amendments, I'm not going to read through these, I am going to ask that they be made part of the minutes. But I do need to go through and we need to make some corrections. First, on page one, under County Clerk, the first paragraph or the first position be stricken from the amendment. Remember, we approved two of the three positions, that first one 1010-1410 is the one that we did not approve. So cross that out. Under page two, under Veterans Services, change it from \$9 per hour to up to \$10 per hour. On page three –

President Shetler: And also the stipulation of 32 hours max a week.

Councilmember Raben: And with the stipulation of 32 hours per week max, yes. On page three, under Sheriff, the first item 1050-232 remove that from the salary ordinance. Under Jail 1051-0338 strike that from the list as well. That's the last item or items under Jail. And the only other correction is what is on page 6, the Assessor, remove that from the Salary Ordinance Amendments.

President Shetler: Councilman, the Prosecutor.

Councilmember Raben: What did I miss there?

President Shetler: Page three, Prosecutor.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I am corrected. Also, strike from the list the Prosecutor's request. And with that, I move that all other items be approved as listed.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ON-LINE PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

President Shetler: Next is public comment. Yes?

Councilmember Goebel: We were going to get out of here early today, Rick.

Rick Davis: I'll make it very quick. I'm just up here for a public service announcement to the folks who are watching at home. Last Thursday, the Vanderburgh County Treasurer's office put property tax information on-line, and people can now pay their property taxes by visiting our website, vanderburghtreasurer.org. You can pay with a debit or credit card immediately, but there is a 2.75 percent convenience fee, and that convenience fee goes to the software developer, it does not go to the county. You can also pay with an electronic

check called an e-check, and that's a \$3 fee, a flat fee no matter what your cost is. It's very convenient. Putting these bills on-line gave taxpayers 43 days advance notice, which I think is very commendable to the Assessor's office, the Auditor's office, and the Treasurer's office, all three. And if you have any questions about payment options, if you're delinquent on previous payments and you would like to call our office and set up a payment plan, call 435-5248. If anyone at home has questions about the assessed value of their home, if they think it's assessed too high, you can call the Assessor's office at 435-5530, and if you have any questions about exemptions, if you see an exemption when you do get your bill in the mail, which it will be about another week before the bills are actually mailed, call the Auditor's office at 435-5293. And I invite any of the Councilmembers, if you want to come down and check out our folder, inserter equipment, or our printer to see how we actually do this, you're more than welcome to visit. It's pretty impressive, I might say. And that's all I have for my public service announcement for the day.

President Shetler: Alright, it sounds impressive, folding and stuffing.

Councilmember Raben: Job well done.

Rick Davis: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Rick, the appeal process, (inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Rick Davis: That is a question for the Assessor. I believe that – Joe, do you know, by any chance?

Joe Gries: The 45 days to appeal your property taxes, I believe starts from the postmark that the Treasurer sends out those bills. So the date on the postmark, you have 45 days from that time, that date.

Rick Davis: Well, it depends on when the postoffice actually puts the postmark on our envelope and then that appeal period begins at that moment, by state law. Thank you for the reminder, Joe.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Rick Davis: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. No other –

RELOCATING DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE OFFICE
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Deloris Koch: If I may, I don't want to hold you up, but I was hoping to be able to talk with you about the – we talked about moving our office last year. I provided everyone with a copy of that estimate that I sent to all the members last fall. I've yet to have any kind of ruling from the Council or the Commission on whether we are still considering a move. I'd like to have some say so one way or the other.

President Shetler: Well, today, we basically approved staying where you are. I mean, we paid the rent for the next six months.

Deloris Koch: For the rest of the year. So the idea of moving is off the table?

Councilmember Raben: I thought we were still looking at moving to the Old

Courthouse.

Deloris Koch: That was the estimate that I – I sent out copies last fall to all the members, I didn't know if you'd still have those, so I provided one today. It's quite a large sum to remodel that space. And our rent would be more each month on top of that.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone turned off)

Deloris Koch: My suggestion was to let us stay where we are.

Councilmember Raben: That was my fear initially, I didn't see this among the piles of paper on our desks until now, but with that being said, you're correct. We wouldn't want to – that was my fear initially, that it was going to cost us a great deal to renovate that old space.

Deloris Koch: That space is very rough.

Councilmember Raben: But what we do need to do is have the Building Commissioner keep an open ear to any offices that are already in that facility where someone may be vacating that we can move in without that expense of renovation and what have you. So for the time being, I'd say we stay where we're at with hopes that the next tenant that moves out, we can move in.

President Shetler: I might just, with our Sheriff being here, is there any room at the current, you know, your facility out there for them? Because I know that we're looking at Sherman Greer's group coming out there and stuff, perhaps in the future and I guess we're going to have to do some build out for that.

Eric Williams: Are you referring to the county jail or the command post? I think the county jail. You know, without knowing their space requirements, yes, you approved some money that the Building Authority could spend to have an architect and engineer come and take a look at the unimproved space that exists out there for purposes of creating a city/county disaster recovery which would also serve as an EMA office space, so that we could get EMA out of that leased space on Stanley Avenue and reduce those costs. There is other space up there, but I don't know how suitable it would be to what they do. I don't really even know what they do, so I'd have to spend some time talking to them, but you know, obviously, we're game for just about anything if it makes sense.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Where they have folks walking through from the public –

Eric Williams: We have a very specific clientele in our building.

Councilmember Raben: It would be very tough to get through security points and stuff within that facility, anyway.

Deloris Koch: I would say that remaining in the downtown area since I'm in court every day would be very helpful.

President Shetler: I guess the point is that we just, you know, I think we have a temporary fix here but as far as staying where you are permanently, I'd say no, I think we need to keep an open mind, any county properties, we just have too much

property out there that is vacant, that we need to occupy and get out of the private hands as much as we possibly can. So today it's not working but someday in the future there may be some consolidation of offices in the old court building or some other building that we have, that it may be a viable alternative to move. But, Councilman Goebel, did you have –

Councilmember Goebel: No, I just wanted to know if Deloris likes staying in limbo. Deloris Koch: I don't like being in limbo. But we're good to the end of the year and if there is a space that's appropriate for us, that I certainly would consider a move, yeah. I don't object to that idea, preferably in the downtown area.

President Shetler: Right, I understand. Anybody else, any other comments? Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, we still have the unresolved Soil & Water. And I'll follow your lead on that, Mr. President, where Sandie handed me a note that there was no one – or Sarah, that there was not any Commissioners next door. There is their administrative assistant, but she is not familiar enough with the Soil & Water Conservation District. But it is my understanding, it's a one person show, so I don't know how critical it is that that position be filled. According to what the administrative assistant told Sarah, that the person in place retired with very little notice or no notice, so again, I'll follow your lead on this one, Mr. President.

Councilmember Terry: We just approved it, didn't we? In the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: That's right, we did, I guess. Okay, well, never mind. Okay.

President Shetler: Alright, if nothing else to come before us, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Shetler: Thank you very much. I'll see you later this month.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Tom Shetler

Vice President James Raben

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MAY 2, 2012**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd 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 Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good morning, it's May the 2nd and time for the County Council meeting, a little bit after – about 8:30, and I'd like, first of all, to ask the clerk to call for the roll.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
President Shetler	X	

President Shetler: There being seven members present, we have a quorum and I'd like to ask all the guys there in brown uniform if they would please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Shetler: Thank you, gentlemen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES APRIL 2, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 4, 2012 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
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President Shetler: At this time, a motion for approval of the minutes would be in order for April the 2nd and April the 4th. One was a special meeting.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Do I have any questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Next is the appropriation ordinance, but before we get into that, though, just to kind of bring a little bit of an update on some finances, and I'm going to use the board here just a little bit. A couple of things that I need to point out is that on January the first of 2009, we had a cash balance at the beginning of the year of about 10 million dollars to start the year off. This year on January first, 2012, we had four million dollars. We're operating off those cash reserves and those balances and we're shrinking those down. That's typically a sign of a company who has some problems going on, particularly with some cash and resources coming in. Right now, we are spending, our budget is projected to spend at basically 65.2 million dollars this year, so if you take the 65.2 million dollars, that's what we are spending at that rate today. Now we have an income stream that's coming in at about 63.2 million dollars. We funded a million and a half of that, if you recall, by taking it out of reserve funds. Nine hundred thousand dollars is what we generally, historically, have had to put back in because of overtime, because of health issues at the jail, because of food, a variety of different reasons, fuel, different departments that come in at the end of the year that we need to make up for. That's usually about \$900,000. And then we short funded, not by our means, we had placed in the fund a million and a half, figuring that our circuit breaker would hit and we would need about another million and a half that would come out and that ended up being two million dollars that we end up being over our caps on. So that was another almost a half million dollars or a little over a half million dollars. So all total, we are running three million dollars short on cash this year compared to what our budget is. So it's running at 62.2 million, is our revenue source. That leaves us a shortfall of three million dollars. God was good to us. A month ago He enlightened the Governor and some people up at the state house and said, hey guys, check those books again, I think there's some money for you. And they sent us a check down here, and we got about three million dollars. So the slate is clean and we're in good shape as far as this year is concerned. We kind of balanced the books when you get down to it. The question is next year, and we really don't know the answer to that question until August. And therein lies where I have an issue and a problem, and I don't play golf, but I guess the analogy I would give is, we're a little bit out of the woods, but we're still in the rough. And it's going to take a miracle shot like Watson had in order for us to balance the books again next year. Because if everything stays the same, everything stays the same, we have a budget next year of expending 65.2 million dollars. And if our revenues don't increase another three million dollars, we will be that much in the hole and I honestly don't know exactly where that money is going to come from just yet. By August, we'll have clearer picture. That's why I think, particularly, a couple of these issues today, that we need to look seriously at putting them off until August, when we have a clearer picture, because I don't think the picture is there for us today. The numbers to get us three million dollars, again, is that we borrowed a million and a half out of our reserve funds, 900 thousand dollars for the end of the year, and the 600,000 dollars that roughly we were under funded on the circuit breaker. So if you add all that together, next year, if everything stays the same, no inflation, no raises, no fuel increases, no medical health insurance cost increases – which we know is probably not likely – then we're going to be about three million dollars short. So I ask you all to consider that today as we look at least at one particular issue, but as every issue that we look at, because we are not out of the woods yet. We still have a ways to go to make sure that we balance our budget and get back to something where we've got some monies available. And if we have any catastrophic incidences at all, I don't know where we're going to come up with the money to pay for that, and that concerns me. So with that, I'll turn it over to Councilman Raben -- or questions or points? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: If I may, one, I don't think the deity got involved in finding that money. I think mistakes came at the state house and we're getting back our fair

share. But we are fortunate that it worked this way. While we're going through the budget process and thinking about it, we've gone through headache after headache after headache, when different officeholders come before us and department heads, as far as filling positions. I agree, we maintain the hiring freeze, however, just food for thought maybe for next year, how to handle it. Instead of department heads coming to us and asking if they can fill an empty spot or a vacated seat, perhaps we throw it back like we proposed back on April 2nd, or actually you did, Tom, that we put an across the board cut per department and allow the department heads, if the position is there and it's budgeted for, maybe we could think about it along those lines, and give them, at budget time, a mandatory reduction and let them work it out. Because right now, a department head may come before us and ask to fill a position, they've done their job, they're representing their department, they win. If we fill it, they win. If they don't fill it, we're the bad guys in the situation. Let's maybe work, and I think every person I've talked to would rather have an across the board cut to balance the budget and let them work within their own department. Just a consideration. I don't know if we have time right now, but it will be upon us before you know it.

President Shetler: No, I think that could be one remedy for the dilemma, the problem that we have facing us. So I appreciate that. Anything else? Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Nothing other than Ross Perot would have been proud of you today.

President Shetler: Well, twenty percent is better than nothing, I guess. Alright, appropriation ordinance.

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: First on the agenda under Sheriff's office is the adjustments to the new contract for deputies in the amount of \$109,088. We also have a repeal later on the agenda in the amount of, I believe it was \$127,000...123,000. We'll pick up the repeal later on in the meeting, but I'll move approval of the 109,088.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Any questions about the motion or questions for the Sheriff? The only comment that I might make is to inform everyone and I'm sure you know and understand that the annual cost of this is \$264,000, so I think there's about 85 deputies that will be basically positively affected by it. About 19 or 20 that basically their positions are being frozen, but in essence we're talking about a 5 percent increase on an average for those 85 positions. So again, I've consistently had to say no to a lot of people filling positions and ask people to do more with less. I have a tremendous amount of respect for our deputies, the work they do protecting my family and all our families and the taxpayers, and I greatly appreciate it, but for me personally, being consistent, knowing where we are financially today, not knowing where we're going to be in three or four months, I would prefer that we put this off until August when we have a clearer picture of what is ahead of us as far as our finances. So anyway, I will be voting no and it's because of those reasons. But anybody else have any comments or questions? If not, we'll take a roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Before I vote, I do share some of the same concerns that Councilman Shetler has advised us of. But keeping in mind that we are actually approving this year and we know that the money has been found for this year. We do appreciate that. I'm going to put it on the Sheriff and your department to come back to us in future years to also find the funds for the future years of this contract because this body – in my limited time on here – I've learned that we are doing this on a year by year basis. And so, if this money has been found this year, then I challenge you to find that money in future years so that we can continue to fund this contract. And with that caveat, I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: I'm going to have to vote no, it's being consistent with my philosophy and where I think we are financially. But again, I have the greatest admiration for the job that they do, and I know that they put their lives on the line every day when they're out there working and I appreciate that. But there being six ayes and one nay, the motion carries.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0002	Major	1,038.00	1,038.00
1050-1130-0003	Deputy Sheriff	893.00	893.00
1050-1130-0004	Lieutenant	3,384.00	3,384.00
1050-1130-0005	Lieutenant	3,107.00	3,107.00
1050-1130-0006	Lieutenant	3,445.00	3,445.00
1050-1130-0007	Lieutenant	4,060.00	4,060.00
1050-1130-0008	Lieutenant	4,060.00	4,060.00
1050-1130-0009	Sergeant	1,923.00	1,923.00

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1050-1130-0010	Sergeant	3,092.00	3,092.00
1050-1130-0011	Sergeant	1,585.00	1,585.00
1050-1130-0012	Lieutenant	3,107.00	3,107.00
1050-1130-0013	Sergeant	2,815.00	2,815.00
1050-1130-0014	Sergeant	2,200.00	2,200.00
1050-1130-0015	Lieutenant	4,060.00	4,060.00
1050-1130-0016	Sergeant	1,585.00	1,585.00
1050-1130-0017	Deputy Sheriff	439.00	439.00
1050-1130-0018	Sergeant	1,585.00	1,585.00
1050-1130-0019	Lieutenant	4,060.00	4,060.00
1050-1130-0020	Sergeant	1,585.00	1,585.00
1050-1130-0021	Sergeant	2,200.00	2,200.00
1050-1130-0022	Sergeant	1,888.00	1,888.00
1050-1130-0023	Sergeant	1,862.00	1,862.00
1050-1130-0024	Sergeant	1,166.00	1,166.00
1050-1130-0025	Sergeant	1,923.00	1,923.00
1050-1130-0026	Sergeant	1,585.00	1,585.00
1050-1130-0027	Sergeant	2,200.00	2,200.00
1050-1130-0029	Sergeant	1,585.00	1,585.00
1050-1130-0030	Sergeant	1,585.00	1,585.00
1050-1130-0031	Deputy Sheriff	555.00	555.00
1050-1130-0033	Sergeant	1,166.00	1,166.00
1050-1130-0034	Deputy Sheriff	554.00	554.00
1050-1130-0035	Deputy Sheriff	278.00	278.00
1050-1130-0038	Deputy Sheriff	1,170.00	1,170.00
1050-1130-0040	Deputy Sheriff	519.00	519.00
1050-1130-0042	Deputy Sheriff	278.00	278.00
1050-1130-0043	Deputy Sheriff	555.00	555.00
1050-1130-0044	Deputy Sheriff	555.00	555.00
1050-1130-0046	Sergeant	1,923.00	1,923.00
1050-1130-0049	Deputy Sheriff	893.00	893.00
1050-1130-0050	Deputy Sheriff	555.00	555.00

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1050-1130-0051	Deputy Sheriff	555.00	555.00
1050-1130-0052	Deputy Sheriff	832.00	832.00
1050-1130-0053	Deputy Sheriff	893.00	893.00
1050-1130-0054	Deputy Sheriff	555.00	555.00
1050-1130-0055	Deputy Sheriff	555.00	555.00
1050-1130-0056	Deputy Sheriff	555.00	555.00
1050-1130-0057	Deputy Sheriff	278.00	278.00
1050-1130-0058	Deputy Sheriff	1,785.00	1,785.00
1050-1130-0059	Deputy Sheriff	616.00	616.00
1050-1130-0060	Deputy Sheriff	278.00	278.00
1050-1130-0061	Deputy Sheriff	832.00	832.00
1050-1130-0063	Deputy Sheriff	1,170.00	1,170.00
1050-1130-0064	Deputy Sheriff	616.00	616.00
1050-1130-0065	Deputy Sheriff	1,180.00	1,180.00
1050-1130-0066	Deputy Sheriff	278.00	278.00
1050-1130-0069	Deputy Sheriff	715.00	715.00
1050-1130-0070	Deputy Sheriff	616.00	616.00
1050-1130-0071	Deputy Sheriff	926.00	926.00
1050-1130-0073	Deputy Sheriff	515.00	515.00
1050-1130-0074	Deputy Sheriff	278.00	278.00
1050-1130-0075	Sergeant	1,585.00	1,585.00
1050-1130-0076	Deputy Sheriff	439.00	439.00
1050-1130-0077	Deputy Sheriff	278.00	278.00
1050-1130-0078	Deputy Sheriff	893.00	893.00
1050-1130-0079	Deputy Sheriff	1,072.00	1,072.00
1050-1130-0082	Deputy Sheriff	893.00	893.00
1050-1130-0083	Deputy Sheriff	616.00	616.00
1050-1130-0084	Deputy Sheriff	278.00	278.00
1050-1130-0085	Deputy Sheriff	1,170.00	1,170.00
1050-1130-0086	Deputy Sheriff	823.00	823.00
1050-1130-0087	Deputy Sheriff	1,785.00	1,785.00
1050-1130-0089	Deputy Sheriff	616.00	616.00

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1050-1130-0090	Deputy Sheriff	278.00	278.00
1050-1130-0091	Deputy Sheriff	539.00	539.00
1050-1130-0092	Deputy Sheriff	832.00	832.00
1050-1130-0093	Deputy Sheriff	278.00	278.00
1050-1130-0094	Deputy Sheriff	154.00	154.00
1050-1130-0098	Deputy Sheriff	1,785.00	1,785.00
1050-1130-0099	Deputy Sheriff	278.00	278.00
1050-1130-0101	Deputy Sheriff	420.00	420.00
1050-1130-0102	Deputy Sheriff	278.00	278.00
1050-1130-0104	Deputy Sheriff	277.00	277.00
1050-1130-0114	Major	2,269.00	2,269.00
1050-1130-0227	Major	1,376.00	1,376.00
1050-1130-0228	Lieutenant	2,830.00	2,830.00
Total		109,088.00	109,088.00

(Motion carried 6-1/President Shetler opposed)

PROSECUTOR

President Shetler: The next is Prosecutor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Prosecutor, we have a request for deputy prosecutor, FICA and PERF, in the amount of \$11,862. And I might, probably should have mentioned at the opening of the meeting, last week our Personnel & Finance meeting was cancelled so we've not had an opportunity to really have all of our questions answered, so if anybody has a question please call the officeholder or department head to the stand. And I will do that for the Prosecutor's request.

Nick Hermann: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: I think when we discussed this last month, the request was or it may have even been thrown out there by you that you would find the funding to make up this difference and I want to make sure that that's in place.

Nick Hermann: We have. We found – I thought we were going to be able to save about \$20,000 for the county but we actually were able to find a savings of \$33,402.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and which is what? That savings is from what?

Nick Hermann: The savings is from the IT department. We're in the process of purchasing computers. We talked with the state about our child support incentive funds and they told us that we would be able to pay for the computers going into child support and so obviously we want to do that, so if computer services will send us a bill for the child support costs for computers, we'd be able to pay that and then the Council could do whatever they wanted with that money.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so we'll get that back in what, a repeal of some sort?

Nick Hermann: I would assume that would be how the Council would handle it would be to repeal it out of their budget. We've not received an invoice from the computer services yet, but once they do that, we'll get that paid out of the incentive funds and then the Council can take that up with computer services department, I guess.

Joe Gries: Councilman Raben, sorry to interrupt. The computer services line item is in the Council's budget, I don't know if the repeal would have to maybe come from the Council.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Chairman? Mr. Prosecutor, so when do you anticipate being able to do that repeal?

Nick Hermann: Well, it's not – it wouldn't be on us to do the repeal. As soon as we get an invoice, we can get it paid.

Councilmember Raben: Angela, to Joe's point, the IT budget is in our budget, so we can handle that from our end.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So we'll see that, perhaps, at the next meeting of the Council?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we can. At this point, I don't think we'll actually have to file a repeal, the money will just stay in the unappropriated.

Joe Gries: If it doesn't get spent, it rolls back into the general fund.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you.

Nick Hermann: One stop shopping.

Councilmember Goebel: But you're committed not to spend that money from IT?

Nick Hermann: The IT is going to spend the money. The IT department is going to spend the money and if they will invoice us for the child support portion, we'll be able to reimburse them for that. That's where the savings comes from.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Any other questions? Councilman, did you put that in a motion?

Councilmember Raben: I can. I move that we approve 1080-1060-1080 through 1080-1910 in the amount of \$11,862.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Any other questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes, no nays, the motion carries.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1060-1080	Deputy Prosecutor	10,125.00	10,125.00
1080-1900	FICA	775.00	775.00
1080-1910	PERF	962.00	962.00
Total		11,862.00	11,862.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Next under Assessor, this is an upgrade, it's 1090-1180-1090 and FICA 1090-1900 along with PERF at \$341, for a total of \$4,204. This has been approved through job study. I'll move approval.

President Shetler: We have a motion to approve and –

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: – a second. Do I have any questions? Yes, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Not on this particular job and, Mr. Fluty, you don't need to come up because I'm going to vote yes, but this is a point I'd like to make as well. Requested in the past to see down sizing of personnel in different offices over the past five years, a table perhaps, and the Treasurer's office, I know, has downsized, I believe Mr. Fluty has downsized and added job duties. And the way we operate now, when a department does downsize, there is no real benefit to them over the top of the departments that stay the same, and that's why I think if we make the across the board reduction or demand, let each department find the monies or find the ways to save, then they can fill the spots as they please. But right now, there's really no reward when a department does try to work with us because we ask them to cut, again, and the other departments haven't cut, they're the ones that are coming out ahead, I believe, in that goal. So anyway, I just want to make that point that this

would be fair across the board, I think, if we just had reductions.

President Shetler: No, I agree, and it also gives the opportunity for some to choose to go with part-time to fill some full-time, and they could end up with two or three part-time people that would fill one full-time position and still save 20 or \$30,000, as an example.

Councilmember Goebel: And we'd allow the ownership to remain where it belongs inside the departments. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions, comments? We have a motion and a second? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes.

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1180-1090	Network Supervisor	3,588.00	3,588.00
1090-1900	FICA	275.00	275.00
1090-1910	PERF	341.00	341.00
Total		4,204.00	4,204.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Councilmember Raben: Cooperative Extension contractual services in the amount of \$735. This one has kind of been kicked around like a football back and forth a few times. There is a repeal coming up for the same amount. With that being said, I'll

move that we approve 1230-3530 in the amount of \$735.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions, comments? If not, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven for and none against, the motion carries.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-3530	Contractual Services	735.00	735.00
Total		735.00	735.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that concludes the general fund, now we'll move into Highway, 2010-2230 garage & motor in the amount of \$10,804. There was a rationale supplied with this. This is basically reimbursing the garage & motor fund for an insurance bill for broken pipes that they paid out and I take it that the insurance check has been deposited within the county. And one question, Mike, if you would, was the claim filed against the county or against the vendor that damaged the pipe?

Mike Duckworth: No, it was against the vendor. The vendor caused the damages but the insurance company would not pay for the repair until it was completed, and so we paid it out of our garage & motor account and then they issued the check to us. The check eventually went to the general fund and we're asking for that to be

put back into garage & motor.

Councilmember Goebel: This is a wash then, right?

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: And I make that in the form of a motion if I had not already.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second. Any questions, comments?
Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-2230	Garage & Motor	10,804.00	10,804.00
Total		10,804.00	10,804.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEALS

SHERIFF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Councilmember Raben: That moves us in to the repeals. We have the repeal from the Sheriff that I mentioned earlier in the amount of \$123,000 and the Co-Op

Extension in the amount of \$735. I'll move approval for both items.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: It's been motioned and seconded. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0028	Deputy Sheriff	13,000.00	13,000.00
1050-1130-0032	Deputy Sheriff	23,000.00	23,000.00
1050-1130-0039	Deputy Sheriff	13,000.00	13,000.00
1050-1130-0047	Deputy Sheriff	13,000.00	13,000.00
1050-1130-0062	Deputy Sheriff	13,000.00	13,000.00
1050-1130-0095	Deputy Sheriff	24,000.00	24,000.00
1050-1130-0103	Deputy Sheriff	24,000.00	24,000.00
Total		123,000.00	123,000.00

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-1170-1230	Area Extension Agent	735.00	735.00
Total		735.00	735.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**VETERANS SERVICES
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
HIGHWAY**

Councilmember Raben: Next we have transfers. We have a transfer for Veterans Services, Community Corrections from confinement officers and bookkeeping clerk position to pay overtime in the amount of \$42,700, and County Highway we have a transfer from the garage and motor account in the amount of \$1,200 into the Occu-Med account, which pays their drug testing for \$1,200. I'll move approval of all transfers as listed.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second. Any questions, comments? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

VETERANS SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1270-1130-1270	Clerk/Typist	11,520.00	11,520.00
To: 1270-1990	Extra Help	11,520.00	11,520.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1361-1220-1361	Confinement Officer	5,500.00	5,500.00
1361-1330-1361	Confinement Officer	2,700.00	2,700.00
1361-1340-1361	Confinement Officer	5,500.00	5,500.00
1361-1360-1361	Confinement Officer	5,500.00	5,500.00
1361-1400-1361	Confinement Officer	8,100.00	8,100.00
1361-1420-1361	Confinement Officer	8,200.00	8,200.00
1361-1290-1361	Booking Clerk	7,200.00	7,200.00
To: 1361-1850	Overtime	42,700.00	42,700.00

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-2230	Garage & Motor	1,200.00	1,200.00
To: 2010-3760	Occu/Med	1,200.00	1,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES
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President Shetler: Next is new business. First is the Clerk, request to fill three vacancies, is that correct? Three, or is that...one? Is that one or is that three? It is three? Because we had three a month ago and then we filled two of them. Two more quit? Okay, so one of these is for a person that...

Susan Kirk: Okay, what we're asking Council for today is, I want to fill two out of the three. I don't want to eliminate the third position, the administrative one, I just, right now I think they're holding their own in that department, so I'm requesting to fill two out of the three, but not to eliminate the third one, just let it sit there for a bit until – I don't want to get rid of it. But two out of the three.

Councilmember Terry: I'm sorry, which two was it?

Susan Kirk: You are going to vote on the 1540 line item and 1260, Misdemeanor/Traffic and Circuit/Superior. It's the administrative one that was on the last time, just let that one sit for a bit. Like I said, I don't want it to disappear, but if you could let that sit, and fill these two today, I would appreciate it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions, comments?

Councilmember Goebel: No, just that it's music to our ears, that you're not trying to fill one right now. I appreciate you doing that for us or working with all of us.

Susan Kirk: Well, I thank you, too. I want to save, too. By the way, we don't have all those little trash bags anymore, either. I know you all think that's stupid not to have everybody have a little trash bag that they replace every day, but I hope that Council will look at other places to save money besides always picking on the employees. Okay. And these two people are leaving, by the way – they were reasonably new hires – because they found jobs that paid more.

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

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Looks like it's a unanimous decision. Very good.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES
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President Shetler: Next, Auditor request to fill two vacancies and transfer an employee.

Joe Gries: Good morning. Joe Gries, Vanderburgh County Auditor. I provided Councilmembers with a letter explaining what we're trying to accomplish here in the Auditor's office. We're actually combining two divisions or departments within our office and in doing that, we've went to Job Study and asked that one position level be lowered and one be increased. The Job Study approved that and now we're looking to fill those positions and transfer the one individual into that new higher supervisory position. This actually will save money in our office as well.

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Anybody have any questions or comments? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: There you go, Joe.

Joe Gries: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Prosecutor, request to fill full-time deputy – we just approved it, so it's pretty much a moot point at this point. I don't think you need – Nick, we've already done it.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Shetler: Next is travel requests and we have six of them here, nine if you count the Health department three times. County Clerk, anybody have any questions? Why don't I ask you this way: does anybody have any questions on the County Clerk's at all? If not, we'll go down and then hopefully we can do it in one motion for approval of all. If no questions or comments about that, Auditor. No questions about that. The Assessor?

Councilmember Goebel: I guess, Mr. Fluty, while you're coming up, maybe you could yell it to us, but you have other people in your office taking this training. I think your training is completed now, is that correct?

Bill Fluty: Not quite. I've got one more to take in the fall. But by law, there's some number of Level III's that have to be in our office. We're doing that now, we're having training come to Vanderburgh County. We sent 12 people in April that took training and they'll also be training coming down here in October. But this is a USPAP class and to make sure we make the deadline by 2014. And it's only the shorter – most of them are five days. This one is three days, so it's the least expensive. And this is my chief deputy to get her – to make sure she gets hers on schedule.

Councilmember Goebel: Will you meet the state requirement on this as far as the Level III's or will you have people taking training, more than you need?

Bill Fluty: No, I will just meet the minimum I need.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions or comments? The next is Veterans Services. Thanks, Bill.

Paul Dupont: If I could, I'd like to make a couple of comments. This has nothing to do with the travel request. I just want to inform you guys that we did – the Commissioners approved her. We hired a veteran to be the secretary assistant, and she is a four-year army veteran with ten years service, six of it was in the reserves. She is an outstanding individual, I think she'll be a great asset to our office, and with what Mr. Shetler said about requests, I will in August ask that you make hers a full-time position. She is a good individual and I think if we don't give her something else she'll leave and go someplace else, and I don't want to have to come back here and

beg over and over again to fill that position. Mr. Goebel stated about across the board cuts and let the departments figure out – we don't have anything to cut. Right now, to get to the part-time position, we had to cut part of that out in order to get the part-time. And if you give us a cut, it's not equal. All departments are not equal, and I just want you guys to understand that because if you say cut a percent and a half off ours, there's nothing to cut unless we just stop using paper and you've got to have paper. You ain't going to take anything but paper. But that's all I wanted to say. We do have a – and if everything goes okay, she should start Friday. Her name is Louvinia Davis and she's a fine individual. Is there any questions about the travel?

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Any questions about the travel? Engineer, any questions about Engineer travel? Health department, we have three requests here. Any questions? If not, a motion would be in order for approval of all the travel requests.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: It's been moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Shetler: And a second by Councilman Raben. Anybody have any questions about the motion? If not, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Next, amendments to salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, as you can tell, we've got a quite lengthy list of amendments to the salary ordinance. I do need to call attention to page four, under County Clerk, we need to strike line item 1010-1410 and, other than that, I move that we approve all salary amendments as listed and ask that these amendments be entered into the minutes as part of the record.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions about the motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: There being seven for and no against, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Shetler: Any comments from the public? If not, a motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. We'll see you at the end of the month.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2012**

The Vanderburgh County Council held a special meeting the 4th day of June in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss funding of budget requests and other financial information with county officeholders and department heads. Notice of the meeting was published in the Evansville Courier & Press on May 7, 2012.

County Council members present were:

Tom Shetler, President
James Raben, Vice President
Ed Bassemier, Member
Mike Goebel, Member
Pete Swaim, Member
Angela Koehler Lindsey, Member
Stephanie Terry, Member

County Council President Tom Shetler opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and gave an update on Vanderburgh County’s finances.

Discussion ensued between Councilmembers and county officials regarding 2013 budget constraints, revenue and expenses. It was suggested that departments strive to reduce their 2013 budgets by three to five percent. Further discussion included increasing fees and exploring new revenue sources, reviewing all aspects of departmental services provided versus operating costs, and shifting expenses from the general fund to other funding sources. A committee comprised of officeholders and departments heads was appointed to discuss salary increases.

There being no final action or votes taken, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 6, 2012

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th 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 Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good morning. Today is June the 6th, D-Day, and would also like to first open the meeting with the attendance roll call and then we'll have the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry		X*
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
President Shetler	X	

*Arrived shortly after roll call

President Shetler: There being six members present and one absent, we have a quorum and the meeting will come to order. I'd like to ask Dr. Ray Nicholson if he would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance as a veteran of our foreign services.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Shetler: Being a young man as he is, Dr. Nicholson served us in the Korean Conflict here in the states, but we do appreciate your service, Dr. Nicholson, and we appreciate all those who shared their lives and their family's sacrifices that they gave for our freedom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MAY 2, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING
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President Shetler: Next, we'll move for approval of the minutes from the May 2nd meeting.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Shetler: I have a motion, do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: Second. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anybody opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

President Shetler: Next we'll go to the appropriation ordinance. Councilman Raben?

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. Good morning. First on the agenda under Area Plan is the request for rent in the amount of \$1,810. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Do I have any questions about the motion? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-360000	Rent	1,810	1,810
Total		1,810	1,810

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Next under Circuit Court, we have a total request of \$17,000. There is a repeal later on in the meeting. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about the motion? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-372300	Psych. Evaluations	7,000	7,000
1360-394400	Special Reporter	10,000	10,000
Total		17,000	17,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Superior Court, I'll move that this be set in at zero. There are late transfers that were filed, that we'll address later on in the meeting, that will make up for this. So, with that, I'll move we set this in at zero.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Yes, question?

Councilmember Goebel: My question is, are the numbers correct when this comes back to us, that are printed?

Councilmember Raben: These numbers?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: No, actually, not. Bear with me.

President Shetler: Kind of duplicated PERF and some other –

Councilmember Goebel: Well, we'll cover this later, so –

Councilmember Raben: The actual amounts are \$6,000 for the first item, for that first item, the court reporter. The actual amount is 6,682, that we'll approve in that transfer. And the bailiff amount remains the same at 2,392.

Councilmember Goebel: Thanks.

President Shetler: Alright, no other questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-137119	Court Reporter	13,043	0
1370-137134	Bailiff	2,392	0
1370-190000	FICA	852	0
1370-191000	PERF	1,058	0
Total		17,345	0

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Alright, now we'll move into Reassessment funds. Under the Auditor, we have a request for extra help and FICA in the amount of 5,383. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Do I have any questions about the motion? If not, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1187-1020-199000	Extra Help	5,000	5,000
1187-1020-190000	FICA	383	383
Total		5,383	5,383

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/ASSESSOR

President Shetler: Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, under Assessor, we have a request for \$35,000 for motor vehicles, I'm going to move approval, and I'm sure we're going to have some discussion here.

Councilmember Swaim: I'll second the motion.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do we have questions? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I think this is probably going to go, but I'm not real comfortable today because, Mr. Fluty, I don't know if we had gotten any more information as to how many miles and the savings. Mr. Ahlers did send the insurance situation to us, I think it clarified things, but maybe we could go over that again as well.

Bill Fluty: I think your question, and I thought we had come to, when I told you about where we were, but actually, last year I think we budgeted 15,000 and spent close to \$11,000. We're on track probably to do the same this year or a little more.

Councilmember Goebel: Let's say we purchase the vehicles, will the amount that we would pay for the insurance and also the upkeep come out of reassessment funds or will they become part of a different category?

Bill Fluty: It would come out of the reassessment funds. The insurance is done

differently. I don't know, but I guess it's possible. Joe, can you help me here?

Joe Gries: That may fall under the insurance for all lines aggregate, which is within the Commissioners budget, but would be fairly nominal, I would imagine.

Bill Fluty: But, if you could put it to a dollar amount and wanted to charge the reassessment fund, I think that would be reasonable if that's where you're headed.

Councilmember Goebel: I know it's probably not that great of an amount of money, but if it comes out of reassessment, it does protect the county general.

Bill Fluty: That's correct.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: According to Jeff's letter, it's not really a good idea to let the employees, hoping they'll carry their insurance and we've got an umbrella – Jeff, would you explain to us, with your letter, that you don't think it's a good idea, the way we're doing it?

Jeff Ahlers: The letter that I included was from Bob Dillow, who is with Torian, Hoffman and Dillow, and he is the county insurance agent. And what I understood was the question, was to find out whether or not, if a county employee is driving their own vehicle, whether or not, if they had a lapse in insurance coverage, whether or not the county was protected through it's own insurance. And Mr. Dillow responded that we have what's called, non-owned auto liability, which would cover the county, it won't cover the individual, but it covers the county for anything in excess of the individual's policy on their own car. I think it was Mr. Dillow, at the bottom, that says it was always my recommendation that you try to limit the use of employees' personal autos for county business, so that was Mr. Dillow's comment. I wasn't making an editorial comment, I just included his letter verbatim. So, at any rate, there is coverage for the use of our own autos, there is also a county ordinance that discusses the use of county equipment, there is also a county ordinance that I gave to you concerning the use of personal vehicles and when mileage is paid, which, you know, interestingly, you know, because it said that mileage would be paid if employees are traveling out of town on county business, so I don't know if they are traveling in town on county business, whether that needs to be, might have to talk to the County Commissioners about tweaking that a little bit, I suppose, to make it consistent, but at any rate, I can take any other questions you have regarding insurance. Is there any other or did that take care of it, what I had sent?

Councilmember Goebel: Bill, you do give reimbursement for personal usage, correct?

Bill Fluty: Yes, it's by, you set that in at 42 cents.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Bill Fluty: Per mile. And we have had people that have had accidents in their own cars. Any time you drive more, you're at risk more. That's one of the reasons that they're looking not to drive their own vehicles any more. So it's just part of where we're headed.

Councilmember Goebel: I do like the idea of marking the vehicles County Assessor's Office, so people do have a little bit of feeling. Maybe they'll keep the dogs back or maybe they'll send the dogs.

Bill Fluty: That may be true.

Councilmember Goebel: But I think that's a good idea as well.

Councilmember Raben: Does anybody have a feel for what other areas within county government, where we would have people driving their personal vehicles through the course of the day to perform their duties?

President Shetler: I'm sure the Health Department has several instances where that happens both locally and in Indianapolis, and those kind of trips and stuff.

Councilmember Raben: For continuing ed or something like that, but locally, I mean, just through the course of a normal business day?

President Shetler: Well, probably, transferring from one of your sites to another, even, wouldn't you?

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. Our food inspectors would probably be one perfect example. We have three environmental health specialists that are food safety inspectors that are out every day looking at food establishments, restaurants, and they use their personal vehicles. Another section would be our public health outreach nurses. There's four or five of them between the grant situation that use their personal vehicles. I can think of at least eight vehicles. I know our health educators, ten. And outside of the outreach nurses and the food safety inspectors, other employees would use their vehicles locally in town on Health Department business throughout the week. So we don't have enough county owned vehicles to furnish one to anyone who would be on Health Department business.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I guess that's the only thing that's concerning here with me is, maybe we need to see how big this picture really is. I mean, before we get into piecemealing it. And I think this is a good request. I mean, I like the idea that the vehicles be identified. I think that probably does save some confusion when they arrive in a neighborhood or somebody sees the car parked in their driveway, I can see where they would be alarmed if it's an unmarked car. So I like this idea and I see the need for it. But I would like to have just a little better picture of where do we go from here, because I sense this is probably going to start a trend and, not that it's not a trend we need to look at, but I'd like to maybe buy another month on this, anyway.

President Shetler: Yes?

Jeff Ahlers: One thing I also wanted to point out is, you'll see in the material that I sent to you from Mr. Dillow was, obviously, the primary concern that we were all talking about was county liability and what we have coverage for that's in excess of what's on the county's policy. As you may have noticed, that Mr. Dillow commented on in terms of property damage, and there is no county coverage, he is saying, for damage to the employee's auto, you know, like comprehensive coverage. Let's say, for example, the employee is driving their own vehicle and a deer runs out in front of it and they're on county business, they would have to go to their own coverage for that. So that may be something, if you've got a lot of county employees using their

own vehicle, that you might want to look at. I don't know whether that part of the coverage can be tweaked, but arguably, that may be an area if you've got somebody using their own vehicle a lot, I mean, that can possibly happen. It's one thing if it's their own fault, and maybe one can say, you know, if you're a bad driver, but there are things like that, a pot hole or a deer runs out in front of you that really isn't truly your fault, and there isn't county coverage, so I don't know what the county's policy is, whether the county would pay that out of pocket or whether it would just be the employee's, and so that may be addressed.

Bill Fluty: In the past, the employees would be paying that if they've had an accident. Any time you drive more, you're at risk more. And when you're asking people to go out every day, almost every day, they're at risk more. And their chances of an accident are higher. So that's part of one of the reasons why I'm here. We've talked about all of the reasons, but I think it's time, since it is a consolidated office, to allow them to have those two vehicles that go out on a daily basis. They haven't had that for many years for different reasons, but I think we're at that point.

Councilmember Goebel: Bill, as a criteria for working with the Assessor, your employees have to have auto insurance, correct? They have to sign off that they are covered?

Bill Fluty: You know, they all have a drivers license, so if you have a drivers license, you're supposed to have insurance. But have we gone down as far to say that I have verified that? You know, I have to say, I have not. But that's where the blanket county insurance, but I can check on that and make sure that they do.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I'm not talking about just your case, but in all cases, anyone driving on county business should have coverage.

Bill Fluty: If you have a drivers license, you are required to have insurance if you're driving an auto. Whether they do or not, I don't know that.

Councilmember Raben: Bill, do you have a sense for, I know what you've spent, I guess we could have figured that out, but you know, I think you've probably got extremely low mileage, I mean, you're driving just within the city and probably going to a neighborhood and parking and getting a lot of –

Bill Fluty: It adds up very quickly. Just where I live, a back and forth trip for me, and I just live in Center Township, can go up to about 16 miles back and forth. Now they're going into an area and they're routed, so we try to minimize where they drive and route it all the way. But it adds up pretty quickly when you're moving through the whole county. A trip to Armstrong and back, or Union, some of those, so it is more than you think. But I still believe it's time for those cars to have identifying marks and that they not be required to use their – I really can't require them to use their own vehicle. And every year it becomes more of an issue.

Councilmember Raben: I agree with you 100 percent. Just the identification part itself is what is concerning to me. But where I was going with the mileage, and I understand that. I mean, that's probably not much more than people going to and from their jobs every day. But, you know, there might be some really small vehicles available today that have some really attractive leases, you know, when we're talking about \$12,000 or less a year. And because this thing is as broad as it is long, you know, we might be moving in to an area that we're suddenly finding that we need to buy a bunch of county vehicles. I'd like another month to look at what's available in lease options and even to see the bids or proposals on small fuel efficient cars that

we're considering.

Bill Fluty: I actually can't go out for bid until I have the money in place. So it's kind of a starting point right now. We've looked at the cars, they're going to be under \$15,000. They could be from, I'd say the low end would be 13 to 15, somewhere in there. They're going to be a subcompact, we're going to have a criteria that they get over 20 plus miles per gallon. And again, because, I have offered them to some of the other offices for travel, they will be four doors. So there will be a bid price similar to what's been bought in the past. They don't have to be Toyotas, they don't have to be Fords, they just have to meet all the areas. I think in leasing, I know of no county office that has cars today that is leasing. I think they've looked at that and that has not been the way to go. But I can't start the bid process until – but the QPA for the state is around \$15,000 for that type of car, but I think we can beat that price by quite a bit.

President Shetler: For what it's worth, I mean, I think there's a lot of merit to your suggestion and I think it's one that we certainly should consider and entertain. I mean, I see legal issues that could be very sticky if you're driving a personal vehicle and you're involved in an accident. Injury on the other person, I understand there's some coverage there, but then the property, if you've got a \$500 deductible, and the deer ran out in front of you, I don't think that's really quite fair for the employee to have to suck that up, for example, out of their pocket. So those are issues that we somehow need to address, regardless. You know, 42 cents when you're driving the highway is one thing, 42 cents when you're driving in the city is another thing. You're going to have less fuel efficiency, you're going to have, they say accidents happen within a mile of your house, so I think statistically, I have to say that you're going to be more prone to have an accident when you're in town than you are hitting the highway. So I think there's a whole lot of reasons why that 42 cents on 30, 40, 50 miles a day, really isn't going to cut it in most cases. So I think we do need to look hard at it. I do sympathize and I think James has brought up a good point, that somehow I think we need to look at the bigger picture here, though, and kind of fit it together. I mean, I think it's something we do need to engage in. And would a month delay where we have an opportunity to explore this and get into it, drill a little deeper on it, will this have an impact on you negatively or...

Bill Fluty: No, certainly not. I mean, if you need time to look at anything or need any other information, that's fine. I don't know what would change in that month, but if you need the time to do it, that's fine with me. There's not an urgency, I just think it's time to make some decision one way or the other.

President Shetler: I don't know that anything would change in your circumstance, but allowing us to put the whole picture together here for a county program, that certainly could open our eyes a little wider. So, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: If we could figure out what the cost of maintenance and insurance and everything else that goes with the package to be charged to reassessment funding. This makes it a little bit unique as far as other departments coming in. It wouldn't come out of county general, we could do that, because I imagine, Jeff, would the overall premiums for the county go up if we purchase more vehicles?

Jeff Ahlers: You know, that I don't know. I assume if we purchased a lot of vehicles, perhaps it would, my guess is that our premium is so big that a vehicle or two each way may not make a lot of difference. And it could be, I don't know, I would just have to ask Mr. Dillow again, how he –

Councilmember Goebel: He's got to protect his interest, though, as far as –

Jeff Ahlers: Well, it probably just depends on the policy. Some policies, I'm sure, may have a range, you know. Others, it may be a per vehicle charge. So I just have to check on that, and I'd be happy to do that if you'd like. You just have to let me know how many vehicles you want to add.

Bill Fluty: I would expect you can't add vehicles without some cost.

President Shetler: Councilman Bassemier and then Councilman Swaim.

Councilmember Bassemier: I wish we could do this today. Thirty days, somebody might have a wreck or have a problem. I don't think that's a bad price and I think we're missing the big picture. They just don't want to do it anymore and I don't blame them. They just don't want to do it, whether it pays 40 cents a mile or whatever, they just don't want to do it anymore and I don't blame them. So, I wish we'd do it today, but if you all want to hold off for thirty days, I'll go along with that.

Bill Fluty: Well, I wish you would, too, but if you'd like to hold off, that's fine.

Councilmember Swaim: Well, in our quest to maybe see the big picture, I'd be interested in hearing from Gary Heck. In a perfect world, how many cars he would need for his people that do a lot of traveling within the scope of their employment in the Health Department, and I'd also be interested in hearing from Judge Lloyd and Judge Heldt about your probation people, if they have occasion to go out and if it's just minimal or not.

Bill Fluty: I think what you're going to find is that there's a lot of people using their cars. They probably wouldn't want to, and there would be a lot of officeholders that would want to discontinue that, and actually have more vehicles. But that's another issue. I'm up here –

President Shetler: It sounds like we need to put together a prospective, maybe a motor pool of some sort, but we could be talking about some big bucks.

Councilmember Raben: Not really the direction we wanted to go to, but it may be forced our way. As far as the courts, they do have some vehicles that they use for transporting juveniles and what have you.

Bill Fluty: Even thirty days from now, it remains the same issue. The same issues are the same issues that I brought out before. But if you'd like to wait, that's fine.

President Shetler: Angela?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: You are asking for two vehicles and I know the Health Department was just saying they have eight or ten that drive their personal vehicles. How many of your employees would be using those two vehicles?

Bill Fluty: I would think, we have different people go out at different times because of scheduling. People are on vacation or they have different duties at different times or they're participating in something else. So it ranges from six different people may at any time be the driver of that vehicle, but it's pretty much limited to those, and then we talked about anybody that would go offsite for training. We do have somebody in Greenburg that is off today and they've drove their own vehicle up and back. I know before she left, that she went and had her tires checked and one needed to be

fixed, and she did the oil change and it was a cost to her. And what would she have rather done, probably, got into a county owned vehicle, maintained, and taken off that morning. And she did take off a little bit of time that day to service that car, which probably needed it anyway, and to arrange for her kids and some things so she could leave. So it is a hardship.

Councilmember Bassemier: Bill, you did say you would share it with other, might be times you could share it with other departments, too.

Bill Fluty: I think it would be fair to say I could share it with the Treasurer, the Recorder, and the Auditor. We're on the same floor there, we can schedule between us if they had trips. They'd just have to call us and say hey, we need to go to the Auditor's convention or the Treasurer or the Records conference, I mean, not convention. Sorry about that. And then they would go up and schedule that if they'd like to. These cars would ride four, not comfortably, they're not that big a car, but you could ride four in it, but not comfortably, and it would be a little tough, too, you'll have to travel light.

Councilmember Goebel: I think we've belabored, but do we have a policy intact that every employee working for the county that drives a personal car for official business, has insurance? Do they sign off on that?

Jeff Ahlers: I'm not aware of as to whether or not employees are made to sign off on it. My guess is they probably aren't. We have an ordinance or policy that says that they have to have the insurance. I guess the question is, if somebody doesn't, or it's revoked or suspended, you know, we're back where we started this. I mean, there is county insurance for it, but it would only cover the county, not the individual in terms of liability. So yes, there is a policy. I'm not aware, and my guess would be that that would come under the realm of the County Commissioners in terms of policing that policy or perhaps the individual officeholders.

Bill Fluty: I can do my best to police that, but an unpaid premium means that they don't have it. And I can't do that on a quarterly basis or if they're paying monthly. That's why you have your blanket coverage, that's why you have your fallback. But honestly, I can initiate to check that to some degree. But that's still just a reason, as Ed said, it's just not something they want to do.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to move this thing along. Bill –

President Shetler: I think Stephanie had a question real quick and then we'll bring it to a vote.

Councilmember Terry: I just had kind of a point to say that it is a hardship and I think it's going to continue to evolve, but I think this issue is separate to this department. We're saying out of reassessment, we probably have a bigger issue in the county at large, but we really probably just need to deal with this issue today, I think, because I think it's a reasonable and fair request.

President Shetler: Okay, I think we need to move on. Did we get a motion and a second?

Councilmember Raben: Well, yeah, at this time, I'm going to move that this be set in at zero for a period of thirty days and we'll come back to it with a little better picture. And again, you're right, Stephanie, it's a different pot of money but if we find that we're being backed into buying five other cars, I'd like to piggyback them all

together for a better deal. You know, we might save a thousand or so bucks on these cars each and on the additional cars we may force ourselves into buying. So again, set this in at zero –

President Shetler: James, we had a motion to approve and it was seconded by Pete, so –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's true.

President Shetler: So if James would want to withdraw –

Councilmember Raben: Or we can vote on the motion. The motion was made to approve it at \$35,000, so a no vote kills the motion (inaudible – microphone turned off).

President Shetler: We'll do –

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to withdraw my original motion and move that we set this request in at zero.

President Shetler: Pete, do you accept –

Councilmember Swaim: I'll withdraw my second.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, so we've removed the motion and then you're offering another motion to set it in at zero and then we, do we have a second to that motion?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Counsel is advising that if we take an action on it, then we're kind of stuck with that action. If we would defer it, make the motion to defer this or delay it, then we're not taking action.

Councilmember Raben: I will withdraw my prior motion to set this in zero and move that it be deferred until our next meeting.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, we'll do a roll call vote on that, then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: We’re voting to defer, correct?

President Shetler: That’s correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Then I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being five ayes and two nays, that motion carries to defer it until next month.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, Bill.

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1187-1090-423000	Motor Vehicles	35,000	Deferred
Total		35,000	Deferred

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

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Next under Circuit Court Supplemental, we have a request for \$10,000 for contractual services, I’ll move approval.

President Shetler: Got a motion...

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2101-353000	Contractual Services	10,000	10,000
Total		10,000	10,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID UNITED WAY

Councilmember Raben: Next, Legal Aid, rent, in the amount of \$1,160. This is United Way funds and I'll move approval.

President Shetler: It's been moved. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: It's been seconded. Any questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

LEGAL AID UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4903-360000	Rent	1,160	1,160
Total		1,160	1,160

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Next, Circuit Court, this is a repeal from earlier in the meeting in the amount of \$17,000. I'll move approval of the repeal.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-136115	Court Reporter	17,000	17,000
Total		17,000	17,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**COMMISSIONERS
SUPERIOR COURT (TWO LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we have transfer requests. We have the transfers that are listed are under County Commissioners along with two late transfers for Superior Court that we discussed earlier in the meeting. I'm going to move that we accept all transfers as listed.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, do we have any questions? Judge, do you --

Maggie Lloyd: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

President Shetler: I don't think so, I just wanted to make sure you were clear because we changed that amount there, so. Anybody have any questions then? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-300000	Insurance	27,955	27,955
To: 1300-302000	SW Mental Health	25,983	25,983
1300-309000	Urban Transportation	1,972	1,972

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-137168	Commissioner/ Court Reporter	6,682	6,682
To: 1370-137119	Court Reporter	6,682	6,682

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-137170	Probation Officer- Juvenile	2,392	2,392
To: 1370-137134	Bailiff	2,392	2,392

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES
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President Shetler: New business, we're going to probably change the order here just a little bit. We'll go with Circuit Court first and then we'll go to the Superior Court. And then we're going to be going with the resolution for the Delta Properties.

Carl Heldt: Good morning, Carl Heldt, Circuit Court. I'm requesting, first of all, the authority to hire a new receptionist, probation secretary. As of June the 11th, the current employee left for a job in Superior Court and we need a receptionist in the Probation department. And I think I sent a letter out on May 15th that sets out the various duties of this receptionist/secretary. We also want to fill the vacancies of two part-time interns in the Probation department. These are typically students that move in and out and they've moved out, and we need to move a couple more in. I'm also asking that these in the future not be considered new hires, and you've done that for me for my bailiff interns in Circuit Court, because every six months or so we change them. And rather than have to come back here every six months and ask you, and also, this comes out of user fees, so it has no effect on the county budget. And lastly, we have one automobile in our Probation department that is owned, for home visits and travel, just for your information.

President Shetler: Alright, so you're wanting a new car?

Carl Heldt: No.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I'll make a motion to approve.

President Shetler: Okay, so I have a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any questions? Comments? And this motion, is this to fill the entire request for the two part-time interns and the receptionist?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, it is.

President Shetler: Okay.

Carl Heldt: And if it does take an action from the body to start considering these interns to be other than new hires. Is it on there? Okay, thank you.

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

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Okay, now dealing with the question of the coming back on the

interns, does anybody have a problem with that being kind of exempt from coming back before this body and discussing that? I hear no one objecting to that.

Carl Heldt: Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: I would like to wish Judge Heldt, actually his son as the new Harrison varsity baseball coach, congratulations.

Carl Heldt: Thank you. I'm very proud of him. Thank you.

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Next, Superior Court, Judge Niemeier.

Brett Niemeier: Good morning, Brett Niemeier, Juvenile Court. I'm requesting to fill two positions. One is a probation officer slot, one is a court reporter slot. I know the buyout has not been figured yet. I am not interested in going over our allotted funds in those particular line items. I just simply want permission to go ahead and fill those line items whenever there's enough money in it for whoever I hire for the rest of the year.

President Shetler: Okay. Sandie says that will be July.

Brett Niemeier: July, even if it's a new hire?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on) to the Council and the Auditor's office, so we didn't get it until two minutes after four yesterday and that's not sufficient time to figure all the salaries.

Brett Niemeier: Okay. Can I ask how we came up with the July figure, the date?

Sandie Deig: That's our next meeting.

Brett Niemeier: Okay, I guess that's what I'm asking is, if it's not going to be any added expense to the general fund, can I go ahead and hire?

Councilmember Raben: And that person, it's the 28th of this month, I was looking for my notes and somehow I've misplaced them. But, so everybody is clear, the concern or my concern with that one would be not knowing who is coming in, if they're being hired within and there's a lot of longevity and what have you, if the funding is in place, not knowing what the salary coming into that spot would be, so that's – you know, we've got to buy out the old employee, and I think that's approximately \$16,000?

Brett Niemeier: Right.

Councilmember Raben: So there's a lot of unknowns and that would not be our standard practice to do that, and I would like to stay with our standard practice to at least wait until, fill the position after the buyout happens.

Brett Niemeier: I don't have a problem. I'm asking for you to go ahead and approve me filling the position as long as it does not, isn't in excess of that line item for the rest of the year. So I want to wait until that previous position has been bought out, so to speak. And actually, it's the same issue with the court reporters position because the court reporters position, you know, I have twenty-nine employees, and

what typically happens when I hire, is I like to promote from within. I think that's the fairest thing to do within my office, and that usually creates a domino effect. So, for instance, in this particular case, if I hire somebody, we may have two or three dominos, and that may set me back three months or four, just because we don't know exactly the domino effect, again and the actual buyout. And what I'm proposing is, I will not go over the line item for the year. It's not going to cost the county an extra cent. I'd just like to have permission to go ahead and move forward.

President Shetler: Judge, when somebody leaves, they typically would be at a higher rate because of their years of service. We kind of factor that in that we're going to have a certain amount of people leave the workforce that will be more senior and that they'll be replaced by younger, newer people that won't have as much seniority built into it, so their pay rate would be less. Let's just say a line item is at \$40,000, and so we're thinking when that happens, that there will be a net savings by the end of the year of three or four thousand dollars. Are you saying, though, that you would consume all of that? In other words, we're planning that if, let's say they terminate June 28th, and they have a \$5,000 buyout, and that's going to be, they're getting \$60,000 a year, so that will take them to, basically, July 28th. Okay, so then we're thinking the new person would be at a lesser pay from August 1st on, and that's what you're thinking?

Brett Niemeier: Yes.

President Shetler: You're not thinking that you're going to pick up a few extra dollars there and that guy could come in and work, you know, come in there within say, three weeks or something? Do you follow me, that you're wanting to use that whole \$40,000 up that's in that line item?

Brett Niemeier: Well, obviously, I'd prefer to use all of that line item, since that was originally budgeted.

President Shetler: My point is, is there's a position that's technically still being occupied with that buyout money until July 28th. And if someone begins and takes that position over sooner, even though there's money available, technically, because they're getting paid at a lesser rate, that's not the intent of Council. Okay, our intent it to wait until July 28th, so I guess I'm just trying to get a clarification here, saying your intent would be to wait until that position is clear.

Brett Niemeier: Well, it sounds like that's the only thing I can do, but I'm still questioning what I do about my court reporter. And I going to have to come up here once a month for the next three months if I do this domino effect? Because that just means three months again without an employee. I mean, I'm swamped. We've increased over the last ten years from running ten sessions to twenty-four sessions a week. My CHINS cases, 300 percent increase. I've got somebody right now off on maternity leave. We're doing the best we can, but to say you have to wait another month or two or three, because the money is there in the line item, it's just, it's, in my understanding, excuse me, but it seems like more of a formality. If the money is there, it's there. But if that's not the common practice of the Council, I understand. I mean, I'm trying to come to back for my employees and for the public. That's who is suffering here.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so let me make sure I'm clear. You're telling us that until really August 1st, nobody is going to, you're not going to fill that position, right, because we're paying them out through July 28th, right? Or until the 29th. And at that point, the person coming in is not going to require any additional funding from that

line item other than what's budgeted and in place.

Brett Niemeier: If that's your will. I mean, I would rather hire them as soon as possible, as long as I don't go over the entire line item for the year. But I understand what you're saying. I mean, President Shetler said that we can't have two people in the same line item at the same time, even if that line item over the course of the year is still within budget.

President Shetler: Right, we factor that in when we put the budget together that we're going to have a certain amount of savings gained from the leaving and the new person coming in and that difference. And it's not scientific, I can't tell you it's \$3,200 we figure per position or anything like that, but we do bank on the fact that we're going to pick up a couple hundred thousand dollars a year, you know, off of that.

Councilmember Raben: You know, this would be seven months through the year. The salary line initially had \$62,000 in it. There's \$16,000 worth of buyout in there. I guess I'm having a hard time figuring out, is the new person coming in at the introductory rate, is that how we're staying below the radar here?

Brett Niemeier: Yes, introductory rate. Assuming he accepts. Assuming you allow me to hire.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but you're still wanting to hire that person before we're finished with the buyout, and that's –

Brett Niemeier: Yes, as long as I stay within the budgeted amount for the year.

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. Chairman, is there any precedence to do that? Have you done anything like that in the past? I'm just trying to find out here.

Councilmember Raben: We've had situations where we have considered or even gone through the buyout process and replaced an employee sooner than just paying them out weekly out of that line, yes. Do we like to do it? No. I mean, we try to stay with the standard practice. But, you know, with the fact that we're not going to exceed this line, we're not going to spend anymore than the \$62,000 that's budgeted, then I guess I'm okay with it.

Brett Niemeier: Thank you.

President Shetler: Angela?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, let me see if I'm understanding this correctly. What we're voting on right now are the two positions listed here under B, the Commissioner and the Court Reporter, is that correct? What we're talking about now, the two positions that are listed are Court Reporter and –

Brett Niemeier: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, so those are the ones that we're talking about. Because then I heard you say something about three months down the road and you might have other positions, but that's kind of a separate request.

Brett Niemeier: My understanding, normally, it is a separate request. What I was hoping to be able to do is, if you're going to give me permission to hire the new court

reporter position, and I replace that court reporter with somebody who is a junior court reporter, for instance, okay, and again, as long as there's enough money in that line item, so it's not costing the county any extra money, do I need to come back in here next month and say, now I want to replace my junior court reporter? Because then my junior court reporter is going to be replaced by somebody else who is going to be promoted, and then next month I have to come back in again, and ask for that person to be replaced. And what I'm doing is, I'm now going two to three or four months out without having enough staff.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, can I interject one thing?

Brett Niemeier: Sure.

Councilmember Raben: Our Executive Assistant just brought up a good point. You are aware that you did transfer out of this account today, \$2,300 and some change?

Brett Niemeier: Yes, I was aware of that.

Councilmember Raben: And you're still covered?

Brett Niemeier: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: You know, again, I think we can make this happen. I don't think it can happen tomorrow. I mean, we need to verify the actual buyout is what's stated here. We need to know for sure, we need to verify the numbers that you've provided, so I'm going to say that I'm okay with it but we don't do anything until after the 15th of the month.

Brett Niemeier: That's fine, and I think you should verify the numbers. I just wanted to make sure that you're approving the hiring. That's what I'm --

Councilmember Raben: No more money, not before June 15th, okay.

Brett Niemeier: That's what I'm -- I just wanted to make sure that there isn't discussion that, well, Judge, you don't need this particular position.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to make that in the form of a motion, that we pre-approve the replacement after June 15th, after verification that the numbers are what are stated and that's the motion.

Councilmember Goebel: Can we even do that?

President Shetler: Yeah, we can. I mean, legally, well, --

Councilmember Swaim: I'm going to second the motion and now we can have more discussion if needed.

Councilmember Goebel: My question is, not to Judge Niemeier, because it's obvious that you have a need, but are we going to open now other departments coming in asking for the same request and going against the commonly accepted policy? Would it be of that great of damage or detriment to you if you waited until the next meeting? Everything will then be pretty clean.

Brett Niemeier: I can certainly go another thirty days. Obviously, it's not my preference, but I certainly can. I mean, I would request maybe Council take a look

at this issue county-wide. And again, the issue that I brought up about the court reporter, when you hire within your office, it's just, it takes time and I've got a courtroom full right now of people waiting on me, and to come up every month –

Councilmember Goebel: No doubt that your workload is increasing and you need your people to be there and no one doubts that, but you've got to understand our standpoint, too, because we could make these meetings go hours and hours over one issue like this, and if we've got a policy, I think we need to stick to it. No offense to you or any other department, but I think we hold on it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll withdraw my motion.

President Shetler: The motion's been withdrawn if we have the seconder agree, which is Pete.

Councilmember Goebel: And I do want to say you're going to get support when everything works out according to the policy.

President Shetler: You're not going to hire anyone until the middle to latter part of July anyway.

Brett Niemeier: Correct.

President Shetler: So it really would have no impact, except for some comfort feeling, and I understand comfort.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's call for the –

President Shetler: Well, Pete needs to release you here.

Councilmember Swaim: Well, obviously, we can't vote with the motion being recalled, so I'll withdraw my second. I'm not crazy about doing it. I think the judiciary certainly has some more critical and urgent needs than some of the other offices in the building. So I will withdraw it, though.

President Shetler: I guess my only comment would be, I guess the second request is really, in a lot of respects is asking us to do away with our hiring freeze, and –

Brett Niemeier: No, I don't believe that.

President Shetler: The method that we've used on the hiring freeze which is, you know, to allow officeholders to come here and ask and make a special appeal for that particular position, and I don't think any of us are really in a position or want to do that at this point in time. We're not out of the woods. I mean –

Brett Niemeier: And I certainly wasn't asking you to do away with the hiring freeze, but I was asking to have faith in the officeholders, if I have twenty employees and I want to replace one, does it really matter if it's the court reporter versus my receptionist. I mean, I need all of those people.

President Shetler: That's really what we deal with – that's what every issue is, though. And I hear you, I know you have a specific problem, but that's really the issue every officeholder has, is that, you know, I have a vacancy and it's already been funded and I want to fill it, you know, and I shouldn't have to come before Council to do it, but we're trying to contract the amount of employees that we have

as much as we can. And this is the only way to do it. Does anybody want to make a motion?

Councilmember Raben: The motion is –

President Shetler: Has been withdrawn.

Councilmember Raben: – has been withdrawn, so I'll make a motion that we delay this matter until our July meeting.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Any questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: You know, Mr. President, I would offer a suggestion, because we have several other employee related items on the agenda, I would suggest that we move on to the preliminary resolutions for WBK and Delta Properties.

President Shetler: Actually, that was next on the list. Yes, Debbie.

<p>PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION CO.R-06-12-005 OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX PHASE-IN FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT VANDERBURGH INDUSTRIAL PARK LOT 11 (DELTA PROPERTIES, LLC)</p>

Debbie Dewey: For the record, Debbie Dewey, the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. Just as a reminder, this is what we refer to as Project Thunder. And what's different than some of the other projects we may have brought before Council, this company has not decided to actually land here in Vanderburgh County. They are still considering this site with another site, and part of their decision process will be the approval of the incentives, which you're going to vote on today. What's before you are two resolutions. One, for a ten year tax abatement on the equipment. The company will be investing fifteen million dollars in new equipment. The other is a ten year tax phase-in on real property. There will be construction of a new 70,000 square foot facility in the Vanderburgh Industrial Park. With this project comes forty-one new jobs at an average wage rate of \$24 per hour plus benefits. The economic impact to the community over the next ten years will be a positive 287 million dollars, so with this tax phase-in, we also are recommending a training grant which will come before the Commissioners and we're in the process of developing that resolution. With us today, we did do the presentation before the Personnel & Finance Committee last week. We have Terry Doyle, the vice president of operations for the company and Evan Beck representing Delta Properties, if there are any additional questions before Council votes.

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Raben: We have to specify the number of years.

Jeff Ahlers: There's a blank in the resolution so first you guys probably, you need to, I guess, have a vote, they've requested ten years, I don't know if that's what Mr. Goebel's motion is. The preliminary resolution that they've tendered has a blank, so you guys need to fill that in.

Debbie Dewey: Again, with the process, we're recommending a ten year phase-in for the equipment and a ten year phase-in for the real property. And then with the ten year, we'll fill that in and that will become the confirming resolution.

President Shetler: So, Mike, if you'll just amend your motion to include in there the ten year, to be clear.

Councilmember Goebel: This is for ten years.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Jeff Ahlers: There's two resolutions there. Are you moving on the equipment or the real property.

President Shetler: That's on the real property.

Jeff Ahlers: Alright, I just wanted to make sure the record was clear.

President Shetler: That's correct, Mike, it was on the real property?

Councilmember Goebel: That's correct.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright.

Councilmember Raben: I think real property and personal property. Was that not the intent?

President Shetler: Well, we have two separate ones, so let's just keep it separate to make sure that there's no questions later. Okay, are there any questions about the motion? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered. There being seven members for it and no against, the motion does carry.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION CO.R-06-12-004 OF THE VANDERBURGH
COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA
FOR TAX PHASE-IN FOR ACQUISITION OF MANUFACTURING
EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT VANDERBURGH INDUSTRIAL PARK LOT 11
(PGP INTERNATIONAL, INC.)**

President Shetler: Then, the next would be a motion for the improvements.

Councilmember Goebel: I move we accept the ten year phase-in.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second then. Any questions about the motion? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: There being seven for and none against, the motion carries.
Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick comment, Terry, the gentleman that was here last week did a great job representing your company and selling us on the action we just took today, and anytime you want to come back, we don't charge for any of this entertainment.

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: The next is County Clerk, a request to fill administrative tax warrant clerk.

Susan Kirk: Good morning.

President Shetler: Anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to make a motion to approve, get it on the table anyway.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Moved and seconded. Do I have any questions about the motion? Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: No, just after what we have been through, this meets the criteria as far as payout and all that? We can be –

Susan Kirk: You're going to be saving probably around – because you just approved Judge Heldt's and he's taking one of my employees, I'll be back in July. Between the two you're going to be saving around \$18,000. The person that was in this spot had been there for like, I don't know, 20 years, and it will be a new employee. So you'll get money back off of that position and the position that you just let Judge Heldt have, he's taking one of my girls, and you'll save some money on that, too.

Councilmember Goebel: That position is a wash, though, because when he moves or she moves, I'm not familiar...

Susan Kirk: The position that he asked for, he's taking one of my employees. She's been there, I don't know, a few years. Enough that, when she goes, I will hire somebody new which will be at a lesser price. This is quite a bit because this was Doretta, and she'd been there, like, forever. This is going to be a big savings here.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any other questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Susan Kirk: Thank you very much.

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Next is the Prosecutor, request to fill an investigator.

Gary Schutte: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I'm Gary Schutte, this is Regene Newman.

Regene Newman: Good morning.

Gary Schutte: We're here to request permission to fill an investigator spot. This is an investigator that files all our felonies. We file about 3,000 felonies a year, they're reviewed by an attorney, and then she does the paperwork on them. She's leaving us to be a social worker at St. Mary's and obviously, we feel this is a very important job to fill. So, any questions?

President Shetler: Any questions? Motion would be in order.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve, Mr. Chairman.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions about that? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Okay, thank you, it's been passed.

Gary Schutte: Thank you.

RECORDER REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Next is the Recorder, to fill a position.

Z Tuley: Z Tuley, Vanderburgh County Recorder.

President Shetler: Yes, anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, the employee that you're requesting is, a big part of what they do is the imaging of documents and stuff?

Z Tuley: A lot of it has to do with creating a search engine. They actually put the document on, so it does create an image, and then they have to come back and create a search engine in order to find that. And it does get filmed in a couple of different ways, so yeah. That's basically what all the employees in the office does.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Also, do you have handy, I didn't request this, so I don't blame you if you don't have it, but the Perpetuation fund, do you know what your current balance is in that?

Z Tuley: I do not know what the current balance is. Do you have a ballpark?

Unidentified: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Z Tuley: I don't either, I'm sorry. I have not been at work due to surgery, so, and I won't be here long today because I'm losing my voice now.

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second for approval.

Councilmember Raben: On this one, Z, you know, again, I think, unlike the courts, I'd like to maybe come back down and see what this employee is doing. Unlike the courts, where we've got an extreme bottleneck, you know, in regards to the Clerk, the Superior, Circuit Court, you know, I'd like to see us try to get by without this person.

Z Tuley: We already did that a couple of years ago. When the hiring freeze came on, I lost an employee. It's not been comfortable, it certainly hasn't been pleasant. And right now I've got one out with an injured foot, I'm out, I'm losing my chief deputy and I've got two people in a cast that are trying to work, out of only eight employees.

Councilmember Raben: And I see the need to replace the chief deputy, don't get me wrong. And as far as, by the time you would go through the hiring process, train somebody, you might have, I mean –

Z Tuley: The person I intend to bring in is already trained.

Councilmember Raben: Is already trained within your office?

Z Tuley: Ready to hit the road.

Councilmember Raben: I know there's a setback that you're dealing with, with injuries and surgeries and what have you, but those are, my hope is, they're temporary setbacks that will correct themselves in a matter of a few weeks, but again, these are the offices that we've been trying to make due with less just as the Treasurer's office, the Assessor's office, the Auditor's office.

Z Tuley: With all due respect, we've already done that.

Councilmember Raben: Reduced by one, I believe.

Z Tuley: Correct. Out of an office of ten, so you already took ten percent of my workforce.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, anyway, I was just, you know, with this one, I'm one person, but I would like to see us at least delay this for another thirty or sixty days anyway.

Z Tuley: I have some alternative savings in mind, but it certainly won't be in the number of employees area. However, I'd be happy to – I've already shared it with Mike, my liaison, and it's going to be pleasant.

Councilmember Raben: Can we –

Councilmember Goebel: Do you want to say something about that now or is it – are you prepared?

Z Tuley: I'm not prepared with actual numbers but I can give you the concept and I don't think it's a stretch to understand the numbers. When the county got on the replacement cycle for the computers, the county put in what they thought that they were going to need for each office. And I don't know, you were going to do like 20 this year and 20 the next and however that cycle goes. We are in need of computers now. I also have special needs. If we are going to use the up and coming on-line technology that I'm after, where people can actually record a deed and do their sales disclosure and all of this on-line, that requires some special computer tech, which I'm not, I don't know the lingo real well, but anyway, so this was going to be up and beyond a little more than the county had budgeted for. And I'm not going to ask you to foot that bill. I'm going to fund that out of my perpetuation fund, so that we can have what we need and we can have what will work the best and we won't have to settle for having been held back on technology progress.

Councilmember Raben: And we appreciate that and, you know, quite honestly, that's what that fund, that's one of the few things we can do is spend, well, you can spend for a lot of items, but outside of salaries.

Z Tuley: And I'm not going to ask for the cut that the Auditor's office would get or the cut that the Treasurer's office would get.

Councilmember Raben: As far as, you did bring this up which was a good point, the IT side, if everybody remembers starting in budgeting in '11, '10 for '11, '11 for '12, we had made a request that the perpetuation fund pick up a percentage of the overall IT cost in terms of Matt Arvay and his department and the MRC contract that

would supplement or what percentage of the Recorder's office is their overall budget. And I know there was some confusion back and forth with the state, and the sum, I think we had planned on for the last two years was 80,000 - 90,000 dollars. Do you remember?

Z Tuley: That's roughly what was estimated.

Councilmember Raben: Have we gotten any closer to finding a resolution for that reimbursement?

Z Tuley: There won't be a resolution to that reimbursement until I can have a proper bill. And MRC and or Matt Arvay –

(Tape changed)

– did not provide a proper bill, and it was that simple.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I guess my question is, though, is where are we at with that? I mean, is Matt Arvay holding us up, because I –

Z Tuley: It's a moot point, the way I see it.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, --

Z Tuley: It was a one time deal because if I have to fund, like I told you guys back then, if I have to fund my entire own IT department or what have you, I want my own contract, I want my own voice, and I want my own vendor.

Councilmember Raben: I'm looking for fault here, because I had asked that –

Z Tuley: And I can do that.

Councilmember Raben: So I'm going to find out where he's at in regards to that invoice.

Councilmember Goebel: Should we not be able to reduce the IT budget by that amount of money, though?

Z Tuley: It depends on how the contract is written, since the Commissioners signed off on the contract, I don't know if you guys are tied in until year whatever in the future, that you owe MRC "X" or are you still going to have to pay him even if I pull out? I mean, I don't know.

President Shetler: Actually, the proposal really isn't going to save us anything because the budget that's called for this year in 2012 is salaries only. There's nothing in there for the IT. We were anticipating covering that IT on that \$89,000 that you're mentioning for the last two years. And because of that, I mean, I would suppose that there would be a lot of officeholders and a lot of department heads that would prefer to have a block of money to be able to do their own IT and go off the reservation here. We can't do that. I mean, we've can't set up 48 different IT groups coming in here and doing this. It would wreak total havoc all over the Civic Center. Sometimes it's confusing enough to have the courts on one system and the rest of the county offices on a different. I don't think that's any alternative or solution to our issue here whatsoever.

Councilmember Raben: I think, you know, based on this conversation, we need to send another directive to Matt to work out whatever the situation is. Whatever it takes to gain support of Z and gain support of the state, he needs to come up with whatever the documentation it is so we can get back to where we're supposed to be on that.

President Shetler: I agree with that, but I totally disagree that we would allow any officeholder to go off and do their own thing on IT or it's health insurance next or that they decide to do their own thing with their own employees. You know, we cannot do that. We've got to be able to have a centralized, one operation here for IT and that's the only way we're going to save, have any economies on it, and a system that works for everybody. It isn't going to work if you have everybody going off.

Councilmember Goebel: I think to the point where we were discussing filling the spot, and the general consensus, I believe, or the feeling I'm getting is that beginning next year, department heads cut a certain amount of money, they'll be able to fill spots if it doesn't affect the budget in a negative way, what's been budgeted. But back to that point, if you go through and purchase equipment you need or IT purchases it for you, you'll still be using that group?

Z Tuley: The perpetuation fund will pay for our entire office.

Councilmember Goebel: And you'll be utilizing then the people we have in place here for consulting and service, and things like that?

Z Tuley: Yes. They're going to have to come in and set them up.

President Shetler: And also purchasing the computers and the whole business. You would use Matt Arvay's group for the entire operation?

Z Tuley: Correct.

President Shetler: But that still doesn't help us at all in the current budget because the current budget does not include those expenses in there. The only thing included in today's budget are salaries only, salary related items only for the Recorder's office.

Councilmember Raben: See, we still have to make up an \$89,000 deficit.

Z Tuley: But then you will have more than that by the time I purchase computers out of the Perpetuation fund that won't have to come out of whatever line item that you guys have set aside for this – oh, what's that term? It's re –

Councilmember Raben: Refreshment?

Z Tuley: Refreshing program, correct.

Councilmember Raben: And I don't know –

Z Tuley: That's a substantial amount because we're talking a multitude of computers in my office.

President Shetler: That was kind of what was supposed to happen the last two years and it never materialized.

Councilmember Raben: Z, do you remember what the refreshment part of that was for yours, because I don't remember any of that.

Z Tuley: I know, I think I have at least twelve public terminals and they need to be replaced as well because half of those are – well, not half, but several of those are down. We have three that are down in the office amongst the employees as well. So if we have to tap and pull, then we take away from the public.

Councilmember Raben: And those, were they in this budget with IT, do you remember?

Z Tuley: The Recorder's office is in the whole refresh program, yes, because I sat on the board, so –

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible – microphone turned off)

Z Tuley: That is my understanding.

Councilmember Goebel: I think maybe we move away from this and maybe you can come up with your proposal and the dollar signs and the cost savings if there are any to the county general, it would go through the Recorder's Perpetuation. It's a little bit murky right now without having anything to see in front of us, don't you think?

President Shetler: I would be open to delaying this for another month or so.

Councilmember Terry: What are we delaying, because the issue was to fill a position, not –

Councilmember Raben: Not the IT side, yeah.

Councilmember Terry: Exactly.

Z Tuley: That is currently vacant.

Councilmember Bassemier: We've got a motion and a second, don't we?

President Shetler: We do, yes. But the question came up about a methodology of paying for that position outside of and that's where the debate has followed.

Z Tuley: The Recorder's Perpetuation fund is not intended for salaries. It can be used for contractual services and it can be used to fund part-time help. But part-time help isn't going to get it because we're not going to get anybody that's going to be able to stay. The person that I have in mind already has all working knowledge of the Recorder's office and therefore, there's going to be no learning curve, no training, but I can almost assure you without a full-time position, this person will not take the job.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion –

Z Tuley: So I've got an excellent opportunity to get an excellent employee.

President Shetler: Okay, we've got a motion on the table to hire the position. Any other questions about the motion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I think in lieu of what may be coming in the future and because it will now be cost negative, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to go maybe against what I said earlier, I'm going to vote in support of this with hopes that we can work out some of those other problems that we're running into with IT, and I guess at some point you're going to have to address the replacement, and congratulations on your recent appointment.

Z Tuley: I know.

Councilmember Raben: But anyway, I'll move approval.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: No. There being five for and two against, the motion carries.

Z Tuley: Thank you.

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Koehler Lindsey & Shetler opposed)

ASSESSOR REQUEST TO FILL FULL & PART-TIME VACANCIES
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President Shetler: Next is a request from the Assessor.

Bill Fluty: County Assessor, Bill Fluty. I have a request for a full-time replacement and a part-time that we discussed last week. Any questions?

President Shetler: Anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Nothing other than just a comment that this office, and we've kicked this around last week, is already working with three or four people less today than it was a couple of years ago. So they've already reduced their staff probably as much as they can. So I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. And actually, it's been three just

this year alone, wasn't it?

Bill Fluty: For pay '12 we reduced by three. So it was 41, it's three less in this current budget year.

President Shetler: So it's been significant really over the last two and three years. Alright, thank you. Okay, we have a motion on the floor. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Okay, so it passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Bill Fluty: And that's for the part-time also?

President Shetler: Yes.

Bill Fluty: Thank you.

THE CENTRE REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Okay, The Centre.

Darren Stearns: Good morning. Darren Stearns with The Centre. We're requesting to replace one of the Teamsters that has retired from our staff.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to move approval knowing the circumstances over there with rebounding from show to show with set up and tear down and what have you, all that's going to do if we don't is drive up overtime through the roof and you're probably already seeing that, so I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Alright, motion passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES
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President Shetler: Next is Health Department.

Ray Nicholson: Do any of you have any questions?

President Shetler: Anybody have any questions of Dr. Nicholson?

Councilmember Goebel: Do you have any ibuprofen on you, Dr. Nicholson?

Ray Nicholson: Pardon?

Councilmember Goebel: Do you have any ibuprofen with you, that you could pass out to the Councilmembers?

Ray Nicholson: I usually carry Maalox or Paregoric.

Councilmember Goebel: No, thank you.

President Shetler: You might need some of that 5-Hour Energy drink. Okay, motion would be in order.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Thank you, Doctor.

Ray Nicholson: Are you going to do the travel?

President Shetler: Sure.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRAVEL REQUEST

President Shetler: Travel for the Health Department.

Ray Nicholson: Yeah, we have one request for travel, and actually, you had approved the first half of this program, and this is the second half that has to be completed for this person to be eligible, carry out the job that she's hired to do. And that's working in the STD division.

President Shetler: Anybody have any questions about the travel request?

Councilmember Raben: Is this a state mandated, not state called, but state mandated meeting?

Ray Nicholson: It is a requirement for the job. She cannot do the job without the second half of this. The first part that she's already done in St. Louis was more (inaudible) material, the second part is really hands on, where they have sixteen hours of clinical experience where they actually examine patients and learn all about the different diseases that they have to deal with.

Councilmember Swaim: Doctor, will your department continue to refer out requests for STD testing for those people who are other than the symptomatic?

Ray Nicholson: There are a lot of changes from the state as I understand it where certain material does have to be submitted to the state and are referred out. But we still, on a day by day case, see all sorts of STD diseases at the Health Department and they have to be – it's not just a matter of testing, it's a matter of observing and examining the patient, doing a complete physical examination, that's what she's learning to do.

Councilmember Swaim: If some of the sources for referral were not there in the future, would that necessitate additional STD training among more of your staff members?

Ray Nicholson: If that was returned back to the Health Department, yes.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you.

President Shetler: Other questions? Do we have a motion on the travel?

Councilmember Goebel: No, just your advice to department heads to cut down on travel requests seems like it's taking hold. This is the only one this week, I think.

President Shetler: Okay, motion for approval then?

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Ray Nicholson: I would like to remind you all that we are having downtown walks this week. They walk every day from 11:15 to – 11:15 is one walk, 12:15 is another, and the walkers meet at 4th & Main Streets. So if you'd like to get real healthy, show up at the corner of 4th & Main. Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you, Doctor.

<p>MOTION TO CONSIDER HOMESTEAD CREDIT FOR 2013 ON FIRST AND FINAL READING</p>

President Shetler: The next item is for Joe Kiefer, and is Dave coming or do you want to postpone this just a moment for him to get here or –

Joe Kiefer: He was outside –

President Shetler: I can take a couple of real quick things then, and why don't you let him know that we're ready? The next is the resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council proposing an ordinance for the income tax council for the homestead. I don't think anybody is going to have a problem with that and I think that's going to be fairly quick there.

Councilmember Raben: I think in the motion in the past, have we stated the maximum allowed by state or –

President Shetler: Jeff, the issue right now is on the resolution for the homestead credit.

Jeff Ahlers: Here's what I would suggest you do is, you may want to first take a vote to make this the first and final reading, and if you pass that unanimously, vote on the resolution, and then vote on the ordinance. So I would suggest three separate votes. The first of which, someone moving to make this the first and final reading, and if that passes unanimously, you can accomplish it all today.

Councilmember Raben: I make a motion that we make this the first and final reading for the establishment of the ordinance and the percentage of credit for homesteads for 2013.

Councilmember Terry: I second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. We'll take a roll call on this then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries unanimously. So that fulfills our obligation there.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>RESOLUTION CO.R-06-12-006 OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2013 AND CASTING THE VOTES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON SAID ORDINANCE</p>
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Councilmember Raben: Now we need a motion to establish the credit for homesteads for 2013, and I'll move approval.

Jeff Ahlers: The motion would be, the first motion needs to be to pass the resolution, and what number is that Mrs. Lukeman?

Councilmember Raben: IC 6-3.5-6-2.

Teri Lukeman: The resolution number is CO.R-06-12-006.

Jeff Ahlers: That's the resolution to cast our votes for the ordinance of the Income Tax Council.

Councilmember Raben: And I'll move approval of the resolution.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Take a roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: The president is very proud to be able to cast the 33.87 votes in favor of this resolution, so I vote yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL AMENDING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2013</p>

Councilmember Raben: I'll move to establish the homestead tax credit for 2013.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a second. Any questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE FORMER EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH SCHOOL CORPORATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING</p>

President Shetler: Now we'll go back to the proposal on the former Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation administration building, and, Pat, do you want to come forward as well? I figure you have a little skin in the game here.

Joe Kiefer: Thank you, Mr. President. Joe Kiefer, Vanderburgh County Commissioner. I wanted to appear before you today because we would like to ask the County Council's permission to have the Evansville Vanderburgh Building Authority enter into negotiations with the EVSC to purchase the former EVSC admin building at a cost not to exceed 1.5 million with terms on allowing them to finance it between the five to seven year financing period, that would not even begin until, the payments would not begin until October 2014. There's a lot of work ahead on this if you give us permission to move ahead to allow the Building Authority to negotiate this because, of course, they would have to negotiate the purchase agreement, they would have to take it before their board, EVSC would have to take it before their board, there would have to be lease agreements signed, so there's a lot of work ahead but we didn't want to do anything unless the County Council recognized that they would allow us to negotiate to spend up to 1.5 million to purchase the former EVSC building. I did just a quick analysis on it. I believe it has a really good payback on the deal because part of the negotiation, again, there's a lot of work ahead on this, there has to be lease agreements and other things negotiated, but part of this would be using the assumption that we could move the Health Department to this building, which currently we're spending over \$400,000 a year. And depending upon the final agreement that we would come to with EVSC and the Building Authority, you know, this payback on this deal could be anywhere between, you know, from five to ten years, we could have a positive cash flow. The pro forma I had looked at showed that after we would make our payments, we would be cash flowing over \$200,000 a year to the positive, meaning that we would be making less payments than we're currently making today by \$200,000 per year. So I think it justifies the cost of doing this or proceeding to do this, but obviously, the Evansville Building Authority would have to negotiate a contract and then negotiate a lease agreement with the county. And, of course, that would become part of the Building Authority's lease payments from the county at such time. But again, this would not take effect – it would take effect immediately where they would, once they negotiate a purchase agreement, the county would acquire the property, but the payments would not take effect until 2014, if the negotiations and the purchase agreement work out. So that's why we wanted to come before you to ask you to allow us to enter into these negotiations knowing that it would not exceed, it would be a purchase price not to exceed 1.5 million with terms that would not begin a payment until October 2014, in terms that we would have a zero interest note from the school corporation on the project. But, of course, I've got Dave Rector here and, Dave, if you'd like to say a few words.

Dave Rector: Dave Rector, Building Authority. Joe and I have talked about the process and with Pat, and how we'd have to start negotiations, and expected costs then and maintaining the building, and taking over the building. And I think the big plus as Joe just said, there is a positive cash flow then to the county after a period of time, by keeping that building in the government campus here.

President Shetler: I guess, my kind of opinion on – and I have very mixed emotions

about it. One, I don't really want to see this go into private hands, you know, with our campus, I'd like to see it whole and remain public. So that's the one issue on the one side. The other issue on the other side is the fact that we do have an abundance of space available to us that is not being utilized currently, particularly the old jail and we need to utilize that. The thought did occur to me, though, that we're spending 125 - 150,000 a year just on record storage alone out of the county budget. I don't have any idea what the city is paying and there may be some other areas there that are doing some record storage or doing some other things outside and it seems to me that that would be the most economical way of building out the jail space if we utilize that. So I'm trying to come up with a whole total program here and if you did utilize that, because it is equipped for offices as it is today, and I know that there would have to be some renovations done and some modernization here and there and making it really fit the Health Department's needs or whoever else might move in there, but beyond that \$400,000, we may end up really saving a gross of 550 or \$600,000 when you include the record storage and utilizing that building for it, that portion of our building and then what you're getting over there from the Health Department, we're paying out in other rent, so your cash flow could end up being more of a quarter of a million dollars a year instead of the 200.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, and I know the Commissioners would like to see this happen and also they are very much interested in seeing this record storage be moved into the former jail space. And I think that would be part of the program that we could make this work that way.

President Shetler: I guess, so your request today is really just to enter into some negotiations, it's not to spend any money yet, but to enter into some – I would like to see it as a comprehensive package, though, that we – ways that we could combine those two big initiatives that I'm thinking of there, rather than just one and keeping them separate, but somehow putting this together.

Joe Kiefer: But yeah, we would like to have something formalized in the form of a vote that gives us the confidence to move ahead in negotiations. Of course, again, there's many bodies that this has to go through to be ultimately approved but we didn't want to move ahead if there was no confidence from the County Council to do this, because then there's no reason to move ahead and negotiate contracts and leases and other things.

President Shetler: Okay, Councilman Swaim and then Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. Kiefer, beyond the initial purchase price, what will it take in the way of modifications within the building to make it habitable for the Health Department and their needs, and where will that money come from?

Joe Kiefer: Well, there are a couple things, we looked at modifying it for the Health Department and there would be some costs involved in that, up to \$800,000. We don't know that it's going to cost \$800,000, but that was a number that was calculated by the Building Authority and that has been included in the pro forma, so when we get that \$200,000 savings, that's included that there may be some monies that the county may need to spend to do those improvements by either borrowing the money or using it from the Jail Set Aside Fund or some other fund. We're not sure where those funds would come from yet, but its been calculated in the pro forma to spend up to \$800,000 on renovations.

Councilmember Swaim: What would be the time frame to do that, if you've had some discussions with the –

Joe Kiefer: Dave, do you want to talk? You're the one that did some of the work on that.

Dave Rector: We'd begin renovations soon because the Health Department lease expires at the end of 2014. So we're going to have to be ready to have the Health Department moved in there by that point. Also included in there with some of the other lease facilities like AAPS & DAPS and DADS, they could utilize, the Health Department would not use the whole building. If I may, while I'm up here to address President Shetler's comments on record retention, we had talked about that, Commissioner Abell and I had talked about that. We talked with Councilman Bassemier and then Clerk Kirk. I have some estimates for that. We did some structural analysis that could accommodate that. This is the last year of Clerk Kirk's term and I think she'd just as soon not tackle that in this last year but we do have some numbers looking at that. Really, the Building Authority is here to facilitate your needs in any of these buildings that we have. Our opinion really doesn't count, I guess, what we should do, we just want to do what the Commissioners and Council need to have done.

President Shetler: Well, once again, what are we paying for that jail space as it sits?

Dave Rector: About 500,000.

President Shetler: So it's costing us half a million dollars to let it sit.

Dave Rector: To sit empty. And as you know, we've got two dozen different proposals over the years on what to do up there.

President Shetler: Okay. James?

Councilmember Raben: You made that point, let me address that. We're paying a rent based on about \$500,000 a year for that empty space. We've also got to consider, once you staff that with people handling records, you know, there's going to have to be some controlled air over there, you know, for the sake of preserving those records. You know, you're going to see your rent go up within the building. I mean, if we're – it's high now, and 30 something thousand square feet is vacant. Imagine what it's going to – even though it's just records, you're going to see our cost go up. I wanted to answer that, I've got plenty of more comments and questions to make later, but my first question is to Pat. Pat, I guess it's kind of been said, I don't know if there's any truth to it or not, but that there is another offer or something on the table for this property if the county –

Pat Tuley: Yes. Just like what Councilman Shetler said, we have been of the opinion and belief – we, being the school corporation – that this building needs to stay on this campus and be part of this county government structure, if that's feasible and possible. But to answer your question, Jim, yes, we have an offer on the table from a private entity that would like to buy the building.

Councilmember Raben: For an office or some –

Pat Tuley: Yes. That's, as far as I know, at this point in time. That's exactly what the use is for, office space.

Councilmember Raben: And I guess from the standpoint of the school corporation, they probably can get more money out of it selling it to a private individual, too, right?

Pat Tuley: Possibly.

Councilmember Raben: And get paid up front.

Pat Tuley: That's another possibility, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, in lieu of stringing you out over ten years.

Pat Tuley: And that's, you know, we're a tax supported entity just like you are and we understand everybody's financial situations are tight right now, everybody's tough and that's why we have been talking about we'd more or less carry the paper and string this out, and allow you to take over the building, even though you wouldn't make payments, though, as Joe indicated, until October 2014.

Councilmember Raben: You know, Pat, I've been pretty vocal amongst this circle that I'm not against this buy at all, I think we've got way more on our plate than we can handle now. And it's a great offer that the school corporation has made to the county, you know, giving us first dibs at it and giving us a zero percent interest loan, you know, all of that. You know, it's great that you guys are wanting to partner with us like that, but I look at this thing and I keep going back to all the structures we have today that we can't even fix leaks on or maintain and we've got a beautiful coliseum over there that is good for one thing and that's two people reporting to the Veterans Services offices every day. We've got the Old Courthouse that – and both these facilities are beautiful and we're never going to get rid of them. I mean, shame on the county if we do, I mean, we need to be figuring how we're going to further enhance them and further preserve them, make better use out of them, not leave them empty. And you know, we can't even move DADS into the Old Courthouse because we can't afford to make the renovations we need to, to make that suitable for a county office. You know, and we've addressed the situation here with the old jail, all the space – what is that 30 something thousand feet, 38,000, that's sitting vacant. You know, all of this, with all that being said, it makes no sense to look at another building of how many square feet?

Dave Rector: 42,000.

Councilmember Raben: 42,000 square feet. You know, I don't see any harm with office space over there. I mean, and you might consider a lease with those people for office space, but –

Pat Tuley: Yeah, I just to be real clear, we do have the offer on the table and my belief is, it's office space use. We haven't come to an agreement yet –

Joe Kiefer: It's from an investor.

Pat Tuley: Yeah, it is from, you're right –

Joe Kiefer: Basically, it's a group that has made an offer to buy the building and then they will then turn around and lease – they have a tenant that they want to lease to. So they're wanting to buy it as an investment property to lease it out to another entity.

Councilmember Raben: So it's not going to be a pig farm, I mean, we know that.

Joe Kiefer: No, it's not going to be pig farm. And honestly, the Commissioners would not be interested in this if this building was a block away. That reason the

Commissioners are interested is because it sits on this campus. That's the only reason they're interested and because the Health Department, they feel like, needs to be on this campus. So I just want to make that comment.

Councilmember Raben: Well, let me finish rambling here. Another consideration that I hope everybody is thinking about is, I wish I would have drilled this down a little tighter, but 2014 or 2015, we lose our penny, one cent of food and beverage tax that we use to offset our expenses to operate The Centre, so in the next year or year and a half, we're going to have to make up for probably close to a half million dollars or, yeah, about \$400,000 to operate The Centre that we're not budgeting for today. As far as, going back to the move into this facility, I know when we moved into the former Welborn Hospital, it was like the only site that we had an option to look at because of the air handling system. I mean, are we going to have this exact same thing in this facility?

Dave Rector: We've looked at the need for the TB Clinic to be under a negative flow and looked at the capacity for it, that was included in the estimate.

Councilmember Raben: That's included in the estimate? Okay, and any ADA upgrades that once you start working on a building, that's all part of it?

Dave Rector: Yeah, just keep in mind, it's an estimate.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, you know, I'm going to quit preaching here in a minute, but I think we're committing suicide to take on another 40,000 square feet of facility when, guys, we don't even have a plan for the 200,000 square foot of empty space we've got now. I mean, yeah, it sounds great, you know, it's all part of the campus. Heck, what happens if the federal building makes the offer tomorrow? That's part of the campus. Do we need to go over and buy the federal building or the post office or what have you? I mean, I think, again, it's a great gesture from the school corporation to extend themselves out for ten years, but if they've got a buyer, I think it helps their situation to cash out of it, get their money up front, and there's no harm, no foul, back there with offices.

Joe Kiefer: Again, you know, I appreciate those comments and we're just, you know, if you decide not to do this, you give us a no vote, then we know not to proceed. We're, obviously, asking for a yes vote, so we can proceed ahead and have negotiations. And again, it's not a done deal just with your yes vote. I mean, we have to negotiate a contract, negotiate leases, there's a lot of work ahead, but we'd like to get the confidence of the County Council before we move ahead.

President Shetler: I think Councilman Lindsey had a point then Councilman Goebel and then Councilman Bassemier, so try to keep this in order here.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thank you. Are you finished? Okay, and a couple other questions I had down have been asked, so I think we're probably somewhat of a like mind here. The zoning on this, you made a comment about the pig farm, so do we know what the zoning is on this building? What is it?

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, C3.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So that, obviously, does, just to state for the record, that obviously does give us limitations as to what could be in that building. The cost to renovate was one of questions. Upkeep and maintenance, has that been addressed as far as the cost?

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, all those numbers were calculated in the pro forma. You know, we actually put some very generous dollar amounts –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That's this one here?

Joe Kiefer: Yes. We put some very generous dollar amounts in there for capital reserve, maintenance and utilities to make sure that we were completely covered on all the expenses.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, and I guess then my next question would be, I was just curious to know as to the Health Department's feelings on moving into this building, and if it wasn't going to be the Health Department, who else?

Joe Kiefer: The Commissioners control that and the Commissioners would like the Health Department to be in there.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, and are there other – if it wouldn't work out for the Health Department economics-wise to be in there, would there be other departments we could envision? I know you mentioned a couple of others possibly moving in.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, and do you know what, even before I came in here, I talked to Judge Lloyd out in the hallway, there's other groups in the courts that would have interest in that facility. So I don't think we would have an issue of filling up that space there. It's just a matter of whether or not, as Councilman Raben put it, you know, do we want to acquire another building because of the amount of real estate we own?

Councilmember Raben: So it would actually be a consideration to grow this place more?

Joe Kiefer: Well, what I mean is, we would – I think we could fill the building up with people that we're outsourcing now. I mean, obviously, we have people renting from the private sector.

Councilmember Raben: That should be a concern, the fact that with the extra space, we'll fill the building up. That's where I'm going. And that's a threat, I mean, actually.

Joe Kiefer: No, what I meant by that is, we do have quite a few entities renting in the private sector that they could be paying rent to us instead of to a third party private sector.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Are there any restrictions with any of these entities as far as renting from a government agency as opposed to the private sector that affects the bottom line that we know of? I mean, that may be something we ought to look into.

Joe Kiefer: I guess I don't understand the question.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: As far as, I didn't know if any of these departments received grant monies or anything that's based on who they rent from that affects the bottom line or the cost when they rent from a government agency.

Joe Kiefer: I don't know the answer, but I don't think the Health Department or AAPS

& DAPS or DADS, you know, those are some agencies that rent from outside local – I mean they're renting from the private sector. I don't think they have to rent from the private sector. They're not restricted to not rent from us.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Those are just some questions that are on my mind and I guess I come down on the same side as a lot of us. It's a big step to look at acquiring property. Yes, it's good to keep the government buildings as government buildings, but then we need to make sure, if that were to be the decision that we made, that this is going to be the best bang for the buck, so to speak.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, and again, if this building was across the street or not a part of this block, I don't think we would be standing here having this conversation today.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Well, what we would be voting on today would just be to say, let's investigate this further, is that correct?

Joe Kiefer: Well, actually, what I'm asking for is a vote of confidence that you're allowing us to go ahead and enter into negotiations, realizing that we're going to spend, potentially, up to – I'm not saying we're going to buy it for 1.5 million, but we're going to potentially pay up to 1.5 million to purchase this building

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: But then that contract would ultimately come back to this body for a final up or down approval. Is that correct?

President Shetler: Well, not the contract, but putting the financing in place, yes.

Joe Kiefer: Right, exactly. But, I mean, obviously, if you guys voted no today, then we're not going to proceed.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thank you.

Pat Tuley: May I add something? I don't want to be perceived as making a threat or anything like that, but we need to know whether the Council is willing to finance this or not because if not, we need to move forward in whatever direction we need to go in. I think our first conversation started before Dr. Bertram left, which would have been back in 2010, so I don't want any misconception here about what I'm trying to say, but I need to walk away from here knowing either there seems to be support on the Council to fund this or there isn't. And if there's not, and that's fine, then we'll move on. But we do need to know something here hopefully when I leave.

Joe Kiefer: And the reason I'm here is I just want to tell you that the Commissioners support this and would like to move ahead with this.

President Shetler: Okay, Councilman Goebel and then Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I do have a couple of questions you've addressed already, Mr. Kiefer. As far as the Health Department moving, is there a sense from the Health Department officials, that they would like that move or – and logistically?

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, I mean, we – this is why we met with the Building Authority, looked at what it would cost to move them. We've had these discussions, --

Councilmember Goebel: You factored the cost for moving into –

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, that's factored in to that, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Logistically speaking, as far as the volume of people coming in, I don't know what they have at the current Health Department as far as numbers coming in, but I imagine it's fairly strongly utilized as far as parking. Is parking going to be an issue?

Joe Kiefer: How many parking spaces, 46 - 48, parking spaces there so –

Councilmember Goebel: That will be open to the general public or that will be open to workers, staff, things like that?

Joe Kiefer: That would be open to workers, staff, general public, plus, of course, you've got the back 40 behind there. It's just like anybody else coming down to the Civic Center, but I mean, it would add 48 parking spaces.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't know the clientele, actually, that come in, but sometimes, I would imagine some of those people are handicapped and –

Joe Kiefer: Right, and there is an elevator in the building.

Councilmember Goebel: No, I mean, as far as parking and getting across the street and –

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, and there's handicapped, it's handicap accessible. They have a ramp on the back side there.

Pat Tuley: Right, and I believe, of those 46 - 48, there were two, I believe it's two designated handicapped parking spaces. It seemed to work for us and we parked our staff there and, obviously, we didn't park all of our staff in that building. There were a number of them that parked across the street, and we did have designated spots for parking and we also had designated visitors parking spots. So, we tried to make it to address the question you're asking.

Joe Kiefer: You held school board meetings there, you held various functions there that required large numbers of people to appear.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I think your point that it would be great and Council President Shetler made the same comment, to keep that government building, because of the location, in government hands, but obviously, the EVSC moved out of that government building, that was in government hands for their own economic reasons, and are we in the same boat?

Joe Kiefer: I think they moved out because they needed more space and they were trying to consolidate their operation, which they did a couple of blocks away, there on Walnut Street, so it was a matter of consolidating. And, Pat, I don't want to speak for you, but that's what I was told, that that's why they made that move. It wasn't because the building was bad or it was falling apart. It wasn't because of the facility itself or the quality of the facility, it was because of the size. They needed more space.

Pat Tuley: Yeah, there were really two primary reasons. We had administrative offices located in four different locations, Mike, so the idea was to try to bring everybody together under one roof and it makes a lot more sense for us from that standpoint. And then the other thing was, it was reuse of a building that we no longer use and the function that it was designed to be. The building that we're in now was a warehouse, and we have gotten away with Just-In-Time Delivery and

different methodology of ordering supplies and stuff, that we had this huge warehouse that we were under utilizing. So the decision was made, here's an opportunity to put better use of a building that already exists and then bring us all under one roof, and that was the primary driving factor behind that decision.

Councilmember Goebel: Sure, and economics were a factor in that.

Councilmember Raben: Has there been an appraisal on that building? A recent appraisal?

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, there was an appraisal done by Bartlett and Associates and David Matthews combined. And that appraisal came in right at about 1.8 million dollars for somebody that would be buying that building for their use. It came in right about – I don't have that exact number, but it was right around 1.8 million dollars, is what it came in at.

President Shetler: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: You brought up the jail and the storage, I just wanted to let everybody know, you all put me on a committee, I did meet several times with Dave and some of the Commissioners. I guess the timing is not right, right now. We'll be getting a new Clerk at the first of the year, I guess, and we'll go back at it, but I think we decided that would work up there, didn't we, Dave, the storage up there in the jail? You studied the floor plan and the weight, that will work up there in the jail, won't it?

Dave Rector: Yes, it will. It would accommodate all of the outside storage of the boxes, the documents, everything except the big, thick historical books that are up there. But all of the boxes and the storage from the warehouse, we'd move into this space.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, and I just wanted to let everybody know that I didn't drop the ball on that. Also, Jim, I'm not saying you're wrong, we do have other areas that's outside of here, but I think he said already, we're going to bring three government agencies in here: the Health Department, DADS, and AAPS & DAPS, and the possibility of some more. I've got a concern about the Health Department, of course, that's our biggest renter. Now I know the Commissioners change every four years or could change, are they going to sign a lease for ten years or whatever, to make sure that –

Joe Kiefer: Right, yeah, that would be it. That's why I said, there's a lot of work ahead on this. I mean, we've got to negotiate a purchase agreement, we have to negotiate a lease agreement. I mean, there's work that has to be done, and, of course, this deal does not work without the Health Department moving in there. If we don't have a successful lease with the Health Department, then the project does not work.

Councilmember Bassemier: Kind of like Washington Square without Sears out there.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, you have to have your tenant in place, and they would be our anchor tenant.

President Shetler: Councilman Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Commissioner Kiefer, have we located the documents from

the original purchase from the county to EVSC that – what that price was, what we actually sold it to EVSC for?

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, I think they have.

Pat Tuley: I was trying to put my hands on it this morning because I've had it, because I've had this discussion with Mr. Ziemer when he was attorney for the County Commissioners. Through the lease, the school corporation paid 3.258 – I can't remember exactly what the figure is but I know it was in excess of 3 million dollars for the building and then, of course, as typically there is, there's that dollar buyout at the end. But there was 3.2 million dollars exchanged hands through a lease period for the building.

Joe Kiefer: In effect, it's very similar – they're offering to sell it over time, you know, and then at the end of that last payment, you know, they own it, well, actually they own it from the get go, they're just financing it over time.

Dave Rector: That building was part of the original bond issue for all these buildings for the safety, admin, courts and school corporation building, that was paid for by taxpayers through the bond issue. Their portion, as Pat said, was three something, but then at the end when we defeased the bonds is when they took it over for a dollar.

Councilmember Terry: Thank you. I think, I guess, just my thought about it, as an average person riding up, my first thought is, oh, this is a government campus. I'm not thinking about that. And to make this level of investment, I'm just hesitant especially with the points that Jim has made in terms of all the other properties that we have and the ongoing maintenance that's required, and then we're not – I don't know that we're at the level we need to be in all those spaces, and filling the spaces, and I just – I'm just not sure about this.

Joe Kiefer: And I understand that, and again, this project does not work unless we can move one of our tenants into the building where we're already paying, you've got to think, we're already paying \$400,000 a year to somebody else, that we should be collecting to cover ourselves.

Councilmember Terry: And also, I want to make a point and correct me if I interpreted you wrong, I think there really has to be that buy-in from the Health Department, itself, when we talk about moving them. And if they don't have that buy-in, granted, yes, this is great, the Commissioners say that they want to do this, but I think it has to be a good operational, sound decision for them as the Health Department, the ones that are actually going to operate in that facility.

Joe Kiefer: Gary Heck is here and, you know, I'm sure I could ask Gary to come up here. Yeah, we've talked –

Councilmember Terry: And maybe I just need to hear that, because I don't get that sense right now.

Joe Kiefer: Gary, why don't you come up here?

Councilmember Raben: While we're waiting on Gary to come up, Joe, I've got a couple of other questions. When I look at the proposed project and you state where we break even, I don't see in here where we're taking into account the \$800,000 in improvements.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, what I did was, and I'm not saying we're going to do it this way, Jim, --

Councilmember Raben: And the two years of rent that we're going to pay in the interim, so that savings pretty much goes away.

Joe Kiefer: No, no, no, no. The line item annual debt service for tenant improvements, that's assuming we borrowed the money. We may not borrow the money, but it's there if we decide to. So all I did was amortize the 800,000 over a term, a period of time, over fifteen years.

Councilmember Raben: Where does that fall on this?

Joe Kiefer: It says annual debt service for tenant improvements.

Councilmember Raben: So that's not the debt service on the loan?

Joe Kiefer: No, the debt service on the loan is what I put under rent expense.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. So then what -- okay.

Joe Kiefer: So it is figured in there, and I'm not saying this is exactly the way it's going to be, you know, this was just saying, you know, what we'd like to do is negotiate a deal with --

Councilmember Raben: Should you not also include 2013 and nine months of 2014 rent? Or you'll probably be paying two --

Joe Kiefer: What I did, you know, I figured the years one and two, you know, --

Councilmember Raben: Years one and two, that wouldn't reflect the debt service and -- that total would reflect --

Joe Kiefer: That reflects debt service. What I'm saying is, I'm assuming that if we enter into an agreement, we're going to start construction on the improvement immediately, so yeah, that includes --

Councilmember Raben: But you're still bound to a lease through 2014.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, we are, and it includes, that's why years one and two are much higher.

Councilmember Raben: That math doesn't work out. It's nowhere close. Your debt service is 397, what you're telling me, you said that's, rental expense is the debt service on the loan.

Joe Kiefer: No, we're not paying any loan amount until 2014 -- okay, October 2014. We're not paying any debt or any amount of money toward the purchase price until October 2014.

Councilmember Raben: I understand that.

Joe Kiefer: So that's why the first two years is a little bit higher. Third year, because we're only paying a partial year on Health Department's rent. It drops off a little bit and then the fourth year it drops off dramatically, and that's all toward -- and again,

these numbers may shift a little bit, but again, I had to put something together assuming we could buy it not to exceed 1.5 million. It still has to be – a contract has to be negotiated. And I'm not even saying we're going to pay 1.5 million, it may be less than that, but the Building Authority, I want to be able to say, hey, you've got the thumbs up to go negotiate a contract not to exceed.

President Shetler: Okay, who owns the property, because you're talking about the improvements, the building.

Joe Kiefer: Right now, the school corporation owns that property.

President Shetler: They own the property itself?

Joe Kiefer: Right.

Pat Tuley: You talking about the ground?

President Shetler: The ground.

Pat Tuley: Yeah, we own the ground it sits on as well.

Dave Rector: Well, the Building Authority owns within four feet of the building on this side, this way towards the flag poles, the school corporation then owns four feet and the building and their parking lot. We own a good portion of the ground.

President Shetler: Okay, so if this were to be purchased by an outside entity, they would be actually purchasing the property and the building improvements, there.

Dave Rector: That's theirs. As I said, the only property they have is within four feet of the building, the building, and their parking lot. The Building Authority then owns up to that four feet.

Pat Tuley: Not a lot of ground.

President Shetler: No. And this is going to be another question then for Gary. As you come up, how many visitors, I mean, maybe you can't give me that number, but do you have a rough feel, you know, with the vital records, other things, that people coming and going and stuff, a rough feel for how many visitors that the Health Department might see in a given day?

Gary Heck: Somewhere between 350 and 500.

President Shetler: In a given day?

Gary Heck: Yes.

President Shetler: So I have to divide that by an eight hour day, which means we're talking 50 or 60, that's more parking places than you'll have, isn't it?

Gary Heck: Well, there's turnover, and where we're located right now, we have – our lease includes 24 parking places directly in front of our building, and we face due east, so to the south of us is our landlord, the Southwestern Healthcare, Incorporated, and there's probably 150 parking places, it's all one big parking lot, but there's 150 parking places to the south, there's another 20 to 30 parking places to the north going to Select Specialty. There's parking spaces that aren't part of our

property that the Kunkel Group owns that's on the other side of the historic Wabash and Erie Canal marker. In that entire parking lot, there's probably 300 - 400 parking places, so whether they're parking in the Health Department specific leased spots or somebody else's spots, there's generally always parking available in the front of the building where we are now. I need to preface my remarks by saying that the Board of Health hasn't had a formal proposal or a chance to evaluate it or take a position on this yet, and they were very active in our current lease negotiations, a committee at least of the Health Department. There has been a cursory study, if you will, because I don't want to take a positive for or against other than to say, the first concern I have was that there's only one elevator and the administration building wasn't built to encourage visitors to come to it. And I think it's a safe statement to say that the school corporation, while they certainly welcome visitors, there wasn't a lot of visitor parking directly in front of the building. When I first was involved with going to it was when I was involved with the Public Education Foundation. At that time, the administration building security wasn't quite the same level since it was prior to 9/11 and the building was open, there was an open staircase, and the only really public portion of the building is the boardroom, which is right at the front entrance, so you don't have to go anywhere to another floor. But to go to the lower level or the second floor, if you're using it for storage or for equipment, the one elevator that's in the building wouldn't be adequate for the Health Department's need as it is today. There's automatic door openers at our particular location, there's two elevators, so that's a concern that we would have. There's battery backup. It's my understanding that the air conditioning unit works with something with the aquifer, the same way this building is cooled. There's a cooling tower out back. Is that true?

Dave Rector: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Gary Heck: Well, I don't know how the water works, but I don't know how it's cooled. I'm just saying there's some concerns.

Dave Rector: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Gary Heck: I don't know how that works. The parking, I mean, none of these couldn't be overcome. I know that we're very comfortable with the landlord we have now. Our lease cost is \$17.16 a square foot for office space, eight dollars and fifty something cents for storage space. Our lease payments include all of the utilities, all of the janitorial services, anything, it's a turnkey, that one square footage covers all of our needs other than we still have insurance responsibilities that we pay through the county. But from a landlord standpoint, it's my understanding, the school corporation paid utilities, and whoever the new tenant is will be responsible for utilities. I don't know what those cost numbers work out. I'm sure it's going to work. I'm sure all of this stuff will work out. It's different than what we know them to be today. We have 23,000 square foot on three floors at the Health Department, so having two elevators is particularly important for us for families with strollers, mothers, particularly with young kids and strollers who come visit. Our high traffic area is all on the lower level on the first floor, I should say. We do have some strollers who go to the second floor and to the third floor. Our laboratory is on the second floor. We get all of our deliveries to the third floor. We don't have a reception area per se or a loading dock or anything at our particular location. It works for the Health Department, is fine there. This building, it would probably work for the Health Department, too, as long as all of those concerns were addressed. But the Board of Health would be the final body to make that – to speak for the Health Department in that regard. When we looked at the original thought, we know that all the space of the Health Department will actually fit in the building and fit nicely. My understanding is all the walls there are very similar to this building where

there's really no weight bearing walls per se, there's pillars or superstructure posts that hold it, so if you look at the way it's configured now, all of that space can change by virtue of moving walls similar to the way they move walls here. So, could it work? Yes. I'm sure it can. And getting those lease arrangements, we have a ten year lease arrangement that's up at the end of September 2014. There's two five-year options in our current lease. And I guess that's all I can say unless you have – oh, and our – one of our grants that we have, the WIC grant, when we were at the Civic Center, we weren't allowed to get reimbursement from that grant because we would be paying to the same – the landlord and the – and so our agency and the sponsoring agencies landlord was the same, the county. We are allowed to get rent reimbursement since we are paying rent to a separate landlord. And that reimbursement from the state that the WIC clinic has, which is somewhere between eight and a half and nine percent of our total space, equates to about \$35,000 rent reimbursement for office space and for storage space, for what they have committed to them. And so we wouldn't be able to get that reimbursement. So from a grant arrangement, that's I guess the only negative on that side of it.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you, Gary. We need to change the tape real quick and that tells you how long we're going on here.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Raben: Joe, as far as, I'm still kind of coming back to years one and two and I might ask Gary. Gary, within your budget, your budget, it would actually reflect about a \$200,000 a year increase over the next couple of years, \$200,000 each year.

Gary Heck: Mine would?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, because you would be paying rent plus we would have the debt service – I'm sorry, the improvements, the tenant improvements and what have you, because when it's all said and done, Joe, we would never pay this out of the general fund. It would need to come out of the Health Department, that's its own levy.

Gary Heck: I don't think that was envisioned in any discussions we had before, the Health Department's rent going up. If anything, it would have stayed permanently the same or gone down.

Councilmember Raben: Year one and two, or years 2013 and 2014, I guess my question is, in your budget, do you have an extra \$200,000 for this first two years each?

Gary Heck: I can certainly tell you, I don't, and I can certainly tell you that we studied, like any organization, we look at trends on where our revenue flows come from. And when you look at the assessed, like any other local government unit who is funded through property taxes, there is assessed value and then there is a certified levy. And when you look at that, and the amount of money that the Health Department receives and you look at the Health fund, we've been on a downward slide ever since the property changes have come in place with the Circuit Breaker laws and the caps, the property caps.

Joe Kiefer: I don't think it was our intent, and we haven't nailed down which funds any of this money would come from, but I don't think it was our intent that it would have just increased the Health Department's rent. Again, you know, we'd have to,

working with your body and working with others, we'd have to determine –

Councilmember Raben: The Health Department though, Joe, is its own entity. It's its own taxing –

Joe Kiefer: Taxing authority?

Councilmember Raben: Tax unit. And the problem is, if you increase that in 2013 or you increase that in 2014, it's all part of our levy, okay? Even though they're their own taxing unit, own entity, if they grow by 200,000, the general fund has got to go down by 200,000. At the end of the day, it's got to be at that same balance. If you grow one, the other one has got to drop. It's like a scale. So my point is, where do we find \$200,000 within your available funds today based on your available rate today to fund years –

Gary Heck: Well, I didn't think the Health Department was going to be the only paying tenant. Maybe I misunderstood that.

Joe Kiefer: I mean, there will be, obviously –

President Shetler: Well, you would be a major player. I mean, 85 or 80 percent of the building, basically. You have 23,000 square foot now, it's 30,000 over there –

Councilmember Raben: And I don't really think you're going to put DADS – I don't think we're going to have DADS people walking in and out where women and children are at. I think the DADS thing is farfetched in our Health Department lobby. So I don't know why we –

Joe Kiefer: Again, we don't know that the ultimate price is going to be 1.5 million. I mean, we just used that as a cap. We don't know that under competitive bid process that it's going to be \$800,000. I mean, some of these things, we have to discern and we may come back and not doing it. But we needed to get started on this and we didn't want to get started without – but I mean, I think you –

Gary Heck: If there's a potential for the Health Department to be on campus, there's a lot of pluses. We just haven't had a chance to enumerate all of those to you because we haven't had a chance to study it all in earnest because it was all kind of speculation before. But there's a T-1 connection that exists between this building and the old EVSC administration building. That would be a great benefit to the Health Department and other county departments. It's as if, from a computer consideration, you're in this building. Where we are now, there's a little latency, and even though we have a very, a nice fiber connection, it's not here. The servers are here and there's some – it takes us two or three seconds longer to do something than somebody else. Now in the frame of things, in computer time, that's not – well, that's a long time in computer time, but it's not a long time if you're just standing there waiting.

President Shetler: You know, I might suggest, and I know there's probably other questions and I mean, we could really, probably discuss it all day long, I'll try to wrap it up here just a little bit if I can. And I guess the options that we have before us today is one, to proceed and follow along with the Commissioners request which would be basically giving him authority to negotiate a contract for purchase that would go up to a million and a half. So that's making a commitment on our part. I don't think we want to make that kind of commitment and then renege on it later. The second is to – and I know Pat would like to have a decision here as soon as

possible. But if there seems to be, you know, some favorability towards it, some leaning towards it, then we'd like to have a few weeks here and then come up with a final decision at the end of June at our Personnel & Finance meeting. Another alternative would be, if it's not our desire or will to embrace this in any way, shape or form, and not much is going to change our minds, then we just give that flat no to him today. So I think we can do a yes, a no, and a maybe there, somewhat. So, again, we could keep on discussing it and if there's other questions, I'd entertain it, just quickly, but I think we need to wrap up here, a little bit.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President, from the standpoint that I am an EVSC employee, I'm not sure if I should even vote on this or not. Mr. Ahlers, do you have any recommendations on that?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I don't believe you have a direct pecuniary interest, but if you prefer to abstain from this vote, you can certainly do so.

President Shetler: We're taxpayers, too, and it's going to affect us more there, than – but it's up to you.

Councilmember Terry: How quickly can we address Jim's question about funding choices and where we're going to look to cover the gap here that – I guess, 200,000 or so?

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, perhaps the County Auditor could give us some guidance. You know, I was thinking perhaps, you know, we have monies in the Jail Set Aside fund or some other source that could cover that first two years.

Councilmember Raben: But how would we get reimbursed? That's just it. To reimburse us, they're going to have to grow their budget by like amounts. I mean, this is the Health Department, this isn't the Auditor's Office or isn't the Assessor's Office, this is the Health Department that has its own levy.

Joe Kiefer: So, I guess my question is, could the county spend the money and –

Councilmember Raben: You mean give it to them? Yeah, but I don't think any of us want to do that. I mean, you know, we all realize how grave that need is to have that balance sitting there. You know, three months ago, we thought we were going to spend every bit of it this year. I'm not ready to –

Pat Tuley: I don't think the Health Department is asking to own this building or –

Joe Kiefer: Well, the Building Authority would own the building, it's just like any other landlord, --

Councilmember Raben: That's the cost associated with the Health Department being there, though. We're going to have to spend \$800,000 to move them in there –

Joe Kiefer: But in return, they're going to be paying \$400,000 in rent.

Councilmember Raben: They're still going to be paying – you're still going to be paying for those improvements, you're still going to have utilities, that's all part of your pro forma, by the way, and you're still going to have their rent that they're on the hook for through 2014. So their budget will need to grow by approximately, it's a little under 200,000 in 2013, and it's more than 200,000 in 2014. So let's just say 200,000. So their budget is going to need to grow by approximately 200,000 in the

next two years.

Joe Kiefer: I mean, that's an answer I don't have for you and I'm not – I'm going to have to have somebody that understands that better than I do to answer that question. But, my understanding was, just like any other landlord, just like his current landlord, his current landlord spent money to improve the space, and then in return, he paid a rent, and that's what I was assuming the Building Authority of the county would be doing. They would be providing a space and he would be paying a rent as of November 1st, 2014.

President Shetler: Okay, I'm going to put the question on the table just a little different way, I guess. And by a show of hands, how many in here would really just like to say or how many of you would say, you know, I don't really care what the, I've got enough answered to me, I feel pretty confident in my position and nothing is going to change it, and you're opposed to it going any further on this, just don't feel like it's a good thing for the county to go to? Is there anybody that's – you know, at this point in time or just doesn't feel like anything is going to change your mind, that you're pretty much opposed to the concept and don't see this going any further? Okay, so we have two basically that would be opposed to it. So let me ask the next question, my leaning is to being opposed, especially with the questions we have out there. I think there seems to be a sense of urgency that this deal has to be closed. I don't think we have all the information, we don't know the individual boards, what their sense is, --

Joe Kiefer: Right, and again, there's –

Councilmember Goebel: And I know you want to get this from us, first, as step one, but it might be that we go the other order if there is a general consensus, yes, this is a great move. Best case scenario for those who want to keep it in government hands, we move the Health Department and we keep the building. Worst case scenario, if it goes into private hands, I assume this would not be a flea market or something like that. It would become office space for people that have business with the county and the city, and most people probably wouldn't know the difference because it would just be that building that they can't park, other than the tenants. But I think – I don't know if it's too much for us to take on right now, Joe.

President Shetler: I guess the next question that I'd ask then, how many would like to explore it a little further and take the next two or three weeks to get more information and that may sway your opinion on this one way or another and then, Pat, would that be acceptable, that we would have an answer to you in two or three weeks?

Pat Tuley: I understand there's a number of questions and you're just doing your jobs and that's great. I would like to walk away from here though with a sense if we really think – and I know that's what you're trying to get to.

President Shetler: I'm trying to narrow that down to that point.

Pat Tuley: Right, if at all possible. Having sat where you guys are sitting, a lot of times I've asked for time to consider things, pretty well knew when I left probably where I was going to end up anyway. So if you do that, just if you know that, I saw the three hands go up, that means there's potential here for four votes for yes and we could get the deal done. If those of you who are still thinking maybe, or are really thinking that way, I can go back to the Superintendent and say, hey, I think we can get this decided one way or the other in the next two to three weeks. And if I know

that when you get to your finance meeting, I understand that's not an official meeting, that's not an official vote being taken there, but we'd have a much better sense of where you guys are at, I might be able to sell that. If not, I'll let you know that we just have to move forward. We've got an opportunity here to go ahead and do this deal and we may need to move forward with it.

Councilmember Raben: Pat, you don't risk losing your other client in that other – or the potential?

Pat Tuley: Yeah, I –

Councilmember Raben: I think we need to do this today because that's going to be the next thing, you know, though, time will run out with the buyer, the interested party and –

Pat Tuley: And the reason, the way it's been presented to me is that, as Joe stated, this is an investor buying the building, he has to line up tenants. He has someone who is looking at that building and would like to move in it, but they also have a timetable they have to meet, any improvements they have to do, and that's why they're kind of looking for us to say, hey, we can move forward with this or we can't.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'm going to move, with that being said, the school corporation, you know, I know this, I've been seeing emails floating around for the last, for sure, since the first of the year, if not longer. If they've got a buyer and we're not a buyer, however this outcome is, I mean, I don't want them to have to go back out on the market looking if they've got somebody lined up. So –

Joe Kiefer: And keep in mind, a yes vote does not mean it's a done deal. I mean, a yes vote would say, hey, you guys go out and negotiate a contract. We may not even get a contract negotiated with the school corporation.

President Shetler: I think there would be some reluctance, Joe, on the part, at least my part, is that I wouldn't want to give you the authority to negotiate up to a million and a half –

Joe Kiefer: Without knowing that it's going to be –

President Shetler: Well, no, you walk back in here and say, I got a deal cut and it's a million, three, and then we turn around and there's the other unanswered questions and I feel like I've reneged on a deal with you. And I don't think that would – or with the Commissioners. I don't think that that would be a proper way to handle things.

Joe Kiefer: And I agree with you, Tom.

President Shetler: So I think we're trying to avoid misleading, and at the same time, I think we have unanswered questions and that's why I guess I've got the three kind of questions on the table. Either yes, no or defer for two to three weeks here, to the end of the month and then we come in and give it a definite thing, but that's going to take a group to study it.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: They may not have three weeks.

President Shetler: So Jim's motion is, --

Councilmember Goebel: Is there a chance that the price will come down for us, as far as the selling price? That's the biggest holdup I have in my mind. Will the EVSC consider, because you're in financially difficult times, we're in the same waterway, can you help us out in that regard? Or can the EVSC board or whomever?

Pat Tuley: I'm not going to say no, it would really depend on how it was structured. You know, originally, it was \$300,000 a year and it was going to be over six years and then there was the whole issue with the Health Department and the lease they're in. And that extended it out to ten years with no payments the first three years. So I would say the only way we would really be flexible on that is depending on how it was structured. One thing I want to make sure, we have an offer on the table, but we have not got a deal, just so you understand that. I don't want to walk away from here and you think I'm going to walk over here and I've got a deal and somebody is going in that building. But we do have an offer on the table. It's a letter of intent, yes, and we have held them at bay saying we really want to get a sense from this body. And as you guys all know, I mean, we can cut whatever agreements, contract we want, but we're here before you because without the money, it doesn't make any difference what we agree to.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, we have a question, we have a motion on the table.

Councilmember Raben: Well, my motion is going to be that we opt out.

President Shetler: Okay, so you have a motion to deny the request, I guess.

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Joe Kiefer: So a yes vote would mean you're denying it?

President Shetler: That is correct.

Joe Kiefer: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: And this amount is up to 1.5?

Joe Kiefer: Not to exceed 1.5, yes.

President Shetler: Okay, so it's a negative motion, so we do it in the positive, to make sure the result is negative, and it will take four votes, affirmative votes in order to carry the motion, which would be to stop any further negotiations on it. Okay, yes, Pete?

Councilmember Swaim: Under discussion, I guess I'm going to really pin you down, Joe, and say if you had to put on your Council hat and sit back down here again, what would Joe do?

Joe Kiefer: Well, --

Councilmember Swaim: I mean, knowing what the funding is and what our dilemma is with future funding.

Joe Kiefer: And I'm looking at this for a long-term investment for the county, and I believe, and I wouldn't be here today if I didn't think this. I believe, long-term, it's a good deal. Short-term, yeah, it hurts short-term. But I think long-term, you know, we're going to be happy that we did it. That's what I believe.

Councilmember Raben: I think you're going to have somebody paying property tax in that building, I think it's all good. I mean, a private entity being in that building is all good. They get their money up front, we get to collect property tax on them and payroll taxes and everything else, it's all good.

President Shetler: Okay, do roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

President Shetler: A yes vote kills it or stops the progress. A no vote keeps it going.

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, Joe said it's not a done deal and I'd like to see him go ahead and pursue it, so I'm going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, because I believe I have permission to go ahead and speak my mind on this. I am going to cast a vote today and because in my short time on this Council, all I've heard is that we have got to watch every dollar, I am not comfortable at this time with going forward with looking at this proposal, so I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: If the denial happens today, and the proposed buyer you have for it, that does not follow through, is there a chance that this group would come back to us, or does this deny it permanently? Because I am open to discussion, I don't feel comfortable saying yes to this –

Joe Kiefer: My guess is, and again, Pat will have to address this, but my guess is they will probably put this thing out to auction of some sort, you know, where they'll have a minimum bid requirement on it and they'll take it out to an open bid process for people to come in and bid on the property. That's my guess. I can't –

Pat Tuley: I'm not sure of the procedure, but if the other deal would happen to fall through, --

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, if the other deal would fall through –

Pat Tuley: We would do that (inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Joe Kiefer: Right, so my guess is that they would probably then put it out on an open bid, auction type situation.

Councilmember Goebel: I hate to see it leave, if that's what's going to happen. I don't feel comfortable knowing what we have today and the sense of urgency that you've kind of underlined right now, but I just don't feel comfortable saying go ahead with it up to 1.5 million at this point. If it came in at a lower price and all the other bodies said yeah, they think this is a good idea to keep it the way it is, or if it becomes law office space or something like that, that might not be so detrimental to us, I don't think. So I'm going to go with yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: I kind of feel like the coach does, I'd hate to lose the building, but we still have a lot of unanswered questions at this point. There is some urgency on the part of the school corp so I have to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: I guess if I had my 'druthers I'd be kind of looking to buy us a little bit of time with three or four weeks here because I feel like there's too many unanswered questions and I don't want to kill the project. I do feel, and I'm thinking legally, and I just conferred with Mr. Ahlers and he just, off his cuff without researching it, feels that that's probably correct, too, and that is that if this goes to private enterprise of any kind, then it's going to have to be put out for, up for auction or whatever, so you cannot make a direct sale for this amount of money to anyone. So hard telling what's going to happen in that whole scenario. You know, that's a bit scarier than what we were kind of thinking about, perhaps, even before. But, that being the case, I'm going to vote no to this motion, only because I would like to see us really get our hands on some of those questions out there, but there's four yeses and three nays if I'm counting them correctly. Oh, five/two.

Joe Kiefer: Five to two.

President Shetler: Five to two, I'm sorry.

Joe Kiefer: Well, thank you for your time and I appreciate the dialogue and discussion, and I know that all of you are looking out for the best interests of the county and I appreciate that. And thanks for the direction.

Pat Tuley: And I appreciate you giving us some direction and the time you took to explore and get questions answered and what have you.

President Shetler: Alright. Thank you, Pat. Thanks, Dave.

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

DISCUSSION OF 2013 SALARIES

President Shetler: The next is discussion of 2013 salaries. We can wait until July on that?

(Inaudible)

President Shetler: The question is, Teri's problem is that when they start turning in those budgets, that without some direction from this body, they don't know what to do.

Councilmember Raben: Last year, we told them just to leave it at today's rate and actually, that's easier because we don't have the whole –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Raben: – if we have to move it one way or the other.

Joe Gries: And the Auditor's Office –

President Shetler: The recommendation is to leave it flat for submission of the 2013 budget, and then we can make those changes after we get the numbers and see where we are.

Councilmember Raben: The intent is not, we're not saying here today leave it flat, but just to make the book read cleaner, --

President Shetler: For the budget process only.

Teri Lukeman: Just to give direction to the department heads so they know how to submit their budgets.

Joe Gries: And the Auditor's Office can, Mr. President, provide Council with a great deal of information afterwards once we have all that together from all the departments. So we can provide Council with stats and quotes and things of that nature.

<p style="text-align: center;">TAXING UNIT BUDGETS REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION MEETING DATES</p>

President Shetler: A couple of dates to remind you or point out to you, is the budget review, non-binding budget reviews, 9:30 September the 20th and that is a change, so make note of that. And 9:00 on September the 26th, that's for the final reading of the budget.

Jeff Ahlers: What changed, was something cancelled?

President Shetler: I'm sorry, those non-binding budget reviews, that's on the various different departments that are out there that are unrelated to the county budget. And those are set up at 9:30 on September the 20th and 9:00 on September 26th. And then the final budget hearing has been changed from September 19th to September the 20th. The joint city-county budget hearing is 3:30 August the 7th, and that's been established by the city, so everybody have note on that. September 19th was cancelled and then changed to September the 20th.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Shetler: The 20th and 26th, the reviews of the outside, like the Library, the Trustees, and township offices, those things, that's all, we'll review on the 20th and the 26th.

<p style="text-align: center;">AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE</p>
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President Shetler: The last item is the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance, and everybody has been given a copy of the Salary Ordinance Amendments. If you'll notice on page two, the Prosecutor, that the last line of that needs to be stricken, with an initiation salary of \$33,000, after six months the salary would be 35-ish, that line needs to be stricken from the record. And everything else is as has been handed out to you and will be made part of the record. So I ask for a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

President Shetler: And then I need a second.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed to that?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0. Councilmember Raben left prior to this vote)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Shetler: Next is any public comment. I do see Susan Plassmeier here. Nothing? Okay, anybody else have anything? Motion would be in order for adjournment unless anybody else has a comment.

Councilmember Swaim: I'd just like to ask if Sandie would be able to send out a memo with all those dates. Just send us an email with all those dates on it so I can calendar them up. Thanks. Motion to adjourn.

President Shetler: Alright, motion for adjournment. See you all at the last part of the month. Thank you.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.)

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
JULY 5, 2012**

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

President Shetler: Good morning, it's July the 5th and I would like to call the meeting to order. If we would please call the attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
President Shetler	X	

President Shetler: There being seven members present and none absent, it's a quorum, and next I'd like to ask Councilman Goebel to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align:center">APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 4, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 6, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING</p>

President Shetler: Thank you. At this time, I'd like to ask for approval of the minutes of the special meeting June the 4th and June the 6th, 2012.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second for both of those. Any questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Next is the appropriation ordinance. Councilman Raben.

APPROPRIATION REQUEST

REASSESSMENT/ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, good morning. First on the agenda today, we have the County Assessor's office request for two new cars in the amount of 35,000. I might call the Assessor to the microphone. Bill, you had mentioned last week that you thought this was closer to 30.

Bill Fluty: That's correct. There will be, we have to go out for bid. The state QPA was around 15,000 per car. There will be some – of course, we'll have to put the Vanderburgh County striping on the cars, there will be some things there. There may be a little money left over for any maintenance to be done at the end of the year, some oil changes or anything, a tire, but really it should be something less than that, than the 35.

Councilmember Raben: The 35 number is still the number you think that it's going to require?

Bill Fluty: Well, I won't spend all that, but I had to put in something, and I can't go out to bid until the money is in place. But the state QPA was around 15. They tell me we can do better than that. I can't sit here and tell you exactly which car will be successful or which make will be successful.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, any other questions?

Councilmember Goebel: We don't know how much – what the car is or anything right now?

Bill Fluty: The bid will go out with just certain standards and each, whether it will be a Toyota or a Ford, I can't orchestrate that, they'll meet a certain standard, whether we want a 4-door, certain mileage requirements, and if they meet that, then it will be just the low bidder.

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, I think your case is unique, but because you do have funding from Reassessment, I'm just bothered by it all because we never got any information on the rest of the fleet for the county or anything like that right now. I know this is a different case and certainly is used only for work, so I think you made your points earlier about that. Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, thanks, Bill. Motion would be in order then for approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: It's been moved and then we need a second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: Any questions about the motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

REASSESSMENT/ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1187-1090-423000	Motor Vehicles	35,000	35,000
Total		35,000	35,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUEST

President Shetler: The next then is transfers.

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: We have several transfers for the Jail from various salary lines into overtime. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions on the transfers? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Okay.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1320-132006	Confinement Officer	6,000	6,000
1320-132011	Confinement Officer	6,800	6,800
1320-132016	Confinement Officer	6,800	6,800
1320-132018	Confinement Officer	5,700	5,700
1320-132019	Confinement Officer	4,100	4,100
1320-132028	Confinement Officer	2,500	2,500
1320-132032	Confinement Officer	7,400	7,400
1320-132100	Jail Receptionist	6,500	6,500
1320-132045	Confinement Officer	4,100	4,100

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1320-132048	Confinement Officer	4,100	4,100
1320-132059	Confinement Officer	5,700	5,700
1320-132063	Confinement Officer	4,100	4,100
1320-132001	Confinement Officer	2,400	2,400
To: 1320-185000	Union Overtime	66,200	66,200

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: And then last we have the County Commissioners transferring from the regular insurance line in the amount of \$100,000 to Self Insurance for \$100,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Any questions about the motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-300000	Insurance	100,000	100,000
To: 1300-300100	Self Insurance	100,000	100,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Nothing to repeal and underneath old business...

NON-BINDING RESOLUTION TO ALLOW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO
NEGOTIATE PURCHASE OF THE FORMER EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH
SCHOOL CORPORATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. President, I'd like for us to be able to revisit the issue of the school corporation building negotiations. It says this will be a non-binding resolution and if passed, regardless of what the figure would be, that would eventually have to come back to us. So I'd like to cap that at 1.5 million.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second on the floor. Anybody have questions? Yes, Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: A few comments more than questions. Last week it was mentioned that, has there been any phase one or any environmental done within the building? Is there anyone here today to speak to that? You know, before we go any farther, that should be a high priority for the county. You know, as I had mentioned, you never know what you're getting into. That building is of the age where just like any of these buildings where there could be a lot of asbestos when you get into renovating it or trying to repurpose the building for like the Health department, you're going to have to meet those guidelines for removal of that stuff, those materials or matters. So, again, I can't be comfortable with this for all the other reasons that I've stated on this floor prior to this one. But I really would like to see us not act today on any type of resolution.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Since this is non-binding, we're not voting on anything, I think we owe the taxpayers in the county to investigate this. It's non-binding, I mean, I guess we're kind of on a fact finding mission and I think at least we should look into it. We're not putting any money out here or anything. So unless we know all the facts, I think Commissioner Kiefer is on vacation and I'm sure he'll be back to address, him and Mr. Tuley here in the future. But that's the reason, I'm not saying I'm going to be supportive or against it or whatever, I'd just like to see all the numbers first. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: So the intent of this resolution, as with most resolutions, is approving them to go out and make the deal up to 1.5 million dollars. And that's, I'll lean to our legal counsel, but is that not what we're doing here today?

Jeff Ahlers: I believe that was Mr. Swaim's motion. I would say, as I think from the discussion that we had last week, everyone wants to make it clear on the record that that is just merely giving the County Commissioners the nod to negotiate but that any type of tentative agreement that they would reach would be subject to review and approval and appropriation by Council and I assume that that's the intent of your motion, Mr. Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes. And Mr. President, I certainly understand Councilman Raben's concerns about environmental issues. However, in the meantime, the Commissioners can go ahead and start working with the school corp to come up with a reasonable figure and call for the environmental investigation at the same time.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Councilman Koehler...Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. That's okay, I'll answer to either or both. I was thinking that we had talked last week that they possibly were not going to need to use the full 1.5 in the negotiation, that the number was going to be a little bit less than that. Does anyone have any further information on that or is that something that we could stipulate rather than 1.5? Perhaps 1.25 or ...

President Shetler: From what I understand, that is correct, that there's been some negotiations that are less than that 1.5. I did vote for this motion when it came up a month ago at the 1.5 level and I will vote in favor it again today. However, I would have a very difficult time voting for a million and a half for funds to buy this building when the time comes. I would feel more comfortable if the price tag comes in closer

to a million dollars, so I would put that as a part of the record that my own personal feeling as one councilman, is I would not be in favor of voting for anything above that amount. So I can go along with this motion because it still works, but I think it needs to be conveyed to those folks that at least where I stand and if others feel the same, I think perhaps if that's part of the record, they'll understand the negotiations are going to have to be a little tighter than they are currently.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Well I, for one, would make that part of my record and I will do so when I cast the vote. I originally did not vote against this but in hearing some talk that perhaps we could negotiate this at a lesser amount and end up perhaps being the best deal for the taxpayers, you know, I may be willing to go along and allow the negotiations. Again, giving the caveat that this is not an endorsement of anything until we get something final to look at and consider.

President Shetler: Alright. I might say that my main reason for even voting or thinking in terms of voting for it, is I'd feel much like Councilman Raben, I'm not on the side of trying to grow government in any way, shape or form, but it is inevitable with the way that the courts have been growing and the issues that are related to the courts. We're going to be looking someday down the road, whether we like it or not, maybe five year, ten years, could be fifteen or twenty, but we're going to be looking at some time when the courts are going to knock on the door and say we're got to have three more judges, three more court rooms, where are we going to put it, and we're going to spend 25 million dollars on some building and somebody is going to say, those guys should have looked a little harder at this and gotten it for a million dollars. And I'm a little concerned about that. So I just would hate to see us lose that opportunity that we have today to get something at a reasonable price where we may pay a lot more someday.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, you know we've got a tenant, you know, a \$400,000 tenant, you know, that will be leasing the building, so I mean, it does look good to look at. I mean, I agree with you 100 percent and more space to lease out if we need it.

President Shetler: Right, yes. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Firstly, did we not – when we first debated this or discussed this, ask for some input from the Health Department and other boards that would have to be involved before we – I thought we were going to try to get their input and if they really want this to happen, if it's feasible. And secondly, I don't see anything different in this resolution today than the one we voted down about a month ago. I think perhaps a Commissioner and the EVSC attorney should be here with a presentation instead of – can we even do anything differently now?

President Shetler: Well, we can because it's being brought up by a member who voted in the majority before. I think its important, I think it's all part of the due diligence that needs to take place and the only thing that we're doing by this resolution is saying that we would like for the Commissioners to proceed with their due diligence to find out all of those details – is this satisfactory for the Health Department, and will this, you know, work for us in terms of the numbers that we're talking about? Are there environmental issues? I think all those things have to be looked at and for us not to go through that process, to me, I feel, it's my own personal opinion, is that we just need to go through the process to find out if this is a prudent decision for the Council to make.

Councilmember Goebel: Could we amend the motion to lower the top dollar right

now?

President Shetler: We could if the motioner and the seconder would agree to do that.

Councilmember Swaim: Well, Mr. President, that was just set as a cap. I mean, and Angela and I both understand now that there have been some negotiations since the last meeting and that we're probably at the 1.25 level, and who knows, it could go lower. Obviously, it's not going to go any higher, and that's the only reason I put the cap on there.

Councilmember Raben: We do have representatives here today from the Health Department. I would like to call on Dr. Nicholson or Gary Heck to, they can at least speak for the Health Department's position.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. The Health Department has never been opposed to looking at anything that's in the county's best interest, and in the Health Department's best interest. I'm just not sure what that's going to be, but if this moves it forward, we're always open to that. The board has identified Dr. John Pulcini, who served in the ad hoc position when they were looking for space previously, and he's agreed to do that again. We were just waiting to get information from either the Building Authority or the school corporation to have something to actually look at since we've never received anything official. So we're certainly not opposed to doing anything to look at it. So I hope that answers your question.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, Gary.

Gary Heck: Sure.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I was going to raise the question as far as the feasibility of this facility in comparison to the facility you're in today.

Gary Heck: I haven't seen any other details, but I've been assured by Dave Rector that everything could be worked out, so I have no reason to believe that it wouldn't.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

Gary Heck: Sure.

Councilmember Raben: Well, everybody knows my position. You know, again, I can't get past the fact that we've got hundreds of thousands of square feet that we're not utilizing today. On the other side of that wall is like 38,000 feet that's vacant, empty. We've got the Old Courthouse that houses a few people, a few tenants, but if you can recall, we couldn't even move one of our county departments there because the expense to get their area ready was too great. And we've got the old Coliseum over there that is no longer utilized for anything other than housing Veterans Services, two people, a two person office. I think our situation is bigger than the flavor of the day. I mean, yeah, it sounds great, let's take on another building. It's on the campus, you know, let's preserve the campus. But I think that's an irresponsible approach. I think we need to look at how we utilize all the space today that we're already paying for, that we're already trying to maintain and repair roofs and what have you on. So I'm probably going to lose this battle but, again, I wanted to mention it one last time.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: If we go forward with this and work out a deal with the EVSC, would this building go under the Building Authority or could it be owned by a different entity?

President Shetler: It could be done, I think, a variety of ways, but the proposal that they're going towards today appears to be going underneath the Building Authority. But there is nothing that would preclude us from doing something else.

Councilmember Goebel: If the Health Department is going to be the major tenant, could the Health Department possibly own that building? Is that...

President Shetler: Yes, they could.

Councilmember Goebel: That would cut us out of the rent or,...I don't know. I just don't know what the different options are.

President Shetler: Yeah, I think that's –

Councilmember Raben: They can, but bear in mind, every time they increase their levy, their tax collection, you have to lower your general fund by like amounts. So that really doesn't help you in any way. I mean, again, you can say, well, it's not general fund, but it really is.

President Shetler: The only – and I don't mean to get into all the details here – but the only way that it would help you is that they would have a better control over their budgetary item of rent so to speak, and be able to control that cost whereas when it's underneath the Building Authority, you're dealing with a separate entity that you're having to respond to on their rent, what they're dictating to you what the rent cost would be. Now that was set up for a purpose though, and the reason was, because years ago back in the 60's and before this building was built and before you dealt with a building authority, each one of the city and the county did what we all tend to do, and that is kind of, when things get tough, you end up cutting your rent back and then you don't save enough back for the necessary repairs and things. We went to the Building Authority concept so that we would make sure that you had a separate entity that would set aside sufficient funds to keep the building in good repair and stuff as it is today. So that would be the one drawback if you put it in the Health Department, is that if things got short, tight, they may look at trying to cut those rent items down and putting it into a different line item. So I think Angela had a question or point.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes, I would like to consider, possibly, if the motion could be reworked to have that cap of 1.25. I know some of the new information that was presented was one reason why I agreed that maybe we should reconsider this and not close the door completely. But I would feel more comfortable if we set in the form of the motion today, 1.25 and hopefully we'll end up closer to a million. But looking at something different.

Councilmember Bassemier: I hate giving my blessing to 1.2 million, they might be working with 1.2 million, I don't see why we have to put a number to it, do you? I mean, we just want to negotiate the price. Should we put a price on it? I don't know, and to answer Jim's question what he was talking about, I see \$400,000 a year on rent that eventually, we can pay this building off over here on the other side, all we're getting is the receipts, 400,000. So that's my answer to Jim. But I don't think we need to put a price. How do you feel about that, Pete, do we need to put a –

Councilmember Swaim: Well, I –

Councilmember Bassemier: Joe even said we could even go to a million, I mean, you know.

Councilmember Swaim: I don't have a problem amending the amount, but I would defer to our counsel. Either amount is not going to bind us in any way or the Commissioners. Jeff, what do you think?

Councilmember Raben: I'd say shorten the leash on them a little bit.

Jeff Ahlers: Obviously, it's your motion and you can do whatever you want. I mean, if all you're wanting to do is make an overture to the Commissioners and say negotiate and it's subject to our approval or appropriation, I don't know that you need an amount. They can come back and communicate, if you want to put an amount and say, you know, up to this amount, I mean, it's still subject to your approval is what I understand your motion to be, so it's obviously, whatever you want to do.

Councilmember Swaim: Well, there was some discussion last week about when I tried to make the motion during Personnel and Finance without a dollar amount, I thought the consensus was that we needed to have an amount put forward. So I don't have a problem with amending it to 1.25, which I'll do now, Mr. President.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm okay with that.

Jeff Ahlers: That's not to exceed.

Councilmember Swaim: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: I think we should go lower than that.

President Shetler: Okay, so we have a motion or a request to amend the motion on the floor which was at 1.5 to 1.25 maximum. The seconder has agreed to that, so the motion has been amended to reflect 1.25. Questions? Comments? Roll call please. Any other questions about anything else on that? Roll call then, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I initially was against the initial proposal for this. I am open to getting a little bit more information. I definitely would be comfortable again with lowering that cost. I'm with Jim that we just haven't preserved and taken care of our current facilities and we don't really need to make another investment like this. But I am open to receiving more information, so I'm supporting this resolution today.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Given the comments by putting them on the record at this point, that we're not going to exceed 1.25, would feel more comfortable with a lower amount as Councilman Goebel said, but remembering the bottom line, that this is a non-binding resolution. Yeah, I think that it would be prudent to go ahead and look into this further and see if it is a good deal or if it's not a good deal and give

the Commissioners the authority to just look at it knowing that they have to come back to this body for final approval and we're looking for as low a number as we can get. I'll vote aye.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'm not opposed to looking into it to keep it on the campus but I certainly will not support 1.25, either. But I will vote yes to letting them proceed.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to make one last comment and I am going to vote no, but a year from next month, one last building that I forgot that each and every one of you need to be planning for is you're going to lose about a half million dollars a year in funding to operate The Centre. One year from August, that's going to be a new figure in our budget to fund that operation, so again, you know, the right thing to do isn't to take on more space.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Aye.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: I vote aye. There being six members voting for and one member opposed, the motion carries.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Raben opposed)

CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES
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President Shetler: The next is underneath new business which would be Circuit Court. Judge?

Carl Heldt: Good morning. Carl Heldt, Vanderburgh Circuit Court. I have three requests for new employment. First of all I have a receptionist vacancy in Circuit Court. A receptionist/secretary, I can't do without her. I need another one. Its paid from user fee funds, no affect on the county budget. Secondly, I need a part-time probation officer. And if I may explain what's going on with that, in the last year or two, the Indiana Judicial Center has come up with a new risk assessment protocol for simply assessing the risk of people who have been convicted of crimes reoffending, and trying to assess what's the best place to put that person in terms of sentencing and placement. And this is a very valuable tool to go with our pre-sentence investigation reports. Every person who is convicted of a felony, we're required to perform a pre-sentence investigation report and that's an in-dept investigation of the person's history and substance abuse, a family history, and employment and education and interviewing with the person. And this new risk assessment tool is a good one, but what it brought with it was a requirement that it be performed by a certified probation officer where in the past many of our pre-sentence investigations were done just by clerical people. And we have found that one probation officer, which we allocated to this job is not enough. So what we want to do is hire a part-time probation officer to help do that and be qualified to do that. And the good thing about part-time, obviously, is that no fringe benefits attached to that. We have a person we want to move into that position who is now a court

liaison and a court liaison as is described by its title, goes to court. We have to have a probation person in court every day and this person goes to court and helps the judge in administering probation cases. And this court liaison person also does clerical work and helps with the pre-sentence investigations, the part that he or she can do. So we are adding one employee, one part-time employee, and creating a new part-time probation officer, adding a new part-time employee, all of this without fringe benefits and all of this out of the probation user fee funds, so there is no impact on the county budget. And I have Cheri Wood here who is the Chief Probation Officer that will answer any questions you may have or that I may not be able to answer.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you, Judge. Anybody have any questions? Motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Terry: I'll move approval.

President Shetler: Its been moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: And seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Motion carries.

Carl Heldt: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Next is County Clerk, request to fill misdemeanor and traffic clerk vacancy.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Goebel brings up a good point. Should we address the guests here today for the tax phase-in before we go –

President Shetler: Why don't we go ahead and just take Susie real quick, since she's here, and then we'll go to the tax phase-in and then we'll...

Susan Kirk: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any questions of the County Clerk?

Councilmember Swaim: This is a newly vacant position, is that right, Susie?

Susan Kirk: Yes, it is. The Council will save, that position was paying \$30,000, and that person went to Judge Heldt's office, so you'll be saving almost \$10,000 just by that replacement there. And I want to forewarn you, I will be coming back very

shortly because the Judges have made lots of changes and we're taking on a lot more work, so we're going to be taking over a lot of juvenile cases. So I just want to forewarn you that I will be back probably next month asking for that. And just quickly, the old jail over here, this is what I told the Commissioners but I never get any response back. What we need to do is, I know it would cost some money and I don't mind looking into it, but I'm not going to do it unless you all think it's good to do, but if we could get some scanners, stuff like that, what we need to do is the cases that we have here, begin to put them over there. To move all of the old cases from Kinder to the jail is not going to work. That would, it's just not going to work. Everything –

Councilmember Swaim: Could you explain why it won't work?

Susan Kirk: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Swaim: Could you explain to us why that won't work? I mean, I'm familiar with the way it looks over there now because I've been through since it had been gutted, but –

Susan Kirk: Okay. Because everything is bar coded and in like shelf, five, ten, whatever like that, you would have to re-bar code everything because it will not fit the same way that it does in Kinder. So we would have to – you don't even want to think about re-bar coding that many files. I think what we should do is begin using this over here, okay. The things that we have at Kinder through the destruction of records, that's going to slowly go down because if you move everything over here, you can't put another thing over here in the jail. That would totally – you couldn't hardly move if you moved everything over there. So I think, to look forward, that's what we need to do is begin putting the records over here and getting rid of the records through the retention schedule out at Kinder.

Councilmember Raben: Susie, refresh us, how long do we have to keep records?

Susan Kirk: Some of them forever. It depends on what record it is. Some things are 10 years, some are 25. We've got some that are 40 and some are forever.

Councilmember Goebel: Do these have to be kept in hard copy form or –

Susan Kirk: Well, yes, you would think going to the computer was supposed to get rid of paper. Now we have it on paper, the computer, a disk and scanned and microfilmed, by law. So we have it everywhere.

Councilmember Bassemier: Susie, what savings are you talking about here in the future if we would go that route, because it keeps going, Kinder will be charging us more because there's more work, so if we take everything up in the jail and store it up there, what will it save us?

Susan Kirk: Well, I think the biggest cost that we would start seeing reasonably soon would be the amount of money that we pay Kinder just for storage. As far as who is going to scan all these records in, you know, I don't know. We could see how that works exactly because you have to have scanning equipment that is approved by the state, who is going to microfilm it, stuff like that. And I don't mind looking into that, but I just know that in the long run as the years go, we're going to see a savings there rather than move everything over here. I can't even imagine trying to rescan it all.

President Shetler: Appreciate the comments and the information on that but I'd rather, let's just stay to this employee right now because that's something really for the Commissioners to decide and –

Susan Kirk: I just wanted to give you a forewarning.

President Shetler: – and try to investigate looking at because that gets into a whole new can of worms.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second to approve. Just one question, Susie, four years ago you had how many employees?

Susan Kirk: We had...what did we have, Sandie, 54?

President Shetler: And today, officially, you have...?

Susan Kirk: 52.

President Shetler: So will this bring you to 53 or will this keep you at 52?

Susan Kirk: This will keep me at 52.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, thank you. Alright, we have a motion and a second. Any other questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Okay, so ordered. It passes.

Susan Kirk: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>CONFIRMING RESOLUTION CO.R-07-12-007 OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX PHASE-IN FOR ACQUISITION OF MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT VANDERBURGH INDUSTRIAL PARK LOT 11 (PGP INTERNATIONAL, INC.)</p>
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President Shetler: Next then I'd like to go to the resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council declaring an economic revitalization area for tax phase-in for acquisition of manufacturing equipment located at Vanderburgh Industrial Park Lot 11, PGP International, Inc. Yes, Debbie.

Debbie Dewey: Good morning, I'm Debbie Dewey with the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. You've had the presentation from the company and they've

answered questions. Just as a reminder, the company looked at over 50 sites across the US; they have not made a decision at this point. They're not saying they're coming to Evansville, so what we're trying to do is to approve an incentive package that will entice them to make this their home going forward. Again, it will be building a new facility at lot 7 of the Vanderburgh Industrial Park, 70,000 square foot for food manufacturing, 41 new jobs created over the next five years with an average pay of \$24 per hour. They'll be looking at 15 million investment in new manufacturing equipment and 8.2 million investment by local Delta Properties to construct a new facility which PGP would then rent. The economic impact, positive economic impact to our community over the next ten years is \$287 million and just so you know, too, that the Commissioners have approved a \$20,000 training grant for Vanderburgh County residents only who may be hired by PGP to work in this facility and the state of Indiana has also provided \$105,000 in skills enhancement training as well as \$320,000 in Edge credits, tax credits. Again, the training is very important to this company, they've said that their equipment is so complex, it's really computer controlled everything, that an operator, it takes about five years for them to truly become proficient in this. So we have with us today Mr. David Cullen, the CFO of PGP International as well as Evan Beck with Delta Properties if there are any additional questions before you vote.

Councilmember Raben: Debbie, one quick question. Our paperwork lists this as lot— so we make the motion correctly – lot 11, but you're saying it's lot 7.

Debbie Dewey: Oh, did I say 7? I'm sorry, I meant 11. That was my fault and I'm sorry.

President Shetler: Anybody have any questions or comments?

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Got a motion and a second. Anybody else? We'll do a roll call on the motion.

Jeff Ahlers: One of the questions was whether or not, in the preliminary resolution you have the number of years. In the confirming, you don't need that?

Debbie Dewey: I will defer, I guess, to the legal counsel. I thought the 10 year abatement is what we're asking for approval for. I believe that needs to be listed. Once its approved, we've gone back and written it in after the approval vote on – at least we've done that with the City Council. This is the first time we've gone through this with County Council.

President Shetler: So maybe it should be reiterated in the motion so that its clear then that this is asking for a 10 year.

Jeff Ahlers: That's fine, you can put that in there. Make sure, also if you could, because there's two resolutions, that you reference by number, I guess, each time what you're voting on, because there's one for PGP and then there's one for Delta.

President Shetler: Alright, the motion was made by Councilman Bassemier, would you –

Councilmember Terry: State the ten years.

Councilmember Bassemier: Ten years.

President Shetler: Ten years abatement and the fact that this is specifically for PGP.

Councilmember Bassemier: PGP International, yes.

President Shetler: Alright the motion and then the seconder agree to that so now we'll take a roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven members for and none against, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>CONFIRMING RESOLUTION CO.R-07-12-008 OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX PHASE-IN FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT VANDERBURGH INDUSTRIAL PARK LOT 11 (DELTA PROPERTIES, LLC)</p>
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President Shetler: The next then, I'll entertain a motion for approval on a resolution for the Vanderburgh County Council confirming the declaration of an economic revitalization area for tax phase-in for the redevelopment of real property located in Vanderburgh Industrial Park Lot 11, for Delta Properties, LLC.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: Motion by –

Councilmember Raben: And again, for a period of ten years?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: For ten years.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Shetler: And a second by Councilman Raben. Any questions about it? If not, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven members for and none opposed, the motion passes. Alright, thank you very much. It was a pleasure having you here, David.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RECORDER REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Next is a request from the Recorder to fill the Chief Deputy vacancy.

Z Tuley: Z Tuley, Vanderburgh County Recorder.

President Shetler: Any questions?

Z Tuley: I have a few comments I'd like to make, if I might. The Recorder's office has a perpetuation fund that is allowed to be used for all the needs of the Recorder's office with the exception of salaries. Salaries is the only thing that is in my budget that you guys have to take care of, the salaries, the FICA, the PERF. Every pencil, pen and paper that we use comes out of the perpetuation fund. All of our travel

needs comes out of the perpetuation fund because it's all in regards to preserving records or recording the records or seeking training in order to stay informed on the best way to do things. Seeing how this does include computers, when you guys go to the refresh program and computers are going to be purchased and I'm in overneeded for new computers because we're moving so slowly right now, since I am allowed by law to pay for these computers for my office, I am going to. This is going to save the county 26 computer pricing. I don't know what that equates to because I don't think that I was involved in the last phase of the refresh program, so I don't know how much – I don't know what kind of price we actually wound up getting for that program. Every time that I can, I have made my budget available but I can't always – it seems that it's sometimes still not enough. But I do everything that I can. And I just wanted to reiterate that. My staff has already been cut by ten percent. I don't know if every office has a ten percent cut. I don't know. I don't know that I need to know at this time. But a Chief Deputy is a vital, vital, key to the office. The Chief Deputy acts and is responsible the same as I am to the taxpayers and the county when I am not present. This is a key position that I just can't do without. I've been without a Chief Deputy since the middle of June. We are looking for the buyout to expire September 28th. I can't go that many months without a Chief Deputy and if there is an officeholder in this Civic Center than can do without a Chief Deputy that long, then I don't know why we have one except that the law says that we are entitled to a Chief Deputy. And believe me, they are needed. I don't know a single officeholder that could possibly do without their Chief that long. When I'm not present, they act as if they are the officeholder and what they say is the way it is.

President Shetler: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Z, you said you can't hire somebody until September, that's when the end of the buyout of all the vacation –

Z Tuley: Correct. The first working day would be September 28th.

Councilmember Bassemier: And how much is that going to cost if we replace this today? How much is it going to cost the county?

Z Tuley: I was silly and didn't bring that down, but it's roughly 10,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: \$10,000, so we're going to have to take \$10,000 out of the general fund to pay for this position if we vote on it today.

Z Tuley: Right, and this buyout, I don't know exactly when it started. I couldn't tell you what year it was but I know that the county hasn't always had this policy in place and it is a policy that I don't get to ignore. I don't get to not pay that buy-out. And so, if it's a policy that's established and albeit not you guys personally, but the Council created this policy and I think it's only fair that it's funded if you created it.

President Shetler: When do you plan on replacing this position?

Z Tuley: Yesterday would have been great. As soon as possible.

President Shetler: Do you have a candidate in mind then?

Z Tuley: Oh yes.

President Shetler: And is it an existing employee?

Z Tuley: Yes.

President Shetler: So I think typically what might happen in most offices is that until it can become official, there's money in the account to actually pay for the person, typically what they may do is designate someone to be the acting Chief Deputy and at the time that they're able to be elevated then they are, and that proceeds in a legal way and everybody else in the office understands where the authority is and usually respects that. So I don't see how this would interfere with the operation of the office for the next two months.

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. President?

Z Tuley: It will be three months, but I guess I just don't exactly follow you.

President Shetler: Well, I'm saying if you have a candidate that is in your office right now, --

Z Tuley: Oh, no, it's not in my office, but they are a county employee. Actually, they are shared between city and county.

President Shetler: Okay, perhaps I --

Z Tuley: I'm sorry. I didn't mean to convey that they were in my office.

President Shetler: Alright, yes, Councilman Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Well, I was thinking in terms of she having, elevating somebody in her office now but I guess my question would be directed to Mr. Ahlers. If somebody could be given that as an acting position without the commensurate pay between now and the time that we have funds available to fund the Chief Deputy in September. I mean, are there any issues involved there? Doing the job without the total amount of pay?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, certainly as the Council, you can set that pay in at whatever you would want to set that in at. I guess the question, and I don't know that without looking that I could tell you off the top of my head whether -- if that salary item remains and you give somebody an acting title, what that does, but if someone is given a title, I mean, you could set that salary in at whatever you wanted to set it in at. Does that answer your question? I'd have to look at the statute that she refers to in terms of off the top of my head, I can't tell you what the statute says in terms of their entitlement to a Chief Deputy. I guess as a practical matter, whether they're called that or not, I guess the question becomes whether someone can fulfill those duties.

President Shetler: In some respects, we're kind of putting, I don't know, the cart in front of the horse here a little bit because we really do have to have an appropriation I think in that line item in order to make sure that there's adequate money to even fund the position because you're talking about a \$10,000 shortfall. So it appears to me that really, the first thing that needs to be done is a request for an appropriation and then look at being able to replace that position.

Z Tuley: And if I recall off of the top of my head correctly, I think that the general fund was supplied with almost 400,000 last year as a result of the fees that are brought in through the Recorder's office. If you have a two page deed, the general fund gets \$8, the Surveyor gets \$5, and the Recorder's perpetuation fund gets 3, so I get less

than the general fund and I also get less than the Surveyor on filing the documents. But like I said, I will use that perpetuation fund to its max that I can. When it's something that is legal and I can do that, I will.

Councilmember Raben: I think what Councilman Shetler, maybe I misunderstood him, I guess, actually, since we're not waiting for the buy-out, we're going to be spending that money plus putting in a replacement employee that we don't have funding in place for. So I think what you were trying to say, and I didn't even think about that and I'm glad you brought that up, but we probably should have been making an appropriation before we start paying this employee or, you know, again, we're –

Z Tuley: And I wish I could pay it. I really do. I'd pay it in a heartbeat.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I don't think that's what he's even asking. I mean, he's just bringing up the point that this is more than just a replacement employee. At the same time as approving the replacement, we should have also been approving an appropriation out of the general fund into this line, and we can't really do that because we have to advertise that appropriation for August then. Is that what you're trying to say, Mr. President?

President Shetler: Yes, it is. That's correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So do we need to hold this until August so we can do an appropriation?

President Shetler: Exactly, I think we need to have the appropriation first and then look at the – I mean, just the legal proceedings that have to be done. I mean, the money has to be in place before we can do that.

Z Tuley: How ever it works.

Councilmember Goebel: If that does take place, would both issues be able to be handled at the August 1st or 2nd or 3rd, whatever time it is? We'd be able to –

President Shetler: I guess you could do those simultaneously. You could do the appropriation and then fill the request thing. I guess I have another question on the back side of this a little bit, though. I just need to get a clarification from you. Because I know underneath the past Recorder, that we consistently received payments to the general fund out of that perpetuation fund, to the tune of six digits, you know, \$100,000 pretty regularly. Many times, things were taken care of and stuff that helped out the general fund quite a bit and we've yet to see that in the past four years. And so are you indicating that there's a bit of a change of heart here and that that perpetual fund is going to be opened up more for use for the general fund?

Z Tuley: No, the perpetuation fund cannot be opened for the use of the general fund.

President Shetler: For eight years, it was never challenged, legally. I mean, it was always approved and taken care of and clean and clear.

Z Tuley: Upon discovery of the transfer, there is a law that says that nothing from the perpetuation fund can be transferred to the general fund. And it is my understanding that the State Board of Accounts reprimanded that transfer and the money had to be put back because it was not allowed to be moved in that fashion. So every fashion

that I can move it in, like if I have the opportunity to be part of the refresh program, then I will foot the bill for the Recorder. That I can do. Anything that has to do with my office, I can foot the bill for it.

President Shetler: I was thinking this whole question came up last year at budget time. I'm getting a little bit old and sometimes I forget certain things, but I was thinking the question came up last year and we had kind of worked out an agreement whereby that we would be able to – that you all were going to be paying for the computer equipment. Then some questions came up shortly after the first of the year, and there was a reluctance on your office's part to actually engage in paying for that hardware for the computer systems and stuff, and actually made a request to even step outside our contract and maybe looking at other vendors and stuff, which would not have worked at all.

Z Tuley: But that was going to be the plan because –

President Shetler: So there's a change of heart then on this or is the feeling still the same?

Z Tuley: No, the feelings are still the same because the State Board of Accounts won't let me pay that computer bill until I have a proper and appropriate bill. MRC or Matt Arvay never supplied me with a bill that the State Board of Accounts would approve for payment. So therefore, I could not make the payment because I never had a proper bill. All they did was take the annual budget, slash it and say ten percent belonged to me. Some of the itemized things on that bill included the repair of a door, which I don't even know what that's about. But the State Board of Accounts would not approve that bill for payment, therefore, I could not make the payment. And if I have to pay for computer services, I can, and I don't mind with an appropriate bill. And I don't mind paying that, but then I would want my own contract so that I have my own voice. I can control how much I'm spending. I can control what services are being provided and what services are not. But mostly, cost and a voice. And if I could have my own computer services, then I would do that if I had to pay any –

President Shetler: So we're really in no different position today than what we were ten months ago.

Z Tuley: Except that I was always willing to pay the bill as long as I got an appropriate bill.

President Shetler: I think what they were indicating on that invoice was they were giving perhaps too much, but they were giving detailed background on their overhead expenses and their overhead costs that were involved in arriving at that sum of money and how they came up with the ten percent. And if you're, and I don't know whether it's eight percent, ten percent, twelve percent, I don't know what the appropriate amount is, but let's say that your office is consuming approximately ten percent of the computer expenses, then even though you guys didn't, I don't know what this door business is about, but even though your people didn't break that door, it still happened and that was still involved in the whole course of expenses that they had as overhead, so everybody shares in that even though you may not have specifically been involved with that issue. If that goes into that overhead line, then I would think that everybody should participate in that. So –

Z Tuley: Well, whatever they had on the bill, the State Board of Accounts didn't like because they would not approve it.

President Shetler: Well, your recollection of how that State Board of Accounts transaction, how that all took place and my recollection of that transaction, I think, are a little bit different on that. I'm not sure that –

Z Tuley: I'll be happy to forward what they said –

President Shetler: I've got it all, I have all the details on it.

Z Tuley: Okay.

President Shetler: Basically, I think, did the State Board of Accounts just walk in and say, hey, this isn't proper, we're not going to approve this or was it initiated by you and your staff?

Z Tuley: Because I've never paid a computer bill, I sent it to them and asked them if this was okay for approval and they wrote me back and said no.

President Shetler: Well, again, that transaction that I read didn't really indicate that. It was more that it was kind of a question of whether or not – it was kind of leading the witness, if you will. That the statements that were made to the State Board of Accounts were more that, I don't really find this to be proper and legal, do you? And as opposed to, would you review this –

Z Tuley: There were some of those comments in there, yes.

President Shetler: Okay.

Z Tuley: But not for the whole bill.

President Shetler: Right. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: We, for this particular year, did not receive any funds from the Recorder's perpetuation fund for computers, is that correct?

Z Tuley: Not yet because we don't have them. When I get them and I have a bill, I can pay the bill, rather than general fund paying it or whatever you have set aside for your refresh, if it's in a separate line.

Councilmember Goebel: My question is, can we still act and get a proper bill and then get the funding from the perpetuation fund?

Z Tuley: Oh, you mean computer services? I'm sorry, I thought you meant computers.

Councilmember Goebel: No, computer services for this particular year. Can we go back and get a bill now that you would agree with and your State Board would agree with, and we could fund it through perpetuation? That would help us greatly, and probably help you as well.

Z Tuley: I don't have a clue. I don't know. I can ask.

Councilmember Goebel: Would you do that? And I don't know if you could find out, sitting here, we probably don't know very well what your computer needs are, the services, what your costs are. And I know it's not been provided in the fashion that's needed for you, but maybe you could work in that regard, too, with us. And we'll try

to work back with you. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, Councilman Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Mrs. Tuley, you mentioned early in your presentation, you were talking about computers that you need. Are you going to go through MRC in the purchase of those computers so we can get the best possible price?

Z Tuley: Yes.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, thank you.

Z Tuley: Our office has been included in that and I think its been included in the pricing as well.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Z, it was kind of indicated a while ago that putting somebody active in your office in that position until you hire this person outside your office, what kind of hardship would that put you in for the person you make active, who would do her duties or would it really –

Z Tuley: I really don't have anyone with the computer skill that can step up to the plate. They have all been suppressed on the computers. Until I got there, I think they had had Internet temporarily, but none of them had training in Word or Excel, Outlook, Internet, and when I came in, we opened up the Internet. They used to send the taxpayer next door when they would come in and would question about a property, they would send them to the Assessor's office to ask for a book and page. And when I opened up the Internet, we showed them that they can actually pull it from the Assessor's website without sending the people over. And so they retrieve that information now. Also on the computer system, with the deeds we also have the availability of putting in the street address, which everybody uses. You know, you come in and you ask about a property, you list your street address. There were no street addresses in the computer because they only used block 7 and lot 15, and so we have now been doing that as well as going through the Internet to the Assessor's website to pull that information in. We also have some upcoming technology that will do some of that automatically. I've got to get the Assessor onboard, but we're ready for eRecording and some very progressive things, and this will all be good and it will all then be transmitted to the Auditor and the Assessor via the picture of the document rather than the paper of the document. But other than that, it's all the same. It will eliminate some scanning on our part and it will also blend the information so that it's not done so manually.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I know there's an appropriation that's going to have to be made I'm sure to get this because there's no money to cover that fund, so that puts you the first week in August, so it will be without for two months if this is denied, right?

Z Tuley: Right.

Councilmember Bassemier: And you having vacations and things and –

Z Tuley: I'll survive.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Z Tuley: I'll do whatever it takes to get it in there as soon as possible.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. I think the fact that we do need to get an appropriation ordinance first and put it all in at one time then, we'll table this request until the August meeting. Any objection to that?

Z Tuley: Thank you.

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Alright, next we'll go on to the Prosecutor's Office.

Nick Hermann: Good morning. I'll try and be brief, I know the Council has a lot in front of it today. We're asking for several different things. The good news is that we're not asking for any additional general fund money. The first thing that we're asking for is we have a Deputy Prosecutor position that has opened. We're asking to fill that spot. I believe that's at a Step 3 right now. Regardless of who we hire, I think it will be a while before we'd get back to a Job Study, so I think we'd be hiring in at the initial salary, so there would likely be some money saved there. We're requesting to fill two part-time clerical employee positions. These are out of IV-D and those are paid for out of IV-D incentive funds. Those don't cost the general fund anything. Those are two positions at \$12 an hour. And lastly, we're asking to transfer money into a line item to cover, we moved someone from within our office into that position and she was a Step 5. It's currently being paid out at a Step 3, and that position is paid out of forfeiture funds, so that would be no cost to the general fund as well. Those are those items and then we have a request with regard to Adult Protective Services. I don't know if Council has any questions on those first items or do you want me to continue?

President Shetler: Any questions on the first? Motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Any questions on the motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Nick Hermann: The second motion is with regard to our Adult Protective Services program. This is a program where we receive money from the state to run the program and the step increases and the increases in insurance, those types of things really caught up and hit the program hard in the last few years. When I first

took over, we were about \$8,000 in the hole. We were able to get that cut down, I think we lost about 10,000 last year with the program. This year we're trying to make a move and which we won't have any of those deficiencies in the future. This is a program where we have \$144,796 is what we get a year to run it. It is a reimbursement type program so we never catch up. We have to spend the money, and then submit the bills and get reimbursed from the state. The way that we want to do this is we have a full time director, she's here today if the Council would like to ask her any questions and we had a full-time investigator position. What we'd like to do is, we'd like to split that into, is it two? Into two part-time positions that pays \$16 an hour and then the cap on that obviously would be the amount of money that we could get from the state. So our idea is to move this full-time position into two part-time, to hire two part-time. It's obviously going to save the insurance cost and allow us to be able to better control the budget to make sure that we don't go over and don't go over the amount of money that the state is paying.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you. Any questions about the motion?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question? It says 16 on the letter that you've got but on the salary ordinance, it says 15 per hour, so I just wanted clarification on that.

Nick Hermann: That is my mistake. It was submitted as 16. I believe that the reason it says 15 is, Sandie called me and I told her 15. I believe that the written request was for 16.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So we'd be voting on 16?

Nick Hermann: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, motion would be in order.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Any questions about the motion? Alright, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: By the way, Mr. Prosecutor, I do appreciate the way you're thinking out of the box here, and trying to save the county money in the way you're doing it. So I appreciate that. Thank you.

(Tape changed)

COUNTY ASSESSOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Shetler: Next is the Assessor's Office. Bill?

Bill Fluty: Bill Fluty, County Assessor. I'm here to request for an employee. I had one leave and go to the Recorder's Office and I'm just requesting to replace that.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions? Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: When an employee transfers from one office to another, they just carry their sick days and everything with them, is that correct?

Bill Fluty: That's correct.

Councilmember Goebel: But that's not necessarily the case when Chief Deputies resign or move to a different office?

Bill Fluty: If they moved to a city office which would be different. They went to the city, so they –

Councilmember Goebel: Not that particular, I'm talking about just in general. If your Chief Deputy left today and went to another office would –

Bill Fluty: They could take their time.

Councilmember Goebel: And still be employed by the county?

Bill Fluty: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Goebel: I've just a little issue with that, that policy, why they wouldn't carry their time and everything with them.

Bill Fluty: They would carry their time if they went to a new – within the county.

Councilmember Goebel: Within the county?

Bill Fluty: Yes. Yes, they would carry their time.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay. I stand corrected. Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay. And, Bill, since, in the last two years you have reduced the staff how many people?

Bill Fluty: It was three for this year's budget. Then again, we're making some changes and hopefully some efficiencies. We've bought some software that helped tremendously, along with Joe's office, to kind of help us reduce last year. We're still looking into those opportunities to come up with new ideas to decrease our budget. I think we've managed to do that. I think this budget I'll be turning in will be fairly flat. We anticipate some changes in employees over the next couple of years with retirements and things like that, so there may be some shifting and juggling then and maybe in the future we'll be coming back with some other savings.

President Shetler: The head count is down three in the last two years?

Bill Fluty: Yes, 38 total from 41. If you go back, and I had a conversation with Joe,

where the Assessor budget was over the last few years. Through legislation and through the Council, two things have reduced it from somewhere – what was that number, Joe?

Joe Gries: There were 41 full-time employees when the townships were still in effect and then there were also the four townships that had part-time assessors and part-time personnel, which adds another 10, but they weren't really considered part-time.

Bill Fluty: So somewhere over 50.

Joe Gries: Yeah.

Bill Fluty: And through legislation and the Council, I mean, you actually cut it, too, along with legislation, and then three from last year, so its down from over 50 down to 38. That budget is – you told me those numbers the other day?

Joe Gries: In 2009, the total budgets for all the Assessors was over two million dollars and this year, it was 1,770,000 some odd thousand, so its down 250,000 or better.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Are you looking for a motion to approve?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: So moved.

President Shetler: Its been moved and –

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And seconded. Any questions about the motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Bill Fluty: And just on asking for 35,000, and not quite needing that, I'll come back and tell you what that exact number is. If I'd like to use a little bit if there's extra, which I anticipate there will be. What I'd like to use that for, if it can be spent from that line item, that will be fine. If I have to transfer that into another line item that's more fitting, I'll go ahead and do that.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Bill Fluty: And just one other item. On refresh and what that money was for, I've been a member of the ITAC for a long time, I think almost ten years. The refresh,

last year, they asked for 230 and they actually put \$130,000 in. The refresh was for software licensing and it never had enough money in it to do computers. Our office, because we have Reassessment, wasn't part of that. Our refresh, which you may or may not remember, I came in last year for software licenses to actually pay for the software and refresh some computers on an annual basis to have a controlled cost every year out of Reassessment. Typically, any office that has funds available would use those for their computers or their licensing and historically, the Recorder's office has always paid their computers and software out of their perpetuation fund. But it hasn't been a burden on the general fund for years. So just to explain that.

President Shetler: Thank you. Coming from the former Auditor, I appreciate that. Any other comments or questions on it then?

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Shetler: Health Department, Gary or Dr. Ray?

Ray Nicholson: Dr. Ray Nicholson, Health Officer. We just have a request to fill a position in WIC, we had a resignation, and this is a full-time grant funded position in the WIC clinic.

President Shetler: Okay, any questions?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Shetler: It's been moved and –

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: And seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Alright, the motion passes. Thank you, Dr. Ray.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TREASURER TRAVEL REQUEST

President Shetler: Okay, next is a travel request from the Treasurer's Office. Did anybody have any questions about it? If not, then a motion –

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Rick Davis: Thank you, and that was a state mandated meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Next, amendments to Salary Ordinance. And we've all been given a –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everyone has been given a three-page copy of the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance. I'd like to call to everyone's attention to strike the request under the Recorder. But I would also move that all other amendments be – oh, I might also note that, we didn't really discuss today, but the County Highway and the Coop Extension.

President Shetler: Also, that under the Prosecutor, about three quarters of the way down, it talks about the \$15 an hour. We need to change to \$16 an hour.

Councilmember Raben: Is it – I think it was stated 16, but 15 is the correct figure, right?

President Shetler: No, 16.

Councilmember Raben: 16 is, okay. I misunderstood his point there. Okay, make that correction for Prosecutor, two part-time contractual positions at \$16 per hour. Remove the Recorder's amendment and ask that this three-page document be entered into the minutes, and motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Got a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Shetler: Anybody wish to address the County Council at this time? Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I think there's a perception out there with our hiring freeze

and replacement of workers, that this body has been – we’ve certainly looked for more efficient ways to do things and to try to cut the costs – but I think we could probably count on one hand or less than one hand, the number of positions we have actually denied. We just basically make sure that its cost neutral when someone is replaced and I think sometimes perception of the general public is that we are denying workers all over the place, and that has not been the case. I just wanted to make that comment.

President Shetler: I think your observation is probably right on. There’s probably been a dozen or better – probably have a dozen or better less heads available today than what we did three or four years ago. But a lot of that has been worked out through the cooperation of department heads, officeholders who have actually come forward and made those recommendations as opposed to anything that we’ve done to really put a hammer down on it. So I would concur, and you’re probably right, we have probably actually held it to maybe a handful, this body, and not by the approval of department heads. So, that’s correct. Okay, motion would be in order for – unless there’s anybody else? Motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Raben: Motion to adjourn.

President Shetler: Motion, and thank you very much. We’ll see you next month.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
AUGUST 1, 2012

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 1st 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 Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good morning. It's August the 1st and time for County Council. At this time, I'd like to call the attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry		X*
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
President Shetler	X	

*Arrived shortly after roll called.

President Shetler: There being six members present and one member absent, and I do want to point out that Councilman Terry did call me, left a message that she was going to be running a little bit late, tied up at the office for a few minutes, so she's hoping to be here shortly. But there is a quorum, and I'd like to then ask Councilman Swaim to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JULY 5, 2012 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
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President Shetler: Okay, the first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the July 5th meeting. Do I have a motion? I think everybody has received the minutes.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: It's been moved by Councilman Swaim. And seconded by...

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: Councilman Bassemier. Any questions about the motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Shetler: Next is the appropriation ordinance and we have several, so, Councilman Raben?

RECORDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, good morning. First on the agenda under County Recorder, the request is for replacing the Chief Deputy, and I'm going to call some attention to some account numbers as we go through here today. If you look on your appropriation request, there's two sets of account numbers. So we're going with the standard number that we've used in the past. I guess eventually, Joe, we'll convert to these newer numbers, is that...

Joe Gries: These numbers are a result of changing over to a new financial software system and we're using these in the system, but this budget season and next year we'll definitely be using the newer numbers especially for the salary lines as well. So we're –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but until we get the salary lines changed over, we're going to stay with the old ones and –

Joe Gries: Yes, that's fine.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Alright, so 1040-1120-1040 Chief Deputy, 1040-1900 and 1040-1910 for a total request of \$4,389, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: One question, Councilman. Do these numbers reflect – at what period does the timing start on this \$4,389?

Councilmember Raben: I think what Joe just said is we'll begin that at this year's budget session. Is that...

President Shetler: No, the number that we're asking for, the appropriation today to fill that slot because that was filed back, I think in late June, and we've discussed this for about – you know, on and off for a few weeks here, so I didn't know at what point this really started at that \$4,389 to make that account whole.

Councilmember Raben: Joe, when would that be, the next pay period?

President Shetler: In other words, I'm wondering if we saved some money in our weeks of debate here, and if that number should probably be reduced.

Joe Gries: The 6th of August is – that's the date, Sandie?

President Shetler: That's based on August 6th, that 4,389?

Sandie Deig: I don't know if that's what that's based on but that's when the new payroll –

Joe Gries: That's the start of the next pay period and that's when the individual could –

President Shetler: But we don't know when this 4,389, what date that's predicated upon, then?

Councilmember Raben: That could be, it possibly could be adjusted down, I understand what you're saying. But remember, you can't spend from salary lines so whatever is left reverts back to the general fund January 1st.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second, do I have any questions on the motion? Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: President Shetler, this is not related to this issue, but at the end of the year when we have changes of jobs or buyouts and things like that, we usually start all over at the next fiscal year, is that correct, on January 1, for filling positions?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: And we've always done that? Because if it happens during the fiscal year we usually wait until the buyout becomes cost neutral. And I'm just suggesting, maybe we take a look at that. I don't know if there's rollover or something like that at the end of the year because it starts during the year, why would it change at the end? And I don't think we can discuss it right now, I just want to bring that up. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Tom?

President Shetler: Yes?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd just like to point out, I know in the past practice we waited until that person's time ran out before we started paying this other person, but I've just got to remind everybody that she brings in about \$400,000 a year to the general fund with her fees and everything. So that's why I'm going to approve this, so it starts right away. That was the motion, wasn't it, Jim, to approve it?

President Shetler: Yes, that's correct, it is. Councilman Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Has it been common practice, has there been any other occurrences where we went ahead and filled the deputy position without waiting before –

President Shetler: I think there have been a few instances of Chief Deputies that have been replaced and haven't gone through the normal procedure, but I'd say the common practice even on Chief Deputies has been for us to wait until that money has expired and the position is technically vacant and ready to go. It just depends on, I think, how needed that position might be at the time and there are some areas where departments have had the ability to promote someone up on a temporary basis and to accommodate the financial needs of the county and stuff in that regard. Apparently, that may not be possible in this particular department. Alright, any other questions? Okay, we have a motion on the floor then and a second. So roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

RECORDER

REQUESTED APPROVED

1040-1120-1040 10001040-104112	Chief Deputy	3,746	3,746
1040-1900 10001040-190000	FICA	287	287
1040-1910 10001040-191000	PERF	356	356
Total		4,389	4,389

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Sheriff, these item numbers are 1050-2210 Fuel, 1050-2230 Garage, 1050-3200 Utilities for a total appropriation request of \$148,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Any questions about the motion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
10001050-221000	Fuel	120,000	120,000
10001050-223000	Garage	20,000	20,000
10001050-320000	Utilities	8,000	8,000
Total		148,000	148,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Prosecutor, 1080-1400-1080, 1080-1900, 1080-1910 for a total of \$23,865, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. I'd like to make at least one comment. I think – I'm going to vote for this and I'm going to vote for it because I think one of our issues here might be managing criminal justice. And I think somehow we're getting it totally out of balance here. I mean, we have the same amount of sheriff deputies out arresting more people today, we have the same amount of city police officers arresting a whole lot more people out there today than they did years ago, we have the public defenders that have real defined case loads that they are able to do, and if we applied those same things to the Prosecutor's office, we'd probably double our staff out there. We have judges and the Clerk and different ones who have I know been taxed but at the same time we've extended some things in the court system, but the one area that we keep falling behind, if we don't prosecute those guys that get arrested and we don't keep this thing in balance here somehow, then we don't manage criminal justice in a fair and proper way. And I think we're kind of losing sight of that. And so I'm going to vote for it because I think its important that the guys that Eric's people work so hard to arrest are brought to justice some way and we've got to have good Prosecutor's and we've got to have good staff out there to be able to do that. So that's the reason why I'm going to vote yes for it today. So

any other questions or comments? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1400-1080 10001080-108140	Deputy Prosecutor	20,370	20,370
1080-1900 10001080-190000	FICA	1,559	1,559
1080-1910 10001080-191000	PERF	1,936	1,936
Total		23,865	23,865

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR IV-D

Councilmember Raben: Next under Prosecutor IV-D, it's 1081-1210-1081, 1081-1220-1081, 1081-1400-1081, 1081-1900, and 1081-1910. For the sake of discussion I'm going to move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second, and then we have questions?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I would like to call the Prosecutor up.

Nick Hermann: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: I guess the question is, three enforcement officers at one time. Is there a number that we can work with, south of three?

Nick Hermann: First to clarify, we do have a football team on the west side doing jumping jacks until this meeting is over, right?

Councilmember Goebel: They're taking a break.

Nick Hermann: The number where the, I know you guys have heard this spiel before, so I'll keep it short unless there's specific questions. We're the number two county in the state as far as workload for enforcement agents out of 92. Our caseload at the end of last year was 874 cases per enforcement agent. The state average is 533. To bring us in compliance with that, I think the number, I think it was 18 that we needed. We come back every year and ask for additional. In 2007 I believe there were three or four asked for, we got one. The following year we brought in a million more dollars in child support collection. In 2008 we asked for additional, we didn't get any in 2009, we asked for three or four additional. We got one. That person, a gain, brought in a million more dollars in child support collection, it increased by a million dollars. Last year we were told by this Council that money was tight and I know it's still tight, and we were told to find efficiencies and come up with money if we wanted something, so that's what we did. We shifted an attorney and two receptionists over to the IV-D side. This year they're being reimbursed at two-thirds of their salary which resulted in an income to the general fund of \$149,756. We asked at that time for I believe it was four enforcement agents that would have been funded out of that money that was cut from the budget. I know you guys have a difficult job to do to bring the budget back in line. We came back in I think it was January or February, and asked for three or four additional agents. We were told to come back at the end of the year after the money had already come in. We adjusted our request from four to three because that allowed for these funds to cover that attorney position that the Council thankfully just approved. We believe that we have a systemic problem both in the attorneys on the criminal side and in the child support agents on the child support side. When you look at the numbers and when you compare us with the other counties, we're so woefully behind, and so I think when I was speaking to Councilwoman Lindsey, she asked, you know, is there a magic number that makes this okay? And there is, I think it's 19 or 20 attorneys and 18 child support people. What we're trying to do is, we're trying to tread water. You know, we're trying to stay below critical mass. With the reimbursements that the county is receiving from last year's budget, all four of these positions are funded or could be funded with that money if the Council so chose. We're happy to get whatever we can with regard to enforcement agents. We represent, I believe it's,...at the end of the year 15,723 families that are trying to collect support, that are trying to get off assistance, that are trying to provide for their families. The economy is tough, I know that's part of the problem in coming in front of Council, is the economy is tough. But it's really tough on a lot of these single income households and we're just trying to do our job and collect the support. We've asked for three people here and had asked that the Council consider three people, but we'll be happy to take whatever we can get.

Councilmember Raben: If these three are granted, that will put your total count of enforcement officers to what?

Nick Hermann: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Goebel: According to what we got last time, it would be 19.

Nick Hermann: Nineteen?

Councilmember Goebel: That's one over what you just mentioned you needed.

Nick Hermann: Well, no, we'd need 18 additional.

Councilmember Goebel: I'll take it back.

Nick Hermann: We felt if we asked for 18 additional that we would get none so we asked for three.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Goebel: I feel better about this request than the one prior but I still think we should maybe grant a little bit less and see how that goes because you were requesting three earlier in the year and we denied it at that point.

Nick Hermann: That's correct. This is the third – since the budget time last time, this is the third time we've been back requesting – I think we requested four and this is a request for three. The reason we lowered it from four to three was because of the measures we took with the budget last time, the increase in the general fund revenue would cover these four spots. That's why we requested three at this time, but if you'd like to make a motion for 18, we will find space.

Councilmember Goebel: Eighteen total, I might.

President Shetler: Nick, is it possible that if we just simply granted, you know, for example, this is a \$34,000 request, \$34,000 to complete the year out. You do whatever you can with that money and would that give you, I'm trying to give you the flexibility where you could stretch that a little bit further in a different way by hiring perhaps some part-time people to do some of that job. And you may be able to get five or six, seven part-time that would, let's see, you're basically buying 120 hours a week and so maybe you could stretch that out and get a couple hundred hours a week out of that same amount of money because of some other things that wouldn't come in to play there. Even if you paid more per hour, but I know that there are people out there looking for part-time work and this seems to be the kind of position that really could fit in well with some skilled people that have been at home and ready to get into the workforce but not full-time but maybe part-time. Would that be a way that could accomplish your goal with – you know, and maybe more efficiently?

Nick Hermann: I would love to and I understand the intent of the question. The problem with part-time people is that they want insurance and they want full-time jobs. To kind of fast forward, Judge Niemeier has a request on the calendar where he's asking to fill a vacancy. If he fills that vacancy he's going to fill it most likely with someone out of our office. We have someone that's going to move, which is another request we'll have later, and then our most recent part-time hire wants the full-time spot. Likewise, if we have part-time people that do good work, its highly foreseeable that someone in one of the other offices is going to notice that and hire them away. So I think mathematically, staffing it with part-time people is a good idea. I think in practice it takes us around three months to get somebody up to speed and really going on all the different computer software. It takes a couple, a few weeks to even get approval to get on some of the software. I would be concerned about turnaround time and those types of things. Part-time help is great, we can use it on the edges

around. What these positions are, these are people that are specifically assigned to almost 900 individual family's cases and someone they stay in contact with. These cases last on average 18 to 24 plus years depending on how many kids you have. You know, child support in Indiana now terminates at 19, but if you have two or three kids, you may have a case with our office for 25 years and it's good not only to build that rapport with that family, it's more important for the agent to understand the person that's supposed to be paying, what their job habits are, those types of things. This is an office where we're inundated with information. Six days a week we get a report from the state of everybody that has gotten a job and started paying taxes in Vanderburgh County. We'd love to follow up on more of those. We obviously collect all of our, the large majority of our support from people that work. And the more people that we have, the better able we're going to be able to do our job. I mean, there's plenty of work down there. I don't know that there's a number of people you could give us where all of the sudden we'd have people sitting around doing nothing and not enough work for them. I mean, it's one of these things that there's always going to be additional things that we could do. There's always going to be more support we could collect. We do very well. We're getting within striking distance of the state average in collections. We can do better. I would like to think that we can be better than the state average. I would like to think that we can do a better service for our community, but it comes down to a funding issue and right now we're funded second to last out of 98 counties.

President Shetler: Well, actually, the mobility part of it that you're talking about is really precisely why I think that that could be a system that could work as far as bringing them in as part-time and they graduate, if they so desire. I mean, you'll find, at least we have found in the private sector, that you will find a great number of people out there that are looking for just supplemental income into the family that are very well educated, not really ready for 40 hours a week yet because they want to be home when the kids get there or don't want to work a couple of the weeks of the year or whatever it might be, but if works out well for them and perhaps the spouse has sufficient insurance and so that's not as important to them. After the kids have gotten to certain ages, then they're ready to graduate into more full-time work and that's when Judge Niemeier knocks on the door and they're wanting to take it or you've got a position open and they go on. So I think that mobility is actually kind of what we are looking for and I think it kind of points to where these might be prime candidates for doing some kind of part-time. I'm not suggesting all 18 or 19 people in your – that staff would be – but I'm saying that entry level there, it might be and it might be a way of just making the whole dollars more efficient and work for you as opposed to – and I know that their caseload couldn't be 900 cases if they're working 30 hours. It may be, you know, 675 or something, whatever that would work out to. But anyway, I thought that I'd like to see if it –

Nick Hermann: It's something that I'm willing to give a try, I mean, we can come back and request part-time and see how it works out.

President Shetler: Well, budget time is coming up soon and maybe, you know, for budgets it would be a time for us to entertain that idea to see how far we can stretch these dollars.

Nick Hermann: Sure.

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. Hermann, you alluded to it a few minutes ago about the training part and the continuity, does all that become problematic with part-time people that would float in and out and have a big turnover?

Nick Hermann: It does with certain jobs. This is one in particular. I mean, not only do you have that rapport with the family, but you have, we work on the county computer system, we work on the state computer system, we work with a federal, the tax system, we're shifting to get rid of 16,000 paper files, we're shifting to a paperless system. We have to have somebody come in from Indianapolis to train people on that. It's a difficult thing and it's difficult to explain that when we do hire someone in, we have to take somebody away from their job to get them trained every time. And we don't have training staff we don't have HR people, we don't have people to do that, so every time we bring somebody in, we have to pull somebody off their job to train them which I know is probably not dissimilar to a lot of offices here. But it does become a problem and so we really watch what our part-time people are able to do for that very reason because we incur so much and the training cost.

Councilmember Swaim: Well, I'm not going to second guess how you go about doing what you need to do as far as child support, so for purposes of further discussion, I want to make a motion to approve the three enforcement officers.

Councilmember Terry: I second it.

Councilmember Raben: There's already a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: We already got one and I seconded it, Jim.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: It's already on the floor.

President Shetler: Yep. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: While we are on the topic, you have a lot of people staffed already or working overtime transferring these? I think that would be a really good opportunity for you to bring in, as Mr. Shetler said, some of the recent graduates from law school or interns, something like that. That seems to me like they have the legal background, they could handle that perhaps not with the requests you have on the floor right now, but maybe you could work with us in that regard as well because you're paying overtime to your staff.

Nick Hermann: That's correct. We're paying money out of that child support incentive fund for overtime.

Councilmember Goebel: I think it would be nice maybe to hire someone and not pay the overtime. It would be cost neutral. Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions, comments?

Councilmember Raben: I made the motion originally to approve all three. I probably am going to lose this motion, I was going to make an adjustment and allow more time before we added the extra, so I'm going to amend my motion, my original motion to include 1081-1210-1081, 1081-1220-1081, 1081-1400-1081 zero, 1081-1900 \$1,488, 1081-1910 \$1,646, for a total of \$22,564.

President Shetler: Now, it depends if your seconder will allow you to amend that.

Councilmember Bassemier: No, I talked to Mr. Hermann before and I told him I'm in

favor of it, so I like it the way it is. Just to keep my word.

Councilmember Raben: And the original motion I guess stands, right?

President Shetler: It does.

Councilmember Raben: Three, right. Okay. I figured that's what was going to happen.

President Shetler: I've lost a few, too, James. I know the feeling.

Nick Hermann: If the Council would like, I can have the Sheriff come up just for security...

President Shetler: Any other questions or comments? Alright, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I am, my vote is yes because I understand the need, and I know firsthand the value that child support office brings to our community.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: For many reasons I'm going to support this motion. You know, one, just again just to remind that this is covered through some of the things that the Prosecutor was asked to do with moving some money around and looking at that. And I do appreciate those efforts on his behalf, but I would encourage you to perhaps look at maybe using some part-time people in furthering this in the budget, so I'm going to vote aye on this motion today.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: This is 66% funded, you've been here before. I'm not going to vote no, but I am going to ask you again as I have each time, for your overtime work, it might save a little bit of cash from your office and maybe give other people looking for work, an opportunity to work. And I don't think you'd lose much ground there with your transfer of your files to paperless, so my vote is yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to vote no. I know this is going to pass but I think two is probably appropriate at one time and grow into it a little more gradually.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being six ayes, one nay, the motion carries.

PROSECUTOR IV-D**REQUESTED APPROVED**

1081-1210-1081 10001400-140021	Enforcement Officer	9,715	9,715
1081-1220-1081 10001400-140022	Enforcement Officer	9,715	9,715
1081-1400-1081 10001400-140038	Enforcement Officer	9,715	9,715
1081-1900 10001400-190000	FICA	2,232	2,232
1081-1910 10001400-191000	PERF	2,769	2,769
Total		34,146	34,146

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Raben opposed)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Public Defender, 1303-3600 Rent in the amount of \$1,806, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? I think it has to do with a miscalculation on the square footage of the rent last year. So seeing no questions, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

PUBLIC DEFENDER**REQUESTED APPROVED**

1303-3600 10001420-360000	Rent	1,806	1,806
Total		1,806	1,806

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Burdette Park, Other Employees, 1450-1180, 1450-1900 for a total request of \$37,678, I'll move approval.

President Shetler: We have a motion on the floor.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any questions about the motion?

Councilmember Goebel: This money will come back to us, correct?

(Inaudible)

President Shetler: Any other questions, comments? This is typically done this time of year. So all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180 10001450-145118	Other Employees	35,000	35,000
1450-1900 10001450-190000	FICA	2,678	2,678
Total		37,678	37,678

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Local Emergency Plan Commission, account number 2861-3210 in the amount of \$3,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

LEPC		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2861-3210 11520000-321000	Emergency Mgmt.	3,000	3,000
Total		3,000	3,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, if we follow the appropriation request next would be the Convention & Visitors request. Its my understanding there is a ten minute

presentation?

Bob Warren: I can make it much shorter than that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, then we can take you in order if we, yeah, if we don't have to do the ten minute. Otherwise, we're going to have to move you to new business. So I'm going to, so we can allow discussion on this, I'm going to move approval of 3600-4111 in the amount of \$300,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second then.

Councilmember Raben: If you'd like to come up and present your case.

Bob Warren: Thank you very much. I'm Bob Warren, Executive Director of the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau and, Mr. President and Council, I appreciate you allowing us to make this presentation. We've had a very exciting year at the Convention & Visitors Bureau with a lot of new activities and new programs that have, in fact, occurred. Our board of commissioners, which I'd like to recognize that we have Donna Leader, Earl Milligan and Ward Shaw in the audience. They are three of our commissioners and there's been some outstanding work done by these people this past year. As part of our program, and you do have in your packet the proposal for a \$300,000 renovation, and I also passed out a little bit of information to you early on that would suggest how some of these, and this is just good for your information, how some of these tourist development dollars have been used over the years. Back in the early 90's we did Save the Pagoda, which was in terrible condition and the tourism development capital improvement fund spent 1.2 million dollars on that project. The facility currently serves as the official welcome center and greets over 30,000 visitors a year. It's also a place where we conduct the business of a \$490,000,000 industry with over 6,300 employees. The Pagoda administrative offices routinely entertain association executives, meeting planners, special event promoters, tour and travel operators, international guests, along with business professionals from the region and state. Part of our program of work for 2012 was to look at office efficiencies. And it was determined early on that we had a need for two additional offices within our facility. When the Pagoda was originally restored little focus was made on professional office space. Our board of commissioners approved an efficiency study that you now have before you. This project will allow our organization to add three new offices, and a much needed face lift representative of our industry. The findings that you have before you today have been fully reviewed by our administration committee and the full board of commissioners. It is the recommendation of the ECVB board of commissioners that the County Council consider for approval \$300,000 from our tourism development fund, that would be used for the purposes of renovating the office areas of the CVB. Now that's our request, Mr. President.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: The age, what is it now, the actual, when did we do the actual reconstruction?

Unidentified: 1995.

Councilmember Raben: 1995, okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, you and I supported that. I thought it was a good investment and I still think it's good investment and what they're doing now to it. You gotta keep up with it. It's had a lot of wear and tear especially down in that area with the wear and tear of the river, the breeze and wind and all that. It takes a toll on the condition of any building down in that area.

Councilmember Raben: I was looking at the age, it's 17 years, so, I mean, and I've been in there several times recently and, you know, it does need some revamping. And, you know, there is a lot of people stopping in there and their office space is very limited.

Bob Warren: We are limited on office space. We need at least two additional offices for proper staffing.

President Shetler: My biggest concern and I brought this up the other day, but my biggest concern is that I know that you bring clients in from time to time to make the closing and the big sale that you need to do, and you're going down below, you're kind of feeling as if, I don't know, a cave dweller or something, but there's a lot of appeal about the natural part of the river and the movement of people walking up and down, you know, families and kids, and no matter what time of day, there's some action. There's activity going on. And it seems to me that for little cost, that one could construct a boardroom somewhere on that main level that would be a prime place to bring your clients at the end to do the closing and they could, you know, you just kind of have that wow moment where they're saying yeah, this is a good place to have a convention, this is great. You know, I like the venue that you guys have set up here and this river and the whole business here, and you're looking at the museum and you're looking down and being able to see Casino Aztar and everything that we have really to offer for a convention site, I think, you're able to just kind of take a peek at it really with a great view. I would like to see us and I'm not one to usually want to go out and spend any money, but I do recognize some things are what I would call an investment that could bring more dollars in. And that this money is not coming from the general fund, but coming from those who are sleeping in the beds and paying a rent or a tax to us for doing that, that's where this money is coming from. If that allows more activity to come in here, I'd like to see us do it. So I'd like to know what it might cost to do something like that. In addition to that, I think you guys have problems finding a board space to have your board meetings anyway.

Bob Warren: We travel around, in fact, because we have to set up temporary board meeting space in our Pagoda second level when we have meetings in the Pagoda. And we certainly, President Shetler, we looked at some modifications upstairs. It was decided by our board that we might want to consider that as a phase two project for the future because I think at the time, we recognized that about \$188,000 had been spent up there recently within the past two and a half - three years. I agree with you a hundred percent, that that is an absolute wow factor when you're a business professional. You know, we entertain everything from developers to meeting planners and that river and the sites there are extraordinary and they're a big part of our selling point. So, I agree, and I'd certainly, if instructed, we will take another look at a board room up there.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Obviously, this is needed and it comes from hotel and innkeeper tax, so it's not out of the general fund, but I don't know that I agree with the expansion any more upstairs. The river is beautiful, you've got a great view of

it, and there is a lot of activity through recent years and maybe we can just walk away from that one for a while. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, any other questions or comments? We have a motion and a second then. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

Bob Warren: Thank you very much for your support.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3600-4111 11830000-411100	Improvements	300,000	300,000
Total		300,000	300,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD DEDUCTIONS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Auditor, Ineligible Homestead Deduction, the account number is, well, as listed, Data Management in the amount of 1,500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion on the floor and a second. Do I have any questions about it? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Okay, so ordered.

AUDITOR INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD DEDUCT.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
12160000-337000	Data Management	1,500	1,500
Total		1,500	1,500

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID UNITED WAY

Councilmember Raben: Legal Aid, account 4290-1990 and 4290-1900 for a total request of \$3,230, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions, any comments? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

LEGAL AID UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-1990 49030000-199000	Extra Help	3,000	3,000
4290-1900 49030000-190000	FICA	230	230
Total		3,230	3,230

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

JAIL
BURDETTE PARK
HIGHWAY(TWO REQUESTS)
ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll move into transfers. First, every has had an opportunity to look over and review the transfers. So I'm going to make a motion that we approve all the transfers as listed.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: Did you include the late transfer request on that?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I'll make that correction, including the late transfers.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I do have a question on that one. Maybe, have you discussed this already with us, Mr. Fluty?

Bill Fluty: Transfers aren't discussed at the Personnel & Finance meeting, so this--

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, have you talked to anyone privately about this?

Bill Fluty: Privately? No.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Bill Fluty: Do I need to do that? I mean...

Councilmember Goebel: No. Maybe you could explain --

Bill Fluty: I thought this was my opportunity, but I could do it either way.

Councilmember Goebel: We have the line item for extra help and you're transferring to regular overtime?

Bill Fluty: Yes, I'm transferring in to overtime. What's happened is I've had four people on Family Medical Leave, and I've actually had two people that have left and taken other positions with the county, and that's kind of backlogged some of the work that we're doing. So we're actually, we made a decision that using the people that know the work facilitates it much better than part-time help. So we're just shifting part-time help into overtime and working our evenings and our Saturdays to get this work done for reassessment.

Councilmember Goebel: That seems like a good explanation, but I think it's a very legitimate question, too. Thank you.

Bill Fluty: The question was?

Councilmember Goebel: Why you're requesting to transfer to overtime.

Bill Fluty: Oh yes.

Councilmember Goebel: And you gave an explanation. I think we have a right to know that. Thank you.

Bill Fluty: And I don't doubt that, but this is my first opportunity to do that, Michael.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you for taking advantage of this opportunity.

Bill Fluty: Okay, thank you. Anyone else?

President Shetler: Any other questions, comments? Okay, we have a motion on the floor. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0301 10001320-132006	Confinement Ofcr.	6,800	6,800
1051-1130-0306 10001320-132011	Confinement Ofcr.	2,700	2,700
1051-1130-0311 10001320-132016	Confinement Ofcr.	2,700	2,700
1051-1130-0313 10001320-132018	Confinement Ofcr.	2,800	2,800
1051-1130-0314 10001320-132019	Confinement Ofcr.	9,500	9,500
1051-1130-0327 10001320-132032	Confinement Ofcr.	6,800	6,800
1051-1130-0328 10001320-132033	Confinement Ofcr.	6,500	6,500
1051-1130-0338 10001320-132100	Jail Receptionist	2,300	2,300
1051-1130-0355 10001320-132059	Confinement Ofcr.	6,800	6,800
To: 1051-1850 10001320-185000	Union Overtime	46,900	46,900

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1450-1180-1450 10001450-145118	Other Employees	1,250	1,250
To: 1450-1970 10001450-197000	Temp. Replacement	1,250	1,250

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-1042 11760000-117642	Laborer	1,000	1,000
To: 2010-1750 11760000-175000	Clothing Allowance	1,000	1,000

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-1042 11760000-117642	Laborer	899	899
To: 2010-1026 11760000-117626	Truck Driver	745	745
2010-1900 11760000-190000	FICA	57	57
2010-1910 11760000-1910	PERF	97	97

ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2490-1090-1990 1187-1090-199000	Extra Help	10,950	10,950
To: 2490-1090-1300 1187-1090-130000	Regular Overtime	10,000	10,000
2490-1090-1910 1187-1090-191000	PERF	950	950

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Okay, the next is new business, Circuit Court. Let's go on to Superior Court. Judge Lloyd is here. Request to fill a court reporter vacancy and Judge Niemeier will be kind of backing up with a request to replace a probation officer.

Maggie Lloyd: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning.

Maggie Lloyd: Maggie Lloyd, Chief Judge Superior Court. There's been some confusion in my office. Which line item are you talking about currently? Because we have two positions we're dealing with in the court reporters. Is it 1680-1370? Okay, that's the one that would need to be renamed?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Maggie Lloyd: Alright, thank you. That position, we had taken the court reporter, moved her into the court reporter that generally serves the senior judges and also covers any courts that need to be covered. Well, we have that opening. It was labeled a Commissioner/Court Reporter, and we're not really exactly sure where that came from because the general duties are court reporter, and we needed that, basically, to be renamed, that it is a general court reporter, since that has always been the duties, they have the same volume of work, the same skills required, the same responsibilities. I guess that would be the first thing we would need to do. Is there any questions? Pardon?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible– microphone not turned on)

Maggie Lloyd: Yes. Then, we have a – once that gets renamed, and has that been approved, because there's some confusion in my office whether that request is still pending, that we can fill it.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

Maggie Lloyd: It was approved in June. Okay, thank you. Then we have a court reporter who is currently stationed in misdemeanor court and her line item would be 1370-1301-1370 and she is going to move into that general court reporter position. And we will need to be then replacing her position in misdemeanor court as a court reporter.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: What was that account again, that you were just referring to?

Maggie Lloyd: The employee that is moving would be account 1370-1301, her name is Jamie Rohrscheib, she is moving to this general court reporter position, which needs to be renamed from Commissioner/Court Reporter.

Councilmember Raben: So we have two name corrections?

Maggie Lloyd: We have one name correction and we're moving one employee from one line item to the other line item. Then we will need to fill the vacancy in 1370-1301.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. So, again, the only title change is the 1370-1680?

Maggie Lloyd: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions? Motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Its been moved and seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Thank you.

Maggie Lloyd: Thank you very much.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Judge?

Brett Niemeier: Judge Niemeier, Juvenile Court asking for two probation officers spots to be filled.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion for approval.

President Shetler: Okay, do we have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Are these, what are the account numbers on these that you're referring to?

Brett Niemeier: Lauren, do you have the account numbers on the probation officers?

Councilmember Raben: Are they the 1370-1520 and 1370-1420? I'm just verifying that all my information is going to be correct for later.

Brett Niemeier: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Shetler: Okay, do we have any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: Clear as mud.

President Shetler: Motion would be in order.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Shetler: Oh, do we have one? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Got a motion and a second. Okay. Alright. Any questions, then? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Ayes have it. Thank you very much, Judge.

Brett Niemeier: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR REQUEST FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEE

President Shetler: Auditor, request for a part-time employee from reassessment funds.

Joe Gries: This request is to gain permission to hire an additional part-time employee. The current part-time employee that we have has cut back his hours due to finding other employment. We're not asking for any other funds, but we do want to spend the funds that we have budgeted in the reassessment fund in this line item, and would allow us to hire someone else to help us with the work that is continuing

with the Indiana Homestead Verification form. This is the final year that we're working on that and we'd like to finish up that project.

President Shetler: Your part-time help that's leaving, would it be because of the pay level or wanting benefits or wanting more hours?

Joe Gries: His situation, he was in college, working through college and he was part-time in our office. He's found other employment, he's also looking to get on possibly a full-time position in another county office. So looking, yes, for higher wages, benefits, things of that nature.

President Shetler: So he found something before he went on?

Joe Gries: Yes, he found another position. He's still working in our office one day a week because his schedule will allow that, and we're looking to hire someone in for another 25 or 30 hours to again, fill those other three or four days.

President Shetler: Because I'm not, I mean, I think sometimes we've been a little bit rigid on trying to hold the line on 8.50 for example, an hour. And we could actually come out much better and get more qualified people if we did pay perhaps more and I didn't know if that was something that was holding us back, you know, particularly in light of the fact that we brought this up earlier in the Prosecutor's office. You know, I don't have a problem with us paying good reasonable hourly rates. I mean, it does save us in a lot of other areas that aren't calculated in that direct pay. So I didn't know if that was an issue here or not. So anyway, you've answered the question. Thank you, Joe. Any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Moved and seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE
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Councilmember Raben: We skipped over Circuit Court. That's, we could go ahead and get that one out of the way as well. That's not bringing in anybody, that's just making an adjustment for a step increase.

President Shetler: Okay, so is that a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Motion to approve Circuit Court.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, motion and a second. Do I have any questions about that

motion on Circuit Court, back to A? I skipped over it simply because I didn't see anybody out there to address it, in case there were any questions, so I was trying to...okay, there being no questions, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries, thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AREA PLAN COMMISSION REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Next, Area Plan Commission, sorry.

Brad Mills: Good morning. Brad Mills, Area Plan Commission. I'm requesting to fill an enforcement officer position. We are losing one of our staff who is going to be the deputy of the Recorder's office. We're asking that we can take over, which I guess on Monday when they're going to be taking over the new job, so with that, the current employee has a two year step and on the old COMOT pay, so this is going to be like a \$9,000 reduction in salary then with a new employee for next year.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Shetler: It's been moved and –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: – and seconded by Councilman Koehler Lindsey. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion passes. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Next Prosecutor. So, Nick, since you've been here three or four times today, you won't come back for the next three or four months?

Nick Hermann: I think I'm required to come back next month, but we just had a vacancy occur about 90 seconds ago when you approved Judge Niemeier's request. So we're asking to fill that vacancy. It just so happens that that vacancy is going to

be filled with a part-time person in our office who has been part-time with us for three weeks. So –

President Shetler: It's a good thing.

Nick Hermann: So we hadn't gotten quite through the training yet but when Judge Niemeier let us know what was happening, we would like to fill that spot that becomes vacant when Judge Niemeier fills his spot. There is no buyout or anything because she is going to be going from one county job to another county job and then we're going to be filling that with our part-time employee and we'd like permission to fill that part-time spot. That part-time spot does not come out of the general fund, it comes out of the incentive fund.

President Shetler: Okay, do we have any questions? Motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: It's been moved and –

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES
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President Shetler: Health department. Gary? Dr. Ray?

Ray Nicholson: Dr. Ray Nicholson, Health officer. We have three full-time positions and two part-time positions that need to be filled. Actually, last month you gave us permission to, authorized four positions. They were filled internally and that opened the four positions that moved up internally and are now open and we have to fill those. And probably from external sources.

President Shetler: One of the positions is the dental receptionist?

Ray Nicholson: Yes.

President Shetler: I mean, what's the status?

Ray Nicholson: Okay, I'd like to explain that. As of today, the dental clinic is closed. We had some funding, we were able to keep it open for a little bit but what really happened is we lost our dentist. I did have some very – some people that have stepped forward and have agreed to staff the clinic so we would be able to keep it

open with voluntary dentists at the dental clinic. However, the dental staff all resigned and I don't blame them because they didn't know what the future was going to be. They didn't know whether they were going to be part-time or have a job at all and so we're really in deeper trouble than this one receptionist. We're asking for the dental receptionist to be replaced and that is because we are going to make every effort to reopen the dental clinic if we get funding. For example, in the budget hearings you're going to be asked to increase the amount of money from the riverboat situation. However, we've also been working on private funding where the other people that perhaps we may be able to get it from other organizations to reopen the clinic. Now you cannot open the clinic without staff, that's the reason I couldn't use the voluntary dentists this month because we had no staff. And since the receptionist changed jobs and came over to the health department, the dental hygienist and the dental assistant both resigned and they resigned too late for us to get a request in for their positions. Next time you meet, we will be asking for those positions to be filled unless you would rather do it today because if I could get approval to get a dental staff, I may be able to get the dental clinic reopened. We cannot operate the clinic without a staff.

President Shetler: Okay, and this is my own personal opinion on the whole thing here, so not speaking for Council, I'm going to take the first part of it first and it does come up really more at budget perhaps than it does today, but with regards to increasing the riverboat funds, I, for one, would be a little reluctant to do that. I have spoken with some people just recently. I think that there are some ways to not necessarily from what I'd call private source funding, but at least other not-for-profit organizations that are engaged in social service activities that might be willing to pick up a little piece of the action there and help out. There may be some things that we could do in reducing rent. I know that there are people that are associated with all that, that are concerned and realize that the county cannot continue to spend that kind of money. We didn't enter into this five, six, seven years ago with that in mind. That was when we had a considerable amount of money available to us. Things, as you know, have gotten tighter so we did try to make a stab at going towards the hospitals again last year to try to get them to re-up their contribution and that was not successful. But I think that there is some optimism in speaking with some of these other groups and I think you've probably been in contact as well.

Ray Nicholson: Oh yes. We're working very hard on that and I'm very optimistic. I'm hoping that we can get opened.

President Shetler: So that would be the direction I would prefer to take as opposed to dipping further into the taxpayers' pockets on that.

Ray Nicholson: Well, we realize the realistic part of it is that that's probably the only way it's going to work.

President Shetler: Yeah. With regards to – I don't know. I mean, I don't know if we should hire a receptionist today without having the other two positions there. I mean, and I don't know that, can we, I guess we can open it up and –

Councilmember Raben: This would be the easy one to wait on because someone else within the organization could fill those roles – fill this role until we really figure out what's going on. I mean, if we've got a volunteer dentist that's scheduling, we don't even know if we've got techs to assist that person, I would say this is one we need to wait on.

Councilmember Terry: I'm sorry, I'm confused here. You actually have someone

that's willing to volunteer time, you can open the clinic back up probably in the next 15 to 30 days if you fill this position to kind of do scheduling and assisting patients, correct?

Ray Nicholson: Yes. Of course, if you approve this we would have to open the job positions and its going to take a little while to find, at a minimum you'd have to have a receptionist, you have to have a dental assistant, and you would have to have a dental hygienist, the three people. And we cannot reopen the dental clinic without those three positions. I'm not sure I –

Councilmember Terry: But right now this request is only for one of those three positions, correct?

Ray Nicholson: Yeah, because the other two resigned after the deadline for us to ask for it.

Councilmember Terry: Okay, so you will be coming back next month then, I guess, for those three positions. I guess, could you just wait for all three at that time?

Ray Nicholson: Well, we could. If we could get permission for all three positions, that would help accelerate the possibility. I make no promises, but it would at least give us a crack at getting it reopened.

Councilmember Terry: Right, because that's important, too. I mean, you don't want to be inconsistent now, it's closed, and just the need still is there.

Ray Nicholson: And I don't envision us being able to hire a part-time dental assistant or part-time hygienist. There may be some out there but they're all going to be looking for full-time jobs.

President Shetler: Okay. Well, actually, and I don't know about the dental assistants, but the dental hygienist, a lot of them actually do kind of work at two, three, four different locations and kind of work one day here and one day there, and have kind of –

Ray Nicholson: Yeah, I should restate that, the real core of it would be the receptionist and the dental assistant. The dental hygienist could be a part-time position.

President Shetler: Right. Okay, I guess my recommendation would be, you know, let's just lump this all together and wait until next month then and that way we can open it up at one time and we're ready to go and not be just kind of half way doing it. So my recommendation, if somebody makes this motion to approve, that we strike that position from that.

Councilmember Raben: I would make that motion to approve the – you've actually got three requests today, right?

Ray Nicholson: We have four.

Councilmember Raben: Four, that's correct, to approve all but the line item 2158-1360 Dental Receptionist.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion to approve all the positions except for striking the –

Councilmember Raben: There's actually five, but all but the Dental Receptionist.

President Shetler: Okay, do we have a second?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll second.

President Shetler: And do we have any further questions? Okay, there being no further questions, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries. Thank you, Dr. Nicholson.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BUILDING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

President Shetler: Next is the Building Authority appointment. I'd like to recommend Steve Sweeney, he has served before. He was at one time a Commissioner's appointment and retired from Industrial Contractors and is very knowledgeable and several have come to me requesting that he be reappointed to that. So do we need a motion for that?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes.

President Shetler: So counsel tells me I need a motion for that appointment.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Anybody have any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

**ASSESSOR
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

President Shetler: Next there's some travel requests here we have from the

Assessor and the Health department. Do we have any questions about it from either one? Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'd like to call the Assessor up. I think this would be a good opportunity to ask the status of the automobiles that you requested and we granted last time out of reassessments funds.

Bill Fluty: Right now, Debbie Spalding is working on the bid specs. Those bid specs or quotes will be opened at the August 14th Commissioners meeting and will be taken under advisement to see if everything is met. And then from there they will – if they're okay and it goes forward, then we'll choose the best quote at that time. And then at the next Commissioner's meeting it will be awarded and I think that's two weeks after that, the 14th meeting. Then from there, we'll purchase them, I believe. A couple more steps to go through.

Councilmember Goebel: You requested your personal vehicle. My suggestion is that if you get those vehicles in, you take one of those new vehicles we just purchased.

Bill Fluty: Would I?

Councilmember Goebel: No, I suggest you do.

Bill Fluty: Oh yes, but I don't believe I'll meet that.

Councilmember Goebel: That's fine.

Bill Fluty: Yes, I don't believe I will.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions or comments? Alright, motion would be in order for approval for the travel requests.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Next we have the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, everybody has been given a copy of or actually five pages of salary ordinance amendments. I would like to call attention once again, 2158-1630 Dental Receptionist to be removed, and would like to ask

that these amendments be entered into the minutes and motion to approve.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion, do we have a second?

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions then about the salary ordinance? And that is deleting the Dental Assistant out of there. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

2012 TAX PHASE-IN COMPLIANCE REVIEW
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President Shetler: Next we have the GAGE tax phase-in compliance review.

Shance Sizemore: For the record, my name is Shance Sizemore, the Economic Development Program manager for the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville. In front of you in your packet, you should have copies of the CF-1's as well as any statements they have made to me via written letters. Basically, what happened was, they –

(Tape changed)

– reviewed them. Anybody who was under the compliance level, I sent them letters letting them know that they have missed their numbers in some form or fashion. When that happened, they sent me letters responding to my statement for the Council to review. Overall, you can see what's currently on the books. There is a real property investment, new investment to the county of roughly \$48,000,000 and personal property of around \$70,000,000. As far as the job creation side goes, for the real property, we're sitting at about a 90% compliance rate, and for the personal property about an 86% compliance rate. I guess at this time, if there's any questions you have about any of the companies, while I do not speak for the companies themselves, I am happy to answer from what I know interacting with the companies as well as if there's a company that you would like to bring before you, if their statement wasn't adequate enough, I'm happy to provide them a letter and bring them back.

President Shetler: Okay, yes, Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Are there any of these companies that you've found substantially out of compliance?

Shance Sizemore: The two biggest of concern would be probably Pyrotek and Indiana Tube. They're both in their last year of tax phase-in and they have been granted previously, and they've been, I believe, brought before you. I do not know that for certain. I know Indiana Tube, I have worked with them, actually have been

out to their facility. They had a major issue once the Whirlpool complex moved. Their primary manufacturing was building tubes for the back of the refrigerators. They have now started moving into other segments in other markets, trying to expand. I believe Pyrotek, according to their letter, had some restructuring in the company itself and have shifted the facility in Vanderburgh County from manufacturing to more of a warehousing type facility.

Councilmember Raben: You know, Mr. President, I'm going to throw in my two cents worth. In fact, I'd like to stop hearing about it, we hear about it too much, but the overall business climate not only here locally, but country-wide. And I can sympathize with every one of these organizations, particularly Indiana Tube. I think their original investment was somewhere around 19 million dollars. And they carry even today, they're carrying almost a 5.7 million dollar payroll. So I think we have to overlook the fact that none of these are substantially within compliance. And just be grateful that they're still providing a 5.7 million dollar payroll today to the local community. So I don't know what we need here today. I guess I'll turn to our legal counsel, but do we need a motion that – how would we need to make a motion today?

Jeff Ahlers: If you find that they are in substantial compliance with their statement of benefits, you should make a motion to that effect. What I might suggest, so we eliminate confusion because there's real property and then there's personal property, some of the entities are included on both, some are not. Some have more than one address and some do not, so what I might suggest is like, for example, take a motion first on real property and name the taxpayer and the address. I mean, you can probably, if your motion is going to be to find all of them on the real property in substantial compliance with their statements of benefits, I'd just make a motion that you find that the following taxpayers and properties for real property are substantially in compliance with their statements of benefits and then read them in like, for example, Pyrotek, and the address and the next one and the address. Pass that motion and then do the same thing for the personal property so that it's clear on the record because this is something we have to do by statute.

Councilmember Raben: What we do have is an excel sheet, it's one page that lists the real property by name, by address, year granted, and then the same thing for the personal property. To simplify this, I'm going to move that this document that everyone was given be entered into the minutes and move that all taxpayers within this sheet meet their obligation for real property and personal property.

Jeff Ahlers: If you find that they're in substantial compliance with their statement of benefits –

Councilmember Raben: And that they're in substantial compliance on both categories, real property and personal property.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second and that will wrap it all up, I think, pretty concisely. Do I have any questions, any comments? Okay, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Shance Sizemore: Thank you.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO INVESTMENT POLICY

President Shetler: Next we have Mr. Heronemus that's going to speak for the Treasurer on new state law.

Zach Heronemus: Good morning, my name is Zachary Heronemus, I'm the Chief Deputy Treasurer here for the county. Thank you all for letting me come and speak with you concerning our investment policy and updates we'd like to make to reflect the current law which was enacted this past legislative session and went into effect on July 1st. First off, I'll speak with you about the current policy in the office in which we follow and the changes and how that will affect what we currently carry out investment wise. Second, I'll talk with you a little bit about why we feel updating our policy to reflect the change in state law would be beneficial moving forward and then I'll open it up for your questions from the Council if you so please. Our current investment policy allows the county treasurer to invest in CD's, agency securities in the government investment pool with the state Trust in Indiana. Of those investment mechanisms, we're allowed per state law to invest for up to a period of two years. And that's what we do on occasion. Obviously, a good bulk of our investments are short term, liquid in safe conservative investments. We feel this strategy has aided Vanderburgh County in weathering the economic climate we're currently in by staying diversified in many safe and conservative investments. It was something that we changed up when Rick came into office from a primarily investment in CD's to a diversified investment strategy. The change in the law does not allow for us to invest in any riskier investments, but only allows us to maximize interest rates by extending the period for which we can invest up to five years. This is while still utilizing the safe and conservative investment tools we currently have at our disposal. The Treasurer's office feels this is an opportunity to capitalize on higher interest rates that garner more interest earned for the county. We feel that every penny earned is one less we have to tax. Current economic conditions are making this, obviously, very difficult. Interest rates also, going over into the next few years, two to three years out, aren't going to be increasing hardly at all. They're going to basically stay stagnant, so the risk of losing out on rising interest rates will be minimal initially, and by taking a ladder strategy investment approach which you all, I believe, got the email with the ladder strategy idea on there. It will allow us to capitalize in the event that the economy does make a sudden turnaround. So I guess in the end, we'll still be utilizing the same investment tools that are safe and conservative, but would like to do so at a longer term according to state law. I'd like to ask the Council now to consider allowing us to update our investment policy to reflect these changes and I'd also defer to Council attorney Jeffrey Ahlers on how we would proceed forward on this matter, whether it be a resolution or a county ordinance. I also do understand that the information that was provided to you was just given to you here recently and that if you'd like to discuss this further and make a decision at a later date, possibly next month's meeting, I completely understand. So if anybody has any questions concerning our current policy or how we might be looking to do this five year venture?

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: If you were to invest this 25% of what we have, what interest are we talking about and where are we going to invest it at? I know CD's are really down, so –

Zach Heronemus: Right, currently, rates are pretty bad. When we renegotiated our bank contract with Old National, we were able to get a quarter percent guarantee on interest earned just on our checking account, which we felt was pretty good. But to put things in perspective, we actually turned down an 18 month CD within the past few months because we were only going to get 15 basis points, which was less than what our checking account was. So just by leaving the money in the checking account we were making more than an 18 month CD with a bank here locally. Considering, you know, the rates and the lowest of the low are the Treasury rates. Right now, a one year Treasury is at .19, and three year Treasury is at .36 and a four year Treasury is – I'm sorry, it's three years at .39 and a five year Treasury is at .71. So when you're looking at that, obviously, if you're going to invest in a Treasury, considering the basis points that you're getting, the investment dollars that you'll get back, you know, a three and five years is definitely going to be better than the one year. The two year is just, you know, incrementally over the one year investment as it is right now, so with the way that our policy is now, following past law with a two year maximum, we are a little bit hamstrung with respect to interest earned as we speak.

President Shetler: Okay, do we have any other questions? Do you have any comment, then?

Jeff Ahlers: What I would suggest is the Treasurer has included in your packet the investment deposit policy and it's basically the same policy that we had in the past but the Treasurer has done a markup or redline, or in this case, it looks like a yellow line showing what the Treasurer recommends being added or deleted from that policy and in the past, as he stated, you know, this had been done by an investment board which was basically comprised of the Commissioners and the Treasurer. The new statute allows this to be done by the County Council. What I would suggest is for someone to give me direction as to, we need to approve an investment deposit policy so we can do one of two things. We can either simply have a same or similar policy to what the county has done in the past only allowing investments up to two years, or if it's your option and you want to allow the Treasurer, investment officer to invest in investments that have a state of maturity of up to from two to five years, we need to prepare some additional paperwork, probably need to also consider passing an ordinance allowing that. Certainly we would need a resolution to amend the investment policy and have that passed. So I could prepare the paperwork as to whatever Council would like to do. I just need the President or someone to direct me as to what kind of paperwork you'd like me to prepare. Of course, Council can pass it, amend it, do whatever they would like, and then consider it at the next meeting or later after budgets. Whatever timetable you would like.

President Shetler: Okay. Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Zach, the only real consideration we have is you cannot, you're limited to 25%, correct?

Zach Heronemus: According to the new law, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: And the only real issue is you can definitely get better

interest rates now but you'll be locked in for five, correct?

Zach Heronemus: Exactly, and the way that I think the statute reads is it's all investments plus cash on hand. Currently, right now, just going off of our investments alone, between CD's, Trust in Indiana, and our agency securities, we have 53 million dollars currently invested for Vanderburgh County right now, and those are all on different periods of time, up to two years. We have tried to extend out our investment time line, compared to the previous Treasurer when average investments were less than 30 days, with a few, you know, one and two year CD's sprinkled in between. We have tried to extend that out a little bit just to get better interest rates and better return. You know, including our cash on hand, right now, we have 7 million dollars in our checking account per se, so what we're looking at is over this five year period, having in between 8 and 10 million dollars potentially tied up. Now although, despite we have 53 million dollars actually invested right now, it does fluctuate, obviously, with two tax collection times per year and two settlements. It does go up. This is about the lowest that it actually does get on an annual basis with respect to the actual investment portfolio. So when we're looking at 8 to 10 million dollars, it's well below the 25 percent and it probably would take us two or three years to actually even get to that 8 to 10 million dollar mark. That's all dependent upon the financial impact statement and how we feel moving forward with this new type of policy.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions or comments, then?

Councilmember Bassemier: If you got approval today, when would you start investing this money, immediately or first of the year?

Zach Heronemus: We would sprinkle it out over the next year and, you know, obviously, hopefully, Rick gets re-elected and we're back in the office and we're continuing this policy. But we're not going to go back and turn around and do 8 to 10 million dollars, we're going to sit down, look at the best strategy going forward and then decide from there. So we'll just kind of sprinkle it out over the next few years. And the goal is that whomever the next Treasurer is, whether it be next year or the following year after that, they'll be getting a one, two, three, four and five year CD coming due.

President Shetler: Basically, the risk factor and I'm kind of getting into some monetary policy here that's a little bit outside of my pay grade anyway, but I guess basically the two risk factors that you're talking about is one, if inflation does hit, like many economists are predicting, and they've been predicting it for a while, but I can't imagine us skate boarding on this zero and a quarter percent for too long, you know, as much indebtedness that we have currently. I mean, it's going to come home sooner or later. And the downside is that if inflation does hit, and the rates start going up and escalating, then we're locked in. That's the bad side. The other second point of it, is if an emergency or some kind of catastrophic event came up and we needed the cash, it's tied up. So those are the two elements that I guess a conservative person looking at the monetary policy might be reluctant to engage in too far. But on the other hand, I think we're so restrictive at the point right now that we aren't getting the kind of returns that the private sector is seeing, not anywhere close to it. But that's also restricted because of the resources in which we're able to invest in as well.

Zach Heronemus: And the private sector also has more opportunity to invest in different options. I mean, we can't invest in Google or Facebook because if we did invest in Facebook we would have lost our face right off hand.

President Shetler: Yeah, the only thing you're doing is changing the term not the –

Zach Heronemus: Exactly, with respect to the strategy, we'd like to go forward with this five year plan is a ladder strategy where you have a one year, two year, three year, four year, five year, and that's the way we're going to look at it. So let's say three years from now rates actually decide to start skyrocketing. We will have already – in that year we'll have one investment coming due that we'll be able to, the following year we'll have another investment, so we will start going up with it and then those investments that are still tied up for two or three more years, we'll start hitting it when it starts peaking more and more and it will just keep circulating in that manner.

President Shetler: You know, rather than – and I understand that this is the responsibility of the Treasurer, but this gives us a little bit of a vehicle here to maybe put this – to broaden that responsibility and put it on a few shoulders. And I'm just wondering if perhaps it wouldn't be a better idea to devise a committee that might be the finance chairman, maybe the president of the Council, the Auditor, the Treasurer –

Zach Heronemus: If I'm not mistaken, though, the County Treasurer is the finance chairman for the –

President Shetler: Well, I'm talking about the finance chairman for the Council, to have a committee that could sit down and establish the guidelines of how much would be placed in a five year, four year, three year, and stuff, so that we, you know, again, I don't know that any one person would want that kind of responsibility. In three or four years if it spikes to 15 percent.

Zach Heronemus: Right, well, you know –

President Shetler: Someone points the finger and going, oh boy, that guy –

Zach Heronemus: – the second part you talked about, having the money tied up. All of these investments are per state law. And essentially they're guaranteed monies, so if we have to pull our funds back prior to it actually maturing, the only penalty that we are penalized are the interest that we would have earned. Its not we take a hit on the actual money that we did invest. So coming out in an emergency situation, we're just coming out a wash. We're not coming out behind in any respect.

Councilmember Terry: So you can pull money out in an emergency situation.

Zach Heronemus: Yeah, everything we have is liquid.

President Shetler: Well, no, I understand that, but the point is, that there is a penalty attached to early withdrawal.

Zach Heronemus: With non-interest earned.

President Shetler: The penalty is that you –

Zach Heronemus: You don't earn the interest. So if I invest a million dollars for one year, and six months down the road the county is in dire straits and we have to pull that back, I get my million dollars back, but I don't get the –

President Shetler: You've only forfeited interest earned.

Zach Heronemus: It may be 10 or \$15,000 interest –

President Shetler: But if you have a four year, do they go back to day one on that contract or do they just – what is the stopping point of that forfeiture? I mean, for example, you have a four year term and you end up at three and a half years needing that cash, so you pull it out, do they go back to day one or would they stop and give you credit for –

Zach Heronemus: Are you saying when it compounds annually?

President Shetler: Correct.

Zach Heronemus: That's something I'd have to –

President Shetler: Depends on the contract – the wording of the contract.

Zach Heronemus: Exactly, right.

President Shetler: And those are the kind of things I'm just wondering if, you know, again, a committee that might be assigned through this ordinance to be responsible for it, that would broaden the power of it. But, I don't know. It's just my kind of feeling on it. Not that I want to get involved in another meeting, but...

Councilmember Bassemier: Tom, are you suggesting we table this for another 30 days and kind of get –

President Shetler: Is there any rush on it? I mean, does it have to be done by the end of the year?

Zach Heronemus: There's no rush on it. It went into effect July 1st, and in past practices, when we updated our investment policy a few years back to include agency securities and the investment pool, state law required us to go before the County Commissioners. With this update in this past legislative session, that changed and here I am before you guys. So it is definitely no rush by any means. And all discussion is welcome as well.

Jeff Ahlers: Just to maybe give you some background, I have had several lengthy conversations with Treasurer Davis and we've gone through this, and I've talked to the chairman of the Treasurer's Association, made a lot of phone calls and that. It appears to me that I'm told that I guess the reason for this legislation was Porter County. They sold their hospital to, I believe, Valparaiso University, which then netted them a lot of cash. And so the impetus for the legislation was they wanted to get a higher interest rate. Now, I guess the benefit is, is for any other county that wants to take advantage of that law and change their maturity period from up to two years to the two to five year period, we can pass the appropriate documents to do that. So it's not something you have to do today, it's just, I guess, depending upon if you choose to do that, when you would want to allow the Treasurer to start doing that. So you certainly have time to determine what you would like to do.

Zach Heronemus: And if I'm not mistaken as well, too, I believe the statute actually dictates that every four years we have to come back in front of you all and revisit this if we're going to keep going forward with the new policy or if we're going to alter it one way or the other. You know, whether it be let's take it down to three years or, you know, let's keep it as it is. Whatever changes would need to be –

Jeff Ahlers: That's correct. We do need to, at some point, approve some kind of policy just depending upon what Council does, depends upon the vehicle that we take to do it. If it's merely approving a policy similar to what we have now, allowing investments with maturities up to two years, you know, we can simply do that by resolution. If we are going to take advantage of the expanded maturity periods in the new statute, we'll have to prepare some additional documents. So basically, Council just needs to let me know your pleasure and we'll prepare documents appropriately for whenever you want it.

Councilmember Bassemier: You mentioned you have savings at Old National and I know they've got a select savings account that almost pays as much interest as any CD's or anything. And you can pull it out any time you want to without any penalty, so –

Zach Heronemus: Well yeah, actually, Ed, Old National is a cash management account, so it's what we, the Auditor's office and the Treasurer's office both facilitate and stuff, so –

Councilmember Bassemier: I know they're also probably the 27th best bank, I think, safest bank –

Zach Heronemus: And they're also one of the few banks that do not buy CD's from the county Treasurer's office, as well, because they're so flush with money right now and they're doing so well. You know, that's largely in part what we were looking at here is in the short term with one to two year investments, banks, we don't get good rates out of them and that's why we've had to diversify and try and find as many outlets as we can for investment of dollars from the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County and, you know, essentially, hopefully, having the opportunity to extend it out to five years, even if it is only ten or fifteen percent of our portfolio, it will make an impact a little further down the road.

President Shetler: I think given the fact that we need to put something together anyway to actually vote on, and we have time, what we'll do is kind of get together here in the next month or so and talk about what kind of language we need and how to direct it and guide it. If anybody has any points, I'd say direct that towards Jeff and then we can make sure that that gets incorporated or at least heard.

Councilmember Terry: In the meantime, too, would we also ask Treasurer Davis if he is interested in a small task force to look at the issue?

President Shetler: Yes, I will contact him on that. Yes, I'll have him included in this. Thank you.

Zach Heronemus: Alright, thank you.

MEETING DATES FOR COUNTY BUDGET HEARINGS AND BINDING/NON-BINDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TAXING UNITS
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President Shetler: The last thing I want to do is remind everybody that we have the joint budget hearings with the city and county, joint hearings and that's for the combined offices. That will be at 3:30 on August the 7th in this chamber. August the 28th is our first budget hearing and that will be at 9:00 in the morning. Then we have August 29th Personnel & Finance, and budget hearing again at 9:00. Then we have on September the 5th County Council regular meeting at 8:30. On September the

12th we have the budget cuts, that will be at 9:00 in the morning. At 10:00 non-binding resolutions, review on the Township Trustees offices. September 26th would be the 8:30 Personnel & Finance committee meeting at 9:00, and the non-binding resolutions. And then at 9:30, the final budget hearing. Do we have any other questions or comments? Or anything else? Motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Bassemier: So moved.

President Shetler: Thank you very much and we'll see you in about a week.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 28, 2012**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 28th day of August, 2012 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Alright, good morning. Welcome to the first session of our budget hearings this year. First, I would like to call the meeting to order, and then secondly we’re going to do the Pledge of Allegiance. I would like to ask Donna Leader, a former Councilman, if she would lead us in that, then we’ll do the roll call. So, Donna?

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Shetler: Thank you. Now we’ll take roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
President Shetler	X	

President Shetler: There being seven members present, no absent, we have a quorum and we will begin the budget hearings. I would like to make just one very quick comment. Back in April/May we had some good news that COIT, that there was an error found by the State, we suddenly were flush with some extra monies. It appeared to have a very rosy picture. I’m going to turn it over here very shortly to our County Auditor, Joe Gries, let him explain that it may not be quite as rosy today as what we had thought back in April and May. I want to keep that in mind, plus we do have a very aggressive agenda today and tomorrow, so we’re going to try to keep our remarks down, as brief as possible, and ask that we not go through any filibustering as we stand up here and answer questions. So anyway, Joe.

Joe Gries: Thank you, President Shetler. One of the things I wanted to point out is a couple of the changes that we’re seeing. Beginning in 2013 the State Board of Accounts is requiring that all counties separate their County Option Income Tax into a separate fund. In the past this money was considered a revenue that would be used in the General Fund. It is still revenue that can be used for any and all expenditures within local government, but they’re requiring that we keep this in a separate fund. What this does is requires us to move some expenses from the General Fund to the COIT Fund, which it will be called the COIT Fund in 2013 and on. We’ve provided the Council with some items that we put into the COIT Fund. There may be changes the Council wants to make. Currently they’re in both budgets, the General Fund and the COIT Fund, so at some point they will need to be taken out of the General Fund. So that’s one change that the State is requiring us to implement for 2013. They tell us that the budget session for this year is when this would occur to discuss. Another change that is also required by the State is

something that we have to pay into the Public Employment Retirement Fund each year. That percentage is going up. Currently, in 2012, it's 9 ½ percent for gross wages for each employee, next year it's 10 percent. So that's an increase that we're seeing, you'll see that in everybody's budget, those increases, in the PERF line. The COIT money, that additional money that we received this year gave us a grand total of about almost \$14 million that the county will be receiving. That was up significantly, but, if you'll remember, the budget that was passed for 2012 included reserve funds that were going to be needed to cover this year's budget. So those monies, additional COIT monies were, basically meant that we would not have to use the reserve fund and gave us some unappropriated balance that the Council could then use to fund other things that may not have gotten into last year's budget. We have been given a distribution amount for calendar year 2013. It's not broken down by all of the different taxing units, but the COIT money is similar to this year. Overall it's about a million dollars less. So we expect, if the numbers stay the same as far as employment levels within the city and county, the county will see approximately \$400,000-\$500,000 less next year in County Option Income Tax. So that is a little bit of a drop, but still quite a bit more than what we've seen in the last couple of years. So with those types of changes, as President Shetler mentioned, we are still losing about \$2 million plus in property tax revenue due to the tax caps. That will continue to occur as long as our tax rates stay about where they're at. Until we see an increase in assessed value, that will not change significantly, and actually could go up next year as well. So with those things we are still in a bit of a crunch as far as budgets and revenue. We would like for everybody to keep that in mind.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I just would like to reiterate that this is not actually a windfall from COIT, this money belonged to Vanderburgh County all along. It was just an error at the state department level. So this money, it's good that we got it, but it was, it belonged to the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County all along. Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

COUNTY TREASURER

President Shetler: Okay, the first one up on deck here is our County Treasurer.

Rick Davis: Good morning. Thanks for having us here today. It's always great to be the very first department to go in front of the Council. We've given you a pretty flat budget. There are a couple of people, a couple of new faces here since the last time we did this, so I wanted to give them a two minute review of what we've done in our office for the past few years. First of all, from 2009 when I took office until today, we eliminated one full time position, which doesn't sound like a lot, but that's 7.7 percent of our work force, through attrition due to new software we implemented, and that was a savings of \$31,000 a year. We took a \$65,000 line item for property tax billing and reduced it to \$15,000, which is a \$50,000 per year savings. We did that while improving the number of days taxpayers receive their bills by 50 percent in the first year. So it did not hurt our office efficiency at all when we made these savings. We've eliminated our part time account that was paid for out of the Reassessment Fund completely. It was only \$2,000, but we get by with a college intern during the summer, unpaid, or we just get by without one at all. So I wanted

to give you guys a little background that we have done a, in my opinion, a tremendous job of trying to reduce our budget everywhere we can. If you look at what was expended in 2010, three budgets later I'm still 2.2 percent less than what it was three years ago. I think that's tremendous.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you, Rick. Anybody have any questions of the Treasurer's office? Councilmen?

Councilmember Raben: No, great job.

Rick Davis: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright. Anybody else? Very good.

Councilmember Goebel: I'll second that. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

CORONER

President Shetler: Next is Coroner, Annie Groves, page 24 in your budget books, by the way.

Annie Groves: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning.

Annie Groves: I submitted the same budget that I did for last year, hoping that we can live with it, just like we did last year. I think I might have had one or two increases, and that was in Utilities and Gas.

President Shetler: Okay, do we have any questions? There being none, thank you very much.

Councilmember Raben: Again, good job. Thank you.

Annie Groves: Thanks.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

President Shetler: Next, Weights and Measures, Loretta, and that will be on page 42.

Loretta Townsend: Pretty much turned in the same budget as we did last year. I mean, so I've asked for nothing else. Hopefully, we get what we got for this year, so maybe we can live with it.

President Shetler: You can live within it?

Loretta Townsend: Some way or the other. We need a new computer, but I've already looked at combining some of these line items, taking \$100 from here, and \$50 from that, and this from that, and trying to come up with the money. We've got

an eight year old computer over there. So, see, we do some switching around when we need to .

President Shetler: Alright, does anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Just a general comment, this was a tough summer, up until the last few weeks, I'm sure, for checking fuel tanks and what have you. But, you know, it's really probably more important today than ever when fuel is \$3.50 to \$4.00 a gallon that we, and like your recent article said, you're not even, the concern is, and should be, cheating the public. But also you're making sure that the stations themselves aren't cheating themselves. So it's good for everybody and good job.

Loretta Townsend: They can't, I mean, these stations or even grocery stores or anywhere else, they don't get that for nothing. I mean, they have to buy it also. So, I mean, we kind of watch both sides of it. You know, we're getting complaints like unreal on it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Loretta, we, the county just pays 55 percent of your budget, the city pays 45 percent, is that correct?

Loretta Townsend: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you. You always do a good job every year.

Loretta Townsend: They do.

Councilmember Bassemier: You did a good job at our joint meeting too.

Loretta Townsend: I make one of them come with me each time. I want them to see what you have to do to get the money that they think they need to spend.

Councilmember Bassemier: Good job.

Loretta Townsend: So I've got Jeff with me today, and next time it will be Donnie. The last time was Fred, and then I'll finally let Anna Eliesa come along. They need to see, I mean, really.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I see all of you out working very hard.

Loretta Townsend: Yeah.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm out on the streets quite a bit and you guys are working very hard out there.

Loretta Townsend: The thing of it is, they like it. That's sort of scary.

President Shetler: Angela?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question, and this is kind of a general question on, you mentioned that you needed a new computer, and I was just curious on the county policy, do we ever shift computers around from office to office so that you can get something that is at least workable until we find the money for a new one? Or, do we just have to wait until you have enough money to get a new computer?

Loretta Townsend: Our, what we have found, whenever somebody wants to give you something, they don't want it. I mean, it is broken. If it's a vehicle, like I said at that city-county thing, we've had more used cars than a car lot. I mean, you know, they want to give you this, they want to give us that copier. Well, the copier is still sitting over there and we had to go get another copier. I mean, they just don't work or they're not going to give it up.

Councilmember Bassemier: The airport gave you....I'm sorry.

Loretta Townsend: So we're—

Councilmember Bassemier: The airport gave you a good vehicle though, didn't they?

Loretta Townsend: So far. The windows don't work too good, but that's okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Loretta Townsend: It runs, yeah.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Loretta Townsend: That's the best one we've got too.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, that was a good vehicle.

Loretta Townsend: We've had to have Shorty's Towing, whenever they were still in business, tow cars out of the place where they were donated to us and everything, you know, but I think we can come up with it. Because I've come up with a little bit here and a little bit here and a little bit there, and when you get through with all of your mess that you've got right now, then I'll come back in and ask for a transfer.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I thought about you when we had it to give up. So I thought about you on that.

Loretta Townsend: Yeah, thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, alright. Thank you. Anybody, anything else? Alright, thank you, Loretta.

Loretta Townsend: Okay.

COUNTY CLERK

President Shetler: Next is County Clerk, Susie. That would be page one.

Susie Kirk: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning. Okay, any words or presentation?

Susie Kirk: It's a beautiful day outside. Okay, just to make it quick—

President Shetler: Any questions?

Susie Kirk: – then, next year, of course, you know you'll be saving tons of money because there's no election. Also, after that you'll be saving \$85,000 a year because of the vote centers. Otherwise, my budget is the same.

President Shetler: Alright. Anybody have any questions? Alright.

Susie Kirk: That's good. Have a good day.

COUNTY CLERK/IV-D

President Shetler: Any questions on County Clerk on 67?

ELECTION OFFICE

President Shetler: Or the Election Office, or any other segments there? Because that's going to take care of all of those. I assume not. Okay.

SHERIFF (SHERIFF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 399100) & JAIL

President Shetler: Eric? Let's see, that will start on page 11 for the Sheriff's Department.

Eric Williams: Good morning. I will start off by saying that our budget is basically flat across the board in all of the line items other than personnel. There are personnel changes that are reflective of the contract that was signed last year. I would tell you that Tim Deisher is doing his job very well, because he has pointed out an error between the matrix that was voted on and the language that was in the contract that will be in the county's favor that we're going to resubmit those numbers for next year. So that will make a little change in that number. I would tell you that some of the areas, and I've been e-mailing you periodically on some of our significant expenses, one of those is primarily Jail Medical. That's one that's hard to predict and hard to control, but, I think, if you'll look at our expended budget for this year, we're on track to coming in under our budgeted amount for this year, which I can't remember the last time that's happened in Medical. So I attribute a lot of that to our new pharmacy arrangements and my medical staff really monitoring it very, very closely trying to do everything we can to keep those costs contained. As for fuel, as you know, we're on an annual budget, so our fuel prices are locked in. Much lower than the pump price right now here in town, and we've already signed our agreements for next year, and those pump prices, our prices will even be lower than

this year's. So the other thing that I would point out is that I've talked to my liaison, Councilman Raben, we're going to talk after this session of budget hearings, we have several openings that I have refrained from filling that if I can make this work right and get some latitude on making some changes there will be several positions that I don't fill.

President Shetler: Okay. Does anybody have any questions, yes?

Councilmember Terry: If you can just help me, line item 1050, Stop Domestic Violence, what is that?

Eric Williams: That is a grant that we get from the State of Indiana for a designated Domestic Violence Coordinator/Investigator. That money has continued to dwindle, and we've had to match it with a significantly higher amount annually to keep up with that, but it is valuable money from the State so that we can dedicate a person to domestic violence.

Councilmember Terry: Thank you.

Councilmember Swaim: Sheriff, just curious, what would be the types of positions that may not be filled somewhere down the line?

Eric Williams: Clerical.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay.

Eric Williams: You know, we're still, I still have six positions that the Council has agreed to fill within the confinement/guard position, and as you know, that position churns fairly heavily, so we're always down in that area. We have six that are within that User Fee Account that you have given me permission to hire at such time that the User Fee Account is substantial enough to be able to handle them. We've not reached that point yet, so we're still operating six under, even if we were at full force of everything that's been approved in the General Fund, the grant and everywhere else, we would still be six under what was designated as that minimum number we needed to operate the facility as a whole. I should probably also add that the jail population continues to stay above 600. I think this morning we were right at 610. So you know, we're continuing to battle those high numbers in the jail, which, obviously, increases medical costs, fuel costs over time and everything else that goes with those kinds of numbers.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, thanks.

President Shetler: Okay. Obviously, Sheriff, you've talked about your department, plus the jail.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS & MISDEMEANOR HOUSING/OFFENDER

President Shetler: Community Corrections or anything like that, anybody have any questions, there's several, there's four different departments here that the Sheriff here is responsible for. Does anybody have any questions on any one of those four?

Eric Williams: Community Corrections should be flat. As always, the bulk of that budget, you know, there's the slight budget from the General Fund, the bulk of Community Corrections is run from the DOC grant. Again, that grant was approved again for the next year, but that's been flat now for at least the last five years from the State, which is continuing to make it difficult when you've got personnel in that grant and the State leaves it flat as our local personnel expenses increase because of insurance costs, salary raises and those kinds of things. So those two have come to the point where they're, we will have to address that in a significant manner, probably sometime this year.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President? Are there other grants then that you can apply for that you're looking to if this one would change significantly?

Eric Williams: We're always watching for grants. That one is fairly specific. That's the one that's set up by legislature, the DOC Community Corrections grant. I believe we get about \$1.8 million out of that grant. It's basically the State's way to keep counties from sending prisoners to the DOC. We're always looking for grants, we've not been very successful in finding grants that meet the facilities for the county that aren't, don't tend to be research based. We're just trying to get by, we're not trying to do research at this point in time. We're just trying to fill slots and keep prisoners in the jail.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick question, you're one of our biggest users of square footage within the county. As we look at the Building Authority's budget and our square footage price and what have you and their percent increase, are there any issues that we need to address that we have for the jail? Anything with them?

Eric Williams: Well, I mean, the biggest picture, you know, we're going to do everything we can to continue to keep within the space that we have, but when you have a facility that was designed to house 512 prisoners and we've now run over 600 for a considerable amount of time, at some point in time there's going to need to be some kind of, the county's going to have to address that some way or another. What that is, there's lots of opportunities and alternatives out there short of adding on jail bed space. The project that the Commissioners gave us funding for earlier this year through the Building Commission, or the Building Authority, was to look at the unencumbered space that we have on the second floor of the jail to create a city-county disaster recovery location. We've got the plans done for that, I'm trying to schedule meetings now with probably some key members of Council and the Commissioners to discuss the expected costs on that. But, the payback on that will be that we will be able to co-locate the EMA offices into the jail, as opposed to paying rent for store front space down on Stanley Avenue and bring them back in-house. We'll also be able to create a disaster recovery location both for city-county data infrastructure and for Central Dispatch. We're in a position right now in our community where if something were to happen to Central Dispatch we have nowhere else to go to dispatch both city-county, fire, all those kinds of facilities and we've programmed some space in there to handle that also. We're a little ways off from being able to give you fixed numbers on that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Yes, Ed.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, the City Police and City Fire, they're having problems with their vehicles. How is your fleet holding up?

Eric Williams: Well, everybody would like to have nicer, newer, better cars. Our fleet is in fairly good shape. I would say it's in as good as shape as it's been. In the last few years the Council's been very good, either through their funding or through CCD funding to give us the same set amount. We've built a program on making sure we replace cars annually. A few years ago we started the program of taking a look at our cars. Historically, police cars mechanically wear out as far as the drive train, the motor and the transmission, but the body is well maintained, the interior's well maintained, and everything else around it is well maintained. So instead of replacing a car completely, we've taken the cost of what is equivalent to about one new car and rebuilding three of our older cars, that are still in good shape, by putting a new Ford factory police motor in the vehicle, putting a new transmission in it, and basically creating a mechanically new car, but it's an older car. We can usually do three for one on that. So if you notice in the community our cars are numbered, the first two digits are the year they went into service, and the second set of numbers are the sequential number they were added to the fleet. If you see an R on the back of one of them, that means it's a rebuild. So it's not unheard of to see a 2004 vehicle in our fleet still operating and doing a fairly decent job for us.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, second question, I heard that you might be going to 9 millimeter weapons and doing away with the ones you have. If that's so, how is that going to be paid for?

Eric Williams: It's already paid for. We've already transitioned. We did that, the Commissioners gave us approval to do it. We got a very good deal on buying back our 45 GAP weapons from us. The trade-in price, we were able to cover that within our firearms training fees that we get from issuing gun permits through the State. You know, there's a fee that the county gets to keep that goes into firearms training and firearms use. So that's already all been done. We have transitioned back to a 9 millimeter weapon, it's the Glock 17. To give you a little background on that, just for your all's purposes, five years ago we went to a 45 GAP caliber weapon, which is a stellar weapon, it worked very well, but we found ourselves, the cost of the ammunition continued to go up. We couldn't spend as much time behind the weapon, putting lead down range practicing. The 9 millimeter allows us to carry more ammunition on our person with us so that we have more fire power available, and as the design of ammunition has changed, the ballistic value of a 9 millimeter round is virtually identical in all practical purposes to the 45. So we virtually have the same stopping power. So you couple that with our ability to train more often for the same amount of time, you know, the goal is to put your shots on target. So the more accurate we are, the better off we are. So this was a good decision both financially and for our ability to protect ourselves and the citizens.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Sheriff. You answered my third question. So thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, anybody else? Yes, Pete.

Councilmember Swaim: Sheriff, we still, I've lost track in recent years, but are we still under, wrestling around with a consent decree on jail population? If so, is there any plan down the line that we would have to farm people out again to meet that criteria?

Eric Williams: Unfortunately, the lawsuit that initiated under Sheriff Jim DeGroote in 1976, I believe, was finally, we were relieved of all of those responsibilities when we constructed the new jail. That was part of it, to build at least a 500 bed facility. So we are under no kind of federal or State decrees on managing the jail population. While we continue to manage it to the best of our ability to stay under our cap, that is a self imposed cap based on our beds, we, I think we've been over our 512 number pretty much every day since it opened. But, I should add, that the design of the facility makes it much, much more manageable to handle those excess prisoners than what we had in the facility that used to be located in this building. As you know, it was very difficult anytime you didn't have a bed for somebody, and it became very problematic. The design features of the new facility makes it problematic, but not near as significant as it was in the old facility. So we're able to manage a lot better with an increased number.

Councilmember Bassemier: One last question.

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, this has been brought up in the past, on housing, I know we had to add onto the jail, to house State and federal prisoners, is that, could that be feasible that it would pretty well help pay for the expenses of the jail?

Eric Williams: You know, without doing a cost analysis and figuring out exactly how that would work, the federal government will give us no guarantees that I'm aware of, that they will house prisoners there, even though that they've indicated that they would house them there. Right now all of the southern district of Indiana's prisoners for the federal government are being housed in Kentucky. I think we could easily assume that we could get those prisoners back if we had the space. I would tell you right now that in the jail population, and this is no offense to our females in the room, but the female population is my nemesis. That is the most problematic population that we're dealing with in the jail. It is fast outpacing, growth-wise, the other populations. So as we look at that in a facility that was programmed to have about 1/8 of its population be female, and now be well ahead of that, obviously, I can't mix males and females together in the jail, so it's creating a lot of issues. I say all of that because I think the market, if we were looking for a market to house prisoners it would be for housing female prisoners. That's where I need the space. Most everybody else is in the same predicament we are, you know, so my vision would be if we could find a way to do that, we would probably take on female prisoners, take the dollars that we would get for that to help pay for the facility, or to house male prisoners somewhere else, if we had to. Now, personally, I will do everything I can possibly do to avoid getting back in that boat of having prisoners in other locations, because that is just a, not only is it a financial nightmare, it's also a logistics nightmare.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Sheriff.

President Shetler: Okay, alright. Any other questions? Thank you very much, Eric.

Eric Williams: Thank you. Have a good day.

President Shetler: Thank you, you, too.

VOTERS REGISTRATION

President Shetler: Next, Voters Registration, Tony, Connie? That would be on page 35.

Connie Carrier: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning.

Tony Bushrod: Good morning.

President Shetler: Does anybody have any questions? Words of wisdom? Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: For either one of you, I was wondering, since next year is a year of no election, is there a downturn in the number of people who actually register to vote on an off year like that? Do you need as many supplies as you would, say, on a year like this when it's pretty heavy?

Tony Bushrod: Well, we don't need the supplies, but they ain't going to spoil, we can use them next year or the following year down the road. As far as the amount of work, people still die, people still register, because a Voter Registration card is one of the things that help people get their identifications, State identifications.

Connie Carrier: (Inaudible) license branches (Inaudible).

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, well, that was my major question.

President Shetler: Do you use the off year as a major time to do an emphasis on purging? You know, going through the list pretty well, because—

Tony Bushrod: We have to follow the instructions we get from the State as far as purging, which they are under guidelines from the federal government.

President Shetler: Well, how many registered voters do we have on the rolls right now?

Tony Bushrod: We check—

Connie Carrier: 137,000.

Tony Bushrod: It changes from day to day, minute to minute.

President Shetler: Yeah, because the population is 175,000 or something, so.

Connie Carrier: We've done some, but we do need to do more.

President Shetler: Okay, I just didn't know if that was a time, you know, I knew that there was, obviously, regulations and rules and laws you have to follow, but if it was something that, as far as fine tuning it and going through it, when there's three elections out of four years, that it may be difficult, but I was following up on Mike's question. Yeah, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Just one more question, if someone registers online, what does that mean to the Vanderburgh County Registration office as far as your work load? Does it change any, or is everything online?

Connie Carrier: We still have to process it.

Tony Bushrod: Yeah, we still have to process it.

Councilmember Goebel: So you still make a hard copy here and everything and send it out?

Connie Carrier: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, any other questions? Alright, thank you.

<p>SUPERIOR COURT (SUPERIOR COURT DRUG COURT 399400) SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION</p>
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President Shetler: Alright, the next is Superior Court Judge, and I see Judge Dietsch and Judge Pigman? Or is it just going to be Judge Dietsch? That would be starting on page 58.

Terry Dietsch: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning, Judge.

Terry Dietsch: In a nutshell, our non-salary items went up \$57,000 this year. However, of that figure, \$51,942 was due to the increase on the YCC contract. So actually, our budget in the non-salary accounts has increased only approximately \$5,460. In the Adult Supplemental Probation it's decreased \$11,000.

President Shetler: Judge, I don't mean to put you on the spot with this question, but the salary ranges within the Superior Court, do you feel as if they're competitive with other salary ranges that are, you know, in the legal community outside of these offices? In other words, are you able to attract quality applicants and retain quality people within the offices?

Terry Dietsch: Yes, I think so. We also have a policy of promoting from within, if that's possible. Over the years, a surprising number of our employees, when people left, have come from the Clerk's office. We feel that's an advantage because they're familiar with court procedures, and it's easier for them to make the transition into the court system. So in answer to your question, Mr. Shetler, yes, I think our salaries are competitive.

Robert Pigman: Can I address that for just a moment?

Terry Dietsch: Yes.

President Shetler: It depends on your answer.

Robert Pigman: I'm dissenting here a little bit. Certainly it is true that most of our salaries are competitive, but when the Council reduced the, and I don't remember the level for the, I think it's COMOT something for the bailiffs, that will create a problem for us. That has started to create problems for us. It does make it difficult for us to recruit people at that level that are talented enough that you want to keep for an extended period of time. Or, if they are talented enough that you want to keep them, that they will stay. I would urge the Council to revisit that issue, because that will have a detrimental effect, I think, long term on the court. The rest of the salaries are competitive.

President Shetler: Well, and that's kind of why I really brought the question up, is I know that there are certain technical skills areas where we may not keep in touch on a regular basis of what the competition, if you will, or the market is really paying. I just wanted to just try to get your determination of whether or not, so that answers my question.

Robert Pigman: I think that's the only area we have, but I think that will be a problem for us.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, I had forgotten the revised schedule. Also, it's important to us to have skilled people, because we expect them to be able to do the other people's jobs in the office, you know. One of our employees may have the title of, by statute, Riding Bailiff, okay, but they do work, sometimes they substitute and do Court Reporters work. So we can't just grab someone off the street and put them to work in the court system. They have to understand what's going on in the court system.

President Shetler: Alright. I'm going to, maybe I'm going to open up a little can of worms here, but the, I've long thought that in Superior Court that maybe that there seems to be some, you know, employees that are kind of dedicated to particular, let's say, judges, you know, and offices and stuff that, would you think that if we loosened that up a little bit—

Terry Dietsch: By loosening, you mean what?

President Shetler: Well, I'm saying that instead of being tied to a specific judge, but more consolidated within the office of Superior Court, for example, as a whole, that we wouldn't, would it be possible to gain some efficiencies and cross training between....for example, if you're not in today for, you know, sickness or vacation, planned vacation or whatever, but the employees that are basically assigned with you, the Bailiff, etcetera, might be utilized, you know, in Judge Pigman's office, for example, for that given day, and that maybe in the whole scheme of things we could cut down an employee or two, if it were used in the whole pie rather than in a segregated type of way. I don't know if I'm making my point particularly clearly or not.

Terry Dietsch: Well, people do work in other offices. However, and Bob would be better able to address this, there has been a change in the way Superior Court operates now, and whether that would work in the new system or not, I don't know. But, if you are envisioning, for example, a pool of reporters, I don't think that will work for a number of reasons: one, there's not the physical space, and two, it may not be appropriate for the new system.

Robert Pigman: That's a question, Tom, that we think about a lot. It's an excellent question, actually. Effective September 1st of this year, we will implement a reorganization of Superior Court, the first major reorganization of the way Superior Court's been probably in a generation. One of the things it attempts to do is address this problem. How to bring shared resources together in a more unified way to deal with certain areas. So what we did was we sort of consolidated the criminal area, gave Judge Trockman a D felony drug area and then set up a major felony area with another judge, and those two will work together and those staffs will share resources and work together. The remaining areas that are subject to the courts jurisdiction will be kept under the rotating system that was in effect, and has been part of Superior Court since—

Terry Dietsch: The early 70's.

Robert Pigman: – yeah, since the early 70's. But, on a more frequent basis those offices will be paired together so that they can share resources and can better address the two major problems, the three major problems that we face are, you know, too many people that live in Vanderburgh County use drugs, and, therefore, abuse their neighbors in some way, by stealing something or hurting them in some way. We have an awful lot of parents who aren't very good at the job, so we have a lot of abused children that need our attention. Then, of course, the fact that there continues be escalating numbers of unwed mothers and kids that are born to families that don't give them the start in life that we might hope for, and that leads to many of the other problems that we're facing. By removing the paternity cases from our juvenile court and bringing them to our Family Division and reorganizing and consolidating there, we're hoping to build some real efficiencies there by giving more time to the juvenile court to devote to the abused children, the CHINS cases, we're hoping to be more efficient there and to keep up with an ever increasing case load of youngsters who need the court's intervention. Of course, by the consolidation that we've done in the criminal area, we're hoping to get more effective. I mean, we're not saying we can cure the math problem or anything like that, but make a more effective response to that, and perhaps make a small dent on the jail population as a byproduct of that. So yes, we are, we have, since I've been on the court, I've always been cognizant of that. We are taking dramatic steps to consolidate, to reorganize, and, you know, it will be six months to nine months before we get past the initial wave and shake all this out and see how it works and what does work and what needs modification and change, but, ultimately that's our goal to become more efficient with as little of the community's resources as we can possibly get by with, consistent with being able to do our job, you know, efficiently and fairly.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Terry Dietsch: And, there's an ever increasing load of civil cases.

Robert Pigman: Yeah.

Terry Dietsch: In 2011 there was, what, over 64,000 cases?

Robert Pigman: Yeah.

Terry Dietsch: We had over 64,000.

Robert Pigman: So we're not at that pace this year, thank God.

Councilmember Swaim: Will the magistrates be actively involved in this reorganization?

Robert Pigman: Yes.

Councilmember Swaim: Or will they do their regular rotation, or do you incorporate them in it?

Robert Pigman: Well, one magistrate, two of the magistrates are actively involved. The other three will stay in the rotation, because we still have Small Claims, we still have Misdemeanor, and we still have the medical, or the mental health hearings that need to be addressed almost every day, and the workload is not going down, it's going up. Hopefully we can address that without asking for more resources.

Councilmember Swaim: Thanks.

President Shetler: I would like to, you know, get involved, or at least, you know, come down and visit and kind of go through that.

Robert Pigman: Sure.

President Shetler: So I could wrap my arms around that, a little tighter on that, so I have a full understanding.

Robert Pigman: We would love to have you, anytime.

President Shetler: I'll give you a call then and we'll work that out.

Robert Pigman: Sure.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. I appreciate that information. That's helpful. Anybody else have any questions or comments? Okay, and, Judge, were you dealing with the Supplemental Adult Probation as well? You went through that as well.

Terry Dietsch: Yes, as I said, I think the figure that we have decreased that request by, I think approximately \$11,000.

President Shetler: Yeah, I think that's what you had mentioned earlier. So okay, any other questions then? Thank you. Next is Judge Heldt, then, I think. Thank you, Terry.

Terry Dietsch: Thank you.

CIRCUIT COURT

President Shetler: Circuit Court, and that would be page 55.

Carl Heldt: Good morning. Carl Heldt, Circuit Court Judge. I attended a meeting that you all called, I don't know, back in June, and we talked about the financial situation of the county and how everybody had to pitch in to sacrifice, and the suggestion

was made, probably by me, that if we would all sacrifice the same amount we could probably help out. My budget, in non-personnel costs, I think, is a reduction of five percent. Is everyone else doing that, Mr. Chairman?

President Shetler: Well, I don't know, counting an average here?

Carl Heldt: Well, any.

President Shetler: I'm not sure. Anyway, yeah.

Carl Heldt: I, you know, I hate to, I know you all wouldn't take advantage of me.

President Shetler: No, you done good, though.

Carl Heldt: By me coming with these, I did it in good faith, because that's what you requested.

President Shetler: Yes, sir.

Carl Heldt: Please don't take it to mean that I don't need this money, because I do. I can't, you know, we're in the same situation as everyone else, and over the years I think you will agree that I have come to you with a lot of flat line budgets, and also taken over some of the expenses in our user fee fund and tried to help out. What I would really like to do is have another flat line budget. I've given you this because you asked me to and I did. But, if, I would hate to be giving more than the rest of the people did, because I think it should be a matter of shared sacrifice. We're all in the same boat. So with that being said, you have it in front of you, and I will entertain any questions that you have.

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Judge Heldt, I applaud you for your recommendation back in June, and I totally agree with you, as far as every department working together. Some might have a bit more leeway. I think one consideration is some of the departments have actually cut expenses, let's say, like the Treasurer, prior to this year, and they're operating on a lesser amount. But, I think your idea is by far the best way for both groups to live together, you lower your amount that you expend, and, hopefully, we can allow you to operate and run your department as you see best.

Carl Heldt: Well, what I'm asking you to do is flat line it then, and if you want to come up with some number that is the average that people are giving up, put me in there for that. But, please don't ask me to do more than everyone else does, because we're in the same shape as everyone else. The money is not there.

Councilmember Raben: Point well taken.

Carl Heldt: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

Carl Heldt: Anything else?

President Shetler: Very good. Any other comments, questions? Thank you, Judge.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Carl Heldt: Okay, I had the user fee fund as well, if I can take that up at this time. The only changes are really those that are mandated by either step raises or the reorganization that was required of us by the State, and also some money in for the part time Probation Officer that you approved earlier, and also some more money for home visits by the Deputies for security. Once again, that all comes out of User Fee funds, it has no impact on the county budget. Anything else?

President Shetler: I don't see any. Thank you, sir.

Carl Heldt: Well, this is, this may be, this is my last time to appear before you for annual budgets anyway. I will be retiring at the end of the year. I want to say how much I've enjoyed working with all of you. We had different roles and you perform yours as the watchdog of the county treasury very well, and that's as it should be. You've always been very cooperative with me, and I hope I've done the same with you. So I thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you. Appreciate that.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, Judge.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE
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President Shetler: Okay, next is Delores at Drug and Alcohol Deferral Service, page 65.

Deloris Koch: We were able to cut our budget only by, I think \$300. The only increase was a step increase in salary. There is going to be one change though, I have a secretary who's leaving our office and we'll be hiring someone else. So on that line item, there will be a decrease in the salary for that.

President Shetler: Okay. Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Deloris Koch: Yes, thank you. I won't be able to attend tomorrow morning for the Personnel and Finance meeting. I'm on the agenda for the 5th, but in regard to replacing that position, but my request would be if we could be allowed to hire back a secretary that filled that position previously for 27 years. If I could hire her back at the five year service level, it still would be less than the salary that we're paying now. I just wanted to ask about that. I've spoken with Ms. Deig about it, and I understand that there is no Job Study meeting scheduled. I don't know when that would be even addressed.

President Shetler: I mean, that can be changed. I mean, we can work with that, but it does have to go through Job Study, because this person was probably bought out or cashed out when they left employment before.

Deloris Koch: She did.

President Shetler: And that kind of thing, so.

Deloris Koch: So it was, I'm just trying to figure out where to go if there's no Job Study meeting to address that question.

President Shetler: Yeah, again, I think, I mean, I don't mean to kind of interpret here for everyone else, but I think given the fact that it's kind of an exception to the rule, it really should go to Job Study to get approval on that. But, I'll, the Chairman says we can schedule something soon.

Deloris Koch: Okay. Let's talk about it again.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you. Any other questions or comments? Okay, thank you.

Deloris Koch: Thanks.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

President Shetler: The next is Area Plan Commission. Blaine Oliver is here, and that's on page 38 and then 136 as well.

Blaine Oliver: Good morning. We've submitted a budget, we realize that you had asked all departments to try to cut five percent. We took a long, hard look at the budget, but knowing our budget history over the years, our budget has been cut and been at a pretty much bare bones level for several years now. So we didn't really see where we would be able to make up the five percent. We're basically submitting a budget today that's the same budget that we submitted in 2012, except for Rent. Our rent is going up by \$4,500 or so. That's excluding salaries, because we do have three positions that are up for step increases in this next year. So that's where we are. We took your request seriously, we took a look at it, we thought we would be compromising things that we might potentially need, you know, through the next year if we were to cut more funds from the budget. I would certainly be glad to answer any questions you might have.

President Shetler: Okay, any questions? Alright, thank you very much.

Blaine Oliver: Thank you.

SURVEYOR SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION SURVEYOR MAPS
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President Shetler: Okay, next, Linda is here for the Surveyor's office, and we've got three different areas. It starts on page 22.

Linda Freeman: Good morning. Basically we've presented the same budget that we had last year, and we just have the one step raise for an employee that's got 25 years in. If there's any questions I would be happy to answer them.

President Shetler: Okay, yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Linda, just maybe you can clarify for me, some of these expenses for Supplies and Garage and Motors, can those come out of the Surveyor?

Linda Freeman: We've already, you guys have hit the Surveyor's Perpetuation fund, and with the decline in getting money for deeds, we're looking at what, \$30,000 is all we're bringing in, \$35,000. We're at that, I mean, right now we're okay, but I'm not sure where we're going to be at on the breaking point, you know, for what we're already taking out.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, well, I'll get back with you later on that if it's a possibility. Just questioning, thank you.

President Shetler: Any other questions, comments? Seeing none. Thank you.

Linda Freeman: Thank you.

<p>CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</p>

President Shetler: Okay, next is Convention Visitors Bureau, Bob.

Bob Warren: Good morning. Bob Warren, Executive Director of the Evansville Convention and Visitors Bureau. I do have with us some of our commissioners this morning. We had our board meeting this morning as well. This has been a very aggressive year for the Convention and Visitors Bureau. We have completely retooled most of the organization. One of the final things that the office did, at the direction of the board of commissioners was to produce a new and very comprehensive budget that I think all of you have been presented now. We're very excited about this budget. It went through both an admin committee and the board of commissioners. The instructions to the executive office were very clear. We want to develop a document that is transparent, it's comprehensive, it is something that not only our board of commissioners and staff can follow, but it's something that the Commissioners can follow as well, and the Council can follow as well. Over the past several months in the creation of this budget, I've had the opportunity to work with the Finance Chairman and Mr. Shetler, and Mr. Gries and his office, and I think we've probably sat down and talked with all of you at this point. The budget that you have in front of you today is requesting an amount that is \$1,687,316. We are continuing, as an organization, to conduct research, market this destination effectively for the leisure market. All of our sales teams have been reconstructed and retooled with new responsibilities, and we're very pleased with the future direction of our organization. For our Tourism Capital Development fund for this year, we simply have the expenditures that will be going out on the Evansville Museum of Arts History and Science in the amount of about \$750,000. We have \$200,000 that was allocated to sports facilities, which as this Council is aware, we're continuing to do sports facility feasibility research to look at ways to grow our industry in sports. Beyond that, this Council has approved a renovation of the office areas of the CVB, and we greatly appreciate that support. With that, I would be delighted to entertain questions regarding our budget. I do hope that everyone has been distributed this new comprehensive budget, and I'll be glad to answer any

specific questions that you may have. But, our budget request again is for \$1,687,316, and that is 11.50 percent less than last year's allocation.

President Shetler: Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Great job on the budget, and this information is pretty easy to read. Even I can understand it.

Bob Warren: Thank you, sir.

Councilmember Goebel: Is there any way to measure, Bob, when you do advertise out in the surrounding areas, if that advertising is actually bringing in people to visit our area?

Bob Warren: We're currently studying that, and to answer your question, yes. We just reviewed the results of our last marketing initiative, and although it has not resulted in positive numbers in terms of occupancy, the website traffic was up 64 percent, we had an overall impact in the markets that we were serving, this advertising, I think, my number if I'm remembering correctly was about 97 percent in terms of new traffic to, that is looking at Evansville and Vanderburgh County. Yes, you can track. We're up 3.7 percent right now for the year in collections. That's not where I'd hoped we would be, but it's still up 3.7 percent. We have begun the process of marketing all of our special events. We're real pleased. This past weekend is an example. There was not a single room available in Vanderburgh County as a direct result of Frog Follies. We compliment those people. They did an outstanding job, and I think the early estimates that we've heard are an estimated 13,000 or so people that attended that event. So we're continuing to market, we'll be marketing the Fall Festival this year, outside of Evansville. We'll be continuing to market the Wine and Jazz Festival that takes place in October. We have a brand new event that we've brought to Evansville this year, which is an upper scale level fine arts show that will be here in November. We're continuing to work with that group to market as well. So the strategies that we're using, and I know that I've shared with each of you all of the research, the immersion program that we conducted, all of this ties together. I don't believe we were anticipating immediate results, because this market has not been promoted in recent years. So our job now as a board of commissioners and staff is to work in every environment, advertising, sales, sports marketing, group tour and travel, you know, to continue to enhance the tourism product.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Bob Warren: That was a long answer, I know.

Councilmember Goebel: No, it's a good answer, and it's obvious you're doing your homework and doing your work. On a side note, I just want to mention that my job took me down to Campbellsville, Kentucky a week ago Saturday and I did hear one of your radio advertisements, and it sounded very good.

Bob Warren: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, yes, Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just a few comments. You know, Bob, it's great the things that you've done. I mean, the new board, the vision, you know, the total direction of where our Centre is going today is so refreshing. You know, it's, I think good things will happen, they don't happen in the first year, it might be five years from now before we realize, you know, all of the work that's taken place, but we'll get there. I'm confident we're going to get there. You know, all of that while you're saddled with no convention hotel.

Bob Warren: That would help.

Councilmember Raben: It's kind of like, you know, the old book, Who Moved My Cheese?, you know, you're figuring out a different method to make it work, and I appreciate it, and I think everybody here recognizes it. Thank you.

Bob Warren: Thank you, Mr. Raben.

President Shetler: Okay, were you doing the Capital at the same time?

Bob Warren: Yes, sir, I just covered that.

President Shetler: Yep, okay. Alright. Any—

Bob Warren: We have no anticipated expenditures other than what has been encumbered, and the renovation project. I'm certain that we will be looking at the possibility, if we continue to move forward with the sports facilities, that will be something that will be a future topic of this Council. Just so the Council knows, we have a group of people that depart here on the 17th of September, we will be traveling to five different destinations looking at sports facilities. Those will include the new \$28.5 million facility that's been opened in Elizabethtown; we will go to Bowling Green, Chatanooga, South Haven, Mississippi, and Jackson, Tennessee. There will be a group of our board that make that trip, and we're looking at the type of facilities, the infrastructure of those facilities, the amenities of those facilities, and we'll be coming back with future recommendations to this Council. But, again, we're fast forward and really working hard.

President Shetler: Alright, thanks. Great job. Okay, next, thank you, Bob.

Bob Warren: Thank you.

COUNTY COUNCIL

President Shetler: Next will be the County Council. James, are you giving that presentation?

Councilmember Raben: Any questions from anyone?

President Shetler: Does anybody have any questions? We're on page 85 and 142.

Councilmember Raben: Let's move on to 142 then.

Councilmember Terry: I'm sorry, I did have a question. The Dental Clinic line item, it's minused out and I was just wondering if that changed.

Councilmember Raben: In the past that's been in the Riverboat.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Now, I can't actually remember if it's in the Riverboat this year.

President Shetler: I don't think so. Yeah, that actually comes underneath the Commissioners deal in the Riverboat.

Councilmember Raben: So that would be one actually for the Commissioners to ask.

Councilmember Terry: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: In fact, I guess, tomorrow we'll get an opportunity to hear from the Health Department and where they, you know, what their latest plan is with moving forward as well. Okay, no other questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Kind of, it's a little bit different here, I just, maybe some time in the future we can find Sandie and Sarah a bigger office. I mean, it's so cramped in there I don't even know how they work. I see all the work they've done, all the paperwork, and I'm just saying they've done a fantastic job. I know for years they've been in this little office, and they need a bigger office. So maybe sometime in our heart we can find them a better spot. So that's all I have to say.

Councilmember Raben: Alright. Okay, I will turn it back over to you, Mr. President.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE

President Shetler: Next is the 911 Emergency fund. Anybody up for that? Okay.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION
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President Shetler: Next, Local Emergency Planning Commission.

Ken Zuber: Good morning, Ken Zuber with the Evansville Fire Department, Special Operations Chief. I also serve as the treasurer for the LEPC. I'm on the hook this year as the treasurer. So I'm here to answer any questions you might have.

President Shetler: Anyone? Anybody have any questions? Alright, thanks Zube.

Ken Zuber: Whew! Thanks.

Councilmember Bassemier: Ken, I've got a question.

President Shetler: Uh-oh.

Councilmember Bassemier: It's just a reminder.

Ken Zuber: Shoot.

Councilmember Bassemier: September 19th we're going to have our table top exercise and review our emergency plan. I've given the letter already to your Chief.

Ken Zuber: Yeah, we'll be represented there. Then right in your backyard there, we'll be at the Post Office doing a bio exercise that same afternoon.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Ken Zuber: We'll be busy that day.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay. Okie dokie.

Ken Zuber: Fair enough, Chief. Thanks.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

President Shetler: Local Drug Free Community. That's page 97.

Laura Hatfield: Hello, everyone. I just want to introduce myself, I'm the new face here. I'm Laura Hatfield. I'm the new Executive Director of the Substance Abuse Council of Vanderburgh County. We are submitting the same budget as last year. Our funds come from counter measure fees, so I don't believe that affects the county budget at all, but if you have any questions feel free to ask. Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, does anybody have any questions? Very good.

Laura Hatfield: Thank you.

President Shetler: Very good.

Laura Hatfield: Have a good day.

President Shetler: You did good on your inaugural presentation.

Laura Hatfield: Thank you.

RECESS OF MEETING

President Shetler: Alright, anything else? Well, I suppose a motion would be in order to adjourn or recess? Recess, okay. A motion would be in order for recessing until tomorrow about 9:00, it will come shortly thereafter our meeting at 8:30 on Personnel and Finance. So I have a motion from Coach Goebel, and we will see everybody back here at 8:30 for Personnel and Finance, and then immediately thereafter we will reconvene our budget hearings.

(The meeting was recessed at 10:08 a.m.)

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 29, 2012**

The Vanderburgh County Council reconvened their budget hearing session this 29th day of August, 2012 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Okay, good morning. Do we need a motion then to reconvene? Or just do I need to announce from here that we're reconvening? Recess is over, we're reconvening the budget hearing from yesterday. That's right. I will tell you though, for the people that are here today, yesterday, most of the department heads came in here with a recommendation of a five to six percent decrease in their budget line. It went very fast and very smoothly. So we would kind of appreciate it if you guys would do the same thing today.

(Laughter)

President Shetler: Just kidding.

COUNTY RECORDER

President Shetler: So anyway, the first one up is the Recorder's office, Z Tuley, and that's on page 10.

Z Tuley: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning.

Z Tuley: Z Tuley.

President Shetler: If you have any words of wisdom or a presentation you would like to make, you're welcome to do so. If not, we'll just entertain questions and we'll fire away.

Z Tuley: No.

President Shetler: Does anybody have any questions? Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Not really with this budget, Z, are we any closer to getting things resolved on the IT side?

Z Tuley: I still don't have an invoice—

Councilmember Raben: Or further reimbursement?

Z Tuley: – but Joe has a comment.

Joe Gries: I actually spoke to Mark Rolley last week, and then again yesterday. He is putting the final touches on information that Z and I have talked about and discussed. Once we have all of the final information we're going to put together an invoice. Z has shared with me what the State Board of Accounts is looking for, what she's looking for, so I believe we can come to some final conclusions. I'll discuss that with you, Z, maybe later this week—

Z Tuley: Okay.

Joe Gries: – and then we can come back next week and do that.

Councilmember Raben: Great, thank you.

President Shetler: Will that be retroactive at all, or just current?

Joe Gries: Well, that, we're looking at the current year, but, you know, that can be adjusted for past year budgets and things of that nature as well.

President Shetler: Well, I, because we kind of talked a couple of years ago, and we thought we had something kind of worked out. So I think if we could at least get it worked out for 2011 along with 2012, that would be, would that be acceptable?

Joe Gries: I can put the information together.

Z Tuley: I didn't follow. I'm sorry.

President Shetler: That the agreement that we come to on the IT portion of expenses that you all would absorb would come through, would be inclusive of 2011 and 2012.

Z Tuley: The memo that I had received from Russ Lloyd at the time, stated it was a one time event. It was a one time request.

President Shetler: Yeah, and that memo was back in 2011.

Z Tuley: Or at the end of 2010, yeah.

President Shetler: So then it would be inclusive of both years, '11 and '12.

Z Tuley: That's not the way I took it. I took it that it was going to be a one time, one flat amount. That's the way I took it. Is that the way anybody else understood it?

Joe Gries: The way, I've been working with Mark Rolley on this, and the way he is structuring it, is we're breaking down the Recorder's portion of the overall county IT budget for 2012, and that percentage would, I guess, carry over for different years. It would maybe need to be adjusted slightly from one year to the next depending on number of computers, usage, things of that nature, but that's the way we, Mark was looking at it, the way I was looking at it. We were looking at the overall IT budget for the county and coming up with a–

President Shetler: On an annualized basis.

Joe Gries: Yes.

President Shetler: And this really began at the end of '10 for '11, so that's why my question is that I would want it to be as comprehensive as possible, and not leaving out, I mean, we're talking significant dollars here that are savings to the General Fund and to taxpayers that could come out of this perpetuation fund by doing it this way. So I, you know, to me it's significant. I think that has to part of it. If it's not, then I'm not so sure that there's a deal that I'm comfortable with. That's why I'm questioning it.

Z Tuley: The memo that I have said it was going to be a one time event.

President Shetler: That was for the capital outlay, not for the on-going occurring expenses of the IT Department annualized.

Z Tuley: And, my comment back to the entire Council at the time was, although it was stated that it was going to be a one time event, I had suspected that it might not be, and that you would be asking for this on an annual basis. If that's the case, then I will hire my own IT, because that way I can have a voice, because this isn't my contract. I have no voice in what is done in my office. They, it's the Commissioners contract and the City's contract as to what services Mark Rolley provides. I don't get to control the costs.

President Shetler: But, that's true with every department we have. If we had every department to walk up here—

Z Tuley: But, you're not asking every department to pay.

President Shetler: If we had every department say that they want to do things totally on their own, we would have no centralized IT Department. We can't allow that. I don't think we can allow anybody to kind of do their own thing and do what they wish to do. I don't think that's going to be workable in the county. It's not functional. I have a real objection to that.

Joe Gries: President Shetler, the Mark Rolley contract also is only a portion of the overall county IT budget. There are infrastructure costs and other things that go into this that Mark has prepared and that we're breaking down as well.

President Shetler: Right.

Joe Gries: So the Mark Rolley contract is a portion of it, but it's not all of it.

President Shetler: Right, okay, thank you. Councilman Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. Chairman, following this discussion that we had a number of weeks ago, Mr. Rolley and I went down and talked to three different members of the State Board of Accounts in the basement, two of which are auditors from the county side and one from the city side. They read through the statute dealing with Ms. Tuley's perpetuation fund, they saw no problem with being able, for her being able to kick some money back to the General fund, and there's no problem with the way the IT contract is written, as far as they are concerned.

Z Tuley: That is correct, but I still have to have a proper invoice. That's been the whole thing all along.

Joe Gries: And that's what we're working on.

Z Tuley: That's all it was about—

President Shetler: So if the proper invoice includes—

Z Tuley: – was a proper invoice.

President Shetler: – the year 2011 and 2012 and then going forward, then there would be no problem with this?

Z Tuley: I'm not sure if I have a problem or not, because this was a one time. I'm going to have to think on that.

President Shetler: Okay, alright. Thank you.

Z Tuley: Uh-huh.

PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

President Shetler: Okay, next is Public Defender Commission, Steve? That is on page 72.

Steve Owens: Good morning. We have one change from what we had previously submitted. Line item 142177, which is a Paralegal line item. We just had a retirement, so the person that we would probably hire to replace that individual, assuming Council gives us approval to do that, would be coming in at an entry level position. Which after six months or next year would be \$31,578, as opposed to the \$42,136 that is currently in the budget. That will give you an additional \$10,558 savings over what we had initially asked for.

President Shetler: Okay. Presentation or any words?

Steve Owens: Well, I submitted the presentation when I submitted my budget request. I don't know that I have anything else to tell you, other than we have, the Commissioners have graciously agreed to pay out of some money they have for some renovations we have in the office. So I guess, depending upon what Council decides they're going to do for 2013, we're prepared to pretty much move any way we have to. We, I would inform you that right now we have roughly about \$80,000 worth of outstanding bills. We're paying transcripts and supplemental public defenders as quickly as we can, based upon the money being deposited in the Supplemental Public Defender account. So we're running about 90 to 120 days out on being able to get those paid. We're doing the best we can with what we have.

President Shetler: Alright. Does anybody have any questions? Thank you, Steve.

PROSECUTOR (PROSECUTOR GRANTS 399400) PROSECUTOR IV-D PROSECUTOR FEE CHECK RECOVERY PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION
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President Shetler: Alright, next Prosecutor, Nick?

Nick Hermann: Good morning. We have one change as well.

President Shetler: It's page 26, by the way.

Nick Hermann: If I can find it. It's in the IV-D budget. I believe it's 140019 is the line item.

President Shetler: That goes to 68, the IV-D.

Nick Hermann: Yeah, it's about the middle of page 68. It's 140019, for an Enforcement Officer. In that position we did hire from within the county, so the salary on that should be \$31,976. Further, we have, we had kind of a similar issue as the Recorder about trying to get a proper invoice to pay for some IT. We were able to get that for the IV-D budget. We have a proper invoice now for \$24,435 for computers down there. That, we're going to pay that invoice, which will save the county that amount of money. In addition to that, we're going to need a couple new computers and some new licenses. So that number will actually go up, as far as what we're able to pick up out of the Incentive Fund to pay for computers for IV-D, but, I wanted to let the Council know that we had received that invoice, and we're able to pay that now for \$24,435. So that should save the IT budget there, and, in addition, we're going to do the same for the new positions that we needed, but, other than that, I don't have any corrections to the budget. So I would be happy to take any questions that anyone has.

President Shetler: Any questions? Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, when the savings, when you pay out of IV-D, that goes to the Auditor, correct? Then we make sure that we deduct that from the IT expense, or the account that we have?

Nick Hermann: I know it goes away from us. I don't know if the money is being sent to the IT Department. I think it's going to go back into the Commission budget, is that right, Joe?

Joe Gries: Well, computers are, the line item is in the County Council budget. I don't know that there was any money to buy computers in this year's budget, because of cuts and other things.

Nick Hermann: I don't know where the money came from. The court side, our computer guy, I guess, we're separate, but the courts all got new computers this year.

Joe Gries: Right.

Nick Hermann: And it's part of that.

Joe Gries: And that is also in the Council budget. There's a line item for Court Technology. So the Prosecutor IV-D Fund paying for computers would then save money in that line item, which is in the Council budget.

Councilmember Raben: So they'll reimburse the General Fund?

Joe Gries: Well, I think they're buying the computers, you're making the payment to IT, is that right?

Nick Hermann: IT should have bought them, and did buy them—

Joe Gries: Okay.

Nick Hermann: — and then we're reimbursing them for those costs.

Joe Gries: Then that money would then go back onto that line, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: That's all I was checking to make sure that that was kept straight. Because, I think earlier you filled a position, and the funds you saved from IT was your rationale—

Nick Hermann: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: – \$12,000.

Nick Hermann: This is, we finally got that invoice. We had an issue getting, we have to have the proper invoice to be able to pay it. So we did get that, and that amount ended up being \$24,435. We expect that there will be additional costs with that, we will pay those as well. I'll inform the Council when we get that.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay.

Nick Hermann: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thanks, Nick.

<p>COUNTY COMMISSION DRAINAGE BOARD RIVERBOAT</p>
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President Shetler: That kind of skips us down to the County Commission, which is on page 137, also the Drainage Board, which is on 40, and Riverboat which would be 87. So we'll start on page 187. Marsha is with us, and I thought I saw Joe earlier.

Marsha Abell: He'll be here. What page did you tell me?

President Shetler: Okay, 44, I'm sorry.

Marsha Abell: Page 44?

President Shetler: I have notes written over that part of it.

Marsha Abell: I heard 187, and I don't have page 187 in here.

President Shetler: Yeah, 44, 96, 137 for your Drainage Board.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell for the Vanderburgh County Commissioners.

President Shetler: Okay, 44.

Marsha Abell: Okay. I think our budget is pretty self explanatory. We didn't have any big changes. There are going to be some changes in some of the city-county joint offices. You may be aware that Mr. Brad Mills is leaving Area Plan Commission, and he currently is paid, for not only that position, but also for the MPO position. We are going to divide that up and make those two separate positions. I think the county pays 85 percent of Area Plan, so we're going to see an

increase in what we're going to have pay in a salary for Area Plan Commission Director. I don't know what that's going to be right now. I'll have to come back to you at a later date. I just want to put you on notice of it, because we, this is all a relatively new development, since he won't be leaving, in fact, until September 14th.

President Shetler: I'm thinking, just a little by memory that I was flashing through yesterday, but I thought there was like \$17,000 in there, and the question went through my mind—

Marsha Abell: Yeah, he's not going to work, we're not going to find anybody for \$17,000.

President Shetler: No, not even at 85 percent.

Marsha Abell: No, I suspect we're going to be, I was discussing it with Jim, something sticks in my mind that maybe before we went to the two positions that it was around \$66,000 maybe. Does that sound right to you, Sandie?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Marsha Abell: So if you want to figure anything, I would figure that the salary maybe set in around \$75,000 and we're going to be paying \$85,000 of that.

President Shetler: 85 percent.

Marsha Abell: I mean, 85 percent of that, yeah.

President Shetler: So about \$65,000 roughly.

Marsha Abell: That's just a heads up. I don't know that that's what it's going to take, or, you know, we haven't advertised it. We're not, we're forming a committee now to look for the new director.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Marsha, the reasoning to split this back into two jobs, I think before Mr. Mills had it, it was two positions, and they were combined into one, and that was a savings in salary.

Marsha Abell: Correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Is there a problem with one person holding both positions?

Marsha Abell: Actually, there is. The MPO is more than just Vanderburgh County, and for us to want to certainly get the lion's share, and I don't mean that as a detriment to our fellow counties, but we are the largest county and we do have the largest population and we do contribute the most to all of the joint agencies. It puts the MPO Director in a really bad position if he's also an employee of Vanderburgh County. It makes him have some conflict of interest when he's vying for monies that he might be considered vying more for Vanderburgh County because it helps benefit Vanderburgh County, his employer, and maybe even the Area Plan Commission that he actually works for. So we felt that it was probably in the best

interest of Vanderburgh County to not have the MPO person on our salary. We would have a more level playing field to get what we need.

Councilmember Goebel: That's a disadvantage?

Marsha Abell: Yeah, because we don't feel like we could push it too much without them saying Vanderburgh County is just pushing because they pay the MPO as an employee of theirs. It's like being the kid of the teacher, the teacher gives their own child a worse grade than anybody else because they don't want to show favoritism. We feel like that maybe has happened to us in, or would happen to us in the MPO. We are certainly looking to the MPO to help us with a couple of large road projects we have ahead of us.

Councilmember Goebel: My son earned his bad grades on his own.

Marsha Abell: Well, my mother actually was not kind to me.

Councilmember Goebel: Now, had the other counties raised concern about this?

Marsha Abell: There's just been, not any concern raised in a public forum, but there's certainly been some chitter chatter about it.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Marsha Abell: We just think it's a better idea.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Marsha, just a comment, and I don't know how in the world you would ever make any changes or how you would even prevent it in the future, but, you know, today we're still spending \$400,000 in Postage. Now granted, most of it is for courts, and, you know, things like that, legal services, but I still get a lot of mail from inside this building every week. You know, when I could be getting it e-mailed and printing from my own printer, or, you know, things can be scanned and e-mailed, but it seems like today we should really see that side go down a bunch. It's crazy to think with all the technology we have, we're still spending nearly half a million dollars in Postage.

Marsha Abell: I think you're going to see an action from both the Mayor and I. We are rolling out a new webpage on September the 10th, and along with that we are going to be encouraging more use of our computer system, more use of our e-mail system, and encouraging our employees to go to the webpage for information rather than calling or writing their Commissioners or their Councilmen. So we are going to be stepping that up this year. So that might go down. A lot of the legal stuff, of course, is required by law that it be mailed. We have no choice in some of that stuff.

President Shetler: Marsha, three areas that I kind of wanted to get into.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

President Shetler: One is health insurance. You and I have had numerous discussions on health insurance—

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

President Shetler: – and things that we probably ought to, you know, that we need to kind of get ourselves going towards. I, and what I would like to see us do is form a commission, and I would really like to maybe pattern this somewhat off what we did a few years ago at the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation on the purchasing agreement between the city, the county and the School Corp. I'm thinking that we could get dialogue going between the county, the city, the School Corp, I think the library, the airport, any kind of other, there's probably a few others that are sitting outside, they're county agencies of some sort that are involved in health care somehow themselves, but perhaps there are 30 or 40 employees, and we need to see if we couldn't use that purchasing power to gain a whole lot more efficiencies and cost savings in our system. Then, hopefully, get ourselves pretty close to the same page on the coverage, because many times you get somebody who's working for one of those governmental agencies, if you will, that might transfer in or out, or they get rumors and they hear about somebody getting no deductibles or somebody getting \$250 and they're paying \$1,000 and all these other things. As much as we can kind of get those together, I think would be helpful, but I think our purchasing power would be a lot greater. We could give our employees a whole lot better alternatives here on choices. We could offer them, you know, the cost savings account type things that they could get involved in. We could set up clinics and go a step further than what we have today, in that we have basically one location for the city, but perhaps with all of us being involved, we could set up three or four, you know, around the county, so that they would be convenient to use for all of our employees. So then, at the same time, drive down our cost. You know, county government alone we're spending \$13 million on all of our funds for health insurance, that's a ton of money.

Marsha Abell: That's a lot of money.

President Shetler: There are some, I've spoken with some of our major industries in town, there are ways that we can cut those costs significantly, and provide better benefits to our employees. We need to do it.

Marsha Abell: I have approached the Mayor about certainly the health clinic and other issues. He and I have decided to wait until after the November election, not because of who's going to be elected, but because of the consolidation effort that's on the ballot. If that passes, this is almost a total moot point. We'll go with one or the other and that will be the one. But, if it doesn't pass, we certainly are going to be discussing those things and going with the city. The problem with going with the School Corporation, according to the insurance company, is we would be a drag on them, and they may not want us. Because our claims experience is so much worse than theirs, that our premiums are so much higher than theirs. They don't have the claims experience we have. Our claims experience in 2010 was 92 cents on every dollar, which only gave the insurance company an eight cent on the dollar profit margin, which was pretty low. I think that may be why Welborn HMO found that they could no longer keep us, and we were obviously one of their big clients. Then, last year we were at 88 cents, which is better, but not where, the industry standard is 80 cents and below is considered a good insured. So we are still an unhealthy insured for them, and we need to get that under control as well, not only to lower our premiums, but to make ourselves attractive to other organizations that want to come in and tag on and be with us. We, you know, if it's just a few people they probably don't mind, but if it's a big organization such as the EVSC, if their claims

record is much lower than ours, they're not going to want us dragging them down, because that makes their premiums go up.

President Shetler: Right.

Marsha Abell: But, we are looking at it, and, Joe, would you like to...Joe Kiefer has been doing a lot on this. We have really, really been working on health insurance.

President Shetler: Well, and I might mention that one of the reasons why you're probably experiencing a better track record is because the benefit package often drives the results.

Marsha Abell: It does.

President Shetler: We put that \$250 deductible, implemented that this year, which means that you probably had, you know, people thinking twice before they really went in to get certain things done, you know, where they may have had, you know, a cough and they decided to run to the doctor and stuff.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, one of the big changes actually, and you and I have discussed this, was upping that deductible for emergency care.

President Shetler: Exactly.

Marsha Abell: So that you aren't going to the emergency room when you don't need to go to the emergency room.

President Shetler: Yeah so, you know, changing habits and behavior patterns, you know, through cost, can make a big difference. That's why, percentage wise you're, we're seeing that too.

Marsha Abell: You might tell them what you've been doing.

Joe Kiefer: Mr. President, the Commissioner President expressed herself very well. I think with the claims history, that's one of the problems that we're up against. I've been working on this quite a bit, spent a lot of time on this, as has President Abell, and what we've found is we can't get people even to quote us. I mean, right now we really only have, you know, one, maybe two viable people even interested in quoting us insurance. So it's not like we've got a stack of people lined up out the door saying, you know, giving us all these competitive bids because they want our business. Most of them we have to plead with them to say, please, do insure us, which is a problem. That's one of the problems that we're up against.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, in fact, Aetna and United Healthcare and one other refused to bid our business when they saw our claims history. So we are going to continue, we're not keeping this in stone. We have done nothing yet. If you've been following the Commissioners meetings, we are trying to get to a place where we can lock in a figure for 2013, and we hope to do that maybe at our next meeting. We'll certainly keep you informed on that.

President Shetler: Okay, the second issue that I want to kind of bring up is the Dental Clinic. The, your budget, am I correct—

Marsha Abell: \$130,000, I think in for the Dental Clinic.

President Shetler: Is that underneath the Riverboat?

Marsha Abell: No.

President Shetler: Or, what's that—

Marsha Abell: Uh.

President Shetler: Yeah, I thought it was.

Marsha Abell: It should be under Riverboat, I believe.

Councilmember Terry: It's not. It's blank.

President Shetler: Yeah, there, well, on page 87 where it was before—

Councilmember Terry: It's not there.

President Shetler: Yeah, it's a zero request on that one.

Marsha Abell: Because we're going to ask that that \$130,000 that we've had on the Dental Clinic be put in the Health Department's budget and have them run it entirely. For us to take it and then give it to them is really just a bookkeeping matter. If you want to spend \$130,000 on the Dental Clinic, you might as well put it in the Health Department's budget to begin with.

President Shetler: Okay. That was a bit of my concern. I was, I don't mean to pit two projects against each other, but when I come down, when I think about it, we've used, we have about 800 to 1,000 patients that have run through there annually for the past five, six years since it's been open. With the budget, I think it's around \$275,000-\$300,000 is about what that costs us. So when you get down to those numbers, we're talking \$250 to \$300 per patient, or per user. Again, I don't mean to pit one against the other, but when you look at the bus system that we're providing with a \$150,000 price tag, roughly, and we have something like 15 riders on that, we're talking about \$10,000, and sometimes it's been eight or ten, sometimes it's been 18 or 20 riders on it, but on the average it's pretty close to about 15 riders on that—

Marsha Abell: Are you talking about the North 41 corridor?

President Shetler: I am, yeah, excuse me, pardon me for not clarifying.

Marsha Abell: Okay, well, we have the USI one. too. I wanted to make sure.

President Shetler: Yeah, that's true. Yeah, no, the USI is doing a little bit better, at a \$25,000 cost, or \$30,000, whatever it is, but at \$150,000, that's costing us \$10,000 on an average per rider. That, to me, seems to be excessive, and it seems to be, we really need to rethink that.

Marsha Abell: Well, I think we took it out, didn't we? We're not funding it at all anymore.

President Shetler: It's going to be entirely through the city then?

Marsha Abell: Entirely through the city.

President Shetler: Okay.

Marsha Abell: I think. Isn't that correct, Joe? It shouldn't be in there, because the Mayor found some grant money and they're doing that entirely now.

President Shetler: Good. I hadn't gotten that far along.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, we're out of that. I intended for it to be out. If it's not out, it was intended to be out, because we're not doing it anymore.

Joe Gries: I think, in discussing that with Marissa, I believe that's the case. It was taken out.

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

President Shetler: Then, one other point on the Dental, is that, I know that there's been some communication with ECHO on the possibility of them taking that up. I would be very much in favor, and, hopefully there would be some cost savings on it for us, but of just doing a grant, an annualized grant, like we have on some of the other groups, ARC and etcetera, to ECHO for them to pick up the ball on that. I don't know if that would be some incentive for them to carry it on, but that may help replace the monies that we lost through the hospitals grants a few years ago. So I just want to encourage that, and maybe Gary is the better person to talk—

Marsha Abell: Yeah, they actually run the Dental Clinic—

President Shetler: Right.

Marsha Abell: — and, I mean, they, he, oh, he is here. He may address it better than I.

Councilmember Terry: Right, because I would be curious to know.

President Shetler: Alright, so we'll address that with them, then.

Councilmember Terry: Marsha? I have a question.

President Shetler: Stephanie?

Councilmember Terry: I had the same concerns with the Dental Clinic, wanted to know the reasoning behind that, but, also, I think, there was a lot of conversation at the joint budget hearing about Human Relations, and I see there's about, a little over \$10,000 reduction there. Was there some reasoning behind that?

Marsha Abell: Yeah, what page is that on?

Councilmember Terry: It's on page 46.

Marsha Abell: We, to answer that question, yes, we did reduce it. I had a meeting with the Director of the Human Relations Commission, and rather than get into a big discussion here about it, I will pretty much tell you that it was not a very good meeting. We've pretty much been told that they don't work for the county, they work for the city. In my opinion, if this had been up to me by myself, I would have taken it completely out. Their mission statement doesn't say anything about being an advocate, and the ordinance that they brought before us was strictly advocating one certain group of people, and it was trying to get the county to pass an ordinance that was totally against State statute, and we could have been easily sued by any company that might have been endangered because of that ordinance. We did not pass that ordinance, we did not entertain that ordinance. Didn't appreciate that group, or any other group, bringing an ordinance to the County Commissioners on the floor, without us ever seeing it. Didn't feel like I got any cooperation out of the Director. I was not the only one that met with the Director, Mr. Kiefer would tell you he had the same experience, Mr. Melcher had the same experience. You know, quite frankly, until these organizations, these departments feel like we have some say in what is brought in front of us, and some say in the way that their offices are run, the only way to let them know that we have a say in it is to cut their money. That's what we're doing. If you want to put it back in, that's your business. You can put it back in, but you're putting it back in without us asking for it.

Councilmember Terry: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thanks, Marsha.

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: On page 47, unless I'm misreading this, Transportation Service, going back to that. There is \$151,000, is that a different—

President Shetler: That's a different, that's for the elderly subsidy that's done.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay.

President Shetler: I was questioning the same thing. Good question. Alright.

Councilmember Swaim: Marsha? With regard to the 41 corridor METS route, is that, are you going to get with Transportation Services and review that at some point in the future to reassess that?

Marsha Abell: Well, again, we won't be doing any reassessment on that until after the consolidation vote, because if the consolidation effort passes, again, this is going to be a moot point. That will all be a city, that will all be in the city and will all be run by METS.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay. Thanks.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And on that same topic then on page 47, the USI-METS looks like it is still in there for \$25,000.

Marsha Abell: Correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So that's being run by us, but it's the North 41 that's taken over by the city?

Marsha Abell: That's correct. We had this USI transportation in there for years. We've had it in there for quite some time.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Right, and this one is fairly well utilized?

Marsha Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: As opposed to the other one?

Marsha Abell: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I would imagine. Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody else have any questions or comments? Very good. Thank you, Marsha.

Marsha Abell: Have you got Drainage Board, do you want to go to that?

President Shetler: Yes.

Marsha Abell: Or any of the others that are on your list here.

President Shetler: Anybody have any questions about Riverboat or Drainage? Not seeing or hearing any.

Marsha Abell: Okay. Good, thank you.

President Shetler: You're off the hook. Alright, thank you.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

President Shetler: Next is Health Department. We have, Gary is here. Dr. Nicholson.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Vanderburgh County Health Department. Our Health Officer, Dr. Nicholson, is here, and our board member, Dr. Mark Wohlford, is here as well. To pick up on the Riverboat and the Dental Clinic, our, the Board of Health's request to the Commissioners was to include an additional \$100,000 that the Health Fund can't support anymore, which was used to support the Dental Clinic as well. So the total request was for \$230,000. So if you're considering Commissioner Abell's and the other Commissioners request to move the \$130,000, we would respectfully request that number is \$230,000, if the Dental Clinic would continue to be operated through the Health Department. If you're looking at other opportunities, we certainly understand that, but that's just to make sure everyone is clear on what the original request to the Commissioners were.

President Shetler: You know, honestly, in light of our finances and where we are today, and as pointed out yesterday by our Auditor, Mr. Gries had indicated that we're basically looking at a shortfall in our property tax revenue of about \$2 million next year. We're looking at an increase in our COIT funding of about \$400,000, so that kind of nets out of about, at least a \$1.6 million deficit from where we are today.

Gary Heck: I understand. I just wanted to make sure—

President Shetler: Well, my point is, that, and I know you're on that track already, and I appreciate that, is that we really need to find, because when we went into this project six years ago, we went into it recognizing the need, but also recognizing our limitations on our funding, that we were going to need to have someone come to the table with us. We lost the two primary people. We really have to replace that to continue on, you know, so I think that's where we are today. Now, it is heavily used, it's a needed project, and I hope that we can find something out there that can, you know, replace it as equally as it had been done at its highest performing days. So hopefully, that's there and that we're able to find the funding for that through another group. If so, then I think that we're willing to chip in through Riverboat, you know, "x" number of dollars. I don't know what that is today, but those monies are going to be used to help offset some of the other things here, too.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Yes?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Do we have any idea how other similarly sized counties run dental clinics? Or, do they do it? Where do they get the money? Has there been any investigation into that at all?

Gary Heck: Dr. Wohlford can tell you what they do in Indianapolis, perhaps better than me. He used to run one of theirs. From a public Health Department standpoint, I don't know that there's, there's very few public Health Department's, that I'm aware of, that offer any kind of oral health services.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That's what I was curious about. Okay.

Gary Heck: So it's not whether or not they're forward thinking, inclusive or whatever, I wouldn't want to speculate, but there's not very many that you could...Evansville-Vanderburgh County, I guess, would be at the forefront of this service, in the recognition that oral health has on the total quality of health a person can enjoy.

President Shetler: Pete, I think you had a question.

Councilmember Swaim: Gary, we had this discussion awhile back on the Dental Clinic, and it dawned on me that the Sheriff has his own in-house guy that comes in out at the jail. I don't know if you've had any discussions with him about seeing if his dentist or dentists would be also interested in staffing the clinic here?

Gary Heck: We had discussions when it was first set up. My understanding is that their needs are somewhat different than the needs of the general community and population. They handle it where the dentist that they contract with is paid on an hourly or a daily basis, as an independent contractor, but they also provide all of their assistants or hygienists or any of their other programs or whatever. So there's

an hourly or a flat fee that gets paid, and it's handled that way. It's not a five day a week kind of operation. So I think they're just different processes.

President Shetler: Well, in addition to that, their services are limited to, I think, extraction pretty much only.

Gary Heck: Well, it's not dissimilar to us at times, but our goal isn't to just extract teeth. Our goal is to offer restorative and other services as well.

President Shetler: Right.

Gary Heck: But it's specifically for the adult population that are uninsured or under insured, that's the big difference there. They really have no other options than what this clinic offers.

Councilmember Swaim: Well, I was just curious, not so much for the services, per se, but just to get maybe some of the same people to staff both of them if they would be willing to do so.

Gary Heck: I'm not sure what they would do with their private patients, because my understanding is they still have a private practice. Don't they, your dentists? So I just don't know that they have the time to take on more than what they're taking on already.

President Shetler: Okay. Other questions on the Health Department?

Councilmember Terry: Just for clarification again, Gary, so right now you do not have anything in your budget for the Dental Clinic?

Gary Heck: In the, what used to be the 2130, the Health fund budget, the 1159 now, that is correct. Based on the Health fund's projected balances, we don't, it's not that, if we still had money there we would certainly have continued it, but our projection is there's not going to be funds to support it. So there is no money budgeted for it.

Councilmember Terry: Right, because you're short the, at least, what, \$130,000 or more? Or, the entire \$230,000?

Gary Heck: Well, if, unless there was \$230,000 that came to the Health Department from—

Councilmember Terry: Whatever sources.

Gary Heck: — any sources, we're not in a position to offer Dental Clinic services next year at all. That's really what we're talking about, is we need \$230,000 if the Health Department would continue, because then the other monies would come from community gifts, patient payments, Medicaid reimbursements, and that's where the other money to make up the balance of the budget would come from.

Councilmember Terry: I may have fallen asleep while you were talking or something, but what did you say, where are we in the process with ECHO and some type of partnership there?

Gary Heck: It's my understanding that Dr. Nick, who's been working with other community leaders on that, and they're still in discussions. I don't know that there's been a solid resolution yet, other than it's still progressing and moving forward. That's my understanding at this point.

Councilmember Terry: Okay, thank you.

Gary Heck: Back to the Health Department budget though, because of the timing of how our budget processes work, but we put blended funding programs together with other grants, and we have some opportunities that we need to talk with our County Council liaison in the next few weeks where we can actually project some additional savings to the budget if we can pull these blended projects together. I spoke very briefly with Council President Shetler today, so he's sort of familiar with what we're looking at. We tried to think out of the box, we tried to look at ways that would be a win-win for everyone, and we have some opportunities to do that. I'm assuming our Council liaison is the proper person, is there anybody else on the Council that we should approach or talk to?

President Shetler: I would say that that's appropriate.

Gary Heck: Okay, then I just need to set up a time when we can do that. If we can get this to you, I would think that you would see some additional savings from what we have in our budget here. For the most part, the only thing we have are step increases. We're projecting a cost of living rent increase that's based on a contractual agreement, and none of that reflects monies that we might receive from grants to offset some of the rent, and we do have those in some of our grant opportunities, which would help us as well. So we do have some opportunities to make some changes, and just hope that the Council will work with us on those to see that happen.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Gary Heck: Any other questions on anything? Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: Real quickly, on a typical day at the Dental Clinic when it was running, when it was fully operational, was the clientele, was it full all day long? Or, were there down periods?

Gary Heck: It varies, but they would see anywhere from 12 to 18 patients depending upon what they were going to undertake, yes, sir.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Gary Heck: This year, our numbers were actually up. From the first seven months we had seen 520 patients so far. In any year, at the most, it was over 1,000, and it probably averaged somewhere between 700 to 800 on those other years. So we were actually on track to do 900 or more this year before our dentist moved on to private practice.

President Shetler: Of course, one of the issues you had in the very beginning is that you had many people that were in great need of dental care, so they were getting a lot more done. So it took more time and stuff, and then towards the end here you were really kind of doing more extractions and basic—

Gary Heck: Well, we were always doing a lot of extractions, but we were hoping to get to a point where we were getting more and more restoratives. At first, when we first set up we tried to do everything on an appointment basis, and with the population we were working with, even if you would double book, you wouldn't have someone sitting in a chair when you needed them sitting in a chair. We then went to a first come first served basis, and that worked really well, except if someone was in line at 4:00 in the morning and they didn't get in, and you saw 18 patients, then they would get there at 3:00 a.m. the next day. It got to a point where, in the winter it was a block party starting at midnight with people sitting in lawn chairs waiting for it to open. There really wasn't any trouble other than it's not very healthy for people to be sitting outside. Dr. Wohlford arranged for a consultant to come in from the IU School of Dentistry and we restructured and went to same day appointments where folks started calling at 8:00 a.m. to fill appointments that same day. If they're keeping an appointment the same day, nothing gets in between where they forget they have an appointment, or their time goes by, and you're doing other things for the first two hours. You start scheduling from 10:00 on, and you keep a consistent patient load moving through. That's worked very, very well. We've received a lot of referrals from the ECHO Community Healthcare, and they're right across the street from us. That's been a win-win situation for both of us up until this point too. So we've tried doing various things to make the program work, you just can't get around the fact that you're going to need subsidies if you're working with an adult population that's under insured or uninsured. There's just no other way to make it work. So that's kind of where we are.

President Shetler: Alright, Gary. Thank you.

Gary Heck: You're very welcome. Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

BURDETTE PARK

President Shetler: Okay, the next is Burdette Park, Steve. That's on page 80, and also 141.

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette Park. Our budget came in at 3.7 percent less than it was last year. I know we were trying to achieve the five, so we took a look at the prices that we were charging for our facilities and that and we did put a three percent increase across the board on all of our rental buildings. That brings me up, if we keep the same amount of rentals, we would be at a minus 4.7 less than last year.

President Shetler: Any questions, comments?

Councilmember Swaim: While Councilman Raben is looking, I'll just say thanks for your efforts in trimming back.

Steve Craig: Thank you.

Councilmember Swaim: Appreciate it.

Councilmember Raben: Steve, this year, again we've got a large request for Parks and Playground in the CCD budget. Could you elaborate on that?

Steve Craig: Yes, this spring we had an emergency patch put on our, we call it the family pool at the park. It's the largest pool. The liner in it had come loose and ripped. It is over ten years old, which was the warranty. I had a guy come in out of New York and he patched it for us and told me at that time that, you know, it may last a year. He said it may not last this summer. When it rips that pool will be closed, which is the largest part of our Aquatic Center. We have made it, knock on wood, until this weekend, and the patch has held. I had a company, or the guys that had put in the original liners in the swimming pool come down and give me a cost estimate on replacing that next year. It was like at \$199,000 or something. That was the price that he shot me this year. I will get competitive bidding on it, but that was what the \$200,000 in the CCD account request was for. That is, I think it's under the Commissioners, Parks and Recreation.

President Shetler: Okay. Other questions? Yeah, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: If the heat continues will you extend the swimming season? Or is it pretty much shut down after Monday?

Steve Craig: It's shut down after Monday. We already have trouble getting the lifeguards, a lot of our lifeguards are college students and they went back. It's just not cost feasible for them to drive back from IU, Purdue and wherever the wind carries them. They go to school all over.

Councilmember Goebel: Can you not wear some swim trunks?

Steve Craig: No. I don't think anybody would want to see that.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Steve Craig: There's some old pictures where it's not that bad, but they're real old pictures.

Councilmember Raben: Steve, are there any lines, you know, as we look through this, you know, with any budget, most of them we'll find are going to take a cut somewhere. Are there any lines that you want to offer up that you think will be heavy or there might be something in there that you can do without?

Steve Craig: James, I've got to be honest, I've already done that. You know, I don't like coming back, you know, to get the utilities and that, but when it was as hot as it was this year, I mean, I'm not asking for any more than we've asked on a normal year, and I don't know how they're going to fall as we go. The heat has been on for a long time, and everybody knows it costs a lot more to keep a building cool when it's a 105 or 95 than it does if it's 85. That's just where we're at, and the other thing, the fuel on our vehicles, we've cut back to using RTV's and stuff that do get 50-60 miles to a gallon of gas as utility vehicles in the park, instead of running around all day in pickup trucks. We've went to these smaller vehicles, and even purchased a golf cart for our EMT's which they get really good gas mileage and that. So we're trying to cut back on the fuel consumption also, but, you know, it doesn't do anything but keep going up. So that's just something...I don't know of any offhand, I mean, if there's anything left at the end of the year, I will turn it in, but I don't have any money that I know that I can just--

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: Steve, I don't want to belabor this, but the BMX track, when you host, when they host the national type tournament, does Burdette receive any fee?

Steve Craig: No, they're on a lease, they lease the track from us. They pay all of their utilities and do all their maintenance. The only thing that we receive is that they do rent my chalets out, and they do rent the campground, they fill it up and so that's the advantage to the park. But, other than the lease monies, we do not get anything for special races. We did not have a national this year. We had several state and tri-state, we had the Battle of the Villes and that's when Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisville, Nashville and Evansville, we have a big race here where they, all three compete for the, kind of the Midwest championship. But, as far as us getting money, any money that they take in from registration goes for their insurance and their concessions go to run their operation, is how they pay for everything.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, Steve. Any other questions? Alright, thank you, Steve.

Steve Craig: Thank you very much.

THE CENTRE

President Shetler: Darren? The Centre.

Darren Stearns: Good morning. Darren Stearns, with the Centre.

President Shetler: Alright, do you have a presentation or words?

Darren Stearns: No, we just tried to heed to the recommendations from the meetings we had with the department heads earlier and cut where we could cut. I think we did a pretty decent job of that. We're pretty comfortable with where we're at.

President Shetler: Okay. I know, I don't know exactly, in a couple years we're losing the tax that we get from the hotel—

Councilmember Raben: Food and beverage.

President Shetler: —or the food and beverage deal, our Innkeeper's Tax there, and that subsidy that's helping keep the Centre. Have we made some long range planning to kind of forecast that so that we can, you know, because I know that's a fairly significant hit. James, you've got a better handle on that than I do.

Councilmember Raben: About \$600,000 I believe annually, between half a million and \$600,000.

President Shetler: So we're talking roughly a half a million dollars, you know, that we could be looking at paying out of the taxpayers pocket if we're not trying to build ourselves, or looking toward trying to do something to curb it. So I just want to, you know, that's not that far off.

Councilmember Raben: Joe, did you have that total?

Joe Gries: We were just looking at the revenue that we've received over the last few years for the Convention Center Operating Fund. We've received approximately \$900,000 a year. That percentage is being cut in half, so you're looking at \$450,000 to \$500,000 then that you won't see coming into that fund.

Darren Stearns: That's from the Innkeeper's Tax, correct?

Joe Gries: Yes.

Darren Stearns: The Food and Beverage Tax is separate.

Joe Gries: The Food and Beverage Tax is used to pay the debt.

Darren Stearns: Right.

Joe Gries: Yeah, so the remaining balance of whatever's not used yearly, it goes back to the city.

President Shetler: So I just wanted to try to make that so everyone is aware that that is a big hit that's hitting down the road in '15?

Joe Gries: 2015 is the first year where that change will occur, yes.

President Shetler: Alright, so we've got a couple years here to kind of start planning for that, which means in ways of either looking hard at costs or, you know, promoting and finding out ways that we're going to be able to bring in the revenue to replace it. So one of the two, you know, it gives us a couple years. It gives us a little bit of time, but it's certainly something we need to do. I know the hotel hurts you guys a lot.

Darren Stearns: Right, hopefully by then we'll at least have that to help offset some of this. It does hurt our convention business quite a bit. We still get a few, but it's a lot harder to tell them that they have to be bussed, with the size conventions that we can accommodate, they're used to being on site, either attached or right across the street, not being bussed from around town.

President Shetler: Alright. Okay, do we have any questions? Alright, thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Shetler: Alright, the next is Superintendent of County Buildings, Marissa? That's on page 48.

Joe Kiefer: Good morning, just wanted to see if you had any questions. I mean, it's pretty straight forward. The pay for the Superintendent of County Buildings, Carpenter and Maintenance for the Old Courthouse. You know, it's a pretty simple budget here.

President Shetler: Your occupancy level right now?

Joe Kiefer: It has increased. They have been renting it, and actually, I personally made a big to-do about the rent rates, making sure that they're exceeding the utility rates there.

President Shetler: That's a good thing.

Joe Kiefer: I know Marissa has done a nice job. She did an Excel spreadsheet showing what the expenses were for each space that we rent out to make sure that the leasing agent is getting enough money for those spaces. They have increased a little bit.

Marissa Schenk: It's about 79 to 80 percent occupied right now.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, and one of the things we're hoping to do, and this is something that we weren't requesting from you, we were going to try to use some CCD money, was we really need to do some work on the common areas. It's in deplorable condition. You know, paint peeling and falling off the walls, so we really need to do a project on the interior of the Old Courthouse in the common areas. I would love to show you guys some pictures sometime, or just walk you through there, but you can see marble is falling off the walls, paint is falling off the walls, they used to have a bust of one of the historic figures, it's gone, but the stand is still there. So there's some work we need to do, and we were hoping to do that out of some CCD money and not ask you guys for that money. I mean, we were going to do it over a couple year's time, because the condition of that common space inside the Old Courthouse is in really bad condition.

President Shetler: How much revenue are you generating in rent? Anybody.

Joe Kiefer: Mr. President, I don't know the answer to that, but we could get it for you. F.C. Tucker is doing the leasing, and we could easily put together, Marissa could put together a spreadsheet for you showing you total rental income and send that to you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Yes, Councilman?

Councilmember Raben: If this were the final plea, having said what you said, I rest my case on anybody that thinks we need to buy the EVSC building. For just what you said, we've got the expense that we need to put into the Old Courthouse, we haven't even looked at doing anything with the Coliseum, I mean, thanks for the comment, Joe, because you've made my case that I've been pitching forever.

Joe Kiefer: I understand what you're trying to say, and topic for another discussion, but the reason I brought that up is because I know, later on down in this meeting, you know, we're going to be asking for some money for a gradall, and I just wanted to let you know that some of the monies that we have in, the CCD money we have, I was hoping to allocate to do some repair work. You know, it needs it.

Councilmember Raben: It needs it, granted.

Joe Kiefer: Yeah, it needs it. I just wanted, all we're talking about is the common area.

Councilmember Raben: Thanks for recognizing the need, and that's my point, before we look at occupying 100,000 more square feet of space that we can occupy, just as the Old Courthouse and the Coliseum and some of our other structures, you're right, it all needs work, so we don't need more. But, we need to figure out how to manage the space we've already got, and better manage it.

Joe Kiefer: I understand.

Councilmember Raben: I appreciate the fact that you recognize it needs that work. I think we do need to do something. I mean, you know, at some point in time we need to find out what is the greater need for the building too, because we've still, the actual, I think you asked for the revenue side of it, but the actual percentage of available space. Marissa, do you have a feel for what we've really got occupied?

President Shetler: 80 percent.

Councilmember Raben: 80?

Marissa Schenk: There's actually only a handful of rooms that have yet to be rented out. I mean, maybe four or five rooms in the entire building.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so that really makes it appealing to give it a facelift or help it out a little bit.

President Shetler: If the revenue stream is there. I mean, if we're not giving away the rent space, and that's why it's full.

Joe Kiefer: I think the difference with this building, with the Old Courthouse building, is that it's an historic building, and even if we had nobody in there, we would still want to make sure, I mean, I don't think we're prepared to get rid of an historic building such as the Old Courthouse. So I mean, I think that's just one of those things that we have to take care of. It's part of our responsibility of keeping the old structure there.

President Shetler: Right. Yeah, I don't disagree, it's just that it might tell us where our rent levels are and some other things here.

Joe Kiefer: I think we should be able to increase our rent levels. I think if we can improve, the reason we're renting it out is because of the low rent rates, but if we can enhance the appearance of the interior common areas, we should be able to argue for stronger rent rates.

Councilmember Raben: What is our square footage rate?

Joe Kiefer: It varies, but, I mean, it's been renting, what, six dollars per foot? That's what I argued about at the last Commissioner meeting, that I thought these rent rates were too low, until I walked through the building. Then when I saw what condition the common areas were in, I thought, okay, we need to improve these common areas anyway, something we have to do, just because it's an historic building, but I thought if we could improve that, then we can start getting better rent rates as well.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, because I think we're paying 20 to the Building Authority—

President Shetler: Twenty two or 23, I think.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, does that square footage price that you quoted, are we doing housekeeping in the rented space, or just the common areas?

Marissa Schenk: No, they're responsible for their own—

Councilmember Raben: Housekeeping? Okay.

Joe Kiefer: It does include utilities though, which makes the per square foot rate even lower.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions. Yes, Pete?

Councilmember Swaim: With all due respect to my colleague, James here, he must have misplaced the spreadsheet that you did on long term savings on the EVSC building. So maybe you could provide him another copy of that.

Joe Kiefer: I would be glad to do that. Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: I got a whole lot of swamp land I'll sell you.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

President Shetler: Alright, next is Veterans. I don't see anybody really breaking out in a sweat here or anything. Does anybody need a break? Keep on plugging through? Okay, Paul, Veterans Administration, page 41.

Paul DuPont: Good morning. Paul DuPont, County Service Officer. Our budget is pretty much the same as last year. We had one step increase that went up, and then we went through, our office copy machine, the county went to rental machines, the Xerox, and last year we thought we had enough money allocated for it, but then we found out we don't, so we had to increase that to \$1,200, and that's pretty much, I think ours is up 1.9 percent, but there's nothing we can do about it. We had a step increase and then the copy machine. You've got to have a copy machine.

President Shetler: Let's see, the other county offices that are in there, let's see, County Highway or the Engineering office is in there? I mean, Engineering, I think—

Paul DuPont: Right.

President Shetler: — I saw John Stoll. Do they have a copy machine?

Paul DuPont: Yes.

President Shetler: I mean, is there a way that we could kind of, I don't know what floor they're on compared to what floor you're on.

Paul DuPont: They're on the same floor, they're right across the hall, but I don't know, they've got a bigger machine. Ours is just a little small machine, but sometimes we have to copy 50 pages from medical records or something.

President Shetler: I know, but \$100 a month, it's \$100 a month, and I just, I mean, I just feel like if, one thing they've tried to do here is centralize these copy machines as much as they can within this building, and I would think that we ought to probably look at the same thing over there. I mean, I know it's not a huge amount of money, but, I don't know, John, are you real taxed on your copy machine? Or would that be an issue or problem?

John Stoll: I really haven't thought much about that in the past, but, I mean, like Paul said they're across the hall, so it's not that difficult to get there. I just don't know how the billing would all work out as far as when they're charging by the page how to allocate the bills on who copied what. I mean, I know, once again, we're not talking big dollars, but the way, I believe we're paying with, for our copier out of the Bridge Fund, and I don't know that that would be allowed.

President Shetler: And, Paul, your copy machine is not integrated into your computers where you use it for a printer as well?

Paul DuPont: Yeah, we can.

President Shetler: Oh.

Paul DuPont: We use it, it's a fax machine too.

President Shetler: You do use it as both?

Paul DuPont: Yeah, we can print.

President Shetler: So you don't have printers on your desktops.

Paul DuPont: Oh, yeah, we still have printers. They're not county printers. We got them donated by the Veterans organizations.

President Shetler: Okay.

Paul DuPont: Because the county wouldn't buy them.

President Shetler: So you utilize personal printers, and on occasion if you've got a big load then you'll send it to the central copier for printing?

Paul DuPont: What we do is, if we do a claim, you know, there's PDF's that you can do the claim on, you fill it out, then, if we have to, sometimes we can't print front and back on our printers, but you can on the Xerox copier out there. If we have a front and back we have to print we send it to that, but then any copies that we print, if we get rid of the copy machine then we're going to have to get a fax machine. Because, the one we had was one of the older ones that worked on the regular telephone line, the new ones are like the digital line that goes through the network. So we would have to get a new fax machine. We fax through that copier too.

President Shetler: Who else, what other county offices, are there any other county offices over there?

Paul DuPont: No, just the Engineer's and us.

President Shetler: Okay. I mean, it's probably not for, you know, us today, per se, but I think we've got some time here, we could look at this and explore it, see if there's some savings that can be had. I mean, I just think there's some merit to, you know, getting the most efficient use out of the machines as we can.

Paul DuPont: You know, it's possible, but if you're working with a Veteran, you've got to, you know, we've got two service offices there working on two different things, and if I have to, we have to go over and make a copy at the Engineer's office and maybe they're making copies, or if we're doing copies then they have to wait for copies. I don't know if it's very efficient. Then, they've still got to pay for our copies. We do a lot of copying too. So, I mean, I don't know how we would allocate, take so much money from us to give to them because we're using their copy machine.

President Shetler: Okay, we'll work out those, let's see if it can't be worked out. Let's just have a conversation about it and see if it's possible.

Paul DuPont: Okay.

President Shetler: Alright.

Councilmember Terry: I was just going to say that I agree. I think it's a good idea, but just keep in mind, I guess, the confidentiality that has to happen. I'm sure you get medical records—

Paul DuPont: Right.

Councilmember Terry: — and social security numbers and all of that. So that, logistically, that would really need to be considered.

Paul DuPont: Yeah, you have to make sure, you couldn't just take them over there and leave them.

Councilmember Terry: No.

Paul DuPont: You would have to have somebody with them all the time.

President Shetler: Right.

Paul DuPont: Because DD214's have got social security numbers on them, and medical records, stuff like that.

Councilmember Terry: But I would think you could easily network your printer and copier all to this, to one central location.

President Shetler: No, that's why I was concerned about it. If they were using it for a printer and a copier, then we've got a problem. But, if you've got the availability of printers, then I can see that this could work out. I mean, I go to the doctor's office and, you know, they'll have to copy something off and send it in, somebody walks

down, so you have to wait in line. You know, you're standing there for five minutes, a little inconvenience, but, you know, that's just the nature of the way it is today. We're trying to, everyone, I think tries to maximize.

Paul DuPont: Well, the only thing is the more that we do on our printers that now we do on the printer there, it's going to increase our toner, because see they provide toner for those.

President Shetler: Yeah.

Paul DuPont: Well, it's like a block toner.

President Shetler: Right, that's why—

Paul DuPont: So we might be buying more supplies.

President Shetler: — yeah, that's why I'm hesitant to say do it, but let's just open the conversation, let's work out where there could be some savings. Perhaps when you get down to the bottom line, there's not enough to even worry about. The inconvenience is not worth the hassle.

Paul DuPont: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: Paul, you would receive a key to John's office, though, wouldn't you?

Paul DuPont: I don't know if I want one.

Councilmember Goebel: Just kidding.

President Shetler: Okay. Any other questions or comments? Not seeing any. Thanks, Paul.

Paul DuPont: Is that it? Okay, thank you.

CO-OP EXTENSION SERVICE

President Shetler: Alright, next is the Co-Op Extension Service, page 36. Susan?

Susan Plassmier: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning. Okay, does anybody have any questions?

Susan Plassmier: We did, in our rationale we explained that actually we asked for an increase in the Maintenance Repair, Utilities and the Travel/Mileage, because the last five or six years we've had to come back and get additional appropriations. So we just built it in up front. So it's going to be one way or the other. I mean, either approve it or we'll probably, we'll be coming back to get appropriations at the end of the year. My board wanted me to go ahead and ask for it now.

President Shetler: The Data Management, is that a contract that you have with an outside vendor? Or is that, am I on the right...\$5,400.

Susan Plassmier: The maintenance, oh the data, oh, I'm sorry. I was looking, I was thinking the maintenance repair that was on the rationale. That is our lease with Purdue for the computers.

President Shetler: Okay. Anybody have any questions or comments?

Susan Plassmier: We did ask for a \$750 increase in that Contractual Services. Again, that's that amount that Purdue sets in.

President Shetler: That's for their pay increase? Is that three percent?

Susan Plassmier: Yeah, it goes 100 percent towards salary. No, I think it was one percent.

President Shetler: Okay. Anybody, questions? Alright, thank you.

Susan Plassmier: Thank you.

<p>COUNTY HIGHWAY CUMULATIVE BRIDGE LOCAL ROADS & STREETS</p>
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President Shetler: Next, I'm going to ask the County Auditor, before we get into the County Highway, if you could just kind of outline, because there's a gray cloud up here financially, particularly when it deals with this area. We were throwing some numbers around when we talked about the gradall in our earlier meeting. I would like for you to give some more specifics on the numbers, if you could please.

Joe Gries: Sure. This is information that we've given to the Commissioners, we've given to Mike Duckworth and John Stoll. It concerns the, and we've also sent it out to the Councilmembers earlier this week. This is information concerning the Highway Fund and the Local Roads and Streets. We wanted to provide kind of a history and maybe a projection of where things are going concerning revenues and budgets and things of that nature. In the past, the Highway or the Roads and Streets have always been supplemented by either County Option Income Tax or Surtax and Wheel Tax. There hasn't been sufficient revenue coming from gas tax or State distributions or State reimbursements for projects to fully fund either of these budgets. We're getting to a point where the, we had reserves, Surtax and Wheel Tax that were used in the past for the University Parkway. Once that project was done the reserves kind of built up and we've been using those over the last couple of years to supplement both budgets. The reserves are down to about, at the end of this year, between \$250,000 to \$275,000. We get approximately \$500,000 in Surtax/Wheel Tax each year. That's a projection for next year as well. So we have about \$750,000 that we can use to offset these two budgets, but if you look at the overall budget for Highway and Roads and Streets, you're in the neighborhood of \$6 million. With the reserves and the Surtax/Wheel Tax we'll receive next year, we're projecting a shortfall of about \$1.4 million. So it's a pretty significant number. You know, the, whatever is not, things that could change is whatever is not spent this year can, will help that number. Whatever additional monies that we see from revenue for the last half of 2012 will help that number. We'll know more when we get into projecting revenue for the General fund and how that may, the situation there may be, you know, be able to use some funding from the General fund to fund Highway and Roads and Streets as well, but, right now it's

not a very good picture, but we don't have all of the information in at this time either. So it's a possibility that the numbers can change, too.

President Shetler: Okay, so we have basically a \$6 million budget between Highway and the Local Roads and Streets?

Joe Gries: Correct.

President Shetler: And you're projecting, right now, same revenue stream as in the past that we will have a deficit of about \$1.4 million?

Joe Gries: And those projections...I'm sorry.

President Shetler: Go ahead.

Joe Gries: Those projections are based on the information that we've received from the State for 2013.

President Shetler: Right, and we have supplemented that deficit in the past—

Joe Gries: Correct.

President Shetler: — through revenues on the Wheel Tax, which is about how much?

Joe Gries: Well, for 2012 it was \$1,650,000 that we're using from Surtax/Wheel Tax for Highway and Roads and Streets. Those are reserve funds that built up after the University Parkway project was completed.

President Shetler: Okay, but those are reserve funds. We're not, what kind of new money comes in from Wheel Tax every year?

Joe Gries: Every year we receive approximately \$500,000.

President Shetler: Okay.

Joe Gries: And that's going into Highway and Roads and Streets.

President Shetler: That goes directly into that?

Joe Gries: Yes.

President Shetler: So then, is the deficit, if you put the half a million into that line, then would you say that we would be at a \$900,000 deficit?

Joe Gries: No.

President Shetler: That's including all of the revenue?

Joe Gries: Everything in, we're still 1.4 short.

President Shetler: Alright, and then we have \$250,000 of reserves left—

Joe Gries: I'm including that.

President Shetler: –and you're including that?

Joe Gries: Yeah.

President Shetler: Okay, so if you include everything that we have available to us, you're saying then we will still be \$1.4 million short next year?

Joe Gries: That's correct.

President Shetler: Using up all of our reserves, all of the new funding coming in totally for that area, unless we go, unless we find another rainbow.

Joe Gries: Find other monies in the General Fund, or if you don't spend everything that you have in this year's budget. If there's, I think Mike talked about it earlier, if, there's a Materials line that you have \$300,000 that you don't spend that money, then that \$300,000 becomes part of the cash that we can use for next year.

President Shetler: Right.

Joe Gries: So that 1.4 would be reduced by whatever we don't spend.

Councilmember Raben: But, you still have to have Material monies for next year.

Joe Gries: That's where the budget–

Councilmember Raben: We can't stop paving roads.

Joe Gries: – and the revenue kind of have to balance. So, yeah.

Councilmember Raben: We've got to pave roads. That's what we do. You know, the other, this has kind of been on a downward spiral for the last several years. Several years ago when we saw it coming, we started putting a million dollars in COIT, when times were good. We haven't been able, this will be our third year, I think, that we will not be able to put a million dollars in COIT to help offset this. It's kind of the picture that I was trying to paint, you know, with the gradall, that it's a serious matter. I mean, with this budget, you know, the State will make cuts that you don't want to make.

Joe Gries: That's right.

Councilmember Raben: It's their cut, it's not ours. So we just have to determine what we want to do.

President Shetler: Does anybody have a question about the numbers, or to kind of wrap your arms around it a little better, have any kind of questions here that you kind of need filled in from Joe, before we go on further?

Mike Duckworth: May I ask a question of Joe?

Joe Gries: Sure.

Mike Duckworth: I know we talked about this, the one item that you did not mention was over the last four episodes where we've had disasters, because of what we've done and the work we've done and the replenishment of our expenditures and time with our employees and all of that, we've brought in about \$1.2 million from FEMA. Where exactly is that money?

Joe Gries: That plays into the, every year we forecast revenue, and every year we then look at the budget to balance that. That money, if it's not needed in the budget, then goes on to the cash. So then the following year, whatever is not spent becomes part of that cash, and we look at, okay, do we have enough revenue? Do we need to bring in reserve funds or the Surtax/Wheel Tax? So all of that plays into it. So that money, obviously, helps, but it's part of all of the calculations.

Mike Duckworth: Well, I just, for the record want you all to know that, you know, as we go through those episodes we keep extremely good records. We have to, I mean, everything from time on task, use of equipment, overtime, everything gets put into that, and since I think it was 2006, over that six year period we've had four episodes and we've brought back \$1.2 million into the coffers to assist with this.

President Shetler: But, I think, the point is, to get 1.2, we spent \$800,000, we spent something to get that. So, you know, through overtime, or through, you know, other fuel, all the things that would have been out there, we gave it. It wasn't a \$1.2 million windfall.

Mike Duckworth: No, I understand that.

President Shetler: Then, the revenue that was leftover, like basically through use of your equipment, for example, that revenue would have been then put into the budget as a revenue source for the following year.

Mike Duckworth: That's right. Those pieces of equipment that go through that type of an episode, the wear and tear, and that's why we're where we're at on some of our equipment.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, that kind of sets the tone here for you, Mike.

Mike Duckworth: Other than that, this is the (Inaudible) you like to play. I understand.

President Shetler: Go for it.

Mike Duckworth: Well, I think, with your indulgence, I'll go through my accounts. There are only three areas that I've asked for increases. There's several that I have kept the same. I will give you the justification for those, and then the rest I've tried to adhere to President Shetler's request to reduce. So if I may, in Highway we're asking for a \$1,000 increase, because there was a miscalculation of the number of employees receiving clothing allowance. So that would increase that line item by \$1,000. Under Contractual Services, we're asking for \$3,500 more than what was budgeted in 2012. Would you like for me to give you the account numbers? I don't know if you want those or not. This current budget that we have this year, I mean, we're moving money over there to cover contracts we currently have with Xerox and Sonitrol, which are necessities, of course. Then, Occu-Med, we're asking for \$500 more to cover quarterly drug screens and other necessary screens. In the previous

couple of years the screens were paid by, I think the Council, and that's been diverted back over to us. We are asking to leave our Fuel account the same, although you'll see that we are asking for a transfer. I still think we're about \$10,000 under, with the transfer, what we expended last year. So we're asking to keep that the same next year. We continually try to make cuts in those efforts to better utilize our fuel. The uniform, to ensure that the weekly uniform rentals are covered, that would be the same. Communications, we left this line the same to cover supervisors cell phones and truck radios, to ensure proper communications with our staff. Solid Waste Disposal, again, Marsha and I had this discussion yesterday in regards to our dump fees, and many times when we have large storms, the debris has to be dumped somewhere, and unless, we have used some areas in the county, outskirts of Burdette Park, that they can mill up and mow, trim and mulch some of that for mulch around their flowers and stuff. We left Utilities the same to cover any rate hikes that Vectren or the Water Department may throw our way. Data Management, we left this line item the same to cover two software programs we use on a daily basis. We have to pay for the licensing of those mapping and work order programs. We left the Legal Services the same with the tort claims and weed issues and the personnel issues that we have to call our County Attorney on. Everything else, I believe, is entered at either the same or five percent less than what we used last year. Cum Bridge, no increases. Local Roads and Streets, no increases.

President Shetler: Mike, is it realistic to, I mean, the fuel costs to keep it the same? And, then Garage and Motor, is that, I mean, I don't know if I'm reading this correctly, but it looks like a significant recommendation for cutting that. Is that realistic given your comments earlier in our other meeting about older equipment, etcetera, etcetera?

Mike Duckworth: Well, our Garage and Motor takes care of our general maintenance of not only our facilities, but some of our soft equipment, if you will, in regards to maintaining our operation. We do have repair accounts, vehicle equipment repair accounts that we use extensively. One example is we had a 1993 model vehicle that the frame cracked. Well, we were going to look into getting a different chassis. A chassis with a million miles on it was \$35,000.

President Shetler: What kind of—

Mike Duckworth: It's a tandem dump truck. We looked at just doing the chassis itself, it's \$16,000 to replace that frame. It's these kinds of costs, you know, if you go out and buy a new vehicle they're \$150,000-\$160,000. These kinds of costs are real, and if you have one or two of those a year, it depletes your budget significantly. We piecemeal this stuff together, really is what we do. If you look at the age of our equipment, some is relatively new because at one time, like I said earlier, we were receiving \$175,000 a year for new equipment. We systematically, you know, changed that out. Now we don't do that. We get \$25,000 and we're redoing beds, we're redoing engines, so that's why we've asked to leave those repair accounts, equipment repair accounts the same. So when we're not buying new, we're repairing the old.

President Shetler: Is the chassis radically different on a dump truck than it is on a, I mean, I'm assuming, I mean, it's a diesel truck that's tandem axle, I'm not sure about what—

Mike Duckworth: Some are heavier frames than others, depending upon the load and the weight—

President Shetler: Are you talking about the tandem or are you talking about a tri-axle?

Mike Duckworth: Well, what we are repairing is a tandem, okay? It was, to repair that framework was \$16,000.

President Shetler: I can understand that, because I know that's expensive, but the replacing of the chassis, you said—

Mike Duckworth: Well, the chassis itself is the—

President Shetler: Yeah, I understand what a chassis is.

Mike Duckworth: Okay, so that was, we looked at several places, we looked at auction houses just to get a feel for what it would cost. Anywhere from 200 to 300,000, in excess of \$40,000. The cheapest one we found had a million miles on it and was \$34,000.

President Shetler: I mean, we buy trucks fairly often, but I don't buy dump trucks—

Mike Duckworth: Yeah.

President Shetler: —so, you know, I don't know what the difference in the chassis size might be. That's what I'm thinking. I can think of my last three tractors that I've bought, I mean, we had a whole lot less miles than that, and I, you know, we were talking about the same kind of bucks. So I mean, I don't know where your—

Mike Duckworth: I've researched it excessively and I would be glad to provide that information to you. My point in all of this is, we are not, you know, looking to buy new vehicles. We are not looking to increase these amounts in these repair amounts. We will try to work within what we have. Of course, we have mechanics that do whatever they can do, unless it's a gradall or a—

President Shetler: You guys don't send very much out at all.

Mike Duckworth: No.

President Shetler: That's why I'm questioning—

Mike Duckworth: Yeah.

President Shetler: —whether or not these dollars are going to be sufficient, you know, or if we're going to see you in October.

Mike Duckworth: Well, I hope that you don't, but I can't predict that.

President Shetler: Right.

Mike Duckworth: You know, when you have fleets that include vehicles that are '93, '94, '95 models, in some regards—

President Shetler: Do you have any take home vehicles?

Mike Duckworth: Only supervisors.

President Shetler: Okay, and that would be about how many?

Mike Duckworth: Five.

President Shetler: Okay.

Mike Duckworth: Those are just pick-up trucks.

President Shetler: Okay, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Mike, I guess, we're talking about costs of chassis and what have you, but the, let's go back to the desire for the new gradall. The boom truck that we bought roughly five or six years ago, what are they offering you on trade on it?

Mike Duckworth: Now, we're offering, the trade on the, it's a crane truck, not the boom truck. The boom truck is the lift with the....we're keeping that, okay, because we do a lot of tree work with that. The crane truck they're offering, I believe, it's \$57,000 for that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the crane, did we buy the crane truck or the boom truck five or six years ago?

Mike Duckworth: I don't know the exact dates. When we were getting \$175,000 a year in new equipment, we bought a used boom truck for \$42,000, we bought the crane truck for \$90,000, I believe.

Councilmember Raben: \$90,000, and the crane truck they're offering you today?

Mike Duckworth: \$57,000, and it's a 2002 model and we bought it in 2005 or '06, somewhere around there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but the crane, that is attached to that chassis is probably a large part of the value of what they're offering you.

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, if we are in need of a chassis, I don't know why we don't remove the crane and sell that crane and use that chassis toward that body.

Mike Duckworth: We looked at that, and my mechanic said that was, it's a much longer base.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, but they cut those frame rails.

Mike Duckworth: We looked into that.

Councilmember Raben: They add to them, they cut them.

Mike Duckworth: I understand that. I was told that wasn't feasible, because we did look at that.

Councilmember Raben: I think you need to probably look at that if we're talking about needing chassis and what have you.

President Shetler: Okay. It seemed like I had another question here. Well, because I was also questioning about the fuel, it staying the same. I had a question about that.

Mike Duckworth: Well, the actual rate per gallon has gone down. Debbie Spalding negotiated an extension, I believe, correct me if I'm wrong, Joe, but I believe the actual per gallon cost is lower next year than it is this year.

President Shetler: Okay, that's a good thing.

Councilmember Raben: Like what the Sheriff gave you. They contracted out for the—

Mike Duckworth: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody else have other questions or comments then? Okay, well, Mike, I mean, as you know, I mean, in order to, what we're going to have to, I mean, we're going to have to find a scalpel here that's pretty sharp, I think. You know, to get our numbers here in line. So yeah, John? Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: I don't know if Mike is done. Are you here in support? Or do you have—

Mike Duckworth: He's my back up here.

John Stoll: Since we have accounts in the same fund, I was going to ask if you had any questions about any of the accounts I might have.

Councilmember Goebel: I did, just real quickly on the Baseline Road bridge. Does that need repair? Is that the new bridge?

John Stoll: No, this is one that's out near 65.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

John Stoll: It will be just beam repairs and a new deck. Like Mike, we tried to cut out wherever we could. We didn't include any new major projects in the Road and Street Fund for 2013. We aren't able to pursue the Oak Hill widening that we had thought we would start this year. So, like Joe said, that will probably free up \$300,000 that can go back to the Road and Street Fund to help offset the deficit, since we can't continue with the project next year. So, other than that, the budget is pretty much what we submitted last year. We did have new projects with Baseline Road, Boehne Camp Road, Marx Road bridge, Old Henderson Road bridge, which is a replacement, and then Slate Road bridge repairs. Other than that, you know, if you've got any questions on any specifics.

President Shetler: Okay. I don't see any questions.

John Stoll: Alright, thanks.

President Shetler: Thanks, John.

<p style="text-align: center;">LEGAL AID LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY</p>

President Shetler: Next is Legal Aid, Kevin.

Kevin Gibson: Good morning. I've got two budgets, the city-county budget and then also the United Way budget.

President Shetler: Yes, sir.

Kevin Gibson: I just wanted to point out, on the city-county, we are still one Legal Secretary short. We had three for a number of years, really need three, but this budget we're still going to try to get by with just two and a part time receptionist. The part time receptionist we put in at \$13,000, which is the same as what we're spending this year. That's 25 hours a week at \$10 an hour for 52 weeks a year. At the joint city-county budget meetings, we pointed out that when you take into account the insurance, our 2013 proposed budget is still three percent lower than what we were in 2010. So we are still down a bit on that. If you look at just our salaries, our benefits and our rent, that makes over 95 percent of our budget. So we don't have very much else that we can cut. There were a couple minor changes since we had to present this budget. Under Insurance, that's mainly our malpractice insurance, and if you look under the Dues and Subscriptions of \$671, we have to be a member of the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association, we get our insurance through the NLADA. The \$671 is the amount of our dues, but, actually we had good news this year, the malpractice insurance, which has been the same for about five or six years, has actually gone down \$378. So you can reduce that line item by \$378 we found out. Also, under the Books, we already share law books, we only have one set for the office. We've cut back as much as we can. In the proposal I gave you, under the rationale it explains that, to the dollar, where we came up with that amount. Last week I met with Lexus, who provides our internet research, and by cutting some items that we don't use, we can also cut that down to \$80 a month, so that will be a \$289 savings there too that you can cut out. So those were changes that happened after we had turned in the budget. Otherwise, I would just like to remind you, as a city-county department, this is a total budget, so yours would be half of that, and you get to bill the city back for the other half. So should I go to the United Way budget? Or, do you have questions on that?

President Shetler: Go ahead.

Kevin Gibson: On the United Way side, as a United Way agency, we do receive funding from them. They are not on a calendar year, they are on a fiscal year from May through April so they've already done their 2012-2013 budget. Our allocation remained the same as what we got in 2011-2012, which actually we're very fortunate, because as you may be aware, United Way has had less funding, so they have cut most of their agencies. So the fact that we remained the same, we were quite fortunate, so our budget is pretty much identical to the year previous. The total amount is still the same. I did move a few items around. I needed some more money in Law Books and Printing, so I took some money out of the Travel/Mileage,

Miscellaneous and the Audit to put where I needed it more, but the total bottom line is still the same.

President Shetler: Does anybody have any questions, comments or anything? Alright, thank you.

Kevin Gibson: Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;">ASSESSOR ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT PTABOA REASSESSMENT SALES DISCLOSURE FEES</p>
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President Shetler: Next is our County Assessor, Bill, page 30.

Bill Fluty: Bill Fluty, County Assessor.

Councilmember Goebel: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Bill Fluty: Not yet, on the way. We're doing some of the paperwork today, filling out the blue claims and the fixed assets and all the licensing. Just a little background, last year we cut three employees from our payroll and our staff and still are keeping up on all of our deadlines, and keeping up with all of our work. That's an estimated \$30,000 per employee, that's \$90,000, and \$25,000 for benefits for each one. It's well over \$150,000 in savings to the General fund. It's a gift that keeps on giving. It helps you this year, it helps you next year, and all the way down the line. So we have done that in the past. On our General fund budget, it's pretty straight forward. It has an increase of about \$9,000, most of it due to the increase in the PERF. It also has \$5,000 in there for office furniture and that's for desks. That's something that can't be purchased out of Reassessments funds, so it has to be in the General fund if it's going to be purchased. That's why you see that. When we put this budget together, it was before we had an employee that was going to retire. They're retiring, so I won't, with some restructuring for next year, and I'll be coming back next year just to do some restructuring, but not asking for that position again. I think I can do without that employee. So that's a benefit of about \$39,000 to this budget that you're seeing right now, and also it will also help you on the insurance side of somewhere in the neighborhood from \$20,000 to \$25,000 reduction. But at the time, you know, you've got to wait until that employee actually says I am retiring. When we put this together that wasn't finalized. So that's some of the good news. I would also like, if you would consider to raise that \$5,000 for Office Supplies up to maybe \$15,000, for office furniture to kind of help me in that. You may remember, a couple of years back there was something on the table, somewhere around \$200,000 to redo or move the office. We have just, with minimal help from the Building Authority, put in a few hallways and some general clean up and got our retention schedule where we're moving things out that we don't need anymore. We have plenty of space and don't need more space. We have plenty of room, so there isn't anything out there that says we need some renovation. We are happy with what we've got and have plenty of room for what we need right now. So that's not out there. So that explains the General Fund budget. Questions?

President Shetler: Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: On the jobs you've not filled, are they still listed in our book?

Bill Fluty: No, they're not.

Councilmember Goebel: Are those—

President Shetler: Well, they're zeroed out. I think it's probably 172, 173, 174 positions.

Bill Fluty: They are zero.

President Shetler: They're there, but they're zeroed out.

Bill Fluty: And, then they could be, it's up to you, if you would like to remove them from the budget for future years, that's fine.

Joe Gries: Basically, the reason, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Goebel: These were not full time?

Bill Fluty: They were, yes.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Shetler: In those given years.

Joe Gries: Those weren't the budget amounts, right.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: They left partial years, so that's why.

Bill Fluty: Yeah, some of them did.

President Shetler: Yeah, okay. Pete?

Councilmember Swaim: I don't know if you noticed when you mentioned the \$5,000 for office furniture, the President's eyes were nervously spinning, but with the possibility of not having an employee, I mean, I would like to see us be able to increase to five the number of desks that you could get, and then maybe do it on an on-going basis for a few years. I know that a lot of the furniture in the building is still circa 1969, and a lot of it needs to be replaced.

Bill Fluty: Right. When I do this, you remember that these offices were at one time separate offices. Whether it would Pigeon, and I'll just mention Pigeon Township, because they came in and they, and you did grant them all new office furniture, and it is there today and it's fine. It doesn't need to be replaced. You did spot it on some of the others. So I'm just trying to kind of equalize the whole office out. There are quite a few, either it be a back office or somebody's desk that are fine, because they've been updated over the years. What I'm talking about is the normal, squared desk that you see that's two and a half by four, or five feet across the front. I think five feet across the front that just has two drawers on the side, and is really not set

up for computers or actual data entry on a daily basis. So what we're looking for is more of an L shaped desk with storage with more accommodating to today's work and work environment. So if we could, over the years we would just like to put in enough money to kind of facilitate those employees that are actually working on that two and half by five foot desk. It is very cramped. It is hard to spread your work out. So over time. I think, one of the things that I think, in previous meetings that we had earlier this year, if you could get your General fund budget within a number, which is lower, that you may, or hopefully wouldn't have been putting in something that we felt was important to the office. Kind of a give and take. You're realizing some money, but you're actually spending some money back for some desks. So that's the General fund. How that will fly I don't know, but that's the premise.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions, comments? Alright, and do you have anything else to go through here on your PTABOA or Sales Disclosure Fees or anything?

Bill Fluty: No, everything, you know, the Level II has dropped. You know, that was always an issue that, how many do we need? Can you reduce that? It's been reduced. It's been reduced last year. Of course, they're on a two year cycle, so when their cycle ends, then it reduces I think about \$1,000 this time from \$15,500 to \$14,500. Then again, we do have some people that are coming in that their jobs will require that, but we are kind of at a number where it's just not going to change unless you believe that it needs to go less than it is right now. That's kind of the number. If you think that's not the right number, then we'll have to discuss, you know, where we're going to get that.

Councilmember Goebel: These are established and you're not adding more?

Bill Fluty: No, no, no. Actually, no. I wouldn't come forward to ask, if I wanted to go above, I would come back and state a reason why I would want to go above. I wouldn't even attempt to do it if funding wasn't available or would let you know.

President Shetler: Yeah, at one time that was up past 20, wasn't it?

Bill Fluty: It, well, we've reduced it, we've at least reduced it four or five.

President Shetler: Yeah.

Bill Fluty: It's a savings of \$2,500, or \$2,000, one of those two.

President Shetler: Right. Okay.

Bill Fluty: Maybe a little more than that, because we have had some employees leave.

President Shetler: Right.

Bill Fluty: So I think it could be more than that.

President Shetler: A couple of years ago it was like, we had like 22 or 23 people that were actually had their (Inaudible) or Class II's or whatever it is.

Bill Fluty: Well, you can take the \$15,500 and divide it and that will be the number.

President Shetler: Okay.

Bill Fluty: Or close.

President Shetler: (Inaudible).

Bill Fluty: Only one does.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions, comments? Alright, thank you, Bill.

Bill Fluty: That it? Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Next, Joe is up, and that's on page five.

Bill Fluty: There is, one thing. In the Data Management, it's in at zero. Joe is working on, actually some numbers for Z that were actually going to affect my number to some degree, I believe. I think at one time, it's based on computers, I think it may be based on something different after he works through the same issues he's working with through Z. So it could be another number. If it actually is based on computers, obviously, I can reduce the number of computers to lower that amount, if that's the way we're charging. If it comes out something different than that, but that's just kind of a process that's going to develop here before you have the final budget hearing. So we'll get to that. Let's see, and just to tell you that Reassessment money is getting a little tighter all the time. So we're just trying to basically back off in different certain areas, and this is one area that we may or may not be backing off in. We'll see how that goes, but that will come forward a little bit later. So even though it's in at zero, I expect it's going to be some other number before this is all said and done. Okay, thank you for reminding me.

President Shetler: Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;">AUDITOR AUDITOR/REASSESSMENT JAIL BOND</p>
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President Shetler: Okay, Joe.

Joe Gries: Okay, page five. The Auditor's budget has gone down compared to 2012, 3.7 percent. We reduced a couple of positions over the last couple of years. So we've been able to have those savings reflected here in this budget, and we're continuing to try to find places. The new printers that we've put in, in the Auditor's office, we budgeted an amount, which probably we will fall under that this year. So that's another area where money will go back into the General Fund, we won't be spending all of that. Our Supply line has gone down. So overall, we've tried to adhere to the Council's requests and reduce our budget as well. We've been able to, with the Assessors office, obviously we've talked about this in the past, with new technology and new programs, we've been able to reduce positions and use that technology to our benefit to save money there as well. This is the General fund budget. The Auditor also has a little bit within the Reassessment Fund, there's some Supplies in that, as well. In the past, in the Reassessment budget we also had Computers. We are on a refresh program of replacing computers every five years. We've taken that out of the Reassessment budget for 2013, and with the Council's indulgence may be back next year to ask for computer money out of the

Auditor's Ineligible Homestead fund. So another savings to the General fund and Reassessment fund to use money that is coming in because of those ineligible homesteads. We would be open to discuss moving other things into that budget, as long as there's money there. So we're hoping that we can continue to do that.

Councilmember Goebel: How high is that fund now? Do you know?

Joe Gries: Actually we just got a couple of payments in this week and I meant to get the balance—

Councilmember Goebel: That's okay.

Joe Gries: — but, I'm going to say there's between \$17,000 and \$20,000 in there.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Just a comment, Joe, good job.

Joe Gries: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: It looks like you're about \$20,000 below 2010 levels.

Joe Gries: Yeah, we've really tried to, and it's helped with working with the Assessor's office and the Treasurer's as well, we've all kind of teamed up in different areas and found savings, as well.

Councilmember Swaim: I think we would all collectively like to see those minus 3.7 numbers in purple at the end, thanks.

President Shetler: Well, you know, that does, and that's the point that we've been trying to drive home for several years here, is that cooperation between offices, and the more we can do that, the more we can find efficiencies, you know, whether it's help or supplies or machines that are out there or whatever, and we certainly just need to look at more of that. It may only be a thousand here a thousand there, but before long, it does mount up to a few dollars that we really need. Okay, Jail Bond?

Joe Gries: The last thing is the Jail Bond on page 49. Again, this is our payment that we make...or, not 49.

President Shetler: 131.

Joe Gries: 131, sorry. That is our bond payment. For 2013, it's actually down a little bit as well, but all of that money comes from property taxes that we collect from all residents within the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County.

President Shetler: Yeah, a question is, how many years are left on the bond? That was just redone, wasn't it? Two years ago?

Joe Gries: Well, the jail bond I don't believe was. I believe that goes out to 2031, if I recall correctly. So we've got, we've still got quite a few years on that. It was a \$35 million bond, that was then stretched out over 20 or 25 years or something, 2028.

President Shetler: Oh, I might still be here then to help burn that mortgage. That would be good. Okay, anybody else have any questions or comments? Alright, thank you very much.

Joe Gries: Thank you.

President Shetler: Recess until the 12th? Okay, any other questions or comments? Motion for a recess then until the 12th. It's been moved. We'll see everybody, it's probably after our regular, no, we don't have Council. Is it at 9:00 that morning, or is it at 8:30? 9:00 on the 12th.

(The meeting was recessed at 11:04 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Tom Shetler

Vice President James Raben

Angela Koehler Lindsey

Peter Swaim

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 5, 2012**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of September, 2012 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Okay, good morning. Welcome to the Vanderburgh County Council meeting, September the 5th. I would like to first call for roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim		X
President Shetler	X	

President Shetler: There being six members present, one absent, there's a quorum, and I call the meeting to order then.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Shetler: I would like to ask Stephanie Terry, Councilman, if she would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance please.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Shetler: Thank you, Councilwoman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AUGUST 1, 2012 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
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President Shetler: Next would be a motion for approval of the minutes for the August the 1st meeting.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Shetler: Next is the appropriations ordinance. Councilman Raben?

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, good morning. First on the agenda, under Superintendent of County Buildings is Utilities in the amount of \$65,000. I was looking to see if there was anyone here. I don't see anybody. I'm going to move approval, but I am going to make a statement. I apologize, I forgot to give the information that was sent to me from the Commissioners office, we need to look very long and hard at our prices we're charging inside the Old Courthouse for rental space. Based on the information they provided after our meeting last week, our utility price per square foot is almost the same as what we're charging rent per square foot. So, I mean, it's, we're not helping ourselves any. I mean, we're losing money everyday we unlock the doors over there. So, all of that needs to be adjusted, and, again, it's part of a bigger plan that I'm going to mention one last time, or the last time today, that as we look at future needs of space and what have you, it's all part of a bigger plan that we need to be thinking out, long before we tie ourselves to another huge complex. So, with that I'm going to move approval for Utilities, because they do have tenants there, but, again, I think we need to really rethink what we're doing there.

President Shetler: We have a motion. Do I have a second for approval?

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: We have a second. Do I have any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ruled.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
10001310-320000	Utilities	65,000	65,000
Total		65,000	65,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

JAIL

President Shetler: Next.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, under Jail, food request in the amount of \$163,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions about the motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
10001320-226000	Food	163,000	163,000
Total		163,000	163,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Next, Burdette Park, we have again a request for Utilities in the amount of \$20,000, and Maintenance and Repair in the amount of \$10,000. I'll move approval for a total of \$30,000.

President Shetler: We have a motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
10001450-320000	Utilities	20,000	20,000
10001450-352000	Maintenance & Repair	10,000	10,000
Total		30,000	30,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AUDITOR'S INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Auditor's Ineligible Homestead for Travel/Mileage in the amount of \$1,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Again, any questions? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

AUDITOR'S INELIGIBLE HOMESTEAD		REQUESTED	APPROVED
12160000-313000	Travel/Mileage	1,000	1,000
Total		1,000	1,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**SHERIFF
COMMISSIONERS
JAIL
BURDETTE PARK
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
HIGHWAY
PUBLIC DEFENDER (LATE)**

President Shetler: Transfers?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we'll move into transfers. We've got several, quite a few today. First, under Sheriff, from Post Command Receptionist to College Incentive in the amount of \$8,000; under County Commissioners, Communications of \$60,000 into Postage/Freight for \$60,000; under the Jail we've got several transfers, out of salary lines into Union Overtime in the amount of \$32,900; and Burdette Park, Supplies into Fuel and Solid Waste for \$9,000; Health Department, two salary lines into Contractual Services for \$10,330; Highway, Insurance into Fuel for \$29,002; and last, Public Defender, out of a Secretary and Paralegal into Accrued Payments in the amount of \$14,039. I'll move approval of all transfers as listed.

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

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions? Comments? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

SHERIFF **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1050-1130-0232 10001050-105169	Post Command Receptionist	8,000	8,000
To: 1050-1210 10001050-121000	College Incentive	8,000	8,000

COMMISSIONERS **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 10001300-314000	Communications	60,000	60,000
To: 10001300-312000	Postage/Freight	60,000	60,000

JAIL **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1051-1130-0301 10001320-132006	Confinement Officer	2,700	2,700
1051-1130-0314 10001320-132019	Confinement Officer	2,700	2,700
1051-1130-0323 10001320-132028	Confinement Officer	1,200	1,200
1051-1130-0327 10001320-132032	Confinement Officer	2,700	2,700
1051-1130-0328 10001320-132033	Confinement Officer	2,700	2,700
1051-1130-0338 10001320-132100	Jail Receptionist	2,300	2,300
1051-1130-0345 10001320-132049	Confinement Officer	3,100	3,100
1051-1130-0355 10001320-132059	Confinement Officer	2,800	2,800
1051-1130-0361 10001320-132065	Confinement Officer	2,700	2,700
1051-1750 10001320-175000	Clothing Allowance	10,000	10,000
To: 1051-1850 10001320-185000	Union Overtime	32,900	32,900

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 10001450-260000	Supplies	9,000	9,000
To: 10001450-221000	Fuel	6,000	6,000
10001450-319000	Solid Waste Disposal	3,000	3,000

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2130-1520 11590000-115952	Nurse/HCP/PT	2,978	2,978
2130-1540 11590000-115954	Nurse/HCP/PT	7,352	7,352
To: 2130-3530 11590000-3530000	Contractual Services	10,330	10,330

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 11760000-300000	Insurance	29,002	29,002
To: 11760000-221000	Fuel	29,002	29,002

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1303-1760-1303 10001420-142176	Secretary	7,423	7,423
1303-1770-1303 10001420-142177	Paralegal	6,616	6,616
To: 1303-1971 10001420-197100	Accrued Payments	14,039	14,039

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR COURT SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REQUEST & REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Shetler: Next, we haven't any repeals, and we haven't any old business. Now, we'll go into new business. Superior Court, the first part of Superior Court will be the request to amend the salary ordinance by increasing the pay up to nine dollars an hour, and also, Judge D'Amour wants to request on the bailiff vacancy. I think that's two different issues, Judge, or just one?

Richard D'Amour: Yes, if I may. I do not, I thought Judge Lloyd might be here this morning, I don't really, I'm not here to address the request to amend the salary ordinance, Day Reporting, up to nine dollars per hour. I don't know, was there a request to do that?

President Shetler: Well, why don't we just carry on with your issue then—

Richard D'Amour: Okay.

President Shetler: —and perhaps if she gets in here, then she can explain that aspect of it.

Richard D'Amour: Very good. Thank you members of the Council, Mr. Gries, Mr. Ahlers. On the 22nd of August my Riding Bailiff, Tara Barnett, had the good fortune to get the new position as a Misdemeanor Court Reporter, and as a result of that I need to fill her position. Ms. Barnett's line item is 1370-1590-1370, she's a COMOT V, step three, and I was fortunate to fill the position with someone from Ms. Kirk's office who is Donna Letson who is her Supervisor of Superior and Circuit Court. She would also come in at that same level. So, there would be no further increase in salary. As a matter of fact, she only has five years of service with the county, where as Ms. Barnett had nine years. So, she would have gone up to a higher grade next year, Ms. Barnett would. So, I am requesting approval to hire Ms. Letson to fill my Riding Bailiff position.

President Shetler: Okay, and, Judge, this will not cost any additional dollars, in fact, will there be a little bit of savings?

Richard D'Amour: There will be savings in that it's going to be another five years before Ms. Letson would go up to the next level, whereas, had Ms. Barnett stayed it would have been only one year, and she would have gone up to ten years of service. So, there will be no impact on the Council's budget.

President Shetler: Alright, do I have any other questions? I guess a motion would be in order for approval of the Judge's request to fill that vacancy then.

Councilmember Terry: I move approval.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any other questions or comments? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Alright, Judge. It looks like it passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Richard D'Amour: Thank you very much. I'll be happy to address the first issue. I can honestly tell you that I don't know much about it, except there's a request to go from \$8.50 to \$9.00. I'm here if there are any questions.

President Shetler: Okay, I mean, I don't know the specifics of it, but I just voiced my opinion of it. Quite honestly, if we're able to transfer some full time jobs, and this isn't, this is a part time job, but if we're able to encourage, and make it a little bit more incentive for more people to do part time and use that as a tool to save some money, I think, in the long run I'm in favor of it. So, I mean, I don't personally have an objection to it, I think it's probably the right way to go.

Councilmember Terry: Alright, I believe that request also said it's through federal grants. It says this pay is available as through federal grants.

President Shetler: Right. So, we can hold off.

Richard D'Amour: Do you want to table that, and I can take that back to Judge Lloyd?

President Shetler: Well, we can do that, or else we can go ahead and go with it if everybody feels strong enough about it.

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions about moving from \$8.50 to \$9.00? All in....yes. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: You can go back and carry the message that we took it under brief advisement.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Richard D'Amour: I will. Thank you. Thank you for getting me on the agenda. I appreciate it.

President Shetler: Thank you, Judge.

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Alright, the next is the Clerk, requesting to fill probably a vacancy that just occurred.

Susie Kirk: No, actually, I'm not yet. Yes, I'm here to fill three vacancies. I've had two Judges take two of my employees, which is fine. Then the other one was the blank one that we had to where I said just leave it sit there for awhile just in case.

There's great changes going on over in the courts. Our Clerk's office now will be taking on all of the juvenile paternity cases that juvenile used to do. It's about a third of their work. So, obviously, I need somebody to do that. Now, the line items that are vacant, the one where it would be the Administrative Librarian, she was making like \$35,000, she'd been here so long. That's not what that position would do anymore. It's going to assist in taking in all of these juvenile paternity cases that we are beginning to get today. So, the other two positions, one of them is the Supervisor of Circuit/Superior, and that's the one where Judge Heldt took one of mine. Then, the other gal, she left and got to be a school teacher, which she wanted to be all along. So, anyway, I really, I apologize to have to ask to fill for that one vacant spot when we were doing fine, but we won't be doing fine anymore, because we're taking on a third of juvenile's work.

President Shetler: Okay. Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Susie, you're going to eliminate the position of Administrative Librarian?

Susie Kirk: No, that's the one that's been sitting vacant for awhile.

Councilmember Goebel: But, you're changing the duties?

Susie Kirk: Absolutely. It's going to be juvenile paternity cases now. So, I don't know if you want me to write a new job description and send it off to Tim Deisher or something.

Councilmember Goebel: I think we probably have to do that, don't we?

President Shetler: I think so.

Councilmember Goebel: Because it's changing the job title.

Susie Kirk: I'm asking you to please not wait to fill this. We are beginning today taking these cases.

Councilmember Goebel: We're going to have a Job Study meeting very shortly, so if you could.

Susie Kirk: I could get something typed up for you quickly, but to wait, we've already, you know, by the time a person tells me that they have another job or whatever, and then we have to wait to come to Council, and then you hire someone, they have to give two weeks notice, we're not in good shape over there right now. We are behind on numerous things. It's just, sorry about that. Like I said—

Councilmember Goebel: Well, if you could come up with the paperwork and get it to Sandie and Sarah, we'll include it on the next Job Study, which is coming, I think, within two weeks, I believe.

President Shetler: It would be your call.

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Susie Kirk: You mean, you don't want to approve this until I write a Job Study thing down?

Councilmember Goebel: Can we do that?

President Shetler: Yeah, I—

Susie Kirk: Please don't do that. I mean—

Councilmember Raben: Is this person coming in at the initiation salary?

Susie Kirk: Yes. You're going from \$35,000 down to the twenty whatever.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so, we're not, it's not a question of where they balance, you know, at a higher rate until after Job Study, so—

Susie Kirk: All of these positions will be coming in at the base salary, all three of these, to where all three of them were higher, the one Admin being the highest at \$35,000 whatever. Like I said, she's been here forever.

Councilmember Raben: Susie, I mean, are you going to be two weeks before you give someone the job anyway?

Susie Kirk: Well, it depends if Judge Heldt is going to be nice or not, because the employee he took from me I'm taking back for the Supervisory position. So, but she hasn't been here very long. Like I said, all of these, all three of these line items are going to be less pay than what they were before, all three of them, but we need them a month ago, actually. I'm just, please let us have these employees, because it's going to be, like I said, we're taking on a third of his workload, which I would prefer not to do.

Councilmember Bassemier: Susie, you need all three of them right away, is that correct?

Susie Kirk: We needed them a month ago. Yes, it's—

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I'm going to get it on the floor. I'm going to make a motion that we approve your request for a Circuit/Superior Court Supervisor, Administrative Librarian, and a Bookkeeping Clerk, is that correct?

Susie Kirk: Yes, it's the Circuit/Superior Supervisor, Administrative Librarian, Assistant Chief Deputy of Administration.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay. I'll make a motion to approve.

Susie Kirk: So, please.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll give it a second.

President Shetler: And a second.

Susie Kirk: Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm not opposed to filling it, I just don't know if we can legally until we change the wording. If you're hiring an Administrative Librarian and that person isn't, that position is not really the position, I don't know what the legalities are. So, I defer.

Susie Kirk: Well, I hate to tell you all this, but my staff now does so many different things, that probably, and we just don't really have time right now to go back and redo everybody's job description. But, we are doing so many different things, cross training, that probably none of them are quite right anymore. We could probably change all of them. It's just the time it takes to do it.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I understand that, but I also think that we have other people coming before us requesting, and we put them through the same basic—

Susie Kirk: Okay, well just leave her as the Librarian then.

Councilmember Terry: Question, I'm sorry, the Librarian is 100 percent the job description is changing? Or is there some responsibilities of the Librarian there?

Susie Kirk: Probably a little bit, yes. I mean—

Councilmember Terry: So, there's probably a sentence at the end that says and other duties as assigned.

Susie Kirk: Yeah, that's right.

Councilmember Bassemier: Good point.

Susie Kirk: They do so many different things over there now, that the job description, I don't know how many pages it would be.

President Shetler: I think, probably the answer here lies in the middle somewhere. I mean, I agree with Councilman Goebel as far as our precedence, you know, that we may be establishing, that he's absolutely correct on that, and that we traditionally have made sure that we've had a good description of that, as much as possible. But, you're correct as well, that there are positions that somehow kind of get modified and changed over time, and then they evolve into something different than what the description is today.

Susie Kirk: Absolutely.

President Shetler: I guess, what I'm thinking is that perhaps we could look at filling this position for the way it's kind of typed in there today for the job description, and then we could entertain that idea in two weeks to correct everything. So, that on the paperwork it's all, you know, done so that we would know, since there is a significant change, I think, in that position, that we could get that up to date then.

Susie Kirk: We will, it's just that, and one of the problems is right now, she's going to be doing that plus some other things. Some of those other things we're not sure yet. This is a big change in the courts. The judges have got different duties now, one does this, there's lots of changes. So, I can do a job description, but I don't know how complete that will be in three months, because she, you know, the main thing will be juvenile paternity, but there's going to be other things that this person will do also.

President Shetler: You know, and this is not meant, by any means, to shoot the messenger or anything like that, just as a comment or observation, and you happen to be standing there at the moment. I think, last week was the first time we really learned that there's a significant reorganization within the courts system. I think, perhaps what we really need is maybe a good explanation of that game plan, you know, to come before us so that we understand. It sounds to me like there may be more than one position that needs to really be looked at through Job Study, through the courts and the Clerks office as that gets brought together.

Susie Kirk: There will be.

President Shetler: It's a welcome change, by my accounts, from everything that I'm hearing, that this is something that's perhaps long overdue and needs to be done, but I think Council being the one that's directly responsible for salaried positions throughout county government really should be brought more into the loop, I think, of what's happening here. I think that's probably the bigger question here Councilman Goebel has.

Susie Kirk: Well, I think the courts and the Clerk's office, like I said, if you can, I can give you a basic description, but the thing of it is, like things will kind of change. I can give you a basic description, and then maybe, like I said, about three months down the road, where we can feel a little bit more comfortable about what everybody is going to be doing. That includes the changes with the judges too, because we're in the, we start the transition today.

President Shetler: Councilman Raben, and then I'm going to call up Judge Lloyd to maybe bring us up to date a little bit on that subject.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, well, that was going to be what one of my questions were, is if we could get just a real brief example, because as I hear you today that Superior Court is giving up a third of their responsibilities, I'm wondering, you know, what do we do—

Mary Margaret Lloyd: No, no, no, we haven't given up a third of our responsibilities.

Susie Kirk: It's switching.

Councilmember Raben: Well, okay.

Susie Kirk: Moving.

Mary Margaret Lloyd: It's reassigned. The criminal has been reallocated, but we're taking more D felonies. So, we're not, we're still having basically a similar caseload, it's just that the restructuring has been where more D felonies that are alcohol or drug related are being sent to our D felony treatment court with Judge Trockman. Then, Judge Pigman is doing the major felonies that are left, and D felonies that don't fall under his, and Circuit still has their regular major felonies, but they also still have D's that don't get transferred because they're not an alcohol or drug. So, basically, the balance is still, it doesn't affect it in that regard. There's different assignments on major felonies, but the D felonies are still, we're getting an increase in D felonies, which kind of balances the major felonies, is how that works out on the restructuring of the criminal cases.

Susie Kirk: The difference is, instead of them filing it in juvenile, they're now filing it in the Clerk's office.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and, I guess—

Mary Margaret Lloyd: That's where it will affect the Clerk's office in that regard.

Councilmember Raben: — so, juvenile, the people that were taking care of those filings in juvenile are going to do what today then?

Mary Margaret Lloyd: Well, you brought over the employee that they filed—

Susie Kirk: Well—

Mary Margaret Lloyd: —they had an employee that was a Clerk employee that was stationed in the juvenile court office. That's where they would file their juvenile pleadings for paternity cases. There's still juvenile delinquencies, there's still juvenile CHINS which stay in the juvenile courts, but the paternity cases are now not in the juvenile courts, it is in our family court. So, that has been shifted.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so—

Mary Margaret Lloyd: So, they have moved one of their employees into the main office. They've also moved all of the paternity files out of that court, into the Clerk's office.

Councilmember Raben: So, is juvenile working with one less person today then?

Susie Kirk: No, that's my, these are my employees.

Mary Margaret Lloyd: Those are Clerk employees, they're not court employees.

Susie Kirk: I have two Clerk's employees down in juvenile, okay. Right now they take in the J.P.'s and the CHINS and several other things. I'm moving one of those back up to my office, but that's still not going to cover all of this. Then Judge Niemeier knows that, like for my employee that is down there, like her lunch breaks, she has vacation, I have asked him for one of his employees to fill in for her, because I can't send my employee down there anymore to do that. So, it's a little complicated.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you. Maybe, at a later date, at another meeting, if somebody could just kind of give us the 10,000 foot overview of the whole reorganization, because I'm sure it's much needed.

Mary Margaret Lloyd: That's the reason why we are doing it, is to try and address some issues that have been occurring in our courts, and try to make it more efficient, and basically a better service to the public, is the basic goal of this reorganization of the courts.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to ask Councilman Bassemier, in light of Councilman Goebel's concerns, can you amend your motion—

Councilmember Bassemier: There's two of them.

Councilmember Raben: Well, or the third one, pending Job Study approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Approving two and the other one going to Job Study? Susie, are you alright with that?

Susie Kirk: So, this means I can't hire in this person?

Councilmember Bassemier: For two weeks, right. You're going to have a Job Study in two weeks.

Councilmember Raben: We would be approving the position to be hired, but instead of having to come back to us at our next meeting, we'll approve it today, once Job Study–

Susie Kirk: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: – classifies it, you know, then we put a new title in, and job description, you'll be able to hire them. So, our action today is pending Job Study's action.

Susie Kirk: Okay. So, I have to wait two more weeks to hire?

Councilmember Bassemier: Just that one person.

Councilmember Raben: You don't have to come back at our next meeting.

Susie Kirk: So, are you just going to let me know, yes, in two weeks I can hire this person then?

Councilmember Goebel: You will probably come to Job Study, and you'll get it that day.

Susie Kirk: Okay, but I can hire two out of the three? Or what do we do here?

Councilmember Bassemier: Right.

President Shetler: Correct.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sure Mike will push for you on that, though.

President Shetler: Okay, let's make it real specific on that position so that it's clear in the minutes of what position we're speaking of, and that's if you guys are willing to amend.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, we are.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay. So, it's your motion, Ed, so if you will–

Councilmember Bassemier: Is it the Administrative Librarian that we're going to wait two weeks?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes, it's the Administrative Librarian here, and this has to go—

Councilmember Bassemier: But, it is the Administrative Librarian we're going to wait for two weeks, because—

Susie Kirk: So, if I just said it was the Administrative Librarian you would say okay?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm a little bit confused, because we have two positions with line items, and the third position is that on a different paper somewhere?

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, Circuit/Superior Supervisor, we want to keep that one. The Bookkeeping Clerk, we want to keep that one. The Administrative Librarian we want to wait two weeks on.

Councilmember Raben: It's line item 1010-1330.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, if you've got the numbers.

Councilmember Raben: 1010-1330.

Susie Kirk: Yeah, the other two jobs are the same.

Councilmember Bassemier: I make that in the form of a motion.

Susie Kirk: I mean, I will go back and say I just want to fill the Administrative Librarian—

Councilmember Raben: No, it's not...pardon me.

Susie Kirk: — if we can get this done today.

Councilmember Raben: I'm wrong, it's 1010-1410.

Jeff Ahlers: Would it make some sense, would it clear things up, I don't know, Mr. Bassemier—

Councilmember Bassemier: Here, I've got the numbers.

Jeff Ahlers: — would you be willing to maybe withdraw your motion and you or someone remake it so that we can clarify it?

Councilmember Bassemier: I can do that.

Jeff Ahlers: It's easier if you would want to do it that way. However you feel comfortable, but we just need to clarify what positions are being approved and which one is contingent approval upon action by the Job Study Committee so that—

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I make a motion to approve, the number is 101160 Circuit Super, or Superior Supervisor. Also, 101145, Assistant Chief Deputy of Administration, and with the approval of Job Study in two weeks, I think we're going to approve that today, but it won't be, I guess, active until two weeks

from now after Job Study, with their approval, 101141, the Administrative Librarian. Are we okay with that?

Councilmember Raben: What was the second account number you listed?

Councilmember Bassemier: The 101160 was the Circuit/Superior Supervisor, we're going to okay that one today; 101145 Assistant Chief Deputy of Administration, we're going to approve that one today. And hold off, we're going to approve it, what you said awhile ago, Jim, we're going to approve that Administrative Librarian today, 101141, subject to approval two weeks from now, or when you have your Job—

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Upon Job Study completion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Or Job Study completion, is he okay with that, Mike?

President Shetler: Okay, so we have a motion and a second.

Councilmember Raben: Is his motion okay?

Councilmember Goebel: I think we've got an issue with the numbers, the line item numbers.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, we're reading off the numbers—

Councilmember Terry: In the letter.

Councilmember Bassemier: That we got, you know.

President Shetler: While we're, while they're checking a couple of things on the details, Judge Lloyd, I might ask, would it be possible, we have a meeting scheduled for next Wednesday, the 12th, to basically give the cuts for the budget. Would it be possible for someone at Superior Court to give a presentation on this new reorganization plan? I'm not expecting great detail, per se, but at least that bird's-eye view that Councilman Raben was speaking of. That might help us all wrap our arms around the whole issue a little bit better, and be able to anticipate some of the changes that are coming down so that we're not totally blind sided by it in the future.

Mary Margaret Lloyd: I understand. I know the 12th is judicial conference, and a lot of judicial officers have to go to Indy to get continuing legal education. So, it will be very sparse at that time.

President Shetler: Okay, well, could you just check and see if anybody is able to attend that fully understands—

Mary Margaret Lloyd: I can.

President Shetler: — and, if not—

Mary Margaret Lloyd: I don't know who would be, though, in all honesty.

President Shetler: Okay, if not—

Mary Margaret Lloyd: We all have to have like—

President Shetler: — we'll work out another date if that doesn't.

Mary Margaret Lloyd: I did want to apologize. I was not told I had an item on the agenda, or I would have been here earlier. I was going onto the bench and got a call saying, oh, you're on the agenda, you've got to get here. So, I do apologize for not being here timely.

President Shetler: No problem, I think we had it pretty much worked out, Judge, I think, we ruled in your favor.

Mary Margaret Lloyd: I should not show more often.

President Shetler: That's a good thing.

Mary Margaret Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Perhaps we could even get some information, Judge Lloyd—

President Shetler: Judge?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: — via, that's okay, I was going to say, if no one can come, even if there's just some written information that could be dispersed to just kind of give us an overview. If that could be done, just a suggestion.

Mary Margaret Lloyd: I can definitely get you an overview.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That would kind of help us out when we're in here trying to get these things moved around. So, we're not penalizing somebody because we didn't have the right description or something.

Mary Margaret Lloyd: Just to let you know, the change just started yesterday.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Oh, I understand.

Mary Margaret Lloyd: I know that we're going to have a lot more changes as we're in it. So, even though we have a general concept, and we're working through that, we're realizing, adjusting staff and how we're doing things as we go along.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Sure.

President Shetler: I'm assuming that someone has come up with, like a TO chart of some sort.

Mary Margaret Lloyd: Oh, we have a broad plan, yes.

President Shetler: Yeah, and that we have some kind of guidelines, some kind of paper that we can all, you know, put our arms around.

Mary Margaret Lloyd: I can get that done.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: Judge Lloyd? Do you foresee a chain reaction like today with your other changes that are going to affect job descriptions in the county? Or is it pretty much going to be—

Mary Margaret Lloyd: I'm not thinking in the courts. Now, we did have to move, we've already put a Court Reporter into our family court, which was moving an employee from juvenile, so we've had to shift in that regard, but at this time I don't see any major, within the courts, a change in that regard or a change in duties.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Councilman?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I was just going to see if there's any way that the SAC meeting, or whatever we call it, the salary meeting could possibly be as soon as possible. I do kind of feel like the Clerk has gotten caught up in a war of words, so to speak. If she had probably just come in and asked for the position as it was, we wouldn't have questioned it. I'm glad that we've gotten the information that we have, but if we can do anything to move the process along, because it sounds like, you know, there's going to be a lot of need here.

Councilmember Goebel: To speak on that, I think we tentatively scheduled it for one week from today, did we not, after the....Sarah, is that your recollection? Okay, I think it will be next week Wednesday.

Councilmember Raben: I just, as a matter of clarification, we've not actually taken a vote, but on the motion, the other line that needed to be included, which is actually the new position we're allowing her to fill is 101133.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Is that (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that will be the Assistant Supervisor of Bookkeeping position. So, we need to include that in your motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, there's four positions?

Councilmember Raben: No, there's actually three, but the other one is where she's moving a person around.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Can we make a motion that those three positions and then—

Councilmember Raben: Add 101133.

Councilmember Terry: It's at the bottom.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, whatever he said.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I make the motion we approve 101160, Circuit/Superior Supervisor, 101145, now, Jim, are we saying that should be changed to 133?

Councilmember Raben: No, no, no. Your original, your last motion you made is fine, you just need to amend to include line 101133.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, 1133, I'm going to amend that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Shetler: Okay, so, the only part that you've got me a little bit confused on is which one of those is the one that's being held off until—

Councilmember Bassemier: Administrative Librarian.

President Shetler: And that is, the line number, so that it's clear for the record.

Councilmember Bassemier: 101141.

President Shetler: Okay, 141 is the one that—

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Is pending the completion of the Job Study committee?

President Shetler: Correct.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible).

President Shetler: I just wanted to make sure that that was clear in the record, so that we didn't have a problem. Okay. Any other questions? I'm not going to repeat the motion. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Okay, so ordered. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p>PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO HIRE PART TIME EMPLOYEES AND REQUEST TO SUPPLEMENT POSITION WITH INCENTIVE FUNDS</p>
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President Shetler: Okay, next is the Prosecutor's office, Mr. Hermann.

Nick Hermann: Good morning.

Councilmember Terry: Good morning.

Nick Hermann: We have two requests in front of the Council today, neither one of them costs the General Fund any money. We're not asking for any additional appropriations. In our conversations with Council over the last few months we've discussed the possibility of hiring some part time to try and address some of the things that we're trying to do in our office. So, we're requesting to hire two part time employees at \$12.00 an hour. Those employees would be paid entirely from the Incentive Fund, so it wouldn't cost the General Fund any additional money. The other request, it's salary line item 10811180, we're requesting to pay a supplement in the amount of \$1,967 from the Incentive Fund in that position.

Councilmember Raben: Comment.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I for one, I'm okay with the first request, as far as the stipend one, that person is already in place. That does need to go through Job Study. So, I think what we do today is approve the request for the replacement, and then deal with the stipend pending Job Study's review.

President Shetler: Okay, that's a motion?

Councilmember Raben: That would be my motion.

President Shetler: It sounded like it.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, we've got a motion and a second. Any questions? Yes, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Hermann, will the two part timers that you're requesting be able to take over the overtime load that you have going?

Nick Hermann: Well, I don't know given the high volume that we have that they'll be able to take over it, but certainly getting them trained to a point that they can help and put a dent in that is the goal. We have such a high volume of what we're trying to get through, we're trying to get it done so that we can stop paying altogether for it, but that is the goal of getting these people in, getting them trained up and start to cut into that, yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, that's been a concern of mine throughout not just your area, but other areas, and I would hope that part timers could relieve the load of overtime, regardless of where the funds come from. That goes for other departments as well. Thank you.

President Shetler: Nick, just, I don't know if you know the statistic off the top of your head, but the average number of case load that your guys are carrying, versus what the Public Defenders Office are carrying on an average?

Nick Hermann: On the criminal side?

President Shetler: Yes.

Nick Hermann: We are responsible for, off the top of my head, we have, we file about 3,000 felonies a year. Our case load, we have people, I think our highest case load right now is about 300 cases. Those would be some of the lower level cases. We try to free up more time for the higher level things. We don't have limits as the Public Defenders Office does, we have to take what we have. We file the cases as they come from the Police and Sheriff's Department, and then we assign them out, regardless of how many cases people have. It varies over time. What we have seen is, we've seen a consistent increase in the number of felonies over the years. I think that's for a couple of different reasons; one is we have additional laws that the Legislature keeps enacting, but also, obviously, the rise in the meth epidemic and those types of things have led to more charges being filed.

President Shetler: So, you're, the attorneys that are working in the Prosecutor's Office are handling, on the average, far more cases than what you might find, for example, in the Public Defender's Office. That's because, by statute, they're restricted on what they're able to handle, as far as their case load is concerned.

Nick Hermann: I can't answer for the Public Defender's Office, but I don't believe it's by statute, I believe it's based on their reimbursement, or however their funding mechanism works. There are limits as to how many cases they can hold, yes.

President Shetler: Well, I guess, I should say maybe perhaps by traditional decree that the feeling is if they're worked too much then somebody's not getting a fair trial on the other side of it.

Nick Hermann: That's right.

President Shetler: Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: Mr. Hermann, these two positions we grant, next year you'll probably keep them, is that correct? As part time?

Nick Hermann: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: And, you'll continue to fund that through your funds?

Nick Hermann: Unless the Council would like to pick it up?

Councilmember Goebel: No, no we have no interest in that.

Nick Hermann: We were planning on continuing to carry those as long as we can.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, I think we had a motion. Did I have a second on that motion? I don't recall.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: I've got a second now. Okay, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Alright, the motion passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Nick Hermann: Just to clarify, the other can go in front of Job Study when we have Job Study?

Councilmember Goebel: We'll contact you. I think we're going to plan on it next week, tentatively.

Nick Hermann: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: A week from today.

Nick Hermann: Alright, thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Shetler: Next is DADS request, Delores, Secretary/Bookkeeper.

Delores Koch: Good morning. My secretary that has not quite five years service with us is leaving our office to work for Mr. Hermann, so we need to fill the vacancy of Secretary/Bookkeeper. It will be a considerably less salary, of course, as a new hire.

President Shetler: You've got to wonder when the music is going to stop on these chairs. Anyway, do I have any questions about it? Motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: We have a motion to approve.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

Councilmember Goebel: Just a buyout?

President Shetler: Is there a buyout?

Councilmember Goebel: No buyout, she's just transferring?

President Shetler: She would just be switched over, she is staying within the county. Okay, alright, so any other questions/comments? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Delores Koch: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

COUNTY HIGHWAY REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Alright, next is County Highway garage filling a secretary position. Michael?

Mike Duckworth: Good morning, Mike Duckworth, Superintendent of County Highway. I'm here at this time to request to fill a secretarial vacancy that was created by our bookkeeper that resigned to be a stay at home mom. This is a union position, \$13.72 an hour position. It is a vital position for our operation, taking all of the incoming calls, logging and documenting all of the work orders and kind of as our front door/customer service type person. So, I would ask for you to fill this vacancy. I'm happy to announce that no one from the courts or the Clerk's office is involved in this transaction.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, the music has stopped then.

Councilmember Raben: Comment.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mike, I would like to postpone this until we get through our budget dilemma that we're facing now with the department. I think Joe covered it quite well last week, or was it two weeks ago? Last week, two weeks ago? The \$1.3 or \$1.4 million deficit that we're working under there now. So, let's get through the budgets and address this one at a later meeting.

Mike Duckworth: Very good.

President Shetler: I'm taking that as a motion to table.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that we table the decision on this?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a question though.

President Shetler: Okay, questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mike, how long has this position been vacant?

Mike Duckworth: I'm going to say about three weeks. We've moved someone, one of our Laborers off our crew to take phone calls, but, you know, we have a Bookkeeper that's taking on extra responsibilities in helping her get squared away, plus we did loan our Network Specialist to Burdette Park for now about ten weeks to cover that vacancy so that the county didn't have to cover the payout in that regard. So, we're piecing it together.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, and you can make do until we—

Mike Duckworth: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, you can make do? Okay.

President Shetler: Okay, so we have a motion on the floor. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Alright, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Mike Duckworth: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you, Mike.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES
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President Shetler: Next is the Health Department request to fill three positions in the Dental Clinic, is that still on?

Ray Nicholson: Ray Nicholson, Health Officer. As you know, the Dental Clinic is not open at the present time, but without the help we cannot open it. I'm not sure we have the funds to open it. We would probably open it on a part time basis to start with. There are negotiations being done to open it with another organization, and it's very viable, it's on the table. Their board of directors have been discussing it, and it's very hopeful that we might be able to reopen it soon.

President Shetler: So, is the request to have the permission to fill the vacancies in the event that—

Ray Nicholson: Yes.

President Shetler: – the negotiations are fruitful and go through?

Ray Nicholson: Correct.

President Shetler: You would not hire these people and open up an office without a dentist?

Ray Nicholson: No, there's no point, I mean, if we don't prepare to open the office—

President Shetler: Right, I mean, that's I think the concern that most of us have—

Ray Nicholson: Yes.

President Shetler: — is that we don't want to hire some people standing around waiting for it to open—

Ray Nicholson: No.

President Shetler: — and then it doesn't materialize for a couple of months or whatever. So, this would all be orchestrated, coordinated together—

Ray Nicholson: That's right.

President Shetler: — okay.

Ray Nicholson: It's kind of a catch-22, because you can't open it without the help, and you can't open it with the help if you don't have the funding to, you know, pay for the dentists and the whole operation either. So, it would be a coordinated effort.

President Shetler: Yes, okay. Thank you. Do I have questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question.

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, then the reason that we want to go ahead and approve these is because negotiations are on-going, and at any moment you could need to be ready to hire this so that you could move the process forward, is that correct?

Ray Nicholson: That's correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

President Shetler: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I guess, I would probably, before we would move forward with this, like to have a better feel from the negotiations standpoint, how much contribution we're looking at. I mean, if we're talking about a \$10,000 contribution, when we opened it with \$100,000 worth of contributions—

Ray Nicholson: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: — I mean, that would make me feel more comfortable.

Ray Nicholson: The amount of money that was asked for from the, funding from the casino, was quite a large amount. We would have to get at least that much money, privately and through government, I think, it would probably be a combination. I don't think it can be opened unless we get some private funding.

Councilmember Terry: So, you're speaking of \$230,000, correct, is that still the figure?

Ray Nicholson: We had originally asked for \$325,000, I think.

Gary Heck: If you're looking for the Health Department to do it, it would be at least that \$230,000.

Ray Nicholson: Yeah.

Gary Heck: If you're looking for another outside agency, whatever you're willing to support for that outside agency to help.

Ray Nicholson: Yeah, basically, the outside agency, I think, would have to have at least \$200,000 total. They are hoping that you would, I think you mentioned up to \$150,000 in an earlier meeting you had that you might possibly be able to give toward that, and they are looking at \$100,000 to \$150,000 of private funding that they think they might be able to get.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Can we tie a caveat to this, that pending support of \$150,000?

President Shetler: Yeah, I mean, I think you could frame your motion anyway you wish, and I would be supportive of approval provided that the county puts in no more than \$100,000 or \$150,000, or whatever you think might be plausible for us to do. I mean, I would, I think that would make sense. Is that what you mean, to tie it with some kind of budget number?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, because I don't want to approve these positions and we stop at, you know, we find somebody that contributes \$10,000. I mean, the initial set, you know, when we established this we thought we had lifelong partners at \$50,000 apiece, and, you know, I knew going in that that was going to be, to get them set up and then, you know, pull the carpet out from under them, and that's what happened. So, I don't want to go back down that path. I want a long term partnership. I hate to grant approval until we know exactly who and what that partnership is.

President Shetler: Okay, so that would be a motion, more or less, to table until we have an agreement?

Councilmember Raben: Unless somebody pitches a motion that this body is comfortable with that can kind of give us everything that we're discussing here.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Do we want to consider, for the time being, to lock it at the amount that we have budgeted at the top?

Councilmember Terry: For the remainder of this year?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Councilmember Terry: I agree.

Councilmember Goebel: Until we get, you know, right now there's too many questions, I think, that are not answered.

President Shetler: I'm not sure—

Councilmember Goebel: I'm sure you're in the same boat.

President Shetler: Gary, is there any money left in that fund for the balance of the year?

Gary Heck: Well, you at least still have \$100,000 in the Health Fund that hasn't been transferred yet.

President Shetler: That you have budgeted for the Dental Clinic?

Gary Heck: It's budgeted for this year for the Dental Clinic.

President Shetler: Okay, so there's \$100,000 available that could continue us out for the rest of this year?

Gary Heck: That would pay for, yes, that would pay for everything, all of the salaries and on-going operational expenses.

President Shetler: But, then we have nothing budgeted—

Gary Heck: That's just for this year.

President Shetler: — we don't have a request for a budgeted amount for 2013.

Gary Heck: It was my understanding the Commissioners didn't make one saying it was up to the Council to decide what they wanted to do. You had a request from the Board of Health that said, if the Health Department was going to operate it, we needed at least the \$230,000 request from the Riverboat funding. So, that's where I understand where we were. I haven't been involved with the discussions with the other outside group, per se, so I'm not sure where it stands, but my understanding from what Dr. Nick just said was that they're still interested but they needed at least some kind of commitment from, whether the source was Riverboat funding or something to continue it.

President Shetler: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I really wasn't prepared to make a decision beyond this year today. That's kind of what is scary about any action we take today, because we're talking about three individuals that may leave employment to take this employment to find out that, you know, January 1 they're looking for work. You know, I hate to put anybody in that position.

President Shetler: Yeah, I agree. I don't think we can wrestle with—

Ray Nicholson: Yeah, we're not going to--

President Shetler: -- part of the issue, without doing the question. I mean, I think we really need to resolve what we're going to do for 2013, otherwise, I think to do something for three and a half months, or three months would not be fair to the individuals we would hire, and it really wouldn't be fair to the clientele we're trying to serve, nor to even the service that we're trying to re-establish, that on again off again deal.

Councilmember Raben: We're going to finalize the Health Department's budget for 2013 at the end of this month. I think, probably what we need to do is delay any action on this request until our October meeting then. That way we'll know what we're able to set aside for your operation next year. You know, again, we wouldn't be bringing on people that are working for the next three months. Once we know what we're able to do during, for your budget for next year, I think it would be a better decision to make October 1st than as far as bringing on three people for this year.

President Shetler: That seems to make sense. We want something that's long term.

Ray Nicholson: Yeah, there's no way that I would want to spend the money that Gary's talking about, that \$100,000 that we have available, I would not want to spend that unless we know that the clinic is going to stay open.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Ray Nicholson: I agree with you.

President Shetler: One other suggestion that our counsel has just kind of suggested to me, which I think has some merit to it, have we explored the possibilities of maybe contracting this out with a private dentist who might, you know, take it on with some sort of subsidy, and actually kind of utilizing perhaps his own facilities, using the facilities we have? I don't know, that could be an open question there, but I know we've looked at other, you know, public types of charitable organizations to team up with, but, you know, there could be some dentists out there, particularly in the downtown area, that might be nearby, that might entertain that idea, or someone outside that may be expanding their operation and actually catering to it and using, you know, the subsidy that we would provide, plus some other things there. I mean, there could be a good marriage there that could work. I was just wondering if we've explored that.

Ray Nicholson: I have been in contact with a dentist who does have an extra office where he sees Medicaid patients, however that eliminates those that are not covered by Medicaid, which is a substantial number of patients that we see.

President Shetler: But, with our subsidy that we would be looking at, which would be six digits, I mean, perhaps \$100,000, that's not, that's just me speaking, not the other six.

Ray Nicholson: I've not discussed that with him, but that is an idea that I would be glad to discuss with him. If you think that that could be possible.

President Shetler: I mean, I think there's merit to it, trying to form a marriage there that could work, I don't know. Councilman Goebel, did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: No, I think anyway we can get it back open and running and be prepared to keep it running, that's obviously the goal. Have you, as far as your negotiations, you obviously can't tell us anything about that now, but is this with a private group, or is this with another government entity?

Ray Nicholson: It would be a government, well, let's see, I'm not sure it is. It's a government funded agency.

Councilmember Goebel: Perhaps we might be able to find some other funds from another source in the government as well. Another entity other than this one, because we're kind of cash strapped. I think the clientele, are they not mostly from within the City of Evansville?

Ray Nicholson: We've discussed that with them, and they do have some government funding, but it is not enough. They would have to probably come up with at least \$200,000 per year, either privately or from you all.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Yes, I think Councilman Bassemier and then Councilman Lindsey.

Councilmember Bassemier: Dr. Nicholson, you're talking about that one dentist that charges, takes Medicaid people.

Ray Nicholson: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: When that doctor, or same dentist, wouldn't he have to charge the private pays? He can't give that away, I mean, I understand what you charge Medicaid you would have to charge that person the same price. You can't undercut it or give it away, is that not correct?

Ray Nicholson: That's correct, yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: That was my question, because it's not a giveaway program for that dentist. He has to be paid if he charges \$100 to a Medicaid person, he has to charge for a private pay, or he cannot give it away.

President Shetler: That's why, what we would do in a contractual arrangement, I don't mean to get involved and bogged down on the detail here, but what you would do is set it up so that he would charge \$100, let's just say as an example, and then that goes through the county's fund that we set up, and then it gets distributed from there back to the dentist. So, in essence, I mean, we're going to have to have these guys involved, the attorneys and stuff to get the contractual language all worked out, but I think there's a way that might work out real well and provide a service to the community.

Councilmember Bassemier: No, I think it's a good idea, I just know in the past with Medicaid people, you can't undercut or charge different prices.

Gary Heck: If you would like, we could try to put a proposal together to do that.

President Shetler: I would like to explore the possibilities. I mean, I think that there's real merit to it. I think it could work. I mean, that's just scratching the surface, and I haven't drilled down in it. Yes, Councilman Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I was just curious as to have there been any conversations or explorations with the Dental Clinic, the mobile clinic that comes around to the schools and the EVSC and all that just serves the children? But, I don't know how that's funded, I just know the kids go out and they come back in and they're real happy, and they've had their teeth cleaned and taken care of. So, I just was curious as to what kind of discussions have been along that line.

Ray Nicholson: The children's clinic is totally funded, but that eliminates all of the adults. What we're talking about with the Dental Clinic is we're talking about all adults.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Is there any way to leverage funding where that you have, you know, that children's service and then you also could provide funding for the adults? You know, I mean, I guess, I'm just kind of trying to brainstorm here on a way to pool our resources and make it work.

Ray Nicholson: I don't believe that they could mixed at all.

Gary Heck: It's my understanding that the mobile children's dental clinic that you're speaking of, all of the patients are eligible and qualify for the Hoosier Healthwise, and that's the program that's paying for it.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay.

Gary Heck: So, and I don't think adults fall into that same category of being able to receive care through that program at the level it would need. They would have to come up with some other funding. That's why that particular model chose not to serve adults. That's my understanding.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That makes sense.

Ray Nicholson: Well, if I'm hearing correctly from this body, it would seem that we would have two routes that we might possibly look at, and we'll see what we can put together with those.

President Shetler: Okay, so, yes, Councilman Terry?

Councilmember Terry: And, are you able to do that pretty quickly, seeing that the discussions on cuts will occur next week?

Ray Nicholson: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Terry: Are you able to have that information—

Gary Heck: We should be able to have it by next week for you, yes.

Ray Nicholson: The ongoing discussion we're having with the unit, I'm hoping to get, we have a meeting that we, I'm told that we will be meeting with some community leaders within the month, but I don't know what that means.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, thank you, Dr. Nick. So, I'm taking it that—

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So, we're going to table this then until the—

President Shetler: — the feel for the consensus here is to more or less table this issue, get some more information, explore other possibilities, and have a consistent plan that will be long lasting and not in and out and up and down.

Ray Nicholson: Absolutely.

President Shetler: Alright. Okay, thank you.

Ray Nicholson: Thank you.

SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES
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President Shetler: Next, request from the Sheriff's Department.

Eric Williams: Sorry, I hate to do this to you, but you have to start the music again.

President Shetler: Alright, here we go.

Eric Williams: You've got a request in front of you now, there's three Clerk's positions on that, and I had honestly hoped at the time that this was filed that I would be farther along in discussions with Councilman Raben and discussing my budget. I had mentioned during budget hearings that we were potentially going to make some changes in our operation that would allow us to save some positions. Quite honestly, at this time, I think it would probably be prudent just to take those three off of the list until I can have those discussions finalized on what we plan to do. So, you can remove those, my request for the three civilians at the top, the three Clerk positions.

President Shetler: Okay.

Eric Williams: The following ones are all Confinement Officers, again, you know the situation in the jail and those are pretty important to get those filled as quickly as possible. The date I had set for them was the 17th, but realistically that can't happen at this point in time anyway. So it will be several weeks beyond that by the time we do background investigations and those kinds of things. So, that date is very early. The final one is a Deputy position. We have a Deputy who is retiring. We know all of the dates that they are going to leave. We have two positions that we're sending to the academy right now. We were going to hire on that date of the 26th, it would be fiscally prudent to hire this one at the same time and get him to the academy and through the same training program, as opposed to doing him independently. So, I'm asking for permission in advance to fill that one. We know what the last date is, and when the buyout is going to be completed.

Councilmember Goebel: I move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions or comments? Okay, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Okay, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Eric Williams: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

PUBLIC DEFENDER REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Shetler: Next, Public Defender, David. David, I do want to make a comment real quickly, I wasn't trying to put the Public Defender on the spot there, but I know you guys, in order to get our matching funds from Indianapolis with your department, they're restricted in the amount of cases that they handle. My point was, is that there are no restrictions on the Prosecutor's Office, and those guys are carrying a pretty good load comparatively.

David Bunner: That's correct, yes.

President Shetler: Right.

David Bunner: It also has to do with the staffing, adequate and inadequate as to how many our attorneys, how many cases our attorneys can handle.

President Shetler: Alright.

David Bunner: I am David Bunner, for the record. I'm with the Public Defender's Office. Earlier you made some transfers, and this request relates to that. We had a Paralegal position, the person had been with the county for quite some time, was either at the, going into next budget year, he was either going to the top of the level or the next to the top. His salary would have been a little over \$41,000, I believe. He did retire, and we have looked at the buyout and then the transfer we made, we are asking to fill that position with a new employee. The salary after the first six month increase would be around \$31,000. So, it would be a fairly substantial savings for next year's budget. That is one of the staffing positions that we are required to have supporting the attorneys. If we did not have that position, then the attorneys we have, who are adequately supported, not all are, but the ten part time and the three full time, who are adequately supported, would have to take a 20 percent reduction in caseload, which would be about 240-250 cases, and when we have to farm those out, there's an average cost of between \$800-\$900 per case. So, we are asking to fill that position. I think that would be effective October 1st.

President Shetler: Okay.

David Bunner: With the buyout and everything.

President Shetler: With the vacancy that's there currently, that doesn't affect, does it affect—

David Bunner: Well, we are, the quarter, of course, will end in September, and the commission, the State Public Defender Commission, will, you know, with that being a resignation and us being short for a short period of time, they, I don't believe they will require that we report as inadequate for, you know, a third of this quarter.

President Shetler: Right.

David Bunner: So, no, I think that would be—

President Shetler: So, there's a certain amount of indulgence that's granted in cases and situations like that?

David Bunner: Yes.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: David, will we make up the difference in the transfer if we open that door for hiring this particular year?

David Bunner: Yes, the transfer was adequate to hire the person October 1st.

Councilmember Goebel: But, that line item itself will not grow? I mean, even though we're hiring in at a reduced salary. What I'm asking is, is this going to be a clean transfer and then hiring? Because you transferred some funds to fulfill the person who left, correct?

David Bunner: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: And that opens the door now for hiring another person to replace. Is that correct? Am I reading this wrong?

Joe Gries: Councilman Goebel? Maybe I can shed a little bit of light. The transfer puts money into Accrued Payments, so the buyout will be paid out of that. The line item for the person who is hired will be where it's at, it will not change. So, there won't be any additional funds that are put into that line item.

Councilmember Goebel: That was my question.

Joe Gries: Yes.

David Bunner: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: So, that will be enough to bring in a new person?

Joe Gries: Yes, that's correct.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Goebel: Sounds good.

President Shetler: Okay, so do we have a motion yet? Motion for approval?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

David Bunner: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

<p>PUBLIC HEARING FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET</p>

President Shetler: Next is public hearing on two different departments. First will be Solid Waste Management. This is a public hearing, and the public is invited to participate in this.

Russell Lloyd: Good morning, Councilmembers, former colleagues. Good to see you. Russell Lloyd, I'm City Controller, also serve as Treasurer of the Vanderburgh County Solid Waste District. I've provided you with a two page budget, probably the easiest one to read with the revenues on top and the expenditures on page two. I've also provided the notice to taxpayers, which is actually the official notice that was published in the newspaper, as well as the budget information that was entered into the State Gateway system. Joe Ballard, the executive director, had to take his son to Indianapolis, he was flying to Europe on an internship, so he apologizes that he couldn't be here. Susan Jeffries, the office manager, is here as well, if you have any questions. Just briefly, the highlights, on the revenue side, projected basically flat revenues, \$415,000 for 2013. As you'll recall, the Solid Waste Management District is not funded by any general taxpayer dollars. It's strictly funded by tipping fees paid for deliveries at the landfill. So, the Solid Waste Management District actually, since its inception, has been not funded with any taxpayer dollars. It's funded by fees generated. Then, on page two, the budget for the year 2013, you've got two employees, department head and a full time office manager, and the various benefits. Currently the city has projected a three percent salary increase, and that's still subject to City Council approval. We should know that by September 30th. A little bit of an increase in temporary salaries, the Social Security a little bit of an increase, PERF a little bit of an increase, and then the city's health insurance, we project an 8.7 percent increase. Mr. Ballard tried to offset some of the increases in salary by decreasing some of the line items, such as Small Tools, Novelties, I think, a couple of the other ones, Grants, so overall this budget from the 2012 budget, it's an increase of \$7,593, 1.8 percent. A pretty lean budget. Based on the

revised budget, only an increase of .1 percent. I would be happy to entertain any questions.

President Shetler: Russ, the 2011 actuals, is that like, maybe did they, it doesn't look like a full year. It looks like a six month.

Russell Lloyd: That's a six month, yeah, it's a software kind of issue that we've requested that they allow us to put 12 months, but when you run the report you have to put in six for your 2012 actual, and it does the same on 2011 actual. So, that's something we would like to change.

President Shetler: I know that the tipping fee basically kind of tracks the economy in a lot of respects because of scrap that's taken from industry, etcetera. We, you know, losing manufacturing here like Whirlpool, for example, and the downturn in the economy, are we still down significantly from where we were a few years ago? Or has it built itself back up again?

Russell Lloyd: It's actually coming back. I know, Councilman Koehler Lindsey is the representative on the board. I think either in '08 or '09 the tipping fees got down to like the \$380,000 range, and that's where the Solid Waste District actually eliminated an employee. So, they went from three to two, but you're right, industry, construction, you know, home building is a big contributor. So, it does follow the economy, and it seems to have stabilized at the \$410,000-\$415,000 range, which is sufficient to fund this budget. I know, talking to Joe Ballard, he said \$34,000, \$35,000, \$36,000 a month is what they're seeing in tipping fees. So, it's been pretty consistent, about the \$415,000 range. I think, going back, say five, six, eight years ago, it was over \$450,000-\$460,000. So, it's down from that, but it's better than it has been.

President Shetler: Most of your, I mean, I guess, most of the budget is pretty well fixed costs though that are involved. Probably a few that would ride with the amount of...but it appears that most of them are all fixed costs. So, if those would drop then, obviously, there would be an issue there.

Russell Lloyd: Well, on the contractual, it's strictly the programs that the Solid Waste District offers, like the electronic recycling and the tire recycling, they have to go out and contract with vendors to do those. I think the electronic recycling, \$25,000-\$30,000 a pop to do those, but you're providing a benefit to the county of getting all of that stuff, keeping it out of the landfill and getting it recycled; tires and electronics. Those have been very popular.

President Shetler: Alright. Other questions, comments?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I would just say that we do get a report on that, each month at the Solid Waste Board, so we know what's going on as far as the vendors and that's something that's approved by that board, and that budget is looked at monthly by the Solid Waste Board. They do a good job.

President Shetler: Okay. Do I have, it's a public hearing, so let me ask if anyone is here to speak for or against the Solid Waste budget. It's your turn to start throwing tomatoes here.

Russell Lloyd: Recycling, hopefully, they would be for it.

President Shetler: Alright. So, okay. We will do the final adoption on this when we do our final on the budget, which is at the end of the month.

Russell Lloyd: September 26th.

President Shetler: The 26th.

Russell Lloyd: I'm sure Mr. Ballard will be here to answer any questions you have.

President Shetler: Alright. Thank you.

Russell Lloyd: Thank you very much, Council. Good to see you.

<p>PUBLIC HEARING FOR EVANSVILLE-VANDEBURGH AIRPORT AUTHORITY BUDGET</p>

President Shetler: Okay, thank you. Alright, the next is on the Airport, Doug Joest is here.

Doug Joest: Good morning. I'm Doug Joest, the Airport Manager at the Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority. Just a couple of highlights, in the past 12 months or so what's going on at the airport. About a year ago we got about \$18 million in AIP grants for our runway project. We developed a strategic plan, and we did that using one of the local universities versus hiring consultants. We got a half a million dollar Small Community Air Service Development Grant, which will help us attract more airline service to Evansville. If you've been out 41 lately maybe you've noticed we've leased a small plot of land on 41 where there's a Subway restaurant going in. Approximately a year ago, also the Hampton Inn, of course, that's just a tenant of ours, but we transferred that lease and that property was substantially improved by the tenant. We've also done some public events at the airport to try to get people out to the airport in addition to, for other reasons besides getting on an airplane. We wanted them to come out, have some fun. We did a 5K on the runway last Labor Day weekend, we'll be doing another one next spring. We'll have a Wings and Wheels event October 13th this year, and that's going to involve, it's a very mini, mini Frog Follies, if you will, those type automobiles, combined with some experimental aircraft. Also, this year, we initiated the installation of the jet bridges, and that will be done before the end of the year. We completed, the FAA published two GPS approaches to the north-south runway, because in a couple of years when we are finishing the runway project, the main runway will be closed. So, this will allow aircraft to land on the north-south runway in inclement weather. Finally, I'm proud to announce that we were the seventh airport in the nation to be approved as storm ready by the National Weather Service. So, that's just a few highlights of what we've done in the last 12 months or so. I sent in the budget, and in the past we've only presented our General Fund, but we actually have a Cum Building Fund, and I thought it was appropriate to present that as well. I'll just start with that one first, since it's new. This is a fund the airport uses for capital projects, and most of the expenditures in that project is funded by the FAA, to the extent of 90-95 percent. It varies depending on the laws, and also the State contributes approximately two percent. The bulk of that in our budget next year is the runway project, getting it completed. Other items in that budget for next year are mainly repair items. The new terminal, if you will, is over 20 years old, so we have things like leaking roofs in a couple of buildings. We have two of the original chillers are dated, I think one is down to half strength right now. We have a bag belt system that

needs refurbished. We need to replace some equipment in our fire department's parking lot system, and continuing to fulfill our commitment on the golf course, we have expenditures there to replace the irrigation system and the cart paths. The total of that budget is \$21 million, but, again, nineteen, almost \$20 million of it is the runway project. So, do you want me to go into the general budget? Or, do you have any questions about that one at this point? Okay, our general budget, basically, based on your guidance, there's no salary increases in that this year, except for some step increases. The major challenge we have this year is health insurance. Approximately half of our employees are in the Welborn plan. As you know, that is ceasing operations at the end of the year, and the quote we received from Anthem to transfer it was double what we're paying currently. So, that's the main increase in our General Fund budget. I'm currently going through, shopping, trying to figure out alternatives, but that's the number that I used in the budget, because I didn't have anything else to go through.

President Shetler: Did you switch, August 1st or September 1?

Doug Joest: I have not switched, because it was double. There was no reason to switch.

President Shetler: Okay, well, they were going around making some offers to a lot of private-public concerns, and I didn't know—

Doug Joest: Yes, a lot of those weren't the increases that we were faced with. So, again, I'm looking through that for an alternative.

President Shetler: Rationale, I mean, what's the rationale on that?

Doug Joest: We're a small group, only 26 people, and we're probably an older group than a lot of other situations.

President Shetler: What kind of experience ratio do you have?

Doug Joest: I've asked for that, I've not gotten it yet.

President Shetler: Okay. One thing, I might, I don't mean to interrupt you on that.

Doug Joest: No, that's fine.

President Shetler: As you know, it's kind of a pet project of mine a little bit on that health insurance, and you and I have discussed it a little bit about different things.

Doug Joest: Yes, we have.

President Shetler: One thing that I've suggested to the Commissioners, and speaking with folks at the library and stuff, and you're kind of sitting out there like the library is, part of the responsibility of the county taxpayers and stuff, and at the same time not directly underneath the thumb of any elected people, per se. I would really want to see us get together with some kind of a committee that can perhaps strengthen our purchasing power through the city, the county, the airport, the library, maybe the School Corporation, and try to get everybody, you know, close to the same kind of plan, go with the same kind of vendor. That should strengthen our purchasing power greatly and reduce costs to the taxpayers ultimately.

Doug Joest: Absolutely, because we all get viewed as different groups, yet ultimately, the taxpayer is paying for it. It would make sense to do that. I know there might be some regulatory issues, but I know the State has a program that different governmental entities are pooled together, but I agree with you, I would love to work with you on that to get a more combined purchasing power on that issue. The only other item I've included as far as an increase is Instruction. Currently we train our firefighting department on site. We have a burn pit, where we once a year do a live burn with jet fuel, and do everything we can to simulate an incident. With our runway project that's going to be removed, and the FAA will not fund replacing it, plus you have to find a position to put it in, but basically, the FAA is not going to replace that. So I've added some money to the budget to either bring a portable training unit here to Evansville, or I'm going to have to send our firefighters out to a remote location for training, just to maintain our certification with the FAA. Other than that, I don't have anything else in there, as far as increases. So, I would be happy to answer any questions on either budget, or anything else for that matter.

President Shetler: Last year, it may have been the year before, I think was the first time in many years that the airport, because of rider ship and everything being down, that you guys really had to tap back into the property tax somewhat.

Doug Joest: Correct. The Cum Building Fund has always, with the exception of one year, has always been on the county tax rolls, and then—

President Shetler: And operation.

Doug Joest: — but the General Fund, which is our operating fund, that's correct, we've only been on the General Fund budget a couple of years now, and it's just due to the fact that there's fewer airlines out there that we can charge rates to, and we've got to keep those rates competitive to keep the two airlines we still have, and to hopefully attract other airlines. We've done things like increased parking rates and that type of thing.

President Shetler: Okay, the rate on that, is that, is it similar to what it was last year? Or has it gone up?

Doug Joest: The tax rate?

President Shetler: Yes.

Doug Joest: I think it's level.

President Shetler: Yeah, okay.

Doug Joest: Or, essentially level.

President Shetler: Alright. Any other questions? Alright, once again, well, let me ask the public, if there's anyone here from the public that would like to speak up for or against the airport at this particular time. It is a public hearing, and this is your opportunity. Seeing none, we will be giving the final approval of this on the 26th of September.

Doug Joest: The 26th? Okay. In the meantime, I would be happy to answer any questions that might come up as you consider it.

President Shetler: Alright.

Doug Joest: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you very much.

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COUNTY HIGHWAY GRADALL REQUEST

President Shetler: Okay, Mike, gradall request.

Mike Duckworth: Mike Duckworth, County Highway. I did forward an e-mail, per your request, regarding Warrick County's number of units that they have.

President Shetler: Yes, I saw that.

Mike Duckworth: I believe that was five. I understand the volatility of this situation, but let me just give you my two cents. We have a '97 model with 7,000 hours, a 2005 model with 1,200 hours. This current unit that we're talking about replacing has 4,600 hours. In the past, and I know this is a different year, we had up to \$175,000 for new equipment to keep our fleet renewed. In the past few years that's been trimmed to \$25,000. This year we replaced and put together another mowing crew because of the increase in the number of lots that we have to, county owned lots that we have to—

President Shetler: Go ahead.

Mike Duckworth: — that we have to mow. That did not touch the \$25,000. My point being is, if that would be considered as part of our budget this year, the \$25,000 for new equipment, I've talked to Commission President Abell, this lease amount would be a little over \$32,000. She has indicated to me that she would be willing to put the other \$7,000 plus in out of CCD to make these lease-to-own payments. That's really the only way I know to do it, since there's not a lump sum amount to pay for this piece of equipment. It is a vital piece of equipment for our department. We have, in the last four years, as you well know, spent in excess of \$56,000 on this particular piece of equipment. I am doing my very best in providing you with the information to spend our money wisely. Again, I understand the current situation, but I believe this is the way to go. If not, we will do the best we can to keep whatever costs down that we have to incur on keeping three gradalls out there. I would just remind you that, I truly believe, as a 24-hour operation, seven day a week, being called out in the middle of the night. There's many times that Sheriff's Deputies and fire departments need to get to areas during storms where we've got to have this kind of equipment out clearing those roadways. I'll be glad to answer any other questions.

President Shetler: Okay, I guess, my comment would be this, Mike, and that is it's, I think you've done an outstanding job over the years, you know, of making sure that your equipment is up to snuff and that it's ready to be used in an emergency. When we need it, it's there. I greatly appreciate that. It seems like often times you come into the job and previous administrations, you know, weren't so meticulous about making sure that the machinery was ready to go and to help out the people. You've had to come in and kind of get it back up to snuff and make sure that

everything is on par, ready to go, ready to work. I understand the predicament that you're in. Although I kind of feel like this whole issue is similar to what we've talked about with the Dental Clinic and a few other things here, that it's really part of a bigger question that has to be addressed for the 2013 budget. So, for one member, I feel as if we ought to kind of put this to bed for a few weeks here, until we get, you know, into that 2013 budget, get things finalized, and then we can see where we stand at that point to come backwards and forwards on it.

Mike Duckworth: May I request at this time, instead of having a vote on it today, that we wait until members of Council, myself, John Stoll, who's budget, of course, is included within our budget to make that decision at a later time?

President Shetler: Yes.

Mike Duckworth: Now, that doesn't mean that I understand that it might be any better of a decision, but I think it would be a clearer decision as to where we are and where we're going.

President Shetler: Agreed. So ordered. Thank you. It's the Chair's prerogative on this one, I guess. Okay.

Mike Duckworth: With that being said, can we go from there—

President Shetler: Yes, sir.

Mike Duckworth: — and at least try to see where we're at down the road? One last question, I do have something in the amendment to the ordinance later on in the meeting, and I think it's just a longevity increase. I'm wondering, I'm due to be leaving to go out of town, if you have any questions, could we handle those?

President Shetler: That's underneath the salary ordinance?

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

Mike Duckworth: That won't be today. Okay, I thought there was something under County Highway under the salary amendments. Okay. Thank you all.

President Shetler: Thank you.

<p>EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH AIRPORT AUTHORITY BUDGET (CONTINUED DISCUSSION)</p>
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President Shetler: I did have another question for Doug real quickly. So, I apologize, I had forgotten.

Doug Joest: That's alright.

President Shetler: The improvements that are done to the property there at the airport, particularly for private concerns, well, especially for private concerns, those improvements, they're subject to county property tax?

Doug Joest: Some, most of them aren't because they're aviation related, I think. For example, I know, like the hangars, that type of thing, the hotel technically is covered. Other properties I can't speak to, I don't—

President Shetler: The hotel, it is tax—

Doug Joest: Under the Indiana Tax law related to property on airports, the hotel, I think is defined as an aviation use, because it's put there for the airport purposes. As far as the other properties, I would assume that they would be, unless they qualify under those criteria as aviation use, I don't know that they would qualify.

President Shetler: What about, okay, so, I'm thinking about the Subway.

Doug Joest: To give you an example, another example, okay, some of the buildings are owned by the airport, therefore they are exempt, because we own them. For example the foreign trade warehouse—

President Shetler: Yes, I understand that.

Doug Joest: That structure is owned.

President Shetler: Correct. Okay, I'm thinking particularly of the restaurant that's being, that's under construction, for example.

Doug Joest: I don't know that that, again, I'm not trying to practice tax here. I don't think —

President Shetler: Well, it just, well, okay, let me ask you one further question.

Doug Joest: Yeah, sure.

President Shetler: If there would be a, some sort of calamity, a fire, etcetera, who would be responsible of covering?

Doug Joest: All of our leases require the tenants to, in most cases have insurance coverage.

President Shetler: No, I'm talking about who is going to actually extinguish the fire? I mean, who is going to be called upon, the airport, or the city-county?

Doug Joest: We, obviously, inside the fence, if you go to the airport, we respond to that, and, I think, basically, outside the fence, which the buildings you are referring to would probably be the City Fire Department or county, or the volunteer fire department, depending on what side of the airport it is on. Because, for example, the properties along 41 are in the city, but there could be properties....well, no, all of the properties, all of the real estate the airport has purchased, except for say ten parcels we just purchased for the runway project are in the city.

President Shetler: I think you understand, I guess, my question really is, if the city-county is not receiving any property tax revenue, and because of a clause that it falls under aviation of some sort, then I would think that the responsibility of caring for, you know, the security and safety of those properties would also then become the responsibility of the aviation, because, I mean, that's where they're paying their—

Doug Joest: Well, let me ask, let me answer it another way, how are other properties in the city that receive tax abatements and other such exemptions, how are they covered for fire protection?

President Shetler: Well, a tax abatement, they're still paying some property taxes.

Doug Joest: Okay, again, I'm not trying to be a property tax expert here.

President Shetler: This is just percentage (Inaudible).

Doug Joest: Discussing in theory here.

President Shetler: Right, no, that's why I'm just questioning.

Doug Joest: Yeah, it's a valid question. I mean, I think our fire crews really aren't trained to fight building fires number one, and they're trained to fight aircraft fires.

President Shetler: Right.

Doug Joest: So, I don't know that we're qualified to fight a fire in a building, number one.

President Shetler: Okay, I—

Doug Joest: But, I see what you're saying.

President Shetler: Yeah, okay. Alright (Inaudible). Thank you.

Doug Joest: Okay, sure.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.)

President Shetler: Yeah.

Councilmember Bassemier: We have 19 fireman on our department, counting myself. All of us are first responders, and several of us are EMT's. The majority of my firefighters work for volunteer fire departments. They're all, a lot of them are State certified. (Inaudible. Microphone not on.) would be the first to respond. (Inaudible) fire department for mutual aid, or other volunteer fire departments, whatever we need. Even on our in-flight emergencies (Inaudible) big aircraft (Inaudible) fire departments for mutual aid. (Inaudible) pretty well handle anything (Inaudible).

President Shetler: Yeah.

Doug Joest: I was going to add, Ed brought up the mutual aid. We kind of work with all of the agencies, because there's like, like when we do our drills, aren't there like 20 agencies we work with?

Councilmember Bassemier: We have, I'm glad you brought that up, Mr. Joest, but on the 19th of September we'll have a drill (Inaudible) exercise and do emergency planning. There's 25 different government agencies that will be at this meeting (Inaudible), and also every three years we've got to have an actual live drill, and we just had it this year. (Inaudible)

President Shetler: I guess, my concern is, is that how aggressive we might really want the airport to be as far as renting out their properties to certain businesses and entities that would then basically get a lasting type of a, you know, tax free status, and then that the city or county is still responsible to cover, you know, all of the safety requirements and stuff, when, you know, there's no revenue and no hope for revenue to be coming into our coffers to help offset that.

Doug Joest: I guess—

President Shetler: You know, in some respects, I guess, for major businesses, and I understand the tax-free zones and stuff like that, I can appreciate for international trade—

Doug Joest: Yeah, exactly.

President Shetler: — and the likes of what that's trying to bring in.

Doug Joest: There's nothing active at the airport on that—

President Shetler: Right.

Doug Joest: —anyway.

President Shetler: I guess, like for smaller concerns, I don't know if there's an issue here or not.

Doug Joest: There could be, and, I guess, just a counterpoint would be the fact that we do rent property, lessens our burden on the taxpayers by our rental and that.

President Shetler: I understand that. I agree.

Doug Joest: No, it's an interesting discussion that I would be willing to—

President Shetler: It's just a question that kind of came up as you were talking about the new restaurant there.

Doug Joest: No, sure.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. I didn't mean to belabor that point and lengthen this meeting, but thank you. Okay, next, interlocal agreement between the city and Vanderburgh County. Does anybody, I'm going to go on to travel requests then.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Shetler: Travel requests for the Auditor and for the Health Department. There's three for the Health Department, does anybody have any questions about them?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second for approval of it. Does anybody have any questions? Joe is waiting to answer any questions that you have.

Joe Gries: This will be paid out of the money that was approved earlier in the meeting from the Auditor's Homestead, Ineligible Homestead Fund, so it's not paid out of the General Fund.

President Shetler: Does anybody have any questions or anything? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE AND VANDERBURGH COUNTY</p>
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Jeff Ahlers: We've got an interlocal agreement between the city and the county that's in your packet. It has to do with a paving project at the Oak Hill Cemetery. It's already been approved by the, I think it's been approved by everybody, but it's already been approved by the Commissioners, so it's just a matter of us approving it as well for the funds. I don't know whether, I guess, Mr. Duckworth's already left, he probably would have been the better one to talk about that, but it's basically the city paying the county to do some paving work at Oak Hill Cemetery. We do that from time to time.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we addressed this earlier in the year, it may have been this same project.

President Shetler: It seems like it comes up at least once or twice a year on different projects and stuff. I don't really recall if it did, this specific one or not, but it is basically to get involved in Oak Hill Cemetery. So, they're doing some paving there. So does anybody have any questions or comments about it?

Councilmember Raben: No, we'll need a motion to approve the—

Jeff Ahlers: Right.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Shetler: Okay, and I'll just point out that the amount of money so that's all part of the record. That they will be paying for \$14,144 for the labor, and \$40,000 for the materials that will be provided by the county. So, we'll be receiving basically cash of \$54,144. Okay, so all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Shetler: Thank you.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Okay, next is the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we've got quite a few today. First, under Sheriff, I move that we amend salary line 1050-1210 College Incentive, as previously approved. 1050-082 Deputy, at the 2012 salary of \$43,871. Under the Jail, amend salary line 1051-1850 Union Overtime, as previously adopted. And Confinement Officers, 1051-354, 1051-345, 1051-361, 1051-328. Along with that under Community Corrections amend salary line 1361-1220 Confinement Officer, at \$35,473. Superior Court, allowing part time employees up to \$9.00 per hour, along with Superior Court line item 1370-1590 Riding Bailiff, at a COMOT VI Step 3 at a salary of \$35,237. County Clerk, 1010-1600 Circuit/Superior Supervisor, PAT III Step 3 at \$34,672; 1010-1410 Administrative Librarian, at a COMOT IV initiation salary of \$21,437, after six months it would go to \$22,451. Again, this is after the adoption or approval before the Job Study committee. 1010-1330 Bookkeeping Clerk at a COMOT IV initiation \$21,437, after six months, \$22,451. Prosecutor, amend salary ordinance to approve two part time employees at up to \$12.00 per hour out of the Incentive Fund. Drug and Alcohol Deferral Services, salary line 1371-1140 Secretary/Bookkeeper at initiation rate of \$21,437, after six months, \$22,451. Last, Public Defender, amend salary to fill vacancy in 1303-1770 Paralegal at initiation rate of \$30,143, after six months \$31,578. I make those amendments in the form of a motion.

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

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Shetler: Is there anyone that wishes to address the County Council at this time? Yes, sir.

Mark Beard: Good morning, Councilmembers. My name is Mark Beard, and I represent approximately 500 union carpenters and millwrights, which are precision construction mechanics. We install everything from manufacturing equipment to power equipment in these various plants. One of the reasons I wanted to address the Council is the PGP project that has been granted a tax abatement and are moving in at the Vanderburgh Industrial Park. One of the things that we've come to find out is that, first, let me at least say this, as far as construction and union members, we are pro business development. If we're not building something, if we're not installing equipment, we're not working. So, we are pro that, but one thing we run into when these plants come in is, we may build the building, but the equipment that goes in them, the processing equipment, everything that has to do with the product that comes out that that company makes, that usually goes to another contractor outside of Vanderburgh County, that usually brings in all of their employees. Now, when you look at a project like PGP, one thing I've heard that was pretty common throughout the whole meeting and is pretty relevant in a lot of different counties, is there's a shortfall of money to be able to provide the services to the public. One thing when these projects are built, just the equipment alone, the installation of the initial equipment, the processing piping and the extruders, the revenue that would be generated from local contractors actually paid in wages and benefits to the local workers they would hire is in the neighborhood of about ten million dollars. That's pretty substantial. That only includes the process piping and the extrusion equipment. The electrical that's going to be run for the equipment is going to be totally separate, and is probably going to be in that neighborhood, and that is ten million dollars that is being paid actually to the employees rather in wages or benefits. Each of those employees here locally also are provided health insurance, so they're not going to the hospital, they don't have to go to the Health Department to get their dental done. It's not a burden. With that money that's generated from these workers that is spent here on local businesses, they're going to sports complexes, they're doing everything, that money is going to turn over several times in the community. I'm here to talk, basically to ask the Council if you would urge, when companies come in, and urge PGP, there's no reason for them to go outside of Vanderburgh County to find, not only the contractors that can do the work, but the skilled workforce is already here. There are thousands of members, and thousands of workers in this community that have built everything that you see. They've built businesses, they've built, they did Bristol Meyers, we've built Toyota, we do all the power work. We're perfectly capable of taking care of our own. We need that industry in, we realize that, but, in turn, we also need not just the permanent jobs, we need those construction jobs. We need those, that equipment to be put in by our local people so it generates revenue so we can provide the services that we need here. I would just urge that the Council would, you know, talk to PGP. I do know that there were solicitations from local contractors, but it's really important to put some of the unemployed workers that we have on the payrolls of these contractors, local contractors. The suppliers they use are all local, and it would be a big help to a lot of the local taxpayers. That's all I have. I appreciate your time. Does anybody have any questions?

President Shetler: Could you go ahead, could you repeat your name. I apologize.

Mark Beard: Mark Beard.

President Shetler: Mark Beard.

Mark Beard: B-e-a-r-d.

President Shetler: Okay, I think Mike Goebel had his hand up.

Councilmember Goebel: Mark, has that, have all of the contracts been let already?

Mark Beard: It's my understanding—

Councilmember Goebel: If so, do we have any local people contracted and local workers coming in?

Mark Beard: To my understanding, the mechanical package on the actual equipment, that would be the process equipment and the extrusion equipment, I don't know if anything's been signed. I do know that they're looking to award that to a contractor from Pennsylvania who will import all of their workers. You know, to put out a broadcast call, you know, to ask them to hire local skilled people to do that work. Most of them are either working or they're a member of an organization that has actually trained them. You know, we basically train our own people through a four year apprenticeship program, as do the other trades. That's at no cost to anyone, that's internal. So, the electrical, it's my understanding the electrical was supposed to be bid today. So, I don't know where that's at.

President Shetler: Alright, Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just a general comment, Mark. You know, when we look at a tax phase-in we do have a scoring mechanism and it does take into consideration using local work—

Mark Beard: Absolutely.

Councilmember Raben: — and I didn't know if you were aware of that or not.

Mark Beard: Yeah, I'm very familiar with the way that works and the scoring system. I do want to, other than the last line that went in at, I'll use Graham Packaging, for example, when Graham Packaging came into the community, they utilized our local contractors. They told us that they saw no need to go outside of the community. They had everything they needed right here. We appreciated that. Now, the last time they put a line in it was a unique system, and they actually, which I don't see very often, but they actually imported the line and the workers to install it from Germany. So, that was a little different, you know, but, yeah, the scoring system is good. The thing that we always urge is, especially with our contractors, you know, we try to do everything we can to help those businesses. We're here to, you know, help control costs. We realize that there's a bottom line to everything, but, you know, there again, if you have a five percent increase over an out-of-state contractor who's going to import all of their labor, isn't that worth the revenue that's going to be generated here locally by the taxpayers that are earning it? So, that's all I have. I appreciate everybody's time.

President Shetler: Yeah, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible. Microphone not on.) Mark, don't you think (Inaudible) letter and sent to PGP and ask them (Inaudible) local here a strong look? (Inaudible) a really good point, the salaries and everything (Inaudible) and not go off somewhere else (Inaudible).

President Shetler: I mean, I think, as Councilman Raben had pointed out, they're cognizant of that, because of the contract and the scoring grid that we used for giving them the tax abatement and stuff, that was part of giving them points, and they realize that incentive that's there. I mean, I suppose we could reiterate it, but it would only be duplicating what's kind of there.

Councilmember Goebel: I think it would go a long way, if they were open to it, as far as good will establishing in our community, to use local workers.

Mark Beard: And speaking on behalf of the trades, we do have, working with our contractors, we do have cost cutting measures that we can actually work with our contractors, you know, so we're willing to help out in any way possible to move the whole thing forward, you know, to get it done.

Councilmember Goebel: Have you lobbied directly with the company?

Mark Beard: No, that was actually, that's on the list to do today, but I was fortunate enough to catch the meeting this morning and be able to address the Council.

Councilmember Raben: You bring up a valid point, and I think everybody here agrees 100 percent with what you're saying. You know, we used to, maybe we've gotten a little lazy with asking what percentage is local, you know, (Inaudible) some of our outside assistance to maybe provide some of that information.

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, we used to—

Councilmember Raben: We used to do a better job of that.

Councilmember Goebel: —go step by step here, and now it's handled outside-in. Quite frankly, we haven't had very many requests for companies to build and phase-in, so maybe we've got a little sleepy on the job as well, in that regard. I don't know if we could affect it one way or the other, we certainly want the company, but we support local labor, too.

Mark Beard: We know you do, and we appreciate the fact that they're out there getting that. I know our members would appreciate the Council, you know, helping out. We're just a voice. Everybody here is a voice in trying to get that done. Obviously, it's hard to make something that's, you know, binding, really strictly binding, but the fact of the matter is there's nothing that Evansville and Vanderburgh County, the surrounding counties as well has, is a unique place because of the diversity of the workforce and the education of the workforce actually has. It's, the construction here is second to none, anywhere in the nation. I'll use an example, when we built the Abengoa ethanol plant, there was a gentleman that ran that job, and he was in his mid 60's, he'd been all over the world building different types of plants. I mean, Guam, he'd been to Indonesia, he'd been everywhere, and when we sat down with him one day just to make sure the job was going okay, that's one thing we do, we love doing labor management, making sure everybody's getting what they need. Ultimately, the owner is everybody's customer, but he told us that nowhere in the world, including everywhere he'd been in the

United States, were the construction productivity numbers as high as they are here. He said they were off the chart. They started two projects, one in Illinois and one here in Mt. Vernon, and the one in Illinois had actually started four months prior, and in six months the project here had surpassed them and finished ahead of schedule and under budget. So, I appreciate everybody's help and attention, and I know our members would appreciate you guys giving them a hand.

President Shetler: Yeah, I think that's the best thing for us to do is explore the best possible way to ensure that we use local help, and yet, you know, make sure that you're on the right track to, you know, getting the most points that they can on the abatement.

Mark Beard: Sure.

President Shetler: Let us explore the best avenues to do that and work with you and the contractor on that particular project and stuff.

Mark Beard: Sure, much appreciate it. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, Mark. Okay, anything else. Yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: We have taxing units next week, the townships, I guess? Is that correct?

President Shetler: Is it?

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, some of them have a spreadsheet with last year's budget. Is there a way that we could get a spreadsheet, I just got it here, but, for each of those townships what their budgets were, maybe 2011, 2012, and their proposed budget. It might give us a better feel. Some of them have it for 2012. I don't know if we can come up with a spreadsheet or not. Sarah, I guess, I'm asking you.

Joe Gries: I'm told that the Auditor's Office has that information, and we can provide that to the Council next week.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, anything else? Any other questions, comments? A motion for adjournment would be in order. It's been moved unanimously by everyone. So, I take those as seconds as well. I look forward to seeing you all next Wednesday, the 12th, at 9:00, or 8:30? 9:00, we will reconvene the budget hearing. Thank you.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2012**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 12th day of September, 2012 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good morning. Councilman Goebel, I know is here somewhere. Okay, good morning. It's September 12th and I would like to reconvene the budget hearings. First what I would like to do is ask for a roll call vote please, or roll call.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
President Shetler	X	

President Shetler: There being seven members present, none absent, there is a quorum and I would like for Councilman Koehler Lindsey to please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Shetler: Thank you. First, let me just say and express my appreciation to Councilman Raben for his untiring time and effort that he has put into the budget again this year. It's not an easy task having done that before myself I know that an awful lot of time and effort is put into that and I express my appreciation and I know I am speaking on behalf of the rest of the Councilmembers that we do greatly appreciate the work that you are putting into it. So, that's first. Second, I do want to express also my gratitude to the department heads. You've made our life and our job much much easier. For the most part, most all of the budgets came in less than what was really set at last year and stuff and that was greatly appreciated. Some three percent, some five percent and some were flat lined, but very, very few if any were, you know, put in at more than what we had for this current year, so that was greatly appreciated. I know that's not an easy thing to do, but the economy and times that we're in kind of dictate that. Revenue stream hasn't been quite as healthy the last three or four years as what it had been in the past. Although, we will see that 2013, I'm going to call upon our Auditor to kind of relay that for you in just a moment here, but 2013 might be just a tad bit brighter than what it has been. So with that, let me call upon our County Auditor, Joe Gries, to give us kind of a little bit of a run down on the status of what our revenue projections might be.

Joe Gries: Absolutely, and try to give you an overall big picture here and maybe give you some specifics on some of the things that we've seen over the course of 2012 and looking into 2013. The revenue streams that we are seeing for the last half of this year into next year, which includes COIT, which obviously we've received extra money from the state for COIT for 2011, for 2012 and that's going to continue into 2013, so those numbers look to be a lot better than what we were seeing the

last year to year and a half. So the revenue streams are looking, you know, a lot better. We also have seen a lot of controlled spending by county departments, watching, you know, the pennies there and making sure that they have, you know, found places to reduce spending. As President Shetler mentioned, the flat and reduced budgets that were turned in, all those items play a part in how we start to look at what our financial situation will be for 2013. So things are coming together as we look at the projections from the state so I think, like you said, President Shetler, things are looking a lot better for 2013.

President Shetler: Thank you. One other thing, observation I would like to point out, going through the budget in some, I guess, very general way looking at...it's often said that crime doesn't pay, but when you figure in what the Court's cost, the Public Defender's office costs, the Sheriff's Department, the Prosecutor's, you start adding up all the various different components to where crime does lie, you find it's paying for somebody somewhere because this county is spending about \$33 million a year out of a \$65 million General Fund budget and another \$10 million in a few other budgets and stuff, but we spend about 32 or 33 million dollars a year on the various different things that somehow are fighting criminal activity in some way, some shape or form and that's unfortunate and it's a shame that we can't get our hands around trying to figure out a way to stop that from ever getting into our system and that we can cure it before it gets to that point. But it's a fact of life and it is what it is. I applaud the people who are working in it and doing a very good, diligent job on maintaining it, managing the operations the way they are, but it is a very costly proposition for all of us, so I did want to make that observation to everyone. At this point then, I am going to turn the meeting basically over to Councilman Raben, Finance Chairman, to go through.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and just a few brief comments before we start. You and Joe stole most of my thunder, but just echo a few of the things you said. You know, you offered a challenge back in March or April to the department heads and officeholders and we are extremely grateful that most everybody met the demand or the challenge. This really has been the easiest budget in my history here to deal with. It made it much easier and, you know, thanks to our staff, Sarah Nunn and Sandie Deig, and all the work the Auditor's Office does. They're about as busy this time of year as a tax accountant during tax season, so great job and thanks for all the help. What we're going to do today, we're going to start in the beginning of the book. The last few years we have gone with the typed cuts that everyone has before them, but it did offer some confusion, so to save all that confusion we're just going to start with page one, roll through the book and I'll stop and point out any cuts. As far as any salary changes or FICA, PERF, Insurance or any of that, that will all be adjusted at our final meeting September 26th. I'm not going to be redundant about making that motion each and every time. It's a standing motion that, again, all FICA, PERF, Insurance and salary lines will have their final adjustments September 26th. Okay, any questions? Alright, if you open your book, the first page with any cuts is page 4.

CLERK

Councilmember Raben: At the bottom, I guess I'll turn to Teri, do you want me to read the new account or the old account numbers?

Teri Lukeman: New account numbers.

Councilmember Raben: New account, okay. 333000, that line...that budget has been moved to COIT, to the COIT budget, so set that in at zero. Line 370000 Dues & Subscriptions \$300. No changes on page 5, no changes on 6, no changes on 7, no changes on 8.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
333000	Record Storage	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00
370000	Dues/Subscriptions	400.00	100.00	300.00

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Page 9, 399900 Bank Service Charge, set that in at zero, and again that is moved to the COIT budget.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
399900	Bank Service Chrg	45,000.00	45,000.00	0

Councilmember Raben: Page 10 no change. Page 11 no change, 12. No change on 13. No change on 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Page 19, the last item, 221000 Fuel, zero and that line is moved to COIT as well. Page 20 360000 Rent, again zero that out, that is in the COIT budget later on. Page 21 423000 Motor Vehicles and 425000 Equipment, zero both lines, and we will pick that up later in our CCD budget.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
221000	Fuel	225,000.00	225,000.00	0.00
360000	Rent	103,203.00	103,203.00	0.00
423000	Motor Vehicles	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.00
425000	Equipment	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, nothing on 22, 23. Page 24, second from the bottom 319000 Solid Waste in the amount of \$3,000. Page 25, the last line 365100 in the amount of \$5,000.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
319000	Solid Waste	4,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
365100	Body Transport	7,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00

ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: And I might say if anyone at any point wants to stop me, we'll stop at that point and vote on, you know, any items forward or prior to that. Nothing on page 26, nothing on page 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. Page 32, the last item 421000 set in at zero.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
421000	Office Furniture	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Councilmember Raben: Page 33 nothing, 34, 35, 36, move to the fourth from the bottom line 313000 Travel and Milage, \$6,500. 320000 Utilities \$5,000. Page 37 at the top 352000 Maintenance & Repairs \$5,000. 353000 Contractual Services \$73,295, that's \$73,295. Skip down to 360000 Rent zero and we will pick that up in our COIT budget later. 422000 Office Machines, the last item, at \$1,000.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
313000	Travel/Mileage	7,500.00	1,000.00	6,500.00
320000	Utilities	6,500.00	1,500.00	5,000.00
352000	Maint. & Repair	6,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
353000	Cont. Services	74,780.00	1,485.00	73,295.00
360000	Rent	38,544.00	38,544.00	0.00
422000	Office Machines	1,500.00	500.00	1,000.00

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: Page 38 nothing. The next on page 39 Travel & Mileage account 313000 set in at \$1,000. Just below that, Communications 314000 \$10,000. Rent 360000 set in at zero and we will pick that up in our COIT budget later. 363000 which is Equipment Lease & Rental \$4,500. Is everybody still with me? Am I moving slow enough?

Unidentified: Oh, yeah.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
313000	Travel & Mileage	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
314000	Communications	11,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
360000	Rent	52,982.00	52,982.00	0.00
363000	Equip.Lease & Rent	5,000.00	500.00	4,500.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Page 41 nothing. Page 42 fourth from the bottom 230000 Uniforms in the amount of \$800.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
230000	Uniforms	1,000.00	200.00	800.00

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Page 43 there is nothing, 44. Now we are into the Commissioner’s budget. The second from the bottom account 300100 Self Insurance set in at zero and that is moved to the COIT budget as well. The top of page 45 302100 Hillcrest Washington set in at zero. That is in the COIT budget. Move down to Animal Control 310000 at zero, again that’s in the COIT line or budget. The next one is Postage & Freight 312000 same scenario, zero and we’ll pick that up in COIT. 321000 Emergency Management zero, again we’ll pick that up in COIT. The bottom line on page 45 Legal Advertising 342000 account number set in at \$10,000. Page 46 account 349000 YMCA at \$16,000 and let’s stop there and vote on everything to this point. I make those cuts in the form of a motion.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
300100	Self Insurance	190,550.00	190,550.00	0
302100	Hillcrest Washington	1,769,068.00	1,769,068.00	0
310000	Animal Control	215,782.00	215,782.00	0
312000	Postage & Freight	400,000.00	400,000.00	0
321000	Emergency Mgmt	198,306.00	198,306.00	0
342000	Legal Advertising	15,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
349000	YMCA	20,000.00	4,000.00	16,000.00

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: I’ve got a motion, do I have a second?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second, and a question.

President Shetler: Question.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Just for clarification just making sure that I understand, it looks like most of the changes that we are making are kind of going back to what the levels were if they hadn’t already done that and then moving things into the COIT budget and so just clarification on the learning curve here. Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: We have a...did we have a second? Okay.

President Shetler: Any other questions?

Councilmember Terry: On the Co-op Extension, I think traditionally we...the Contractual Services line is always, I think, less \$700 or \$800 or so. There is a little bit more out of that. It is, sorry, page six of the small packet. That's line item 353000. Is that the difference?

Councilmember Raben: That is taking it to where the amount we've been appropriating for the last three years.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. Chairman, then I am assuming that as I've seen this year as departments determine that there are other needs that they can look for different funds that they didn't spend somewhere else maybe they can come back and ask? It's not like it's completely the final thing at this point? If something else was to come up we can address that later?

Councilmember Raben: Well, sure. I mean we don't encourage them to come back to us.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Right.

Councilmember Raben: You know, if there is a special need, you know, that is why we meet monthly.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Exactly.

President Shetler: Okay, alright. We have a motion and a second. Any other questions about anything that we've discussed up to this point? All in favor signify by say aye. Anyone opposed? Motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Next, we're still on page 46, 350000 Human Relations, the amount is \$47,425. Is everybody fine? Okay, I thought there would be some questions there. 360000 Rent, that line is moved to COIT and set in a zero.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
350000	Human Relations	37,940.00	(9,485.00)	47,425.00
360000	Rent	5,149,200.00	5,149,200.00	0

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Nothing on page 47, nothing on...well, page 48 Utilities, third from the bottom, 320000 set in at zero and that is in the COIT.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
320000	Utilities	120,000.00	120,000.00	0

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Forty-nine, 50, 51, 52, 53, page 54. Second from the top, account 185000 Union Overtime set in at \$200,000. Medical account 224000 set in at zero and that is moved to our COIT budget. The same with Food 226000 is moved to COIT.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
185000	Union Overtime	300,000.00	100,000.00	200,000.00
224000	Medical	400,000.00	400,000.00	0
226000	Food	650,000.00	650,000.00	0

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Nothing on page 55, 56, 57. Nothing on page 58, 59, 60, 61, 62. Page 64, the last two items 421000 Office Furniture at zero and 422000 Office Machines zero.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
421000	Office Furniture	4,000.00	4,000.00	0
422000	Office Machines	4,000.00	4,000.00	0

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Page 65 nothing, 66 nothing, 67 nothing, 68, 69, 70. We'll move to page 74 Training & Education 331000 set in at zero.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
331000	Train. & Education	3,000.00	3,000.00	0

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Raben: Let's go to page 78. Second from the top account 175000 Clothing Allowance \$23,000, 185000 \$100,000.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
175000	Clothing Allowance	25,000.00	2,000.00	23,000.00
185000	Union Overtime	175,000.00	75,000.00	100,000.00

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Account, or page 79, nothing. We'll move to page 80, 185000 \$7,500. Page 81 Utilities 320000 set in at zero. That we'll pick up in COIT.

The last item 370000 set in at \$500.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
185000	Union Overtime	15,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
320000	Utilities	160,000.00	160,000.00	0
370000	Dues & Subscriptions	1,000.00	500.00	500.00

LEGAL AID

Councilmember Raben: Page 83 the fourth from the bottom, account 300000 Insurance the correction amount is \$4,922. The top of page 84 account 325000 Law Books \$2,464, that's \$2,464. And just below that 33100 Training & Education set in at zero.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
300000	Insurance	5,300.00	378.00	4,922.00
325000	Law Books	2,753.00	289.00	2,464.00
331000	Train. & Education	725.00	725.00	0.00

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Councilmember Raben: Everybody still with me? Good. Okay, turn to page 90. Third from the bottom account 421000 Office Furniture zero.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
421000	Office Furniture	1,500.00	1,500.00	0

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Councilmember Raben: Page 96, we're into the CCD budget. Go to Sheriff - Motor Vehicles account 423300 \$300,000.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
423300	Motor Vehicles	375,000.00	75,000.00	300,000.00

REASSESSMENT 2015/ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Just making sure, okay page 119. Page 119 at the bottom Office Machines 422000 set in at zero.

Line	Description	Requested	Cut	Approved
422000	Office Machines	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00

Councilmember Raben: Let me take just a moment. I just want to be sure we're not...that I haven't neglected any through these other pages. Okay, that is it. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion and a second. I've got...go back to page 46 here and make sure that I'm clear on that. Are you suggesting that number remain at the \$37,940 or the budget amount for 2012 at \$47,425?

Councilmember Raben: The 2012 level was \$47,425.

President Shetler: That's line item 350000?

Councilmember Raben: Page 46.

President Shetler: Page 46. You were saying to put that in at 47?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Shetler: To increase that above the request?

Councilmember Raben: Set the figure in at \$47,425.

President Shetler: Alright, Commissioner?

Marsha Abell: President Shetler, Marsha Abell for the Vanderburgh County Commissioners. We would like to request that we withdraw our original request to reduce the funding by 20 percent to the Human Relations Commission. The request that the County Commission...we are requesting that the County Council honor the written binding legal agreement between the city and the county regarding the Human Relations Commission. The Human Relations Commission original agreement was established on December 21, 1982 with the county contribution of six percent. This agreement was amended in 1987 and will expire December 12, 2014. This agreement increased the county's contribution from six percent to nine percent. This agreement, to be determined would require a six month written notice by either party which would be by June 12, 2014. Consequently we are asking that the figure be set in for the Human Relations Commission on nine percent of last year's budget which is in accordance with the written legal binding agreement the city has with the county.

Councilmember Bassemier: And that amount is?

Marsha Abell: I don't know what nine percent of last year is. I don't have the...it would be nine percent of 2012's budget whatever it was.

Councilmember Raben: Anybody have a calculator?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So do we need a new number or is the number correct that was purposed?

Marsha Abell: I think you're going to need a new number.

Councilmember Raben: Does anybody have a calculator?

President Shetler: Well, in order to get that you're going to have to have their--

Councilmember Raben: Refigure it. Yeah, well.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Do we need to know their entire budgeted amount?

President Shetler: You're going to need to know their entire budget.

Jeff Ahlers: What was their entire budget in 2012 of the Human Relations Commission is what she is saying and you take nine percent of that.

Marsha Abell: That's what you need. I don't have access to that information.

Jeff Ahlers I don't know if the Auditor has that number.

Councilmember Raben: Let's do this then. Let's withdraw any action on this today and we can set this number back in at the correct figure on September 26th. We don't have that budget to even--

President Shetler: So you are amending your motion to exclude--

Councilmember Raben: Exclude--

President Shetler: --this particular line item--

Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Shetler: --and approval on the rest.

Councilmember Raben: Exclude...I amend my motion to exclude 350000 Human Relations and we'll set in the correct figure September 26th.

President Shetler: Uh, the seconder? Yeah, Pete.

Councilmember Raben: As seconder do you--

Councilmember Swaim: Yeah, I'll withdraw it.

President Shetler: You'll agree with the new amendment.

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

President Shetler: Alright, do I have any further questions? Yes?

Councilmember Terry: Can you give me further clarification, there is still a potential that you're talking there is a reduction in what we have previously funded in the past, correct, based on this statement?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, nine percent less of that number there.

Marsha Abell: It is based on the contract, yes.

Councilmember Terry: That's what I am asking, is it less than 20%?

Marsha Abell: I have no idea. I don't know what their full budget is. I don't have access to that information. I have access to—

Councilmember Terry: I'm trying to—

Marsha Abell: I'm up here trying to answer questions for the Council.

Councilmember Terry: Right, I'm just trying to understand just clearly what you're saying.

Marsha Abell: I don't have access to that information. The City has access to that information.

Councilmember Terry: Right, I know...excuse me. Mr. President...oh. I'm just saying you're stating nine percent less the 20 percent agreed upon contractual?

Marsha Abell: No, no. Our contract, forget the 20 percent. We've completely withdrawn that. We are presenting the budget as is the written agreement with the city and county as it is. So whatever their budget is—

Councilmember Terry: Right, the county is only supposed to do nine percent, is that what you're telling me?

Marsha Abell: That's correct. That is correct.

Councilmember Terry: And we've done in the past, what? What percentage? We don't know?

Marsha Abell: At one point we were paying 13 percent.

Councilmember Terry: Thirteen percent, okay.

Marsha Abell: But in reviewing all of the documents, we find that is incorrect.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I have a question.

President Shetler: Councilman.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So then what we're trying to do is to make sure that we are in accordance with what we're supposed to be doing with our agreement between the city and the county which we have, I am assuming, on all the different departments that are jointly held. So in researching this issue you're saying that you found out that we are to paying nine percent of that total budget and that is what you are requesting?

Marsha Abell: Our legal counsel actually found all of the amendments and the original document and the amendment is the one that increased it from six percent to nine percent. There is no increase ever for anything beyond the nine percent. That is a legal written agreement between the city and the county.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Right, understand. Thank you. So we just need to find that number and be able to plug that in on the 26th of the nine percent.

President Shetler: Actually it can be figured out. All you have to do is take 13 percent of X equals \$46,000 or \$47,000 or whatever that numbers was, \$47,425 and then come back and extrapolate taking that number, taking the nine percent and that should give you your correct—

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. President, our accountant calculated the figure. Joe has got it here.

Joe Gries: This is the joint department budget that the city controller's office put together, the estimated budget for 2013 on this paperwork here for the Human Relations Commission is \$382,347. Nine percent of that would be \$34,411.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thirty-four what?

Joe Gries: \$34,411 is nine percent.

Councilmember Raben: So we've been.

Joe Gries: That's just nine percent of the estimated budget that came from the—

Unidentified: (Inaudible mike not on)

Marsha Abell: Yes, based on the original request.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President.

President Shetler: \$34,411.

Joe Gries: Yes.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: We have a motion for a second to table this until the 26th?

President Shetler: Correct.

Councilmember Bassemier: Is that correct?

President Shetler: That is correct.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm going to have to agree with that on my part. Give our counselor time to look at that—

Councilmember Terry: I agree.

Councilmember Bassemier: --to make sure we are compliant with what they are saying.

President Shetler: Yeah, and actually in effect nothing is actually totally official today anyway. The 26th is the final vote on the budget.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, sir.

President Shetler: Things can be added to or deleted from at that point in time, so this is kind of a first step, but Jeff has a point that he would like to bring up legally.

Jeff Ahlers: I have reviewed the documents that the County Commission attorney obtained from the Auditor and/or City Clerk and nine percent is what they have in the last amendment, so unless there is an interlocal agreement that isn't...as I understand it, a search was made in the Auditor's Office and the City Clerk's Office.

Marsha Abell: And the County Recorder's Office, also.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, so unless there is an agreement after 1987, the 1987 agreement says that it is nine percent for the county and 91 percent for the city.

Marsha Abell: That is correct.

Jeff Ahlers: So unless somebody has a document somewhere that is not where it is supposed to be or can't be located, that is what the document says.

President Shetler: Councilman Koehler Lindsey.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So then if we are to go back to following the agreement, it sounds like there may need to be some adjustment on the city side as well so that we're making sure the percentages are accurate from both sides.

Councilmember Terry: Because I would almost bet that it has changed every year and if we're going to look back at agreements...with joint agreements I think we need to do that across the board as well.

Marsha Abell: The county is in agreement with that. The county is in agreement with that.

President Shetler: As long as it's....yeah, that's fine, I agree.

Councilmember Raben: Or, just throwing this out here, but for simplification today I can amend my motion to set that back in at the requested amount of \$37,940.

Unidentified: (Inaudible, mic not on)

Councilmember Raben: September 26th.

President Shetler: I think it is probably appropriate to leave it as it is that way I think it probably denotes it a little clearer right now that's an issue that needs to be discussed and we need to have final research done on that to make sure that everything is correct on the contracts. And I agree with what Stephanie has brought up that we need to check all the contracts and make sure we are abiding by it in terms according to the terms that are there. I don't know how this kind of slipped beyond folks along the way, but it apparently has. I will tell you though that most all of the contracts are different. I mean, there are some that are 13 and 87. Some

are 76 and 24, so they vary up and down the line depending on the department and for whatever reason the purpose. Some went by population. Some went by comparing the amount of revenue to revenue and some by activity versus activity and all that kind. It's not a whole lot of rhyme and reason when you get down to it, but I will tell you that all of those contracts are different but we just need to make sure that we abide by the contracts as they are stated.

Councilmember Raben: So just for clarification for everybody here, there was an amended motion made to withdraw the original motion and to not take any action today until September 26th, so that basically keeps the line at the \$37,940, no action today. Does my seconder agree to that?

President Shetler: That was Pete. I mean, that way I think it highlights it and then we can double-check our research on it and make sure that's...and then abide by the contract, exactly what it is because I would hate to put the monies...the dollars in there and then by chance by going through this we're not correct on our figure, but that's your call. You made the motion.

Councilmember Raben: So the action we are doing, again, for clarification, amending our motion. The original motion has been removed. We amended a motion to not change anything today, so in effect the line is still at \$37,940.

President Shetler: That is correct. The effect of it would be to remain as it is, but, again, I feel like it is kind of highlighted or asterisk there so that it will make note to come back to it on the 26th so that we can discuss it and have the final results of that at that time.

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. Chairman, since we have excluded this one we can then later vote on everything else that Jim went through, the balance of the book?

Councilmember Raben: We've just extracted that.

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, yeah.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any questions or comments? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes, if we are going to revisit the final vote on September 26th, then I'm in agreement.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri I Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'm going to vote yes with the fact, knowing that we're going to review not only the agreement with Human Relations, but that I think it's prudent for this Council to review all interlocal agreements to make sure that we are treating it fairly and that there are not some other issues and adjustments that need to be made. So, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: That actually, Mr. President, would conclude the budget cuts for today. The actual budget cuts, this is before we make any salary corrections that may not be correct or insurance lines, PERF lines, etc. these cuts today amount to \$515,694. No, excuse me, where we are at today amounts to \$520,179.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Question.

Councilmember Raben: \$520,179.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Koehler Lindsey.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, question on that then, Councilman, with \$520,179 I had a couple of questions. One was the dental clinic is zeroed out at this point, correct?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: But is that something that we are still investigating and looking at the possibility of using some Riverboat once we can acquire a dentist and we're looking at maybe having that done by the 26th?

Councilmember Raben: Based on our budget hearing's conversation, yeah, I guess they are still trying to get their ducks in a row. Once...we don't have to budget anything in Riverboat. That's one of those budgets that we don't have to take any action on during this budget session so once they figure out what they're doing and they complete their mission to find, you know, outside assistance and what have you, then they need to come to us for a proposal and then, yeah, we can do whatever this body wants to do at that point.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay, thank you. And then just a follow-up question, I know and especially pertinent now talking about the city/county things, the city this year had asked for a three percent raise for employees. Is there

anything now with these cuts that we feel like we're going to be able to look at for our employees on the county side?

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry, I was answering a question there. If that was directed at me I wasn't–

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Well, whoever can answer it. I just...as we've discussed here. the city/county agreements and thinking about city versus county, kind of brings the thought to mind that the city is asking for a three percent increase for their employees. I don't think we have anything in there, so I didn't know with these cuts if we were...and I guess I just want to echo thank you to the department heads because they have brought such a great budget in and that's pretty much what we asked them to do. If there was going to be any room for employee cuts, they needed to move some things around so it looks like we've been able to do that. I just wondered where we stood.

Councilmember Raben: I can answer that question for you, and it's, you know, I think it's long overdue, but with these cuts and based on the numbers, the projections for next year, if we follow through with the cuts that we have proposed today we'll be able to set it in at about two and a half percent for county employees.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Is that some change we'll look at for the 26th? We'll get new numbers and that will be approved at that point?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that will be part of the salary amendment that we'll make on September 26th.

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President Shetler: Alright, any other comments or questions? Okay, then I would recommend that we recess the meeting then until September 26th at which time we will reconvene and that meeting will begin at...is it 8:30 or 9:00? Okay, so that meeting will be scheduled at 9:00. We'll take a brief recess and then...oh, just recess. We'll take a brief recess before we begin the next session which is for the Civil Taxing Unit budget's and stuff on the Trustees. So we'll begin here a little bit before 10:00. Thank you.

(The meeting was recessed at 9:46 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Tom Shetler

Vice President James Raben

Angela Koehler Lindsey

Peter Swaim

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES NON-BINDING RECOMMENDATIONS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2012**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 12th day of September, 2012 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Okay, good morning. Just a hair after 10:00 here and I would like to open up the meeting for reviewing the Civil Taxing Unit budget of the Trustees for the various different townships. At this time I would ask for an attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
President Shetler	X	

President Shetler: There being seven members present and none absent there is a quorum and this Council session then is open. I would like to ask Councilman Swaim if he would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Shetler: Okay, thank you. I just might tell all the township folks that the Council is kind of in an ornery mood this morning, so they have been sharpening the knife pretty sharp here and cutting away. Just kidding. First, Armstrong Trustee please.

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Joyce Kron: I'm Joyce Kron, Armstrong Township Clerk. Randy couldn't be here today. He is actually doing his real job. He is attempting to shell corn today. I'm not sure where you want me to start. We put in for our salaries a three percent raise because we just really weren't sure what the Council was going to do and as you know it's easier to lower than it is to raise, once you publish your budget. Our Advisory Board has always gone with whatever the Council decides so we will do that accordingly to whatever it is you determine. The only other increase we have is our Fire Department. So if you have any questions for me.

Councilmember Raben: The only question I've got is, if he is shelling corn today, he is probably finished.

Joyce Kron: Yeah, it doesn't take very long.

President Shetler: Okay. Do we have the history here on that? My question is on the fire. What did we, do you recall what we paid on that last year?

Joyce Kron: I'm sorry?

President Shetler: What was paid on the fire last year?

Joyce Kron: Our budget for 2012, let me pull that out.

Councilmember Raben: \$70,067.

Joyce Kron: We budgeted \$88,348 last year.

President Shetler: Last year?

Joyce Kron: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay, and you spent? You're spending at a rate of that \$88,000 then?

Joyce Kron: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay, that's contractual?

Joyce Kron: Yes.

President Shetler: Is that...does Armstrong contract with—

Joyce Kron: We do, half with German and half with Scott.

President Shetler: Okay, that's what I thought.

Joyce Kron: They each cover half the township.

President Shetler: Okay, so that basically has gone up about four and a half percent, something like that.

Joyce Kron: Yes.

President Shetler: Alright, anybody else have any other questions? I think the salary increase we might be setting in here will probably be about two and a half percent, it appears.

Joyce Kron: Okay, yeah, we generally...well, I shouldn't say generally. We always follow what the Council does.

President Shetler: Right. Okay, alright. Thank you.

Joyce Kron: Thank you.

President Shetler: Guys, I'm sorry, we need to make a motion for approval on the Armstrong Trustee. I didn't know if could do that lump sum.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Question then?

Councilmember Goebel: I would like to amend the salaries be adjusted according to the county salary increase for all townships.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, I can amend the motion to make the salary less or how do we do that?

President Shetler: Probably stated in such a way to say that whatever the Council's recommended salary based on what we do on the 26th as opposed, because we are not positive as to what that's going to be today.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, amend that based on the final budget hearings on the 26th I would like to make the motion that township increases are the same as county employees.

President Shetler: Let me just get this all straight. Those that made the motion and second before, will they withdraw?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, I made the motion and I would be happy to withdraw that first motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Withdraw the second also.

President Shetler: Okay, then I need a second for Mike's motion then.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, it has been moved and seconded. Any questions about that? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

President Shetler: Next would be Center Trustee.

Janice Bentle: Good morning. I'm new at this, so Tiger says hi. He couldn't come because his garage door won't shut and we can't leave the house without having that, so he sent me in his place. We had also a 2.5 percent increase on salaries except for one we increased a little bit more than that, because actually, we needed to add a person, but we didn't do that. Instead we just, you know, gave the money to and we'll work harder, I guess. The only other thing we have going on is we are...we have a fire loan for some property now. They want to build a fire station and we have taken out a loan and we are going to settle that through the Cumulative Fund which that is what that is for. Township Assistance has increased a little bit

just because of the economy and stuff and we are assisting more people all the time. That's really all.

President Shetler: Okay, it appears that your budget has gone up about seven percent overall. The vast majority of that being in the Assistance that is up about ten percent and the Fire which has gone up about four and a half or five percent, I guess, roughly.

Janice Bentle: I know it is quite an increase, but it's just necessary. I wish Tiger was here to speak.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any questions or comments? Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: As far as granting a pay raise for more duties, I mean, that's a little different than we handle here at the county level.

Janice Bentle: Well, we had one we kept the salary very low and we just decided to give it to that person because we weren't going to...we were going to add a person and then we decided not to do that, we just increased the salary on one a little bit more. There are just three of us in there working besides the trustee.

President Shetler: Councilman Terry.

Councilmember Terry: The increase in the Township Assistance, what is the highest level...what services, are you providing more?

Janice Bentle: Vectren and rent, utilities, yes.

Councilmember Terry: Utilities. Okay.

Janice Bentle: A lot more.

Councilmember Terry: And that's mainly. so it's what, not just to get cut off, or is it to get them caught up on past bills?

Janice Bentle: Right, we try to get them through the problem. You know, if they have a disconnect for a certain amount we will help them with that amount, depending on what it is. But I mean, most of the time we try to get them out of the problem and they might be done for the year. But, you know, they have to be on food stamps, that's the first requirement.

Councilmember Terry: Is there, and I just don't know, is there any...are they working?

Janice Bentle: Some of them are and some of them aren't.

Councilmember Terry: And some of them are not.

Janice Bentle: Some of them just aren't making a good amount of money, but they are still qualifying for food stamps so therefore they qualify for everything with us.

Councilmember Terry: Right, okay.

President Shetler: Now usually through the township assistance they are not placed on that in any kind of perpetual way. They are kind of...it's a one or two or three time deal isn't it?

Janice Bentle: Right, it is, it is.

President Shetler: We help you out this month or that.

Janice Bentle: We try to spread it out and there is like certain amounts that we like to reach, but there is incidences that require us to go a little bit more. Otherwise we're not helping them. You know, not helping them get out of the problem.

President Shetler: Right, it's truly an assistance type of program.

Janice Bentle: Yes.

President Shetler: And it's not one where you end up with people that are relying on it month after month.

Janice Bentle: Right, right.

President Shetler: Okay. Other questions or comments? Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I mean, the explanation we have, it doesn't really go into detail about what the salary was and what it has been increased to.

Janice Bentle: Uh, I'll have to look. I can tell you that, just a minute.

Councilmember Goebel: We have the proposal. We don't have last year to compare.

President Shetler: I might point out, there are some differences in township pay levels and they don't, because it is a different taxing district—

Janice Bentle: Right.

President Shetler: --because it doesn't fall within the county itself, but a separate township, that I don't believe, like for example, you guys don't have the step increases that we have in county government.

Janice Bentle: No, we don't.

President Shetler: Some of those kind of longevity, things like that, that are kind of built into our pay system as well. So it's a good question, Councilman Goebel, don't get me wrong. I was just trying to explain a little further that sometimes—

Councilmember Goebel: I understand that, I am just kind of curious as to what the salary was and what it is being increased to.

Janice Bentle: Well, you know what, it's missing on this sheet. I just noticed. No, it's \$31,000 now. It was like \$28,000, I believe.

President Shetler: What would the responsibilities be of that position?

Janice Bentle: Oh my gosh, gosh, she does everything. Input computer, waits on people, does applications, gosh. Anything we need done, we all do, you know. We all help each other.

President Shetler: And without revealing the name, please, how long has that person occupied that position?

Janice Bentle: Seven years.

President Shetler: Okay.

Janice Bentle: I'm sorry, it's longer. It's nine years. Because I am eleven. It's nine years.

President Shetler: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: This isn't a question necessarily for Center, but before everybody leaves, as they finish, just a question for the group. Do any townships pay or reimburse or assist in cell phone services?

Janice Bentle: No.

Councilmember Raben: No, okay.

Janice Bentle: That's a luxury. No.

Councilmember Raben: No. And then the next item, how many townships assist in with dentists, dentistry?

Janice Bentle: With what, I'm sorry?

Councilmember Raben: Dentistry.

Janice Bentle: Ministry?

President Shetler: Dental services.

Janice Bentle: Oh, we do extractions, yeah.

Mary Hart: All of us do emergency extractions.

Janice Bentle: Right.

Councilmember Raben: I'm just, as I am looking at these budgets thinking, you know, if we're assisting or giving financial assistance for dental work, would their funds not be better used going to our dental center at the Health Department, where every township sent their folks to the dental clinic combining those dollars and that would be an additional way to help offset the cost of that operation.

President Shetler: That's an excellent point.

Janice Bentle: Right.

Mary Hart: Excuse me, can I speak, please?

President Shetler: You may.

Councilmember Goebel: You're probably going to.

President Shetler: I don't think I'm going to say no.

Mary Hart: I need to explain to you, in our medical budget when we have dentist/doctors/physicians. Our dental is very minimum to extractions only. That money is used for physicians, specialists. It's not necessarily just that line item for dentists. That includes our doctors, our medical professionals, everything in that line item.

Councilmember Raben: And I understand that, Mary, but just as an example, how much annually do you give out in assistance for extractions?

Mary Hart: Well, I think what you're...we do extractions only and the dental clinic is more of cleaning the teeth and preventive maintenance, and that's not something we do.

Councilmember Raben: I think they do it all.

Mary Hart: Well, they do it all, but we don't. Extractions is all we do.

President Shetler: Right, but they could be directed to do that extraction there.

Councilmember Raben: If you're spending \$10,000 a year for extractions—

Mary Hart: Our medical/dental probably doesn't reach \$2,000 a year. We just don't do that many extractions.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Mary Hart: Our clients don't normally want to come to us and lose their teeth unless they are absolutely in pain.

Councilmember Terry: But it is something to consider because they could receive additional services in addition to the extractions once they become a patient of the clinic.

Mary Hart: Right.

Janice Bentle: We do more because we have the safe house and they want their teeth pulled. Yeah, they want everything.

Councilmember Raben: How much would you say you spend?

Janice Bentle: On extraction, what we spend?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Janice Bentle: Probably \$3,000 a year. Probably more than Mary, but not a large amount.

President Shetler: But if we could recycle that \$10,000, you know, throughout the

whole township system, you could be talking \$10,000. I mean, that's \$10,000 we don't have in the system today.

Janice Bentle: Yeah, we use the Community Dental Center. We refer people there all the time, but they are so hard to get hold of and then it's forever before you get in there because it is free and the doctors do it when they want.

President Shetler: Right. Okay, did I get a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Have we resolved the increase on the one salary? Are we comfortable with that?

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel, that was your question.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, that's what it was, a question. I mean, if they are not hiring another employee that is saving the township those funds, but it kind of goes counter to what we do at this level because we just grant the basic pay raise to everyone across the board.

Janice Bentle: We also have the line item of part-time and other which we never use. We have part-time of \$1,000 and other of \$2,500 that we don't use. It's there for a buffer, but somebody has to be out of work for a while.

President Shetler: But there are times in the county that what we'll do, though, is actually move somebody up to a different job classification because they are taking on more responsibilities and additional work duties so we will increase their pay through reclassification and stuff.

Janice Bentle: Right, it's kind of different with us.

President Shetler: It's different with you guys since you don't have that ability here.

Janice Bentle: Yeah.

President Shetler: The bottom line is you guys are, overall, you're saving some money here.

Janice Bentle: Right.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions on it? Motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It has been moved and seconded. Any questions about it? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Okay, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Janice Bentle: Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Thank you.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

President Shetler: Alright, German Trustee.

Fred Happe: Yes, I'm the German Township Trustee Fred Happe. Things are pretty tough out there, but the budget, I am basically asking for a three percent overall. We do have an \$80,000 fire loan for the emergency fire loan and last year we couldn't meet our contractual agreement with the fire department, which we are very fortunate they worked with us and we'll be probably applying this year for another loan. Loans have to be paid off yearly, so it's not building on the loan itself. The loan will be paid off and then we'll go into another loan cycle. Naturally, the assistance is up and that's pretty well the general scope of things.

President Shetler: Okay, I mean it looks like it's excessive, about a 60% increase.

Fred Happe: On the—

President Shetler: On your budget bottom line.

Fred Happe: On the overall?

President Shetler: Correct. Fire is not, I mean, it's about 45--

Fred Happe: Yeah, well, we're asking for that, but we were way short last year. Like I said, I had to make a \$40,000 or an \$80,000 loan, too.

President Shetler: Is that an annual contract?

Fred Happe: Yes.

President Shetler: And when does it begin and end?

Fred Happe: January 1.

President Shetler: And you know now that the contract is for \$192,000?

Fred Happe: Well, we won't...we're asking for that, but we'll be lucky if we come in, I'm gonna say, \$160,000. I don't know exactly. The, well, it's just, we're going to be way short, I know that on everything.

President Shetler: What kind of...apparently if you're borrowing then for operating, there are no reserves left?

Fred Happe: No, there are no reserves left.

President Shetler: Because obviously the revenue stream isn't going to be enough to come up with half a million dollars.

Fred Happe: No, it won't. That's why I say, we're asking for a lot and hoping for a little. You can look at the balances and everything, which we just don't have it. Our overall assessments out there, property values, they have dropped by, I think, we were like \$252,000,000 and we were up to around one time up to about, you can correct me, about \$265,000,000 or \$270 at one time. Our assessed values have just gone down.

President Shetler: I don't know if this is a question for Joe or Jeff, but legally can we pass a budget that is not balanced, that is in deficit?

Jeff Ahlers: I guess the question is whether it exceeds...you're saying that would exceed their ability to obtain a tax levy for, you mean?

President Shetler: Correct.

Jeff Ahlers: I mean, I think if we don't reduce it, I think the state will.

Fred Happe: Well, yeah, the state will reduce it to their approved...am I right, Joe?

Joe Gries: Yeah, the maximum levy, if a taxing unit goes above that, the state will reduce that. Again, the Council is doing a non-binding review, you know, of their budget and their levy. So if the Council feels that they want to reduce that and enter that as part of their review they can do that as well.

President Shetler: Okay.

Joe Gries: And you would probably want to make that part of the motion.

President Shetler: Alright. Since I am not in the position to make a motion –

Councilmember Raben: Well, my–

President Shetler: It's going to get done one way or the other.

Councilmember Raben: Knowing that the state has a final review and makes the final decision I am going to make a motion to approve the budget.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Yeah, let me just clarify real quickly on that. Did you put in there a three percent increase in salaries as well?

Fred Happe: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay.

Fred Happe: I think my salary is 14 and I think the clerical, which she handles, is around 13, with no benefits, let me add that. No insurance, no retirement funds.

President Shetler: Do you want to–

Councilmember Raben: I thought we made that standard motion at the beginning of the meeting? Was that not a—

Councilmember Goebel: Yeah, that was comprehensive, so I think that's automatic that we would like to reduce it back to 2.5.

Fred Happe: That's fine. It's no problem.

President Shetler: I think we were setting those in really at, depending on what we were going to do—

Councilmember Goebel: On the 26th, I'm sorry.

President Shetler: To be determined.

Councilmember Goebel: We're hoping for 2.5.

President Shetler: Alright, so we have a motion and a second and we've cleared up some of those other issues that are out there. Anybody have any questions or comments? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Fred Happe: Thank you.

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

President Shetler: Next, Knight Township.

Kathryn Martin: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning. It appears that your bottom line is—

Kathryn Martin: Great.

President Shetler: Yeah. About two and a half percent. So that looks pretty good. Most all the rest of the lines appear to be fine. You contract, basically, with the city now?

Kathryn Martin: Yes.

President Shetler: On fire?

Kathryn Martin: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay. Well, you've done a good job. You've brought it back.

Actually, in pretty short order you did it, so it's a lot to be said. Anybody have any questions or comments? Motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Motion moved and seconded. All in—

Councilmember Goebel: Did you factor in a pay raise, I guess, just out of curiosity?

Kathryn Martin: I did not for myself. I did for two employees and then one employee has only been there for six months, so I did the straight two percent for my two employees.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Question, your Chief Deputy—

Kathryn Martin: Yes?

Councilmember Raben: In comparison to, as an example, Perry, it's about, I don't know, about 20 percent higher. How long has the Chief Deputy been there?

Kathryn Martin: Those were numbers we had taken from the previous administration. We all walked in at the same time so we didn't reduce the salary. She is a full-time employee and we have over 67,000 residents in Knight Township. A lot of it is factoring in how much work she has to do.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. My guess is we look at the prior trustee had been there for 20 years and those employees had been there for 20 years, you know to walk in fresh with new people and assume those old levels, you know that's not the way we do it here for sure. I mean, you know, there is...we've got our system and you come in under the basic introductory rate and with time it grows, but I don't know. It doesn't seem logical to me.

President Shetler: Good point. Alright, anybody else have other questions? Okay, we have a motion on the floor. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries. Thank you.

Kathryn Martin: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

President Shetler: Alright, next Perry Township.

Rick Riney: Hello, Rick Riney, Perry Township Trustee. We've got a three percent raise in ours, too, for employees and that's not myself. None for me. Township Assistance, that went up a little bit because of insurance and one employee took insurance this year and she hasn't in the past. Then one of the fire items went up and that's for gas, extra runs and one of them went down. So overall our budget went up 2.6 total.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

President Shetler: Its been moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Anybody have any questions or comments? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

Rick Riney: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PIGEON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

President Shetler: Next, Pigeon Trustee.

Mary Hart: Good morning, Mary Hart.

President Shetler: Morning.

Mary Hart: We have a two percent pay increase in our budget and everything else is pretty much the same as it was last year. A few increases in the Township Assistance, but our caseload has almost doubled.

Councilmember Goebel: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Shetler: It has been moved and seconded. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Alright, motion carries.

Mary Hart: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SCOTT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

President Shetler: Scott, not quite last. Maybe next year we will have to change the order of this.

Bob Harris: There you go. I'm Bob Harris, Scott Township Trustee.

President Shetler: It's not quite fair. Year after year you end up having to be near the last.

Bob Harris: The last 35, I've been close to the last.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Other than Fire is way up or it appears to be way up.

Bob Harris: Yes. Three years ago I got a SAFER Grant from FEMA for \$1,200,000 to hire new employees and I hired six new firemen. With the growth we have in Scott Township, the new school and everything, I felt like I couldn't protect the township with two people on duty during the day and we're a little better off at night, but during the day we just don't have a lot of people to respond to fires. In that grant after the third year, I have to start picking up the salaries for five years. This next year I am going to have to borrow \$200,000 as an operating expense. A loan for operations. Next year it's going to be \$400,000. We have to do that or we have to pay FEMA back the \$1.2. Now I've gone to the state three times asking them to increase my levy so I can pay this, the salaries of these firemen, and they said they couldn't raise the tax, but they said borrow the money and we'll give you the next year money to pay that back. I said, how long should I do this, and they said indefinitely. They said if I reneged on getting employees they would give me the \$1,200,000 to pay FEMA back. It's just stupid. So I'm between a rock and a hard place with the number of housing increases we have out there for the new school and I think the Council approved a TIF for the new flour mill plant that is going out in the VIP Park. That's one of the most dangerous industries we have. We have fires at Azteca all the time.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any questions? The ambulance service, Bob, that you guys have out there, how does that coordinate with the county's ambulance provider that we have?

Bob Harris: We make more runs for them than they make for us.

President Shetler: So you guys...are they really...are they doing much service at all in Scott Township?

Bob Harris: None.

President Shetler: You guys are really bearing the brunt of all of that?

Bob Harris: We make ambulance runs in all of Armstrong, all of Scott and all of Darmstadt.

President Shetler: And Armstrong contracts with you to do that?

Bob Harris: Contracts with us.

President Shetler: And the City or Town of Darmstadt as well?

Bob Harris: Yes.

President Shetler: Okay. Is that revenue projected in here somewhere?

Bob Harris: Yes. Right now I have, as we speak, we have two ambulances on duty in Scott. When AMR doesn't have an ambulance, we make their runs in Evansville. We made a run last week south of Lincoln Avenue because they didn't have an ambulance available. We made a run for the Evansville Police Department at 41 and Lynch Road because they waited 35 minutes for an ambulance and couldn't get one, so EPD requested our ambulance and we made that run.

President Shetler: Do you get reimbursed—

Bob Harris: No.

President Shetler: --by the city. You're not getting reimbursed?

Bob Harris: No, it's mutual aid.

President Shetler: You and I discussed a couple of years ago—

Bob Harris: Last year, you're getting old, Tom.

President Shetler: I am. About the possibility and just, the numbers weren't working out for either one of us, it didn't seem like.

Bob Harris: No.

President Shetler: Of Scott, you know, looking at taking on, you know, more responsibility in the county.

Bob Harris: I think all the volunteer fire departments in Vanderburgh County are hurting and hurting badly. I see no way of us going, our fire department, to accommodate that growth that we're having without doing something. I'm ready to do almost anything.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Other than, you know, the Commissioners, and we fund that line within their budget for them.

President Shetler: We do.

Councilmember Raben: For ambulance service. Have these problems been addressed with the County Commissioners?

Bob Harris: At one time.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Bob Harris: What happened is that when we took over the ambulance service out there, they dropped us from the county contract, but didn't lower the contract to AMR, so the contract amount stayed the same even though they were making a third less runs.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, 35 minutes is excessive. Anything over 10 minutes, I guess, would be excessive.

Bob Harris: We were getting 25 to 45 minute response times.

President Shetler: Well, and we're paying about a quarter of a million dollars in that vicinity. I'm not sure exactly what that number is, can't put my finger on it at the moment, but I want to say it's in that number that we're paying.

Bob Harris: We make more runs in the City of Evansville than what AMR does for us. We have called them a few times.

Councilmember Swaim: Bob, the guys that man the ambulances out there, they're not also the same two guys that would have to grab a pumper?

Bob Harris: Yes.

Councilmember Swaim: They are?

Bob Harris: They are.

Councilmember Swaim: Well, that's of great concern and there are a couple of fellows here in the room that are knowledgeable about fire service and it's certainly all about response time, so that concerns me quite a bit.

Bob Harris: With the two crews on duty now, what usually happens is one takes an ambulance and the other takes a pumper. Now we have, I have two stations manned every day. Our main station on Baseline Road, they're there every day. Then I have the other crew, they alternate between Daylight and Darmstadt. They are at Darmstadt odd number days and Daylight even number days.

President Shetler: Bob, when you say the shared responsibilities on the ambulance service when there is...when AMR, when they come out to service someone in the county in an accident of some sort or whatever it might be, they will bill the individual?

Bob Harris: No, I don't think so. Oh, yeah, yes, they bill the individual, yes.

President Shetler: So do you...but you don't bill the individual when you run into the city? I mean, somebody is obviously doing that. Somebody is sending that \$600 invoice.

Bob Harris: I'm not sure of that, Tom. I really, you know—

President Shetler: To me, it's worth checking into, though.

Bob Harris: Yeah.

President Shetler: I mean, it's not going to help this kind of deficit, but if you're doing this a couple times a month or so, I mean, you're talking 15 or \$20,000 here anyway.

Bob Harris: We had an incident with AMR out in Melody Hills where they didn't have an ambulance available. We got there, loaded the patient, was about to put him in the truck when AMR showed up and they took the patient because they said it was in their contract area.

President Shetler: In my business when we do that, we get at least an origin services fee for it or something, so you would think you would get something for preparation and the rest of the stuff that you get into.

Bob Harris: They don't like to share.

President Shetler: Well, we definitely have an issue. We have an issue on service, number one, because I don't think our county people are being served well by the system except for what you guys are doing.

Bob Harris: Yeah, I think our people are being served quite well.

President Shetler: I think what you guys are doing—

Bob Harris: We usually have a seven minute response time anywhere in Armstrong—

President Shetler: Right, but we're not getting our money's worth out of this \$225,000.

Bob Harris: That's up to you guys. You know, I have a hard enough time running mine.

President Shetler: From what I am seeing right now, I'm questioning that part of it. But, you know, I think we deserve for that money, better service and I think we need to really investigate what is the best way for us to go for our county operation on ambulance services. And really, if it wasn't for you guys and what you are doing for Armstrong, for Scott, Darmstadt and helping out from time to time, I know in German and all the rest of the areas and stuff that you guys, McCutchanville, Center Out —

Bob Harris: We do a lot of runs for McCutchanville and for German because AMR just doesn't have the ambulances.

President Shetler: Right.

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. President.

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Swaim: I was going to say maybe we could get some average response times from the dispatch center for AMR for some period of time, say a

month or a quarter or whatever, just to see what the average times ends up being.

President Shetler: And how often they respond to them versus, you know, what these guys are responding to them.

Councilmember Swaim: Exactly.

President Shetler: I think we need to find out if we are getting our money's worth there. Alright. Okay, did we get a motion? Okay, I need a motion for approval.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Any questions? Thank you very much. Well, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered. Thank you very much, Bob, appreciate the information.

Bob Harris: I appreciate your concern, too. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

President Shetler: Okay, next, Union. You probably want us to switch the order next year, as well.

Joe Steinkamp: Union Township, Joe Steinkamp. Switch the order if you like, I can go back to shelling corn then.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of the budget.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, I've got a motion for approval, got a second. Anybody got any questions? That's the advantage of going last.

Joe Steinkamp: There are advantages, that's fine.

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

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Okay, motion carries. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Basically, no increase there. Like 1.4 percent.

President Shetler: The reason why that went through very quickly is that was basically a flat lined budget.

Councilmember Goebel: I do have one question, Mr. President.

President Shetler: Yes, Mike.

Councilmember Goebel: Who will verify, will that be the Auditor, that the pay raises will coincide with the county recommendation? That they will be adjusted before they are sent off?

President Shetler: Go ahead.

Teri Lukeman: The Council president will have to sign the Property Tax Budget Review form and have to make a written recommendation on this form, so before you leave today we'll work that out.

Joe Gries: But I think you're asking if the changes, like if someone had a three percent increase, was it changed to two and a half percent. That information is entered into the state's database. I don't know that we have access to that.

(Inaudible comments)

Joe Gries: We will definitely try to look into that.

Bob Harris: Most trustees living are outside of the city of Evansville, we're actually part-time. I don't think any of us serve full-time. A two percent increase in my salary would amount to about \$200. A five percent would be about \$500. I know a few years back, the county was strapped and they said, ok, we're just going to give everybody a \$500 raise. Well, I was ecstatic because that's more than I would get otherwise, but then the Council looked at our salaries and they cut the trustees down to two percent, so I got a \$189 increase that year. So, you know, a percentage increase doesn't help those of us in the lower end of the scale. You know, we've been living by a percentage increase for years now, at least five. My Board, we had our public meeting last night and my board thought that our percentage should be higher.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, we will take that under advisement.

Bob Harris: Thank you.

President Shetler: Motion for adjournment would be in order.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. We'll see everybody back here on the 26th. And now we have for those that are involved in it, Personnel Finance or whatever it

is, next. Alright, thank you.

(The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Tom Shetler

Vice President James Raben

Angela Koehler Lindsey

Peter Swaim

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
FINAL BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 26th day of September, 2012 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good morning. Sorry for a little bit of the delay here, but we’ve had a pretty heavy agenda thus far. I would like to open the meeting for the final budget hearings. First I would like to call roll, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
President Shetler	X	

President Shetler: There being seven members present and none absent, we have a quorum. I would like at this time to ask Councilman Bassemier to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)

DENTAL CLINIC

President Shetler: At this time, I guess, a couple of things I would like to point out here. First, I have been in a little bit of negotiations on the dental clinic and the Health Department has done a good job of kicking the football there in good playing position, and I have met with a couple of the different groups and I would like to make this suggestion to at least members of Council. Primarily, we have spent about 100 -- 125,000 dollars a year in contributions and that’s the way it was originally set up, and then we had others who also came to the table with us, two other parties. Where we’re heading now is a possibility of having four or five people at that table. I don’t really want to get involved in announcing exactly who those groups might be, but there are at least four or five that are interested in coming to the table and offering a substantial contribution to the program. Instead of having a three-legged stool that can easily collapse if one of those legs falls off like we had before, we’ll be in a situation here where we’re going to be dealing with a five-legged or perhaps even a six-legged stool or table here that’s going to be very stable and having a very solid platform to work from, and I think this is good for our community, it’s good for the people that we are going to be served through the dental clinic to know that there’s some stability here by having more than just one or two or three people involved in this. It’s good for our taxpayers and it ensures that the taxpayers won’t have to come up with any more than the amount that we might set in because of having more partners come to the table. So I would like, by show of hands, I guess, because we’re not in any kind of a position to do that, and we have a little bit of time here because of this coming out of our Riverboat funds, that I guess whether

you would give me the permission to carry forward with it, and we're going to need cooperation as well with the Commissioners, but to continue on with negotiations on that to a tune of between 100 and 125,000 dollars is what we're looking to try to work out. So I guess what I'm asking at this time, I'd be glad to answer any questions, but I don't really want to reveal any specifics of people or groups at this time so as not to endanger any talks that are going on. But I would like to see any kind of support or opposition that you might have to that particular project. So anyway, any questions or comments? Yes, Angela?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Thank you for taking the initiative to do that. I think that's great news and it sounds like we're looking at a situation that's going to benefit the citizens and it sounds like some of the agencies involved maybe are going to be in a good place to help our citizens. So I would certainly be in favor of it. If there's anything I can assist with as the Health Department liaison, please let me know.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, Angela. And there will be. Yes, Stephanie?

Councilmember Terry: Oh yes, I definitely want to still say that I am strongly in support of what we can do for keeping that dental clinic open and glad to hear that there's some interested parties in it. I think it just shows that there is true value in that private/public partnership and that we need to continue to foster those relationships and hopefully do that in other areas as well.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: And your concentration on keeping the clinic open, not worrying about it closing down, I think is an excellent avenue to take. So, yes, I'm in support as well.

President Shetler: One of the groups would have the ability to bring federal funding to the table as well, in addition to some of the private that we're talking about, so that will probably require this project to get delayed until maybe the first of February, that could be a real drawback here, but at least when it's up and running we will have a very stable platform in which to go forward, and I think that's really the key. And the people in the community will be able to count on that service and not be in a situation where it's open one day and closed the next, open a few days later, on and off. So yes, Ed?

Councilmember Bassemier: Tom, I fully support it and I can just think back, you know, and we all can think back when we had a toothache, and wouldn't it be terrible if we couldn't get it taken care of and had to suffer? So, of course, when I grew up, it was the last thing my mother wanted to do, go to a dentist, but I think it's wonderful that we can continue this program. So I support it.

President Shetler: It's the last thing I wanted to do, too, was go to the dentist with a toothache or anything. Yes, anybody else? Alright, so it looks like we have at least a clear majority and sentiment here to proceed forward. I will do that and I will keep you all abreast on the progress that we're making. So that's how I wanted to kind of start that part off with. The second then is that this is the final budget hearing and the purpose is to complete the adoption of our budget and establish the salaries of all the employees, benefits and also to recommend to the state what would be the proposed tax rate. I will basically be recognizing only members of Council, and after the Finance Chairman has pretty well done his responsibilities and duties that he

needs to go through, we will open it to the floor, generally speaking. Now, I know that there are some people here that have some questions about a couple of specific departments so we will relax those rules a little bit on specific departments or whatever when it comes up. But I would like to ask you that we not repeat the comments, first, and that, secondly, we keep those comments brief and to the point because most of things we have hashed out somewhat before at other forums. So I would appreciate that. At the last meeting we did have a situation where...well, I just would like to ask that we follow a very courteous, polite decorum here and not name calling or pointing fingers or anything of that nature. We all have different opinions and we need to respect that and not become personal about those, so I would appreciate if we could keep that in mind as well. Without any further delay I would like to call on Councilman Raben to do his part here.

2013 SALARY ORDINANCE FICA AND PERF
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. Good morning to everyone. First we will start out, well, I would like to mention, the salary ordinance that we are going to vote on today includes a two and a half percent increase for all full-time county employees. So with that being said, I'm going to move that all salaries and rates as listed in the salary ordinance book be approved and ask that this be made part of the record. Also with this motion I would like to move that all FICA and PERF be adjusted accordingly and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second, Mr. Chairman.

President Shetler: Okay, it has been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions or comments about the salary ordinance? If not, then we will take a roll call vote on that please

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Bassemier: Tom, I'm sorry, question. No part of that is the Airport?

President Shetler: No.

Councilmember Bassemier: It's not part of the Airport, I didn't think it is.

President Shetler: No, no. We dealt with that at the last meeting. Right.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay. I knew it was, but I just wanted to make it clear.

EXHIBITS A - H

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next within this same booklet in the back section is Exhibits A through H. I'll move that Exhibits A through H be approved and make that in the form of a motion.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any questions about the motion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven members for and no members opposed, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LIST A POSITION TITLE CHANGES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next all Councilmembers have a listing of salary and position title changes from the book and that is List A that is before you. I'll move that we approve List A and ask that it be entered into the record.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about that motion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes, no nays, the motion carries.

LIST B ADDITIONAL CHANGES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President, I am going to go a little bit out of the norm here. Next, all Councilmembers have been given a list of additional add-ins or cuts which is List B that everyone has been provided. I'll first ask if there are any questions or any discussion on these items.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: No questions? Okay. Mr. President, I will move that List A be approved and also asked that it be entered into the record.

President Shetler: List B?

Councilmember Raben: List B, I apologize.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

Councilmember Terry: Can we break out the Human Relations?

Councilmember Raben: Sure.

Councilmember Terry: Alright.

Councilmember Raben: Would you like to suggest an amendment and I'll be glad to make a breakout.

Councilmember Terry: Make it as a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I made a motion and there is a second.

Councilmember Terry: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: If you want to ask me to pull something out—

Councilmember Terry: Would you make that amendment to pull that out and let us do that separate?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, account 10001300-350000, I'll withdraw from my prior motion. All other items on List B as listed.

Councilmember Swaim: I'll concur and second.

President Shetler: Okay, anything else? Any other exceptions to the motion? Okay, all – no, better do roll call. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

President Shetler: Now we'll deal with that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, on account 10001300-350000, which is Human Relations, set in at \$34,411. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second to get it on the table.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Questions? Comments? I'm going to let Councilmembers go first with a few questions and then I do have cards up here from at least three different people who would like to speak to this as well.

Councilmember Raben: I might just, real quick, make a comment that \$34,411 represents the figure given to us by the County Commissioners, that represents our contractual nine percent.

President Shetler: Okay. Any other...any questions or comments? Okay, I open it up then to the floor. Comments from Mr. Wayne Parke.

Wayne Parke: Thank you for this opportunity to address you.

President Shetler: Excuse me a minute, Wayne. Let me explain the procedure a little bit. What we do is, if everybody could announce their name and then their address as they come forward to the podium for the record.

Wayne Parke: Okay. My name is Wayne Parke and I live at 5415 Winthrop Court in Evansville, Indiana. I thank you for the opportunity to address you and want to support the recommendation of holding the amount of money to the HRC to the contractual amount. I think that is the proper thing to do. I also believe that it should be a clear message back to the HR Executive Director and the HRC Board that they should relook and reexamine how they are conducting business. Some of the examples that have happened here in the recent past of bringing up things with people who do not fall within it, religious affiliated people or organizations such as the Rescue Mission, St. Mary's, the Girl Scouts and all that kind of stuff are things that have been misguided. Things have kind of gotten off track, so hopefully taking this action here, reducing the amount of money from the previous year, will be a clear message that the Board and Executive Director need to relook at what their priorities are. Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Next is from Mr. Glen Kissel.

Councilmember Raben: Can I make a comment while we're waiting for Mr. Kissel to come forward?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: You know, when we state that our contractual amount is nine percent, it would be my understanding that the city has not been paying their 91 percent, so when it's all said and done, when they adjust their 91 percent, the hope would be, this actually isn't a cut in anything. It's just we're fixing what has not been right, so their 91 percent, it is quite possible they have only been paying 88 percent.

President Shetler: Right, correct. Yes, sir. Mr. Kissel, and name and address.

Glen Kissel: Yes, Glen Kissel, 3528 Brickyard Court, Evansville, Indiana. Thank you members of the County Council. It's good to be here today. I, and many, Vanderburgh County taxpayers are outraged by the misbehavior of the Evansville-Vanderburgh Human Relations Commission. We wonder why is even a single dime of our tax dollars being spent on that commission. Let me explain with a few examples. Recently, just two months ago, the Human Relations Commission pursued an investigation of the Evansville Rescue Mission, a non-profit faith based organization, despite the fact that the Human Relations Commission has no jurisdiction over the Evansville Rescue Mission in the matter. In fact, the Evansville Rescue Mission had warned the HRC that they had no jurisdiction. This did not stop the Human Relations Commission after having had the case for nearly three years, from sending an investigator who then told the Evansville Rescue Mission that they could pay some money to make this case go away. To many of us, this sounds like an extortion attempt. An attempt to shakedown a non-profit faith based organization over which the Human Relations Commission has no jurisdiction, which they finally admitted at the end of August. They actually do not have any jurisdiction after having had the case for three years. The Evansville Rescue Mission has asked for an apology from the Human Relations Commission. I think the Evansville Rescue Mission deserves an apology from the Human Relations Commission, but this is not the first time the Human Relations Commission has abused its authority. Two years ago, the Human Relations Commission pursued complaints against the non-profit faith based St. Mary's Medical Center in court and at the same time against the non-profit Girl Scouts, only to have the case dismissed in March of 2011 by a Vanderburgh County Superior Court Judge precisely because the Human Relations Commission does not have jurisdiction over these non-profit entities. Only then did the Human Relations Commission drop the case against the Girl Scouts. Remember, many non-profits can't afford lawyers to defend themselves in court. Indeed, this very judge, a couple of weeks ago, was astonished to learn that the Human Relations Commission would go after, again, a non-profit entity like the Evansville Rescue Mission just a year and a half after that judge had ruled that the HRC was forbidden to go after non-profits in that St. Mary's case. To make matters worse, County Councilors, last December 20th at this very lectern, the Human Relations Commission represented to the County Commission that the HRC couldn't go after religious institutions. They said so in an attempt to manipulate the County Commission, to add protected classes not even included in the Indiana Civil Rights Act. Essentially, the Human Relations Commission announced to the community that we should trust them, that they would not go after non-profit faith based institutions. This latest attempt to shake down the Evansville Rescue Mission, a non-profit religious institution serving the poor in our community confirms that we cannot trust the Human Relations Commission. The Girl Scouts, St. Mary's Medical

Center, the Evansville Rescue Mission, shouldn't it be three strikes and you're out? I could go on and on, but I know I don't have the time here, President Shetler. Again, I ask, with this kind of record, why is the Human Relations Commission getting a single dime of taxpayer dollars? Now, I understand that there is an interlocal agreement for funding the Human Relations Commission, and that interlocal agreement needs to be terminated as soon as you can. Taxpayers should not be on the hook to finance this broken Human Relations Commission. Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you. Okay, I have another card here from Mr. Frank Peterlin.

Frank Peterlin: Frank Peterlin, 4701 Big Cynthiana Road. Thank you very much for your time today. I do appreciate your service on the County Council. I'm here to support our County Commissioners' request to reduce the Human Relations Commission budget for 2013. I support Mr. Glen Kissel's testimony today. Its purpose is to make your decision to reduce the HRC budget easy and confident. Mr. Kissel has attended many of the HRC board meetings. He has studied their minutes, requested their financials and carefully analyzed them to find an HRC board completely out of control and acting far outside its legal mandate and jurisdiction. To make this situation worse, this unelected HRC board is not accountable to the elected bodies which appoint it. The HRC acts as both judge and jury in weighty and important matters of city, county, state and federal civil rights law. As is common and customary when appointed boards lose their way, I call for the resignation and replacement of the entire HRC board with a majority of local elected members on the board. Our mayor, Lloyd Winnecke, recently said we've just got larger budget priorities. The mayor is correct. Our economy is at the bottom of a depression, poised at a fiscal cliff and waiting for the next double-dip recession to begin. Our local government has cut and recut the budget, even cutting tooth extraction for the poor and indigent, yet our Human Relations Commission spends \$500,000 wastefully and unaccountably. Thank you for your time.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Any other comments, questions? Yes, Diane.

Diane Clements: Good morning. My name is Diane Clements, I'm the Director of the Human Relations Commission. Thank you for the opportunity. We have been informed that the County Commissioners would like to now enforce the interlocal agreement that calls for a nine percent allocation from the County Commissioners towards the Human Relations Commission's budget. It seems as though the current allocation, which is the 87/13 split, has been in existence for, from what we understand, almost 20 years. Our question is, why now? Why is this now being enforced? We think that there is somewhat of an addendum to this agreement that occurred sometime in past years that we would like for this body to investigate to see if, in fact, that addendum exists and if not, I would ask that you consider past practice, the practice that has been put in place and that is funding us at 13 percent and not nine percent. That's my first issue. I think some of the other comments, I don't think it's really appropriate to comment on. These are really legal matters and they involve charging parties and we just think that we'd like to protect the integrity of that process, but again we have been advised, we have a legal person that is assigned to us by the city that advises us on matters, and again, they are somewhat complicated, that I don't think has been accurately discussed here this morning. We have talked about these matters with the Indiana Civil Rights Commission and, in fact, these areas are gray a lot of times. What has been presented here is not an accurate portrayal of what takes place at the Human Relations Commission. I am

not surprised. We have had to answer many inquiries for the past several months and this has come on the heels of passing or changing the ordinance to add sexual orientation and gender identity. This has provoked some individuals in the community to target us with inaccurate information. I go back to Ms. Jackie LaGrone who was my mentor, someone that I spoke to when I started this job and she reminded me that the Human Relations Commission was the second office to move into the Civic Center after, I think, the Mayor's office, and I think that speaks to this city's commitment to equal opportunity. I think that it's really a sad day that we would have to defend ourselves in this way when we are really there to help the citizens of our community.

President Shetler: Let me just clarify. Let me just kind of clarify one thing and just echo what Councilman Raben had said earlier. There is really no change in the overall budget operation, it's just a matter of how it is being divvied up, if you will, being split and that my guess would be that if the city is, you know, feeling as if that is an incorrect percentage that they would be the ones coming forward because they are the ones that are going to have to make up that difference as it stands today.

Diane Clements: Okay.

President Shetler: You know, unless they don't have the wherewithal and decide to make that cut in the budget. So I just wanted to make that point clear here. I do have a question, though.

Diane Clements: Yes.

President Shetler: Of the roughly half a million dollar budget, is there any money, I mean, is all the money that you have staying in Vanderburgh County? Do we ever spend that money in other communities?

Diane Clements: There have been isolated...one isolated instance that I can recall and that was a state conference that was held by the Indiana Consortium of State and Local Human Rights Agencies and there was a sponsorship with that particular city which is Terre Haute. And with that sponsorship, we were able to send our staff and our commissioners to the training. That was part of the sponsorship is that you would be able to send so many individuals to the training. That was the only sponsorship that went, that I am aware of, that went outside of Vanderburgh County.

President Shetler: And when was that held?

Diane Clements: That was probably maybe three or four years ago.

President Shetler: So is that the only training that they get or the rest of the training you get is local training?

Diane Clements: That is a great opportunity for a regional training. There are other trainings that occur. The EEOC National Training Conference as well as the International Association, but the state conference is more affordable and it allows our folks to – more folks to attend that than would be able to travel to the other training opportunities.

President Shetler: Okay, I'm going to go back to the first point that I made and maybe I just ask the question directly to our attorney and stuff because we asked them to get involved and to try to track it down, even though it may end up costing

the county taxpayers money, but we did ask them to track down as much as they could to see if there was any kind of addendum to that original contract. I know there was an addendum to the original, but to a subsequent contract that was redone in the 80s, so I'll call upon Jeff Ahlers to explain his research and what he has found.

Jeff Ahlers: There has been, and I think we alluded to this at the last meeting, that the Auditor's Office, the County Commissioner's Office, everyone has made a diligent search and the latest agreement we can find is the 1987 agreement which calls for the nine percent obligation. I did reach out to your attorney, Mr. Kent, sent him all of the agreements that were found and asked him if there were any other agreements or addendums as you suggested, and he is not aware of any. So as far as all of the public records and anything that we are able to search, that 1987 agreement is the last one we've been able to locate. As I did reach out to your attorney, if you or anyone has another agreement, obviously, whatever legal agreements we have, you know, we would say, obviously, should be followed and we would be happy to look at it, but that is where things stand. So if you know of any other documents, I mean, please let us know, but that's the only one that anyone and any public official has been able to locate, is the 1987 document is the last one.

Diane Clements: Okay.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions or comments? Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Does that document, is there a term or anything on that? Do you just recall? I didn't know if there was or if it just goes on forever.

Councilmember Bassemier: Tom, I've got a question while he is looking that up. Oh, I'm sorry.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, yeah, Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Off the subject...not off the subject, but on a different page, can we get a reimbursement back from the city since we overpaid on our contract? I'm just asking.

President Shetler: Does the statute of limitations fall into this?

Jeff Ahlers: If you would like me to check into that I can. I guess it is one of those things—

(Inaudible comment)

Jeff Ahlers: --well, the county can certainly make that request and see where it goes from there if that's what your pleasure is, and I can get with the county attorney and see if they want to do that. I think the question that was posed was on the 1987 amendment, which is the last one we had, the Human Relations interlocal agreement, it runs on cycles of three years and I'm told by the county attorney that the current three year renewal period under the 1987 amendment runs to December 14, 2014. So that's the cycle that we're on, and then it just continues unless there is some amendment or termination of it, it would continue to run on that cycle and automatically renew.

Councilmember Swaim: Counselor, just a quick question. Where are those kinds

of records kept, and who is the custodian, and where did you have to go to find that?

Jeff Ahlers: These records that would be passed by...the records that are passed and adopted by the County Commissioners and County Council, the Auditor's office stores those records. Records that would have been passed by the City Council and the Mayor would be stored in the City Clerk's office. The county attorney has approached both the Auditor and the City Clerk and that is the most recent document we could find. Out of an abundance of caution from the last meeting that we had here, I reached out to Mr. Kent, the Human Relations Commission's attorney just to make sure that there isn't something somewhere or that someone else has, and sent him the documents that we have and said this is all we could find and if you have anything else, please let us know or we'll assume that what we've located in the public records is all that exists.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you.

President Shetler: Councilman Koehler.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Mr. Ahlers, so just a couple of things, the agreement itself states that the three year renewal is just an automatic time frame that goes with this agreement?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes, it just automatically renews unless either of the parties, the city or the county, would send a termination notice or notice for it to not be renewed, or if the parties would enter into an agreement whereby they would amend any of the terms in the agreement which could be the allocation of funding or any of the other terms.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And so I am hearing you say that your advice to us is that we do abide by what is our legal and binding agreement, with the city paying their percentage and us paying the nine percent?

Jeff Ahlers: According to the contract, the nine percent allocation is what our obligation would be and we have agreements for a reason and so my advice would be to comply with those agreements. If there is going to be a change of allocation, of course there is a process by which you can go about doing that to change that, but currently there is an agreement for the current allocation.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And then just one final thing, have we had a chance yet to investigate our other agreements with the agencies that are joint city/county departments? You know, we may find the city owes us more money somewhere else, too.

Jeff Ahlers: I've not had any other agreements brought to my attention to review. I see Commissioner Abell coming to the podium so maybe she can respond to that.

Marsha Abell: Ms. Lindsey, I can answer that question.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, yes please.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell, County Commissioner. Yes, Mr. Harrison has pulled all of the agreements and is currently looking at all of them. So far, from first blush, it doesn't appear that any of the rest of them are out of order.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you, so he has had a chance to preliminarily pull all the other agreements?

Marsha Abell: He has them in his office, yes he does.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Alright, thank you.

Marsha Abell: I would like to point out if there is any change to be made up or down from the agreement as it is written, the legal binding agreement, if you wish to supplement it, that is certainly your decision. However, for us to actually do as a contract, we have to have a public meeting. We have to advertise it, it has to be at a County Commissioners' meeting and it has to be in a public forum. There has to be an opportunity for people for and against such a move to be able to speak and that forum would not be here today. We would have to have it published with the newspaper and the rest of the media, so if you want to make a change, it would have to be in something outside of the contract because the contract cannot be changed without a public forum. Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you. Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: The motion has been made to adhere to the contract, correct?

President Shetler: Correct.

Councilmember Goebel: Can we go on?

President Shetler: We may. I'm going to call for the question. Alright, anything else? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I just want to make a comment before my vote, but I do, again, want to piggyback on the fact that we strongly need to look at the interlocal agreements across the board so that this doesn't occur. It just blows my mind that this can go on for so long and we not be able to catch it or address it, so I really hope that on an annual basis or even biannually, that those agreements are looked at and the current circumstances of those departments are considered during that review. HRC has a solid purpose and a function and I still personally would like to see funding at the current level that we have been doing, but I do realize our legal responsibility to be in compliance with the contract, thus my vote is yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I don't think we have a choice. We have a contract and the city needs to pick up their share and we need to pay our share. I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I concur with some of the comments from previous councilmembers. I think that this has brought up a great shortfall, that we do need to be reviewing these contracts, so I appreciate the commissioners and Attorney Harrison for looking at the contracts and making sure that we are abiding by what

we are supposed to abide by. All the city/county departments are important. We have these interlocal agreements for a reason. So I appreciate that we've had an opportunity to look at that and make sure that we know where our tax dollars are being spent. I will vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'll go along with that sentiment. When the reviews are finished, if we could have a report on that, that would be great. My vote is yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes, no nays, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Bassemier: Tom, I have a question. How long is this contract?

President Shetler: December 14th of '14, it expires. At least the three year renewal.

2013 HEALTH INSURANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next on the agenda, Mr. President, all Councilmembers have been given a final copy of the insurance data. I move that the Council approve the 2013 insurance budget as listed. These figures represent the county's share of the health plans with the total employee contribution at eight percent. These figures are for full-time county employees and do not include insurance for Superior Court Magistrates, so I move approval of the insurance data and ask that it be made part of the record.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It has been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions about that?

Marsha Abell: How much is it? I have a question, Marsha Abell, County Commissioner. How much is it set in at?

President Shetler: It is what it was last year.

Marsha Abell: Since we are getting ready to go into negotiations with our health insurance carrier.

Councilmember Raben: It's the same as last year.

President Shetler: Yeah, bargain hard.

Marsha Abell: Same as last year, which is \$10,000,000--

President Shetler: Ten million for the General--

Marsha Abell: --plus the Trustees is out of a separate budget.

President Shetler: Right, ten million is the General Fund and then three, approximately three in the various other funds.

Councilmember Raben: We don't have the tally on the other funds.

Marsha Abell: But it's 10 million flat, a straight 10 million?

Councilmember Raben: I'll give you this.

Marsha Abell: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Have we voted on that?

President Shetler: We have not taken roll call yet.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Shetler: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

2000, 3000 AND 4000 ACCOUNTS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I move that all other 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts for 2013 budget be adopted as previously approved and I do need for the record to cite all these budgets, so first is 911 Emergency Service, Area Plan Commission, Area Plan Commission COIT, Assessor, Assessor Reassessment 2006, Assessor Reassessment 2015, Auditor, Auditor Reassessment 2015, Burdette Park, Burdette Park COIT, Circuit Court, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Clerk, Clerk I-VD, Clerk COIT, Commissioners, Commissioners COIT, Community Corrections, Convention Center Operating Fund, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Coop Extension, Coop Extension COIT, Coroner, County Council, County Council COIT, Cum Bridge, Cum Bridge Capital Development, Drainage Board, Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services, Election Office, Health Department, Highway, Jail, Jail COIT, Jail Bond, Legal Aid, Legal Aid United Way, Local Drug Free Community, Local Emergency Planning Commission, Local Roads & Streets, Misdemeanor Offender Housing, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals Reassessment for 2015, Prosecutor, Prosecutor I-VD, Prosecutor Fee Check Recovery, Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion, Public Defender, Recorder, Riverboat, Sales Disclosure, Sheriff, Sheriff COIT, Superior Court, Superior Court COIT, Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Superintendent of County Buildings, Superintendent of County Buildings COIT, Surveyor, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation, Surveyor Maps, The Centre, Tourism Capital Improvement, Treasurer, Treasurer COIT, Veterans Administration, Voters Registration and Weights & Measures. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Shetler: I have a motion, do I have a second?

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Do you want me to repeat all that?

President Shetler: Please. If your name didn't get mentioned you just got zeroed out, so I hope they'll speak up. Alright we have a motion and a second. I don't think there is going to be a whole lot of questioning on that one, but anyway, we'll call a roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY TAX RATE

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, Mr. President, I will move that the County Council set the county tax rate as deemed appropriate by the State of Indiana after review of our final budget and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: It has been moved and seconded. Any questions about that? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE TAX RATE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I move that the Council set the Cum Bridge tax rate in at three cents per 100 dollars assessed valuation.

President Shetler: Second?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Any questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, that actually concludes our final budget hearing, but I would like to make a few statements. First, I think every county officeholder, every county department did a fantastic job this year. They accepted your challenge that we offered them back in March or April to come in with as lean and responsible budget as possible and most every one of them did. This is the first budget ever where we weren't looking at cutting millions. After everything that has happened through this budget process, our total cuts that we needed to take were roughly \$600,000 instead of three or four million or two million that we typically have to slice and dice, that's how realistic this budget was. It was only making about \$600,000 in additional cuts. So with this budget that we have passed today, we are at about \$64.4 million in General Fund budget which represents...it's not even quite a half percent, but let's for practical purposes let's say it is about a half percent increase over last year. So along with that we were able to give the county

employees a two and a half percent pay increase, so again, thanks to everybody that works for this county for offering us a good sound reasonable budget. Lastly, I would like to thank the County Auditor's office which really does all the legwork on this entire budget. I mean, without them, believe me, the seven of us here couldn't do it. It's pretty much done when we get it and thanks to them. Last is our Council staff, Sarah and Sandie. I'm sure they are ready for a vacation every year after this and it's a lot of work, and I want to go recognize that we thank everybody and thank you, Mr. President, and I'll give up the floor.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you, James. I would pretty much echo all the comments that you've made there. Joe Gries and Teri, and what they have done at the Auditor's office, and Sandie and Sarah, in our office. Without those folks we wouldn't be able to do it, but I do want to express my appreciation to the officeholders and department heads for the job that they did and really took it seriously and understood the financial predicament that the county and taxpayers are in, in general. Times are tough out there and asking for more is not a good thing to do these days. And it's fortunate that everybody is making the most out of less and I appreciate that greatly. In addition to that, James, I would be remiss if I didn't thank you on behalf of the rest of the members of Council for the job that you do for us as well. I had the reins of that once and it is probably the most difficult task that you can have here on the County Council, is being Finance Chairman. I know the amount of time and effort you put into it and I want to thank you and applaud you for what you do, James. So with that being said, does anybody else have any comments or questions? Yes, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't want to go into great detail about it, but I think what you started this year and what this Council started as far as working with departments, I think this is the way government should work. We're working together and it has made it a lot easier. The budget requests came in more reasonable and I think we made some nice efficient cuts and we're going in the right direction. Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you. Yes.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, here, here. Thank you, Councilman Goebel, that is pretty much what I was going to say. I heard all these nightmares and I sat over on the city side and watched the county slice and dice for years and years, so we are definitely moving in the right direction and just echo thank you to the department heads for coming in and telling us, and directing us exactly where you need the money, so that we are being good stewards of the tax dollars, so thanks to all.

President Shetler: Okay, anything else? Yes, Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just glad we could give the employees a raise. I was hoping for a three percent raise, but we had a tight budget, so I am satisfied with the two and a half percent raise for all of the employees.

Councilmember Raben: You know, as a matter of clarification, and I've got the exact figure here somewhere, but I really don't want to dig for it again, but the two and a half percent represents over \$900,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: With insurance and everything, benefits.

Councilmember Raben: That in itself is a huge number to hit. Again, that's why I am kind of proud of the entire county's work here that we included that, and we are about a half percent more than last year.

President Shetler: Okay, alright. Thank you. Motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Terry: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Thank you all. I appreciate it.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Tom Shetler

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Peter Swaim

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
CIVIL TAXING UNITS BUDGET RECOMMENDATION
SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 26th day of September, 2012 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Actually I was mistaken earlier, I said the final budget hearing would be next, but it is not. The next thing up is the civil taxing units that will include, if you're wondering if I am stalling a little bit I am, but for the Public Library, for the Town of Darmstadt, for the Airport Authority, Solid Waste, City of Evansville and the Vanderburgh School Corporation. The state law changed a few years ago requesting that the County Council do a review of all the various different civil taxing unit's budgets before it goes up to the state, so that is part of our responsibility and our duty. Then we have the final budget session scheduled at 9:30, but that probably is not going to be realistic, and I would say it may be about 9:45 when we get involved in that. Okay, Coach, delay of game penalty here. Okay, at this time I would like to open the meeting then for, again, the civil taxing units. Attendance roll call, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey	X	
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
President Shetler	X	

President Shetler: There being seven members present, none absent, we have a quorum, so at this time I would like to ask Councilman Angela Koehler Lindsey if she will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Shetler: I'll just maybe remind everybody that brevity is appreciated so we can get into these and we do have a lengthy agenda. I know that everybody's concerns are important and we want to make sure we get to the details, but if we would resist any filibustering, that would be important. So first, Evansville Vanderburgh County Public Library. Marcia.

EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Marcia Au: Good morning, President Shetler, Councilmembers. I am Marcia Au, Director of the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library and this is–

Greg Hager: My name is Greg Hager and I'm the Director of Willard Library.

Marcia Au: Just as a little reminder, we do carry the budgets for both EVPL and Willard, so that is why Greg is joining me this morning. Before the meeting we brought and passed out just a little 2011 year in review for the Council's information.

We serve the entire county through eight locations. We provide over 23,000 hours of service to the county. We have over 110,000 cardholders and circulated nearly three million items to people and had almost 2,000,000 visits this past year, so the library is very busy. We have some new programs. Our Montessori for Adult program, which has been fairly successful. It's the first year for that, reaching people that no other institution has been able to reach in the county. We had fabulous eBook growth and last year circulated nearly 100,000 eBooks, and this year we will break that record. So with that, as President Shetler asked, I will not filibuster any longer and would be happy to answer questions for EVPL, and Mr. Hager is here for Willard.

President Shetler: Thank you. Do I have any questions? Marcia, on yours, what kind of salary increase did you have in there?

Marcia Au: We don't have any across the board this year. We have done a salary and compensation study and we are bringing some people to equity. About 20 positions and 50 plus people, and we are also doing a pick up for the increased insurance cost. Even though we have had to switch to Anthem, as many people here in the room would appreciate, when Welborn decided not to be in the insurance business any longer, we are picking up the extra employee cost. Our insurance costs are still about half of the county's cost. Our whole benefit package per employee is about \$15,000.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. And you and I have had lengthy discussions on that and, in fact you, are in agreement that we ought to look at trying to pool our numbers of people together here and try to economize the best we can on that health insurance between yourself, airport, city and county and everybody else that we can pull into the mix here.

Marcia Au: Absolutely.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Good morning.

Marcia Au: Good morning.

Councilmember Goebel: The Library Improvement Reserve Fund?

Marcia Au: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Goebel: Exactly what does that entail?

Marcia Au: That's the money that we set aside, basically, for capital improvements and for, in our case, because we don't have a capital improvements fund, we use that for technology or for other things that the Board would designate, that we don't have in an annual ongoing budget. It's not operating, but replacement costs in many cases, and as I said, mostly for technology.

Councilmember Goebel: Do you fully utilize that amount usually?

Marcia Au: Not always. We budget it because sometimes we have servers that need replacement. We are moving to a thin client atmosphere at the library which means instead of our desktop computers, where each have their own CPU, we're

going to a unit that doesn't have CPU's. They last longer. They consume less electricity. The heat output is much less, so we're looking to conserve energy and that, in part, we phased over two years. We'll be doing public computers and then staff computers.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, any other questions or comments? We would need a motion to approve and let me just mention, too, that I think we're asking to put a two and a half percent increase for employee wages, is what we have come to. I might ask that be included in the motion, but we would need a motion for approval as submitted with a two and a half percent increase going into that as well.

Councilmember Swaim: I make that motion, Mr. Chairman.

President Shetler: We have a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. We can do a voice vote on this one if there is unanimous support on that, so all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Marcia Au: Thank you so much.

TOWN OF DARMSTADT

President Shetler: The second group to come up is the Town of Darmstadt.

Mallory Lowe: Hi, I'm Mallory Lowe, the Town Clerk for Darmstadt. I have provided everyone with the budget this year along with the previous year, so that you could have a comparison. I believe you asked me for that last year.

President Shetler: Okay, do you have any questions?

Councilmember Raben: No questions, just, you get a lot done with a little bit of funding.

Mallory Lowe: Yes, we do.

President Shetler: Alright, there being no questions, a motion would be in order for approval as submitted. Again, this is with, we are going to two and a half percent. I guess that is optional for you all, if you want to stay where you are, or not to exceed

the two and a half percent, we would hope, though.

Councilmember Raben: I'll make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, Councilman Raben and seconded by Councilman Koehler. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered. Alright, thank you.

Mallory Lowe: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH AIRPORT AUTHORITY BUDGET ADOPTION</p>
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President Shetler: The next line is the Airport. Doug.

Doug Joest: Good morning.

President Shetler: Good morning, Doug.

Doug Joest: I think at the last meeting I pretty much presented what we have done over the year and a few things like that, so unless anybody had any questions about the budget, or I could repeat what I went over last time, if you wish.

President Shetler: I guess the only question that I have is your, by statute, are you capped at 2.8 percent? Is that correct? Does this average out to be about 2.6 percent? Am I reading that correctly?

Doug Joest: Are you talking about the levy?

President Shetler: That's your requested budget increase, or is it—

Doug Joest: I don't remember the percentages, but we went over it with the Department of Local—

President Shetler: I guess to cut to the chase, would that two and a half percent salary increase affect, because that's going in at zero, I am assuming. Would that have—

Doug Joest: We'll be fine because we can adjust our other revenues to meet that.

President Shetler: I mean, that's the only basic question that I have. Anybody have any questions or comments?

Councilmember Raben: When you state, you'll adjust revenues, you'll change the rates that you charge the airlines?

Doug Joest: Well, there are some projections in there because we don't know for sure our revenues. If there is an issue, then we'll make adjustments accordingly.

Councilmember Raben: Looking forward, are we still on schedule for the jet ways?

Doug Joest: Yes, jet ways are 90 percent complete out at the factory in Utah. They have already done...they are in the middle of the electrical work. They should be doing structural work on the building very shortly. The bridges should be on site this time next month and, hopefully, we will have at least two of them, if not all four of them, installed before the Thanksgiving holiday. But they should all four be in by the end of the year.

Councilmember Raben: Great.

Councilmember Bassemier: Tom, before we vote on this, since I am an employee at the Evansville Regional Airport, I am going to abstain from voting on this budget.

President Shetler: Alright.

Doug Joest: Anything else?

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any other questions or comments? Motion would be in order then for approval as submitted with a two and a half percent pay increase.

Councilmember Raben: Not to exceed two and a half, I would make that motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It has been moved and seconded. We need a roll call on this one since this is a binding recommendation.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being six ayes and one abstention, motion carries.

Doug Joest: Thank you.

(Motion carried 6-0/Councilmember Bassemier abstained from vote)

<p>SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BUDGET ADOPTION</p>
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President Shetler: Next is Solid Waste. Joe.

Joe Ballard: Hi, I'm Joe Ballard, Director of the Solid Waste District and with me is my controller, Russ Lloyd, the Evansville City Controller. We contract with the City of Evansville to manage our budget and there is one item in our budget that is called Grants & Sub. We pay them approximately one percent of our budget to manage our budget for us. I really don't have anything to say except that the Solid Waste Board adopted our budget and we are not tax funded. We could be, but we are not. Our money all comes from a fee that we place on waste that is dumped in the landfill. We have two employees, myself and our administrator, Susan Jefferies. We have a part-time person, also. Angela Koehler Lindsey is on our Solid Waste Board as your representative to our board. So I can take any questions if there are any.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: Your salary increases will be limited to 2.5 or less?

Joe Ballard: They are at three percent as the city is doing.

Councilmember Goebel: They go with the city? Okay, thanks.

Joe Ballard: Since I am part of the, we contract with the city. They manage our money and in return, we follow their purchasing and personnel practices and the like, so the salary increase is the same as the city employees.

President Shetler: Alright, a motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve

President Shetler: And that's not to exceed the three percent.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes, exactly, not to exceed the city.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, I have a motion and a second. Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being seven ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

Joe Ballard: Thank you very much.

President Shetler: Thank you Joe.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

President Shetler: Okay, next is City of Evansville.

Russ Lloyd: Good morning, Council President Shetler and Councilmembers. I present the City of Evansville budget for non-binding review, and previously I sent over to you, the city budget. I think the prior controller had sent you the Gateway budget. We do not have all that entered yet. We're working on it, but the current budget you have, is what has been presented to the Evansville City Council and they have not made their final budget changes, so this is proposed. I have Shaun Short the finance officer, he is just passing out a summary budget. We call it a citizen's budget, but anyway, it's a four page summary of the budget goals, revenue and expenditure for the city. Some of the priorities that Mayor Winnecke has entailed include two million for additional street paving that is coming out of COIT. Clean up of urban blight coming out of Riverboat Funds, \$500,000 commitment to fund Roberts Park, which would be the demolition of Roberts Stadium, and that would come out of Riverboat, \$900,000 for Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden is designated from Riverboat. There was, in the Parks Department, there was an additional, I believe it was \$47,000 for part-timers for the clean team, which would be the clean cities initiative. If you turn to page two, you'll see the overall revenues for the city, \$266 million coming from various sources, property tax, local income tax, the big ones. The Water & Sewer Utility, \$66 million in revenue and they basically

spend all that. Then intergovernmental, federal and state grants, riverboat and interest. Then below that, you've got it broken out, the Riverboat, how the city has the rental lease, gaming tax and admission tax, and then the sources, for the capital budget, a total of \$35 million. We've made the adjustments for the local income tax based on the state's changes. On page three, you've got the various expenses and you see a pie chart there that was developed, so public safety, \$76.8 million of the total, then the utilities \$56 million. The debt service, \$29 million, and that includes the utility debt, so the \$56 million would be the operating for the utilities less the debt. Then administration, public works and parks, METS a total of \$252 and various capital investments. Some of those I had already indicated to you, but a lot of that, the capital funding is coming from riverboat tax, so you've got the Police Department \$887,000, \$1.2 million in for fire department vehicles, equipment and hose house repairs. The mayor requested \$300,000 for the Mesker Music Theater, stabilization and partial renovation, and then the cemeteries \$217,000. Various public works projects, Cass Avenue sewer \$5.6 million, \$5.4 million water and utility improvements. Those will be coming from bond issues and \$1.5 million for traffic lights, and I believe a bunch of that is coming from INDOT. Then the last page is just kind of capital investments in future years, but you have the budget. You've had a chance to look at it, and I would be happy to entertain any questions. As Joe Ballard indicated, the city has committed to a three percent salary increase for the employees.

President Shetler: Alright, yes, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Just a general observation. Since you have left county side and gone city side, are things a little better, brighter on the city side as far as finances?

Russ Lloyd: I would say the city, by the previous administration doing the annexations, that has allowed additional property tax monies coming in, I think four and a half million, which makes a big difference. If the city had not undertaken that, we would be pretty, I think, strapped and it would be difficult to fund those types of salary increases and projects. So over the last couple of years, the annexations have helped a great deal.

Councilmember Goebel: So in other words, you would be like us?

Russ Lloyd: Right, yeah, I would say so.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick comment. This is a great piece, very simple and easy to understand, breakdown of all the monies. Good job whoever prepared that.

Russ Lloyd: Thank you. It's easier to give that to a citizen than 300 pages. Thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. Mr. Controller, just noting that I am pleased to see we are continuing keeping the riverboat funding being for capital

projects. As a former city councilmember, that was one of the priorities that we had when riverboat came to town, and I do notice there is a little drop in revenue from 2012 to 2013, and that was one of the main reasons that we looked at riverboat funding as a good way to fund capital projects, and not necessarily going into your general budget fund. So great job. Thank you very much.

Russ Lloyd: Thank you. And that is part of the mayor's move to transparency and we think that's very helpful. On the riverboat, I think some of the city councilmembers met with Ward Shaw and he indicated there is some concern with the Ellis Park betting machines, that it might impact their revenue to some extent.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, thank you. Any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: I move to approve the non-binding review of the City of Evansville's budget.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a second. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye. Okay, we'll take a roll call vote then please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being six ayes and one abstention, motion carries.

Russ Lloyd: Okay, and just one point of information, the City Council is going to take up final action on the city budget October 22nd at their meeting. Anyway, thank you very much, Council.

(Motion carried 6-0/Councilmember Terry abstained from vote)

EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH SCHOOL CORPORATION
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President Shetler: Thank you. Next is the School Corporation.

Carl Underwood: President Shetler, members of the Council, I'm Dr. Carl Underwood. I'm the Chief Financial Officer for the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation. With me is Mrs. Jean Stevens, Director of Finance and Mrs. Courtney Bohleber, Internal Auditor. I would be happy to entertain any questions you might have.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, quick question or maybe a general comment. The new North High School is a beautiful facility. I am just curious how we come out budget wise on that facility?

Carl Underwood: We are still under some construction, so the numbers have not come in yet. We are looking at those numbers as we speak right now, so we should be finished in the next couple of months and we'll have those numbers.

Councilmember Raben: Will those be made available to Council? Or can they be?

Carl Underwood: They certainly can be.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to see a copy of it, just out of curiosity.

President Shetler: And you have indicated you will.

Carl Underwood: Yes.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. Any other questions or comments?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I need to abstain on this, please.

President Shetler: Did we get a motion on this? We need a motion and a second, then.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and seconded. We'll take a roll call because we have reason to abstain. Alright.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Terry?

Councilmember Terry: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: As an EVSC employee, I am going to abstain from this vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being six members for and one abstention, motion carries.

Carl Underwood: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

(Motion carried 6-0/Councilmember Koehler Lindsey abstained from vote)

President Shetler: Okay, motion for adjournment would be in order.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It has been moved and seconded. Do we need a small break to change anything around? We need about five minutes here. We'll try to keep it to five minutes if we can. We need to change a few things around, so thank you.

(The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Tom Shetler

Vice President James Raben

Angela Koehler Lindsey

Peter Swaim

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 3, 2012**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd day of October, 2012 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good morning. We'll open the meeting and first ask the clerk to take the attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey		X*
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
President Shetler	X	

*Arrived shortly after roll call.

President Shetler: There being six members present and one absent, we have quorum and I'd like to ask Judge Lloyd if she would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Shetler: Thank you, Judge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5. 2012
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President Shetler: Next, a motion would be in order for approval of the minutes unless you all have any questions?

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

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

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: I have a second. Do I have any questions about the motion or any additions, deletions? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

**TREASURER
RECORDER
SHERIFF
JAIL
SURVEYOR
CORONER
PROSECUTOR
PROSECUTOR IV-D**

President Shetler: Next is the appropriation ordinance, and James, I'll turn it over.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, good morning. As everyone sees, the unappropriated balance versus the requests is about \$76,000 short, which we will do a transfer out of one of our set aside accounts into the general fund next month. So what we do need to do today is take out a little over \$76,000 to stay above a negative balance. So as far as all the PERF requests today, we're going to zero out the \$80,000 request under Jail, and that kind of gives everybody a sense of where we're going today. But I'm going to read these out and if anybody wants to stop me at any point, they can, but under Treasurer, we have a PERF request of \$11,445, Recorder \$9,269, Sheriff \$15,742, Jail zero, Surveyor \$9,206, Coroner PERF request is \$4,743, Autopsies at \$30,000, Prosecutor PERF is \$33,302, Prosecutor IV-D PERF is \$19,491, Co-Op Extension – let's stop there, Mr. President, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Shetler: And that's prior to Cooperative Extension?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Shetler: Alright, we have a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Second for approval. Do I have any questions or discussion about the motion? If not, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

TREASURER		REQUESTED APPROVED	
1030-1910-1030	PERF		
1000-1030-191000		11,445	11,445
Total		11,445	11,445

RECORDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1040-1910 1000-1040-191000	PERF	9,269	9,269
Total		9,269	9,269

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1910 1000-1050-191000	PERF	15,742	15,742
Total		15,742	15,742

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1910 1000-1320-191000	PERF	80,356	0
Total		80,356	0

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1060-1910 1000-1060-191000	PERF	9,206	9,206
Total		9,206	9,206

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-1910 1000-1070-191000	PERF	4,743	4,743
1070-3650 1000-1070-365000	Autopsy/Diagnostic	30,000	30,000
Total		34,743	34,743

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1910 1000-1080-191000	PERF	33,302	33,302
Total		33,302	33,302

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1081-1910 1000-1400-191000	PERF	19,491	19,491
Total		19,491	19,491

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
AREA PLAN
COMMISSIONERS
WEIGHTS & MEASURES
PUBLIC DEFENDER
SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS
CIRCUIT COURT

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
SUPERIOR COURT
DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE
LEGAL AID
HIGHWAY**

Councilmember Raben: On Co-Op, we had asked if there was a possibility to transfer anything out of any other lines to make up.

Susan English: Susan English, Cooperative Extension Service. I did find \$500 that I would like to transfer, so I would like to take line 3130 and reduce it by 500.

Councilmember Raben: File that transfer for next month?

Susan English: Yes, for next month.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Alright, any questions on that? Okay, thank you. Okay, Co-Op Extension, we have PERF, Maintenance Repair, Utilities, Travel/Mileage for a total request of \$7,118, Area Plan also PERF \$11,515, Legal Services for \$15,000, Commissioners PERF \$4,520, Weights & Measures PERF \$5,977, Public Defender PERF \$31,951, Pauper Expense \$98,000, and again Pauper Transcripts for \$28,000. Is everybody comfortable with continuing on or do you want me to stop? Okay, Superintendent of County Buildings PERF \$3,013, Circuit Court PERF \$21,942, Community Corrections PERF \$34,415, Superior Court PERF \$64,512, Drug & Alcohol Deferral Services PERF of \$3,999, and Legal Aid PERF \$7,028. Under Highway funds PERF \$4,601, and we can stop there. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: You want to include the rest of the general and then the Highway, is that what you're suggesting? I have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about the motion? I was trying to get a number here real quickly and I'm not using a calculator here so...is that, the total for the General Fund, then, is that \$470,544 request, is that what it amounts to?

Councilmember Raben: I don't have it to the penny, but I can get it for you. We need to cut a little over 76,000.

President Shetler: I think what that amounted to would be, I think so far, we're at \$80,500.

Councilmember Raben: With the, yeah, \$80,856, with the 500.

President Shetler: Okay. Alright, anybody have any questions on the motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Thank you.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-1910 1000-1230-191000	PERF	4,118	4,118
1230-3520 1000-1230-352000	Maint. & Repair	1,000	1,000
1230-3200 1000-1230-320000	Utilities	1,500	1,500
1230-3130 1000-1230-313000	Travel/Mileage	1,000	500
Total		7,618	7,118

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-1910 1000-1240-191000	PERF	11,515	11,515
1240-3610 1000-1240-361000	Legal Services	15,000	15,000
Total		26,515	26,515

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-1910 1000-1300-191000	PERF	4,520	4,520
Total		4,520	4,520

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1302-1910 1000-1280-191000	PERF	5,977	5,977
Total		5,977	5,977

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-1910 1000-1420-191000	PERF	31,951	31,951
1303-3943 1000-1420-394300	Pauper Expense	98,000	98,000
1303-3947 1000-1420-394700	Pauper Transcripts	28,000	28,000
Total		157,951	157,951

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-1910 1000-1310-191000	PERF	3,013	3,013
Total		3,013	3,013

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1910 1000-1360-191000	PERF	21,942	21,942
Total		21,942	21,942

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1910 1000-1430-191000	PERF	34,415	34,415
Total		34,415	34,415

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1910 1000-1370-191000	PERF	64,512	64,512
Total		64,512	64,512

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1371-1910 1000-1380-191000	PERF	3,999	3,999
Total		3,999	3,999

LEGAL AID		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1460-1910 1000-1460-191000	PERF	7,028	7,028
Total		7,028	7,028

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-1910 1176-0000-191000	PERF	4,601	4,601
Total		4,601	4,601

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

President Shetler: Then we'll be starting at CCD for Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: Under Commissioners, Data Management in the amount of 50,380, I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second on Data Management for the Commissioners. Any questions, comments? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

CCD/COMMISSIONERS

REQUESTED APPROVED

2031-1300-3370			
1138-0000-337000	Data Management	50,380	50,380
Total		50,380	50,380

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION
SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Circuit Court Supplemental, we have PERF in the amount of \$7,552, Superior Court Supplemental PERF \$810, and I'll make those two in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL

REQUESTED APPROVED

2600-1910			
2101-0000-191000	PERF	7,552	7,552
Total		7,552	7,552

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL

REQUESTED APPROVED

2620-1910			
2102-0000-191000	PERF	810	810
Total		810	810

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION

Councilmember Raben: Next we have Prosecutor Pretrial Diversion Extra Help in the amount of \$40,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second the motion.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: I don't know if there's real clarity from last week when we discussed that, exactly where those funds are going, but...

President Shetler: Nick is here if you wish to address a question to him.

Councilmember Goebel: I would like to.

President Shetler: You may.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm sure it's going to carry, I was just kind of curious as to exactly how, what extra help.

Nick Hermann: What we're doing, I've talked at length in prior Council meetings and with individual Councilmen about our shortage of attorneys. If you look at our staff in comparison, for example, for the limits put on the Public Defender's agency, we're running right now almost 19 attorneys down, one investigator and two secretaries, so we are attempting, trying to tread water with the caseloads that we have knowing what the county's finances are. This Council was generous enough to give us a full-time attorney. I don't know the exact date, it was a couple of months back, I believe. We didn't feel that it was, that we'd have a lot of success coming back and asking for some extra attorneys at this point, so what we did was we found some funds in the Pre-Trial Diversion program. We have found a licensed attorney that's willing to come work for us and basically we're asking for a line item. I think the purpose of us being here is to ask for a line item to transfer some money from Pre-Trial Diversion into, so that we can pay him an hourly rate.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, I think last week I was left a bit confused as to the amount you're transferring as compared to how much you're really going to need. But if this suits the Council, it suits me. Thank you.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President? Nick, while you're up there then, you just mentioned treading water. This is going to keep us treading water for how long?

Nick Hermann: Well, I mean, it is, as we talked when you came to my office prior to our last request, I mean, this is a problem. The office has been under staffed and under funded for a period of time and it's something that I think this Council needs to look long-range at how we address this. We don't have the stick that, for example, the Public Defender's office has when they come and say, if we don't stay under these limits, then we're going to lose half your funding. So it creates an issue where everything else goes up and our staffing level stays roughly the same. And so we're doing well now, we're very fortunate to have some great people, some very efficient people. But we're looking for any way that we can add staff and provide a better service to the community and this is a way that we can do it without costing the taxpayers anything, which is why we're (inaudible)

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Thank you. And so on the idea of looking at a long term plan, is that something that you can provide some information to Council on exactly where we need to go long term, so that we can start addressing that in a timely manner?

Nick Hermann: We can. I mean, it's something that we need to sit down and decide what we want to tie the staffing level to. Whether we want to do a case limit type thing like the Public Defender's office does, whether it's something we want to sit and look at the number of cases versus where we want to be, it's something where

every year the caseload goes up. It's gone up substantially over the last ten years. While our entire system may be down, the criminal, particularly the major felonies are going up, and it's something that we do need to address.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And, of course, at the best cost that we can with taxpayers dollars, so we appreciate you looking at that.

Nick Hermann: Exactly.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That's something that I would encourage us to look at, as to where we need to go long term with this area. Thank you.

Nick Hermann: Thank you.

President Shetler: I think there's a couple more questions here, real quick.

Councilmember Terry: I might be asking the same thing because I think last week I did ask the question about it, I think this was for one person, correct?

Nick Hermann: That's correct.

Councilmember Terry: And 40,000 is what they will be paid or will it be less?

Nick Hermann: What we're asking for, is we're asking for the ability to pay them \$20 an hour which is less than what the starting pay would be if we were to hire them full-time, but we felt that we needed some level of compensation there. This will allow us the opportunity to get that person trained, they're licensed, they're able to practice, and then, you know, if there is a full-time opening in the future, we've got somebody trained and ready to go. So it's both a kind of succession planning as well as adding to our capacity.

President Shetler: Alright, yes, Mike?

Councilmember Goebel: And there are no benefits involved?

Nick Hermann: That's correct, unless the Council would like to –

Councilmember Goebel: No, I don't think we're interested today. The other question is, going into 2013, this person, you would still continue to fund this out of your, I guess, discretionary funds and will not come upon the Council, correct?

Nick Hermann: That's correct. I mean, we're asking, that's why we're asking for this salary line item and we're going to fund it as long as we can fund it, and then at which time we can't, we'll eliminate the position.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: And I don't, I don't mean to lead the witness here at all, but the, your conviction rate though is still pretty healthy and very good. I mean, I understand that you guys are short 19 attorneys compared to the Public Defender's office, and the regulations they work under versus what you work under, but that hasn't hurt your conviction rate at all and –

Nick Hermann: No, the quality of the work is not suffering. What I'm concerned about is whether or not, I don't want to our office to become a cog in the wheel. You know,

if we can't process cases quickly, we have more people sitting in the jail. We end up with court judges and court staff that, you know, they have plenty of cases to do, but I want to make sure that our office is up to speed and able to keep things moving, we don't want to be slowing it up.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you. I think we can all appreciate the predicament you're in. We have a motion on the floor and a second. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2630-1990	Extra Help		
1182-0000-199000		40,000	40,000
Total		40,000	40,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER
SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next we'll move on to Sheriff Misdemeanor Offender PERF in the amount of 1,082, Misdemeanor Housing PERF 3,212, and that's it for most of the PERF requests. I can keep going: LEPC, Emergency Management, we have a request for \$5,000, and that will conclude the appropriation requests. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2760-1910	PERF		
1175-0000-191000		1,082	1,082
Total		1,082	1,082

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2780-1910 1175-0000-191000	PERF	3,212	3,212
Total		3,212	3,212

LEPC		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2861-3210 1152-0000-321000	Emergency Mgmt.	5,000	5,000
Total		5,000	5,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

AUDITOR	CORONER	ASSESSOR
AREA PLAN	VETERANS SERVICE	SUPERIOR COURT
DRUG & ALCOHOL DEF.	THE CENTRE	BURDETTE PARK
COUNTY COUNCIL	HIGHWAY	CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
HEALTH DEPT	LEPC	SHERIFF (LATE)
JAIL (LATE)	AREA PLAN (LATE)	COMMISSIONERS (LATE)
SUPERIOR COURT (LATE)		

Councilmember Raben: Okay, there's a lot of transfers today with a lot of other requests, but do you want to take these individually or –

President Shetler: Are there any changes from what is outlined here? No? Then I would say if no one has any objections to what's printed here, made part of the record, then I would just make a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move that we approve all transfers as listed.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second to approve the transfers as written. Do I have any questions about any of the lines? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-1280-1020 1000-1020-102128	Transfer Clerk	5,246	5,246
1020-1330-1020 1000-1020-102133	Asst. To First Deputy	8,332	8,332

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To: 1020-1910 1000-1020-191000	PERF	13,578	13,578
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CORONER REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 1070-3651 1000-1070-365100	Body Transport	1,500	1,500
To: 1070-2210 1000-1070-221000	Fuel	1,500	1,500

ASSESSOR REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 1090-1160-1090 1000-1090-109116	RE/PTABOA Dep. I	5,900	5,900
1090-1550-1090 1000-1090-109155	Deputy Assessor	10,710	10,710
1090-1360-1090 1000-1090-109136	RE/PTABOA Dep. II	3,150	3,150
1090-1560-1090 1000-1090-109156	Real Estate Deputy	7,375	7,375
To: 1090-1910 1000-1090-191000	PERF	27,055	27,055
1090-1180-1090 1000-1090-109118	App. Support Spec.	80	80

AREA PLAN REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 1240-1210-1240 1000-1240-121000	Zoning EnforceOfcr	581	581
1240-3410 1000-1240-341000	Printing	1,000	1,000
1240-3130 1000-1240-313000	Travel/Mileage	467	467
To: 1240-1971 1000-1240-197100	Accrued Payments	581	581
1240-2210 1000-1240-221000	Fuel	600	600
1240-3610 1000-1240-361000	Legal Services	867	867

VETERANS SERVICES REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 1270-3060 1000-1270-306000	Veterans Burial Allowance	1,682	1,682
To: 1270-1910 1000-1270-191000	PERF	1,682	1,682

SUPERIOR COURT

REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 1370-3050 1000-1370-305000	Patient/Inmate Care	20,600	20,600
To: 1370-3941 1000-1370-394100	Guardian Ad Litem	17,600	17,600
1370-3980 1000-1370-398000	Trans. Child & Miscellaneous	3,000	3,000

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 1371-2600 1000-1380-260000	Supplies	500	500
1371-3120 1000-1380-312000	Postage/Freight	500	500
1371-3700 1000-1380-370000	Dues & Subscriptions	500	500
1371-3770 1000-1380-377000	Treatment Costs	1,000	1,000
To: 1371-1910 1000-1380-191000	PERF	2,500	2,500

THE CENTRE

REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 1440-3536 1000-1440-353600	Centre Contractual	10,539	10,539
To: 1440-1850 1000-1440-185000	Union Overtime	3,500	3,500
1440-1900 1000-1440-190000	FICA	315	315
1440-1910 1000-1440-191000	PERF	6,724	6,724

BURDETTE PARK

REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 1450-1850 1000-1450-185000	Union Overtime	10,270	10,270
To: 1450-1910 1000-1450-191000	PERF	10,270	10,270

COUNTY COUNCIL

REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 1480-3370 1000-1480-337000	Data Management	6,478	6,478
To: 1480-1910 1000-1480-191000	PERF	6,478	6,478

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-2000 1176-0000-200000	Materials	20,595	20,595
2010-1042 1176-0000-117642	Laborer	17,900	17,900
2010-3200 1176-0000-320000	Utilities	10,001	10,001
2010-3840 1176-0000-384000	Ditch Taxes	1,073	1,073
2010-2600 1176-0000-260000	Supplies	1,030	1,030
2010-3410 1176-0000-341000	Printing	420	420
2010-3370 1176-0000-337000	Data Management	105	105
2010-3120 1176-0000-312000	Postage/Freight	100	100
To: 2010-1910 1176-0000-191000	PERF	51,224	51,224

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4357 1135-0000-435700	Pfeiffer Rd Br #1710	17,037	17,037
To: 2030-1910 1135-0000-191000	PERF	17,037	17,037

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2130-3000 1159-0000-300000	Insurance	10,557	10,557
2130-3600 1159-0000-360000	Rent	34,656	34,656
To: 2130-1910 1159-0000-191000	PERF	45,213	45,213

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2861-3313 1152-0000-331300	Education & Public Outreach	300	300
2861-3370 1152-0000-337000	Data Management	350	350
To: 2861-3210 1152-0000-321000	Emergency Management	650	650

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0028 1000-1050-105072	Deputy Sheriff	3,000	3,000
1050-1130-0032 1000-1050-105011	Deputy Sheriff	2,000	2,000
1050-1130-0039 1000-1050-105078	Deputy Sheriff	3,000	3,000
1050-1130-0047 1000-1050-105085	Deputy Sheriff	3,000	3,000
1050-1130-0062 1000-1050-105100	Deputy Sheriff	3,000	3,000
1050-1130-0095 1000-1050-105132	Deputy Sheriff	15,000	15,000
1050-1130-0103 1000-1050-105140	Deputy Sheriff	15,000	15,000
To: 1050-1300 1000-1050-130000	Overtime	44,000	44,000

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0328 1000-1320-132033	Confinement Ofcr.	2,700	2,700
1051-1130-0345 1000-1320-132049	Confinement Ofcr.	2,700	2,700
1051-1130-0361 1000-1320-132065	Confinement Ofcr.	2,700	2,700
1051-1130-0338 1000-1320-132100	Jail Receptionist	4,600	4,600
To: 1051-1850 1000-1320-185000	Union Overtime	12,700	12,700

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1240-1110-1240 1000-1240-124111	Executive Director	4,001	4,001
To: 1240-1971 1000-1240-197100	Accrued Payments	4,001	4,001

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3600 1000-1300-360000	Rent	100,000	100,000
To: 1300-3001 1000-1300-300100	Self Insurance	100,000	100,000

SUPERIOR COURT**REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 1370-3949 1000-1370-394900	Home Study/ Adoption	2,500	2,500
To: 1370-3730 1000-1370-331000	Training & Education	2,500	2,500

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: That concludes the transfer and appropriation requests.

CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Shetler: Okay, I think Judge Heldt is here ready to give us his argument on the request to fill a Receptionist/Secretary vacancy there.

Carl Heldt: Good morning, Carl Heldt, Circuit Court. I have need of a Receptionist/Secretary. The one we had left for another job in the courthouse, and obviously we can't do without her, and she's paid out of Adult Probation user fees.

President Shetler: We seem to be playing the music and at some time, it's got to stop.

Carl Heldt: The Clerk takes one from me, I take one from her, that's how it works.

President Shetler: Yeah, this has been the chairs, everybody keeps flipping around but we like seeing you. I mean, it's not that, don't misunderstand. Anybody have a question?

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel, do you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: No, not on this particular case, but just in general, is there a, it seems like we do have a lot of movement within this building, and is there any kind of regulation as far as who can jump to where, in general? I'm not talking about your particular case, but I know you have to fill a vacancy because someone moves to another office, but it seems like its happened on a pretty rapid fire time frame right now.

Carl Heldt: You know, in our experience, I think people sometimes just like to try to improve their position and I never stand in anybody's way to take a better job or a job they think they would enjoy more.

Councilmember Goebel: That is a good answer.

Carl Heldt: So when you lose one, it's just sort of a domino effect.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you. Motion would be in order then for approval. We have a motion and a –

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: – and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Alright, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Carl Heldt: Thank you.

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Next is the Superior Court and that would be Judge Lloyd.

Maggie Lloyd: Good morning, Maggie Lloyd, Chief Judge Superior Court. And we have basically the same problem. One of our employees transferred to another job, so we're here to replace the employee. It was a secretary in our small claims division.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. So is the music stopping here or is it going to continue on?

Maggie Lloyd: I hope not. I'd like us to keep our employees for a while.

President Shetler: Alright, we have a motion and a second. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Maggie Lloyd: Thank you.

CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY

President Shetler: Then the Clerk, yes, Susie Kirk. So I assume the music is going to continue.

Susan Kirk: Yes, by approving Judge Heldt's request, I just lost my employee.

President Shetler: But you gained an employee back, though.

Susan Kirk: Well, that was before.

President Shetler: I understand. I mean, his employee came from your office, and it's going back and –

Susan Kirk: Yeah, he took one of mine, I took her back and now he's taking another one of mine. So –

Councilmember Raben: This is like Groundhog Day.

Susan Kirk: Well, I mean, you have to realize, the judges, naturally, if you want somebody that's familiar with the job, you'd like to pull them out of the Clerk's office, and that way there's less training. So we're the training facility.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

President Shetler: We have a motion and –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Anybody have a question about that? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Susan Kirk: Thank you very much.

PROSECUTOR REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES

President Shetler: Next is Prosecutor. Yes, Prosecutor's request to fill the Pre-Trial Diversion Secretary vacancy and hire part-time Deputy Prosecutor. Is that what we've already done, the Deputy, or is that a different one?

Nick Hermann: That's the same one. We've always had a position in Pre-Trial Diversion, it's a vacancy now, and we're just asking permission to fill it.

President Shetler: Okay, anybody have any questions for the Prosecutor?

Councilmember Swaim: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Nick Hermann: I'll go over to the Clerk's office and see if there's anyone available.

President Shetler: No, no. First of all, it's not helping out our whole deal of starting new people and getting a little bit of a cut here for a little bit, so this doesn't work. But anyway, thank you, Nick. We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The ayes have it.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE
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President Shetler: Next is DADS request to allow a Secretary/Bookkeeper a COMOT IV Step 3 placement.

Deloris Koch: Yes, I went before the Job Study committee and they did recommend that this new hire be placed into the level 3 in terms of salary, not benefits.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Okay, thank you, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Shetler: Co-Op Extension. Susan?

Susan English: This position, actually back in February, you gave us permission to hire. She was pregnant at the time and we realized that she wouldn't be able to have other than a day or two accrued for her time off, so worked with the Commissioners and we came up with putting her as part-time, so basically, we're wanting to take this part-time person, now that's she's off of maternity leave, and come back as a full-time.

Councilmember Raben: How has it worked out as a part-time position?

Susan English: Well, she's been off, basically, because of the maternity leave. She was off for six weeks and now she's back. So she really didn't start her programming or anything so, I mean, we hired her in after the approval of being a full-time with full-time benefits. So we just worked it out with her so we wouldn't lose her coming on board with us as a full-time person, so she could take those six weeks off as a part-time then. And we did take a 20 percent cut in pay when this was a full-time.

Councilmember Goebel: Can you refresh our memories? When was this approved?

Susan English: It was February of this year because I pulled the minutes back up to make sure.

Councilmember Terry: And at that time, it was a full-time, so there's been no change other than you reduced her hours.

Susan English: Right, and we moved her to a different line item that was a part-time line item, but we're basically out of money in that line.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President?

Councilmember Raben: I was just going to –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Oh, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: I was just going to make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yeah, I was going to say, so this basically is bookkeeping, so yes, so go ahead and make your motion and I'll second.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I make a motion to approve the request.

President Shetler: Okay, and we have a second?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It was done before the motion, but that's okay, going out of order here a little bit. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Shetler: Next, travel requests, then. Anybody have any questions about any of the requests? One from the Auditor, two from the Assessor, three from the

Health Department? I was just doing numbers, not necessarily two requests from the Assessor. No questions?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Make a motion to approve.

President Shetler: A motion's been made to approve. And we have a second from...

Councilmember Terry: I'll second.

President Shetler: – from Stephanie. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: Okay, now you've been handed out your Salary Ordinance amendments. Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, there's several of them, again, so everyone has the four pages of salary amendments. Just make sure that on the first page under Jail that you strike that from your copy or draw a line through it. So with that being said, I'm going to move that the salary amendments as written be adopted and made part of the minutes.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about the motion? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Shetler: Anybody wish to address the Council? I didn't think so. Oh, yes, we do. Yes, Diane.

Diane Clements: Good morning. Last week, I did come –

President Shetler: Diane Clements from –

Diane Clements: Diane Clements, Director of the Human Relations Commission, pardon me. Last week, I did come and talk about the inter-local agreement that had been presented that indicated that the funding mechanism was a 91-9 percent split. And at that time, I did indicate that there was likely a subsequent addendum to the agreement. We have now located the agreement that indicates that there is an 87-13 split and I would just like to present that to Council for consideration.

President Shetler: Yeah, I actually read that this morning and I mean, we have approved the budget and everything so it is as it is right now. But my guess is that to comply with the agreement, I don't know if it takes a request from the Commissioners or what, but that would come in January then as an appropriation for the balance of that, those funds are approximately \$15,000, if that would be their desire. Okay, anybody have any questions? I don't know if everybody has seen this yet or not, but it is an agreement that was actually done in '88, I think, through like June and July and perhaps August by the different bodies of City Council, County Council, County Commissioners and then it was recorded in January of '89 by the Clerk at the time, I think Betty Lou Jarboe, to the best of my recollection.

Diane Clements: The final signature was March 6.

President Shetler: Yeah, that is curious. Where was it found?

Diane Clements: Public record request. City.

President Shetler: I noticed it said, when I read it, it said something about that it was located in the general drawer and I don't know, maybe that's typical jargon that's used from the Clerk's office.

Jeff Ahlers: Did they indicate why, on the first search, that we received from – did this come from the City Clerk or --

Diane Clements: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: Did they indicate why it wasn't found the first time or –

Diane Clements: No.

Jeff Ahlers: Because you handing this to me now is the first time I've seen it.

Diane Clements: Oh, I see.

President Shetler: Jeff will look it over, make sure it, I mean, it appears to be a perfectly legal executed document but Jeff being the attorney, he'll look it over and check it out. But again, the Commissioners, I think the process at this time, since we have already approved a budget, which we had to do by the end of September, that that will have to go before the Commissioners, and they make a request then to appropriate money to fill that account out.

Diane Clements: Okay, thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you for bringing that to our attention. Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'm just curious as to how close we are to the bottom line on our remaining funds for the rest of the year without a transfer. Do you know, Mr. Gries?

Joe Gries: The unappropriated balance will be adjusted on the next financial statement that we'll give to Council next month. We are going to increase the unappropriated balance slightly based on the amount of money that will come back to the general fund from the float stand out at Burdette Park. Once we have those numbers, I'll be able to give you an estimate. Roughly, it's going to be between 65 and \$70,000, I believe, that will be remaining unappropriated in the general fund.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, but today, we stand about 3,000, somewhere in that area?

Joe Gries: Right.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: And that is razor thin. Okay, anybody else? Any other comments? Motion for adjournment would be in order.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you very much. I'll see you guys later on this month and for some of you who are involved in the salary committee that's coming up at 9:30, and that's in 303?

Councilmember Goebel: 307.

President Shetler: 307, sorry. Thank you.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Angela Koehler Lindsey

Peter Swaim

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 7, 2012

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of November, 2012 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good morning. I guess we have a couple victory candidates that are still celebrating somewhere. So anyway, I'd like to welcome everybody to the Council meeting this morning and at this time ask to call the roll please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey		X*
Councilmember Goebel		X*
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
President Shetler	X	

*Arrived shortly after roll call.

President Shetler: There being five members present, two members absent, and we do at least have one victor here that has shown up this morning, I appreciate that, Ed. I was going to start off by congratulating Coach Goebel, and I understand he's on his way and so is Councilman Lindsey. So anyway, I'll wait for those remarks for a few minutes here until they get here. At this time, I'd like to ask Councilman Bassemier to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance please.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OCTOBER 3, 2012
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President Shetler: Okay, I need a motion for approval of the minutes of the October 3rd meeting.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER FROM RIVERBOAT TO COUNTY GENERAL FUND

President Shetler: Next I'll turn it over to the Finance Chairman, appropriation ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning. First on the agenda today, well, I guess before we start the agenda I might turn to Joe on this. Joe, we'll probably need a motion on this, but I would like to request that the County Auditor transfer \$254,000 from our Riverboat account into our County General Fund¹.

Joe Gries: And that can be done through a motion and then our office will move that money.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and then do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: Was yours a second and his was a motion? Pete's was a motion and I need a second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, any questions about it? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

CLERK²

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first on the agenda today is the County Clerk, it's a little housekeeping for PERF, in the amount of \$38,355, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Got a motion and a second on the floor. Do I have any questions about the Clerk's appropriation? If not, all in favor signify by saying aye.

¹Councilmember Goebel arrived during this discussion.

²Councilmember Koehler Lindsey arrived during this discussion.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-1910 1000-1010-191000	PERF	38,355	38,355
Total		38,355	38,355

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Shetler: I'd like at this time to recognize that Councilman Goebel and Councilman Lindsey are finished celebrating and have joined us and we appreciate that. Thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: It was quite a party out in the hallway.

President Shetler: Of course, Coach, yours is coming up Friday night, I assume.

Councilmember Goebel: I hope you're right.

President Shetler: Alright, Councilman Raben?

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Next, we'll move to the Jail and we have a request for PERF, Union Overtime, FICA and PERF in the amount of \$212,521, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? If not, all in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Those opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1910 1000-1320-191000	PERF	80,356	80,356
1051-1850 1000-1320-185000	Union Overtime	110,000	110,000

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1051-1900 1000-1320-190000	FICA	8,415	8,415
1051-1910 1000-1320-191000	PERF	13,750	13,750
Total		212,521	212,521

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Councilmember Raben: Voter Registration, PERF in the amount of \$3,937, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

VOTER REGISTRATION REQUESTED APPROVED

1220-1910 1000-1220-191000	PERF	3,937	3,937
Total		3,937	3,937

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS REPEAL

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that concludes our general fund requests. We'll move into Local Roads & Streets. We have a request for University Parkway Phase 3 of that project in the amount of \$100,000, Eickhoff-Koressel \$50,000 and Oak Hill Road \$300,000, for a total of \$450,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

Councilmember Raben: That's a repeal, by the way.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4423 1169-0000-442300	University Parkway Phase 3	100,000	100,000
2160-4741 1169-0000-474100	Eickhoff-Koressel	50,000	50,000
2160-4930 1169-0000-493000	Oak Hill Road	300,000	300,000
Total		450,000	450,000

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

JAIL	COOP. EXTENSION	VETERANS SERVICES
WTS & MEASURES	CIRCUIT COURT	COMM. CORRECTIONS
BURDETTE PARK	HIGHWAY	CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
LOCAL ROAD & STS.	CONVENTION & VISITORS	SHERIFF (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, then we have a pretty long list of transfers. Everyone has had an opportunity to look at those. If it’s okay, I’d like to make a motion that we approve all transfers as listed.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a second. Any questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0328 1000-1320-132033	Confinement Ofcr.	4,100	4,100
1051-1130-0337 1000-1320-132042	Confinement Ofcr.	8,000	8,000
1051-1130-0345 1000-1320-132049	Confinement Ofcr.	4,100	4,100

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1051-1130-0354 1000-1320-132058	Confinement Ofcr.	5,600	5,600
1051-1130-0361 1000-1320-132065	Confinement Ofcr.	4,100	4,100
1051-1130-0338 1000-1320-132100	Confinement Ofcr.	2,300	2,300
To: 1051-1850 1000-1320-185000	Union Overtime	28,200	28,200

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 1230-4220 1000-1230-422000	Office Machines	500	500
To: 1230-3130 1000-1230-313000	Travel/Mileage	500	500

VETERANS SERVICES**REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 1270-3060 1000-1270-306000	Veterans Burial Allowance	300	300
To: 1270-4220 1000-1270-422000	Office Machines	300	300

WEIGHTS & MEASURES**REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 1302-3200 1000-1280-320000	Utilities	500	500
1302-3130 1000-1280-313000	Travel/Mileage	100	100
1302-2600 1000-1280-260000	Supplies	400	400
To: 1302-4250 1000-1280-425000	Equipment	1,000	1,000

CIRCUIT COURT**REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 1360-3130 1000-1360-313000	Travel/Mileage	921	921
1360-3902 1000-1360-390200	Grand Jurors	1,001	1,001
To: 1360-3050 1000-1360-305000	Patient/Inmate Care	921	921
1360-3903 1000-1360-390300	Petit Jurors	1,001	1,001

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 1361-1340-1361 1000-1430-143013	Confinement Ofcr.	10,000	10,000
1361-1400-1361 1000-1430-143018	Confinement Ofcr.	9,500	9,500
1361-1420-1361 1000-1430-143020	Confinement Ofcr.	9,500	9,500
1361-1290-1361 1000-1430-143054	Booking Clerk	10,700	10,700
To: 1361-1850 1000-1430-185000	Union Overtime	39,700	39,700

BURDETTE PARK

REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 1450-1210-1450 1000-1450-145121	Bookkeeper/ Day Camp Adm.	10,000	10,000
To: 1450-1180-1450 1000-1450-145118	Other Employees	10,000	10,000

HIGHWAY

REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2010-1850 1176-0000-185000	Union Overtime	1	1
To: 2010-1023 1176-0000-117623	Truck Driver	1	1

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2030-2000 1135-0000-200000	Materials	5,000	5,000
2030-4270 1135-0000-427000	Highway Equip.	6,800	6,800
To: 2030-1850 1135-0000-185000	Union Overtime	5,000	5,000
2030-2230 1135-0000-223000	Garage & Motor	6,800	6,800

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2160-2000 1169-0000-200000	Materials	20,000	20,000
2160-4250 1169-0000-425000	Equipment	10,500	10,500
2160-3310 1169-0000-331000	Education & Train.	2,150	2,150

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To: 2160-2230 1169-0000-223000	Garage & Motor	30,000	30,000
2160-3520 1169-0000-352000	Maintenance & Repair	2,650	2,650

CONVENTION & VISITORS**REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 3570-3130 1127-0000-313000	Travel/Mileage	48,602	48,602
3570-3793 1127-0000-379300	Public Relations	11,551	11,551
3570-3794 1127-0000-379400	Convention Svcs.	5,000	5,000
3570-4220 1127-0000-422000	Office Machines	3,000	3,000
3570-3310 1127-0000-331000	Training & Education	4,000	4,000
3570-4210 1127-0000-421000	Office Furniture	5,661	5,661
3570-4230 1127-0000-423000	Motor Vehicles	6,500	6,500
3570-3797 1127-0000-379700	Research	23,901	23,901
3570-3792 1127-0000-379200	Customer Sales	53,938	53,938
To: 3570-3798 1127-0000-379800	Groups/Leisure	38,602	38,602
3570-3994 1127-0000-399400	County Grant Match	21,551	21,551
3570-3971 1127-0000-397100	Community Relations	5,000	5,000
3570-3530 1127-0000-353000	Contractual Svcs.	7,000	7,000
3570-3700 1127-0000-370000	Dues & Subscriptions	5,661	5,661
3570-3120 1127-0000-312000	Postage/Freight	6,500	6,500
3570-3440 1127-0000-344000	Advertising	23,901	23,901
3570-3795 1127-0000-379500	Convention Sales	53,938	53,938

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0217 1000-1050-105167	Post Command Receptionist	20,000	20,000
1050-1130-0078 1000-1050-105115	Deputy Sheriff	6,500	6,500
To: 1050-1971 1000-1050-197100	Accrued Payments	26,500	26,500

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: That concludes my part of the meeting, Mr. President.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you. In record time. I wanted to, just real quickly, James, on that 240, was that having to do with the I.T. a little bit? I might explain it a little bit about an issue that we have here with our I.T. department.

Councilmember Raben: On the 254? No, it doesn't.

President Shetler: Okay, what I need to explain is that we do have an issue that we need to kind of think about here as far as Councilmembers are concerned. We have running a shortage in the I.T. budget of about \$165,000 currently. We've had several breakdowns and some computer problems concerning really more hardware issues that to get those back on-line and to mitigate those issues and problems, it's going to cost us about – I'm rounding numbers off here, of course, but \$65,000. That 165 is really, kind of goes back to I think it's 145,000, that kind of goes back to the issue that we've been dealing with for some time with the County Recorder and that we really have tried every which way to get that resolved and to no avail. So we really need to get that money. And that money is money that we had budgeted to come back into that to cover that. And because of us not getting that yet, we are short \$150,000 roughly. And then the \$65,000 breakdown, so we're going to have to look for about \$225,000 somewhere, somehow in the next couple of months here, to help get that back on track. I don't know, James, do you want to elaborate on that or –

Councilmember Raben: I can add this: I guess there's been a major breakdown within functionality of servers and email and what have you, within the Civic Center. And I think currently, right now, according to our I.T. folks, we need to spend about \$132,000, is that correct?

Joe Gries: That's the overall city/county bill.

President Shetler: Which our portion is about –

Councilmember Raben: And our portion is about \$66,000, so until we recoup what we didn't budget for because we haven't been reimbursed through the Recorder, you know, all of that goes on hold. So I guess at this point, things may be strung together, but without these needed improvements, you know, the likelihood of having another big crash that could extend for weeks at a time, you know, still exists, so we really need to get that moving forward, that \$145,000 will come very close to making us whole and will allow us to make the needed improvements immediately or as soon as we possibly can to fix the problem that's created the big breakdown within our structure here.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Mr. President?

President Shetler: Yes?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Would it be appropriate to draft a memo or request or something to the Recorder to find out the status of this issue because I remember there's been a lot of back and forth, a lot of emails, and just, again, remind how much needed that is to get that taken care of in a timely manner?

President Shetler: It's critical, and it's actually impacting what all of the county and city, as far as that's concerned, functionality on the computer system as it is. So I know Joe has been trying to get this worked out and I think the last two invoices that we've sent have been rejected and haven't been dealt with. So anyway.

Councilmember Terry: And are they being rejected at the state level, is that what we're saying or on the local level?

President Shetler: A lot of times when you take things to the state level to get approval, you can kind of slant that, you know, or paint it the way you'd like to and stuff, and I think it's been couched in a way that...and it had been approved for years and years and years underneath the prior Recorder, and we had always done this and never had an issue. And suddenly, there are issues that have been dealt with for the last four years. So we just need to get it resolved and we felt like we had a couple agreements, but they have fallen through for whatever reasons. Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Being the liaison, if maybe I can get with you and a couple of other people and maybe present our case again and find out where the Recorder stands and try to – the money is available in the Perpetuation Fund, is that correct?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, let's try again. Thank you.

SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO FILL MAGISTRATE VACANCY, HIRE A CASE MANAGER AND PAY STIPEND TO UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE
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President Shetler: Okay, I just wanted to bring that up so everybody knew where we were on that. The first, then, is underneath new business, Superior Court, request to fill a Magistrate vacancy and hire a case manager from a federal grant.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Council. Good morning, Wayne Trockman. With me is Judge Kiely. We have two items under A, first is Magistrate Hamilton retired about a month ago and we would like to replace that position. Funds are available through the state where he is paid beginning November 10 of 2012. And so we are requesting, Mr. Chairman, authority to fill that position November 10 or later.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any questions of either one of the Judges?

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Any other questions or comments? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Wayne Trockman: Thank you. The second part of our request is, most of you were here about – or many of you were here about 13 years ago when the treatment court was in its infancy, and you went out on a limb with us and supported us and we've grown and at least in our estimation we've had some successes. And let me also introduce Regene Newman, who is our financial liaison, who is here with us today also. We were successful in obtaining a federal grant so that we could continue to grow the program. It has grown every year for the last 13 years. The county's financial portion has not grown since your initial investment, which you still make, which is around \$40,000 a year. But we were successful in obtaining a million dollars from the federal government, well, \$975,000, 325 a year for the next three years. It is renewable, there is no match, there is no local or state match. This was a highly competitive grant that we were successful with and to make use of the funds, we have three line items that require your approval, and those line items are that we would like to hire an additional case manager, and that's paid for fully through this grant. We would like to hire a new, another administrative assistant, that is fully paid for in the grant, and there is a grant coordinator's supplement, which would go to our executive director, Larry Paul, and that is fully paid for in the grant. And the only item that you would not be familiar with in terms of the approximate salary is, it's a \$15,000 grant coordinator's supplement that would go to our executive director. But again, all of this is fully paid for. This, along with some other things that Judge Kiely and I have accomplished, hopefully, is going to allow us to grow about 50%. And again, this is renewable and we hope that since we were able to qualify once, that in three years, we'll qualify again. But in any event, we are requesting authority to hire these two employees. Obviously, they are grant paid. If the grant is not renewed, their positions would not continue and then the supplement also would discontinue when the grant is discontinued. Regene, is there anything that should be added? Judge Kiely? Okay, any questions?

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Good morning, Judge Trockman, Judge Kiely. On this grant request for the case manager, the salary, would it be possible to also use monies from that grant to pay for the benefit package?

Wayne Trockman: The benefit package is fully paid for.

Councilmember Goebel: In the grant itself.

Wayne Trockman: Yes. Regene? The PERF, the insurance, the FICA, 100% funded.

Councilmember Goebel: That sounds reasonable.

Wayne Trockman: And that's the case with both positions. And if the grant is renewed, that would be the case upon renewal.

President Shetler: Yes, Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, good morning.

Wayne Trockman: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: As far as the county's \$40,000 annual contribution, along with this, can we also get a repeal on that and allow this grant to support itself with the \$325,000 a year?

Wayne Trockman: Actually, we cannot do that through this grant because we were required to present financials that accounted for 100 percent of these dollars. However, there are, as I mentioned, there is another funding stream that we are just finishing and as long as it is concluded satisfactorily, we would be perfectly happy to talk to you or whoever, I think you are still our liaison, start those discussions with you, Mr. Raben, about doing that, because I think you would be able to, and there's absolutely no reason why this other funding stream is not going to be concluded, and the time frame for that really is very short, within the next 60 to 90 days. I'd be happy to set up a meeting with whoever you might want to meet with to discuss that. You all have been not only supportive financially, but supportive in every way with this project for many years. And if we can end that supplement – we needed it desperately when you gave it to us – and I think we can cover it very soon.

Councilmember Raben: If possible between now and our meeting in December, that would be great, when we're trying to dig ourselves out.

Wayne Trockman: Would you like for this to begin with a conversation with you as our liaison and then you can set it up?

Councilmember Raben: Sure.

Wayne Trockman: Judge Kiely and I will contact you and maybe we could have a conference call.

Councilmember Raben: Great. Thank you.

President Shetler: Pete, did you have a question and then –

Councilmember Swaim: Yeah, just one. Do you have any kind of gut feel what the prospects would be of getting this renewed at the end of three years?

Wayne Trockman: There are absolutely no guarantees and really, this is a federal grant through the Department of Health and Human Services. There has been emphasis placed by the Federal Government towards the kinds of things that we're doing, especially the kinds of things that we've developed recently like the Veterans Treatment Court, which is growing, which is Judge Kiely's creation and the re-entry portion of what we're doing together, and the federal support for that is growing quickly. And I would be very optimistic, however, we are certainly going to tell these two employees that we can guarantee the job for three years, but we can't guarantee the job after that. And obviously, a year and a half in, we're going to be starting the renewal process.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, Councilman Terry?

Councilmember Terry: I don't, I just reread this letter and see my answer there.

President Shetler: Alright, yes Councilman?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: And so just to clarify, Wayne, first of all, thank you for doing the grant position the way that a grant position should be done, so that it's not stuck in the budget for perpetuity, that I appreciate this being that clear up front. But when you're talking about two positions, one of them is existing and you're just adding to it or – because I'm reading this and it says full-time case manager is one of them and then the yearly supplement to an existing employee. Is that the two positions that you're referring to?

Wayne Trockman: The supplement to the existing employee is the grant coordinator's position, and then this is – and then the second full-time position, we have one administrative person and we're in desperate need of a second even with the amount, the number of participants that we have now, and if we grow, that need is just going to grow further. And so that's a new position also.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: But the full-time case manager is the new position and then the other part of the grant money is going toward the supplement?

Wayne Trockman: Two new positions: the case manager and an administrative assistant, and then the –

President Shetler: Plus the supplement.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Plus the supplement. Okay, I must have another paper here that I'm missing because this one, I'm only seeing one on here.

Wayne Trockman: Yeah.

President Shetler: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Nothing, just ready to make a motion or there is a motion already, is there not?

President Shetler: No, I don't think so, that was on the other deal.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second, do I have any questions about the motion? All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Wayne Trockman: Thank you.

President Shetler: Thank you.

Wayne Trockman: Congratulations.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

COUNTY CLERK REQUEST TO FILL MISDEMEANOR CASHIER VACANCY

President Shetler: Anybody here for the Clerk's office?

Councilmember Raben: There may be, but I think we've covered this one and everybody has a clear understanding that they've lost an individual to Judge Tornatta, and I'll move approval.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. Do I have any questions about that? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries. That was easy. You did a good job.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR REQUEST TO FILL TRANSFER CLERK VACANCY AND RETITLE POSITION TO REAL ESTATE CLERK

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll also make a motion on the next one on the Auditor, request to fill a vacancy. Everyone is quite aware, last year they reduced their staff by two people and I think years prior to that, under Bill Fluty, they had reduced by two or three people, so they've taken this office back and about as far as it can possibly go. So I'll move approval.

President Shetler: I've got a motion and a –

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: – second. Do I have any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">SHERIFF REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES FOR SIX JAIL CONFINEMENT OFFICERS AND ONE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CONFINEMENT OFFICER</p>

President Shetler: That was for the Auditor and then the Sheriff to fill some vacancies, Confinement Officers and a Community Corrections Confinement Officer. Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: And I'll also make a motion on this one, again, being closely tied to some of the problems associated with the confinement and the population as it stands today. We need to maintain, I think it's 16 correction officers per shift and this is about the only way we can do it, so I'll move approval.

Councilmember Terry: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second, do I have any questions or comments?

Councilmember Swaim: Does this get the Sheriff to the manpower level that he needs to be in compliance?

Eric Williams: No, but we're getting much closer. We'll have a similar request next month to fill positions.

Councilmember Swaim: Thanks.

President Shetler: All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries, thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO APPROVE JOB STUDY RECOMMENDATION FOR SIX POSITIONS AND FILL VACANCIES</p>
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President Shetler: We have some travel requests, County Commissioners and Health Department.

Councilmember Raben: We have a Health Department request, is that still on?

Gary Heck: The Job Study? Yes, I hope so. I think it's just a request to approve the Job Study recommendation for six positions, and to fill vacancies.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Unfortunately, I did not bring any of this material with me on this one.

Gary Heck: I can assure you, it's okay, Councilman.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I'm sure. Does anybody have the documentation on this?

Councilmember Goebel: I didn't bring it with me, either. Gary, this was cleared through Job Study and it's going to be a cost savings to the county or to the Health Department.

Gary Heck: That's correct, it's for grant funding of positions that we had the opportunity for apply for this year and also to replace two part-time grant positions with two full-time positions. It's, all of it, will be covered with grant funding with the exception of part of the savings would be needed to establish a line item to pay for some of the matching funds. That's why we referred to this as a blended funding project while overall, the county will save about \$185,000 though, and the sooner we can get this started, then folks who are currently being paid through this year can also be shifted as well, so there would be that additional savings on top if this goes through.

Councilmember Goebel: Motion for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second. Any questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Gary Heck: Thank you.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Shetler: And what about, let's see, travel requests. We need a motion for approval on that.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve the travel requests.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Moved and seconded. Do I have any questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Okay, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">GROWTH ALLIANCE FOR GREATER EVANSVILLE 2012 TAX PHASE-IN COMPLIANCE REVIEW</p>
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President Shetler: GAGE, and we have new faces and new people.

Shance Sizemore: Good morning, my name is Shance Sizemore, Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville, and I am here to present the final tax phase-in compliance. These three companies actually – I'm going to give these to Teri real quick. As many of you remember, I was here earlier in the season and these three companies, they actually have purchased another company that was in the county and with those purchases, there has been kind of various forms of either they didn't realize that the tax phase-in could possibly go forward or they didn't, the person I was in contact with at the previous company is no longer there and so then I was transferred to other people either in New York or what have you. With those, you have Chesapeake Packaging, formerly Cortegra and Creative Press, Berry Plastics, which was formerly Rexam, and QTR. Chesapeake currently is sitting at 68 employees and they estimated 91. I have Katie Delor if anybody has questions for Chesapeake Pharmaceuticals. I also have QTR, which is sitting at 52 of the estimated 65, I should also have Michael Wright with me, if you have any questions for his company. And then Rexam, which is now Berry Plastics, as explained in the attachment at 273 of the 286, with most of their people transferring to other facilities. With this, what I'm asking is for your approval either of their compliance or statements of their non-compliance to move them forward. Is there any questions or comments?

President Shetler: Questions or comments? We just appreciate that they're making the best effort they can in this economic time, So we understand. Anybody have –

Councilmember Goebel: Just keep hiring, that's all.

President Shetler: Motion would be in order for approval.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries.

Shance Sizemore: Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CHANGE IN STATE LAW REGARDING INVESTMENTS
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President Shetler: Alright, next Treasurer to discuss the new state law about investing in various different areas for five years maximum.

Rick Davis: Good morning, everybody, Rick Davis, Vanderburgh County Treasurer. I have with me today Jessica Rebmann, she's our broker for the county with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, she's a certified financial planner and the associate vice-president of wealth management at MSSB. Our state legislature passed a new law that went into effect July 1 and it allows counties to invest up to 25% of their portfolio up to five years. Indiana has historically been a very conservative state and before this law changed, the maximum amount of time counties could invest was two years. State law requires the County Treasurer to appear before the fiscal body of the county, in this case the County Council, and request that we be given permission to change our investment policy to reflect that we can invest for up to five years. Currently, due to the current yields in the Treasury curve, we feel this is an ideal time to begin investing longer. Our broker projected the current very low and very flat interest rate environment three years ago. And they predict that the interest rates will remain where they are, flat, for the next two years. And they predict a five year agency security or certificate of deposit will be yielding five times what a one year investment currently earns. If this goes through, we will continue to invest in local C.D.'s with local banks and our TrustIndiana account. Our TrustIndiana account allows us to keep operating funds that, those that we make for payroll and to pay county expenses, in a liquid state while also earning competitive interest rates. Our cash book also earns .25 under the terms of our current agreement. And to put this in perspective, Tuesday we bid out a one year C.D. with the local banks. And for one year, one million dollars was only going to earn .10 of a percent. Ten basis points. Not one percent, but .10. And our TrustIndiana account is at .12. So it makes more sense to put it in our government pool where I can draw it out the next day, where I'm earning .12, as opposed to tying up a one million dollar C.D. for an entire year without being able to draw off of it. And the reason why the local banks aren't giving very much on their interest rates is because there's no demand. If they're not loaning money, they do not need my money in order to make loans and earn more money on investments. I'd be glad to answer any questions you may have and Ms. Rebmann is here and she can answer your questions concerning her proposal for Vanderburgh County to enter into a five year ladder, so that the Council can count on revenues every year when making their budgets, we know years in advance how much we're going to be earning on these investments.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I was going to ask, if it's a five year plan, this rate will be fixed for five years, it won't be any type of variation on it, if the interest rates do go up?

Jessica Rebmann: If I could say a few words. Good morning. I think the real important thing to keep in mind is that, you know, I've seen the budget hearings that you sit through in the heat of the summer and I know how hard it is when you're

counting on a revenue stream that's normally in the millions of dollars range and that drops down to a hundred thousand or so range. What the ladder does is it's just being unemotional about it and it's saying we're going to get committed to rates and one, two, three, four and five years. And then as the one year money comes due, we put that back out for five years and it's committed and they can't take that away. Like the local bank or the TrustIndiana, they're going to adjust their rate as things come along and so you're kind of at the mercy of that. Where, if you build a ladder, you lock in a set rate that you control and you have a lot more consistency in your income. Over a five year term, if you're taking just what the daily rate is versus a ladder approach, over a five year period, you're going to end up with about the same amount of income, but taking the short term rate all the time, you may have a spike on say ten million dollars of 1.6 million, and then the five year outpoint have only 800,000. And if you're sitting here trying to make decisions on hiring and financing things, that's not a good day for you. So the real advantage I see in counties taking advantage of this is really balancing out that cash flow by taking control of a portion of their money. And so part of that code change from the state only allows you to do 25 percent of the county's cash reserves so you're sort of separating out your checking account versus your savings account. And with the savings account, using this ladder to get more of a steady cash flow.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve to get it on the table.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. So by entering into this, then we would be locked in for that rate for the five years. Was that –

Jessica Rebmann: No, it's really, what the request is today is to amend your investment policy just to allow that opportunity. And so you would allow the Treasurer to make five year investments. My advice would be that they're careful about getting that five year plan started, but eventually, over the years, you work into that five year ladder. So it's not asking you to commit to five years, it's asking you to allow the county's investment policy, to give the flexibility on a portion of the county's funds to be invested at five years.

Rick Davis: And can I add one thing? And we're not going to go crazy and invest one investment for five years and be done. I see us doing one year, two year, three year, four year and five year investments, so that we're continually earning interest at varying levels and we're consistent, so we can always have a consistent flow of investment income that's coming in to the county. Right now, we can only go out two and, again, Tuesday, a one-year C.D. earned less, two and a half times less, what we're earning in our checking account interest at .25.

President Shetler: I mean, a stable platform is good, I understand that. I can't imagine the rates being any lower than what they are today. And that's my concern of getting...

Jessica Rebmann: I share that concern and that's why I think my advice would be to be careful about filling up the ladder all at once. But the rates could stay where they are and that being the situation, if you're tied to .1 percent on ready money and you don't need it, you might want to go ahead and start some money out at the five year, and let it start coming in and start getting into this. This is a long-term thing, it's not a solution that's really going to fix, you know, the situation. And the time to do this would have been, ideally, five years ago.

President Shetler: Yeah, that's what concerns me and, I mean, it's like anything else, I mean, you're throwing the dice on the table a little bit here, but a lot of indicators are out there that inflation is on the rise and if this QE3 that we're involved in now, that that's going to help escalate that inflation on the monetary side. I mean, and I don't know that much about monetary policy, but there could be a lot of pressure in another couple of years, and I'd hate for us to get locked in to that. Basically, what we're doing is giving authority to extend that, for the Treasurer to use their best judgement on that. And I appreciate that, but –

Rick Davis: There are a lot of variables that go into what the county earns when we have investment, and the Fed has a lot to do with that as well. In our current investment climate it would be devastating for our economy if the Fed were to increase rates dramatically, especially over the next two years. So they have foreseen the current flat rate, they are predicting for the next two to three years, that the rates are going to remain flat because our economy is still recovering from the horrible recession we went through in 2008. And for the Fed to increase its rates dramatically over the next two to three years would be devastating to our economy. People would not borrow money to build homes, to buy homes, or to invest in their companies and add payroll, that type of thing. There are so many variables that go into play. I just mentioned one earlier, the demand for our money, but these other things like the Fed rate and the economy also play a part in it and they are professionals and they do see the rate staying flat for the next two to three years.

Jessica Rebmann: May I? It's also not about predicting things because as we saw last night, there were a lot of things that were predicted that didn't come out the way that people thought. This is not so much about predicting what the rates are going to do, but just getting into that five year roll that will help you whether the rates are going up or coming down.

President Shetler: Let me ask you this, is it possible, does the state law allow where we could have a panel or consortium or a group that would consist of, say, the finance chairman, and the Treasurer, and maybe the Auditor to be a part of that decision making process, as opposed to just leaving that up to one official?

Jessica Rebmann: I think currently the way that the state law is or what I see in practice in other counties is there is a finance committee that's made up of the Commissioners and the Treasurer –

Rick Davis: And the Auditor.

Jessica Rebmann: –okay, and I'm not sure what your preferences are locally, to do advice on that.

Councilmember Terry: I think that's excellent, I mean, especially when we know that those positions change and those individuals change and so –

Jessica Rebmann: Again, I guess I would just repeat it back that it's less about maximizing an opportunity that I see at five years today, but more about slowly working our way into what will be a more consistent cash flow for you and – was there a question?

President Shetler: I think Councilman Raben did and then Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Raben: Just a few comments and that would be great. I think that's a great idea because two or three or four different heads, you know, we might trust

that we are actually making the correct decision. But to Rick's point, the fact that, you know, initially, we may lock in our available funds today at five years, next year if the interest rates do go up, you know, we'll look at one year or two year, you know, we can adjust our future revenues, we can adjust for whatever the market is. I will say this, that based on some of the national news this morning, you know, they were talking about expect interest rates to go up. Expect them to go up almost immediately, so that's the only thing that scares me here. If we're talking about 1.2, you know, thirty days from now, it might be three percent. Is there a, are we under any type of time frame here that we have to make this decision to invest in five years or we're just basically, you're asking for our approval to grant the Treasurer's office to make that decision. I, you know, I think we have to look at allowing this decision to be made by the Treasurer, but that would be my only thing, let's do a little wait and see, because if interest rates do creep up, you know, we might want to...

Jessica Rebmann: I share your concern and if you look at the cash that's out there in the system, the excess cash sits on the books at banks because they are flush with cash. There is close to 1.8 trillion dollars in excess reserves when normally there's nothing. If you look at corporations, there's 1.7 trillion of excess cash on corporations. If you took a sprinkle that you put on a cupcake, and if that represented one dollar, you could fill Fenway Park where the Red Sox play in Boston to two feet deep in cash, in sprinkles, to just relate how much that is. So we're very aware of that, and I think that that's the reason to be cautious, and our advice to clients about getting into the five year ladder, but I think there's always going to be a reason to wait and see and wait and see. And this is supposed to be more of an unemotional process that you're going to commit to running your savings account this way and cautiously enter into it definitely, given the situation that we're in, I certainly share that concern in that regard in my advice to clients. It's a good point.

President Shetler: I think Councilman Bassemier and then Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm going to put Mr. Gries on the spot. What's your feeling on this, Joe?

Joe Gries: We work with the Treasurer in a lot of areas. This is not an area that I'm well versed in, and the investing side of it, it falls to the Treasurer. There is the financial council, but there has not really ever been past history where we've come together and gone through numbers and looked at different things, so I'd be happy to be a part of that.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know Mr. Davis has done really good for us over the years, so I value his opinion, so –

Rick Davis: Might I add, I will not be the Treasurer next year and I am still coming forward with this proposal because I do feel it is the best proposal for Vanderburgh County taxpayers whether I am in that office or not. Whoever is in that office, we need to give them the tools and resources that are at their disposal for them to make the best judgement and exercise the best investment policy they possibly can and I feel this is one more arrow that you can put in the County Treasurer's quiver that is not there now. When I became County Treasurer, we were not in TrustIndiana. We have done that and I have shown you today that our basically money market account is earning more than what a one year C.D. would. We also were not using Jessica and Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and Agency Securities. And their investments are kicking the tail off of any of the local investments we could have made here. I am telling you as your County Treasurer on his way out the door, that the next County Treasurer needs this. I'm telling you as a taxpayer that if my

property taxes can be lower because the County Treasurer made investments that reduced the amount of money that you guys tax, I'm telling you that that's why I'm here today, this is the best thing that can happen for the Treasurer's office right now.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I agree that we should vote in favor with the stipulation that a committee be formed for advice to the Treasurer as far as the investments and that's what the practice is elsewhere, is that correct?

Jessica Rebmann: The practice currently is that it's made up of the Commissioners, the Treasurer and the Auditor.

Councilmember Goebel: I just think we need to make that clear, not to give to one individual that kind of power for the future, but I think it's a good movement.

President Shetler: Now is that part of the law so if we okay this, it's already part of it, that committee, or we need to stipulate that in our motion?

Jessica Rebmann: The committee sets the policy currently, but this aspect of the policy has to be set by the Council, so I don't think that there's any sort of law that dictates that the Treasurer has to consult with this body before making an investment, so I think that would be something that you want to add to it.

President Shetler: So we could put a caveat on our motion basically to do that?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll amend my motion for them to go ahead and for us to form that committee.

President Shetler: Is it possible then for us to expand that committee to add the finance chairman of the County Council?

Jessica Rebmann: If I have the honor of continuing to be your advisor, I will be happy to advise, you know, whoever is making the decisions. Typically, I've worked with the Treasurer.

Councilmember Raben: I think that's almost an ordinance, is it not, that we –

Rick Davis: It's state law, I believe. The County Finance Board, I believe, is state law. We have to meet in January of each year and I see no reason why the president of the County Council can't come to that meeting.

President Shetler: I was trying to send Councilman Raben to that meeting. I wasn't volunteering.

Rick Davis: I'm sorry, the finance chair of the Council, I see no reason why you can't come to that meeting and make that discussion open and public.

President Shetler: And my concern, and it kind of goes to your point, Rick, and that is, you know, all of us come and go and so to establish anything based on a person, concerns me. And you need to do it by position and I just feel more comfortable if there's a good support group back there for that. So that's where I was coming from. Councilman Goebel? Did you have a question?

Councilmember Goebel: Well, no, do we today or do we...come up with a motion or requirement or –

President Shetler: County Finance Board.

Councilmember Goebel: Can we do that or should we get it in writing from our attorney and then –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: That's what I was going to ask, if we need to hold it off.

Councilmember Goebel: – vote on it next time.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Yeah.

President Shetler: This won't hurt to put it off until next month then to make that –

Councilmember Bassemier: We've got another month, don't –

Jessica Rebmann: We work for you, so...

Councilmember Raben: Again, I think that almost establishes an ordinance that probably has to be handled through the Commissioners first.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll withdraw my motion.

Councilmember Raben: And we can act on this next month. Let's allow our legal counsel and Commissioners and the Auditor to discuss this and again I think it may require an ordinance through the Commissioners.

Councilmember Goebel: It's safe to say that the general consensus is in favor.

President Shetler: Okay, the motion has been pulled and so we'll tackle that next month and then, but appreciate your comments and, Rick, we appreciate your service.

Rick Davis: Oh, no problem. Just a public service announcement, property taxes are due November 13th. Ironically, that is my 10 year anniversary with the county. I never imagined when I started here that I'd be waiting at the drop box at midnight collecting property taxes. So –

President Shetler: And that's a Tuesday, isn't it?

Rick Davis: Yes.

President Shetler: So keep in mind –

Rick Davis: The traditional November 10th day for property tax collection in the fall falls on a Saturday this year, and fortunately for taxpayers, the Monday following that is a bank holiday so state law allows us to make the deadline on November 13th, which gives people three extra days to pay their fall property taxes this year.

President Shetler: That question came up to me in my office before I left this morning from someone, and I said I think it's on Tuesday because of Veterans Day or whatever. Yes, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: Off of this subject, but I'd like to thank Rick for his service as our Treasurer. You've been an exemplary public servant, you've saved the county thousands of dollars, you've worked very well with this body, you have through attrition lowered your staffing, and this is the type of department leadership that we truly enjoy, and I think the challenge should go out to other departments to work as you have as our County Treasurer. So I want to say thank you.

Rick Davis: Thank you, I appreciate that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well said, Mr. Goebel.

Rick Davis: Thank you, Ed. I've enjoyed working with all of you first in the Recorder's office and then as Treasurer. It's been a joy. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick comment, I echo everything that Councilman Goebel said and, in fact, I may have been quoted a few times as saying I think you did a good job, and I mean it to this day. I think you've done an excellent job and we appreciate all the effort that you've taken.

Rick Davis: Thank you, Jim.

President Shetler: Thank you.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: The amendments to the salary ordinance then, Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, everyone has been given a four page copy of our amendments. They actually are missing one amendment because it was not supplied to us beforehand and that was the request, the second request that Superior Court made this morning. So we'll take that one up next week or at our next meeting. So with that being said, I'm going to move that the amendments to the salary ordinance be approved as drafted, and ask that the Auditor's office enter this four page document into the record.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Any questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Shetler: Anything else to come before the Council? Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Next meeting date? It won't be the standard time, will it? Will it be the last week of December or do we –

President Shetler: No, it will be November...oh, the –

Councilmember Goebel: I'm way ahead. In December we –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: According to what we have here, December the 5th will be, or November the 28th will be our next meeting, then December the 5th, and then December the 12th is what is on the schedule.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, so that will be 12/12/12. That's good. If nothing else to come before the Council, we wish Coach good luck this Friday and bring home a trophy for Evansville.

Councilmember Raben: One last question, Mr. President, have you heard any more in regards to the pending offer made for the old School Corporation building?

President Shetler: I have not heard anything more.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Shetler: Myself.

Councilmember Swaim: I had a brief conversation with Mr. Kiefer yesterday and he said they're at about the million dollar level, so that's the latest.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to make my last and final push that as we go in this direction, everybody bear in mind the fact that soon facing us is additional female housing, more male pods out at the new jail, along with our space here that we've still never answered, which is about 38,000 square feet of unused space. So I still, I can't believe we're going in this direction. You know, I had mentioned to Councilman Shetler or you had actually made the comment that well, you know, having it might at some point allow for more court space and my reply to that was that that doesn't even make sense because if our entire judicial system needs to grow, if our jail needs to grow, it doesn't make sense to keep that here any more. You know, that should all be part of that complex as was originally proposed. So soon, you know, I'm not talking about next year or even two or three years from now, but maybe five years from now we're looking at a vacant, or the possibility of a vacant judicial building. So to grow this campus, financially, makes no sense whatsoever, and I think it's, you know, it's going to create a lot of hardship on this county eventually. So, I'm making my last pitch and everybody is clear that I am totally against this purchase.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Has any consideration been brought that another division or other entity in government would look at that building other than this body?

President Shetler: I am not sure who they've pursued on trying to –

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, we don't have anything in front of us.

President Shetler: I don't know, I'm not sure.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, motion for adjournment would be in order.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Shetler: It looks like that's unanimous. Alright, thank you very much. We'll see you later on in the month.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Peter Swaim

Mike Goebel

Ed Bassemier

Stephanie Terry

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 5, 2012**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of December, 2012 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Council President Tom Shetler.

President Shetler: Good morning. A couple of people need to get a few things organized here, discussions that were being held a little bit before the meeting. I do want to welcome you all here this morning for our Council meeting. The first thing we're going to do is take attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Terry		X
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Koehler Lindsey		X*
Councilmember Goebel	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Swaim	X	
President Shetler	X	

*Arrived shortly after roll call.

President Shetler: There being five members present, two absent, there is a quorum, and I would like to ask Judge Heldt if he would lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Shetler: Thank you, Judge. Yes, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: For the record, Councilwoman Terry is bedridden right now, and we wish her a speedy recovery and I think she will be back soon.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you. That raises some questions, but we'll talk about that later.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES NOVEMBER 7, 2012

President Shetler: We need a motion for approval of the minutes or any questions about the minutes?

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

President Shetler: Got a motion and a –

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: – and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Okay, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

TRANSFER FUNDS FROM RIVERBOAT TO COUNTY GENERAL FUND

President Shetler: Then appropriation ordinance and we'll begin with the Sheriff's department. Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning. First, before we start with the actual appropriations, I'd like to instruct the Auditor's office to transfer \$110,000 from Riverboat into the General fund.

Joe Gries: Is it 110 or –

Councilmember Raben: 110.

President Shetler: So we have a motion. You made that in the form –

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I didn't hear the motion.

Councilmember Raben: To transfer \$110,000 from Riverboat into General fund.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about the motion? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. First on the agenda under Sheriff is a request for Fuel in the amount of \$25,000, I'll move approval.

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

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: I have a second. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2210	Fuel		
1000-1050-221000		25,000	25,000
Total		25,000	25,000

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER¹

Councilmember Raben: Next under Public Defender, and we discussed this in depth last week, Death Penalty case, the request is for \$150,000. If you recall last week, it was discussed that it may or may not be the date set farther back into the year, and it has been. That motion has been granted. So at this time, I'm going to make a motion that we approve \$100,000 and then we can address the remaining balance after the first of the year.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. I have a multitude of questions, in fact, I may ask for more – let's see, Steve, I saw come in. The \$150,000 request that's apparently the motion on the floor here is paring it down to 100, will that, is that covering expenses that have already been incurred or is that anticipating some future expenses as well?

Steve Owens: That was anticipating expenses that have been incurred and future expenses.

President Shetler: Okay. I've kind of pored over some of these requests for payment and stuff the last few days here. What is a mitigator?

Steve Owens: Mitigating expert or mitigation –

President Shetler: It's just called mitigator here. But –

Steve Owens: That's a person who basically goes around and attempts to gather as much mitigation evidence and in a capital case, you have a guilt phase and a penalty phase. We are required to explore all possible potential mitigation evidence that

¹Councilmember Koehler Lindsey arrived during this discussion.

may be out there. You interview family members, school teachers, pretty much anybody and everybody that may have known the person that you're representing. You also gather medical records, school records, and that sort of thing. So that's what the mitigation investigator does.

President Shetler: These expense sheets as they've been approved by the court, do you look at those or do they come to you before they come to our Auditor's office?

Steve Owens: Well, they come to me before they come to the Auditor's office, yes.

President Shetler: Do you get, I mean, what I have is a very generalized statement, invoice, I guess, you might call it, which just basically leads out the person's name, their position, and expense category and their income category, and then a total. But I'm not getting a breakdown on the expenses at all.

Steve Owens: What you have, Tom, is a copy of the court order. We submit a detailed petition for fees and expenses to Judge Moore. Judge Moore then reviews that. We do that ex parte. That is, it's not available to the prosecution. They're not necessarily entitled to know who we're talking to and what we're doing. Judge Moore then signs an order, which is what you're looking at. The order is then submitted to the Auditor and that's basically done in an ex parte manner. The detailed fee petition is kept under seal in Clark County.

President Shetler: Normally, in the past, we have – and I'm not asking, in fact, I always like to remove personalities and names from anything anyway, as much as possible. But in the past, you know, we received breakdowns on expenses at least when it's been in our local courts that I've seen, for example, restaurants or food bills and what was used for gasoline or travel, and a good breakdown on the expenses. And I noticed in here, about the breakdown I had is from, I think your expense, perhaps, on a hotel or something. But the rest of it, again, I don't have any breakdowns on it.

Steve Owens: I think in the past, at some point, we were requested by one of the County Council persons that was on the Council at that time, to provide an itemized breakdown. We provided some information, apparently, they didn't find that acceptable. They then asked for some additional information, which we then provided. But, again, like I said, there is an itemized breakdown that's sent to the Judge, and I have a copy of that. I mean, I'll be happy to sit down with you if you want to go over that, but I'm not going to make it a public document.

President Shetler: And that would be fine. Yeah, I would be interested in seeing that. Is there an established hourly rate for lead counsel?

Steve Owens: Yes.

President Shetler: And the investigator, the mitigator, and the paralegal? Are those established, and is that a statewide rule of thumb or does it go along with what the prosecutor does and a certain percentage like your office does? How is that all handled?

Steve Owens: That's sort of multiple questions, but I can try to take it in parts. The Supreme Court establishes an hourly rate for lead counsel that's reviewed every year and it goes up pretty much every year.

President Shetler: And is that the federal or the state?

Steve Owens: No, the Indiana State Supreme Court. So the office of State Court Administration, Supreme Court, basically says this is the hourly rate that you're going to pay lead counsel.

President Shetler: And is that a flat or is that a range?

Steve Owens: No, it's a flat. Right now, it's currently, effective January, I think it's \$113 an hour, is what it's going to be. So if this case were filed in 2013, you'd be paying lead counsel \$113 an hour. At the time this case was filed, it was \$106 an hour, which is what lead counsel is being paid. There are no set standards nor are there any ranges for fact investigations, mitigation investigation or paralegal. Those are approved, particularly by the court. So you petition the court to say I need a fact investigator or I need a mitigation investigator, I want a paralegal, this is what we propose to pay. And the paralegal, particularly, would not be a standard range. In other words, you might pay a paralegal here one amount, you may pay a paralegal in Indianapolis something different. Mitigation investigators and fact investigators are pretty much standardized. I mean, there's not that many people in the state that do that kind of work in a capital case, so pretty much, if, in other words, for example, our fact investigator is currently doing another capital case in Floyd County. And he's charging the same amount in Floyd County as he's charging in Vanderburgh County. Our mitigation person does capital cases throughout the state, and also in other states. He charges the same hourly rate to us as he charges us whether he's doing it here or in Texas. And it's not a range. It's just a set rate and the court then approves hiring that person at that rate.

President Shetler: Paralegal, does that have to be a certified paralegal or –

Steve Owens: No, there's no requirement in Rule 24 that it be a certified paralegal.

President Shetler: What's, and pardon me for kind of going into this a little deeper than what we did last week, but again, through some of this, looking over, I'm just alarmed by the expenses that we've paid out in a relatively short period of time and knowing that this has been delayed again until at least June, and that's going to be the heavy expenses, I guess, when you start going to trial. But lead counsel, and this is a new one since –

Steve Owens: Well, that's the other thing. We've had two lead counsel, --

President Shetler: Exactly, but this is just for the new one due to the untimely death of Tim Dodd, but we paid out over \$155,000 that's for 14 months. That was from the end of July of 2011 to this year at the end of September 2012, over \$155,000 and that is in the income side. On the expense side, it's been almost \$30,000. The investigators, almost \$17,000, and the mitigator has been almost \$18,000, and the paralegal has been 14.6. So, to me, that's a lot of money for a lot of preliminary time and stuff that's been put into the case, and again, I imagine the big bucks are going to happen when this goes to trial.

Steve Owens: As I've told you since day one, these cases are expensive and they're not going to get any cheaper. This case is probably a little more expensive than it otherwise would have been because of Mr. Dodd's death and the fact that we had to get a second lead counsel. The expenses that you're talking about pertaining to lead counsel, you have to understand, some of those expenses include expert fees. So it's not like travel and meals, hotels, and that sort of thing. What we have done, historically, what we were doing when Mr. Dodd was here and what we're doing now, is the experts that we consult with are actually ran through as an expense item on

lead counsel's statements. So I think, for example, in the Ward case, one of the experts was about \$60,000, give or take. So you're going to see some substantial expenses coming through as this case gets closer to trial because we're going to have more experts' time, we're going to have experts who will undoubtedly testify and those will be coming through as an expense item on lead counsel's statement. As far as his fees, I don't really know. I haven't added up his fees, so I'll take what you say as fact. And that probably doesn't surprise me.

President Shetler: I would like to see us perhaps delay this until the January meeting and my reasoning, we've got to figure out a way somehow to, and I understand that the expenses we've incurred thus far have been ordered and they need to get paid. I think we also need to figure out a way that we're going to be able to manage the expenses of this the very best that we possibly can because it's – I'm not sure about – you know, I understand that the judge has the authority to appoint that lead counsel, at least that's my understanding and I may not be correct on that –

Steve Owens: That is correct.

President Shetler: – and I know that at the time, there were two that were totally certified to do death penalty cases, but we also have others who are, at least in our county, that were close to it and could have within one class, just a certificate away from being fully qualified as well.

Steve Owens: As you'll recall, we had that conversation back in what, 2011? And we had another local attorney who was experience qualified, had not had the class, and when we broached that with certain members of the Council, they were resistant to us paying for him to go to that class. These classes aren't offered every day. You don't pick them up every week, and at the time that we were discussing that, the only class that was available in which we could get him enrolled was like in California. And the Councilmembers were reluctant to agree to do that. He would have been doing us a favor, not us doing him a favor, so there was a view that he shouldn't have to pay for that out of his own pocket to become qualified so that he could take over as lead counsel. The difficulty you have, frankly, is there is a standard that says you have to be fully qualified within two years prior to the date of the appointment. And none of the other people in Vanderburgh County who were qualified by experience had taken the class.

President Shetler: I just hate seeing us send, what's going to end up being probably half a million dollars to another county for other people being involved, when so much of this, we probably could have kept here.

Steve Owens: I understand it's a problem, but –

President Shetler: Would this create an undue burden if we held this off until January?

Steve Owens: Well, the difficulty we're going to have right now, frankly, is we have an October statement, we're going to have a November statement, we're going to have a December statement. There is no money to pay those, so if you hold that off until January, then all of the people that are performing work on this case, the lead counsel, the experts, the mitigation and the fact investigators are not going to get paid until sometime February or March, whenever we get it done.

Councilmember Goebel: Steve, do we know what the compiled expenses are to date?

Steve Owens: October's billing statement, which is going to be presented to Judge Moore next week is around \$\$22,000, it's a little less than 22, but I don't have the exact figure.

Councilmember Goebel: And that's all that's on the books right now? So the other bills wouldn't be paid regardless?

Steve Owens: Well, if October, we're submitting October's statement to Judge Moore for approval, we'll be submitting November's statement to Judge Moore for approval probably at the same time, Mike. I don't have November's totally compiled, so I can't tell you what that is at the moment.

Councilmember Goebel: I know you need a fund to work from but perhaps we could fund it as we go. Is that a possibility?

Steve Owens: Well, I think Mr. Raben has suggested \$100,000. I feel confident that will get us through probably the end of the year and maybe beyond, which will keep us relatively current. As we get closer to the trial date, I think as I told you last week, we have an expert witness who is going to be in Jeffersonville next week. I don't know what his fees are going to be at this point. I don't know how much time he's going to be there. We'll just have to come back.

Councilmember Goebel: But that bill won't come due until later, anyway, because the Judge must approve it so all that has got to be turned in later.

Steve Owens: That will probably be turned in for the December billing statement, which won't be turned in, obviously, until January.

Councilmember Goebel: So we could get by with much less than 150 or even 100 today.

Steve Owens: We can get by with less than 150, we can probably get by with something less than 100. I don't know what that number is.

President Shetler: I was just informed by the Clerk that one of the problems that we might encounter as far as cash flow, is that would not be able to have any money really into the account at all until the later part of February, maybe even March, to pay anything unless we do make some kind of approval here and then have that money encumbered for next year. So that would probably push, I'm assuming you're probably 60 to 90 days out from the moment of work to the time they're getting paid anyway as it's all transacting, and then that would push it another 60 days, so it would be 120 to 150 days out.

Steve Owens: The payments have been coming out at different times, just depending on when we get the Judge to approve the order and that hasn't always been done in a timely manner. I would hate to see these people wait six months.

President Shetler: No, I agree on that. So, 100,000, will that, you feel that that's going to be adequate then?

Steve Owens: I think 100,000, clearly, will get us through this year and probably, barring any unforeseen expenses, probably is going to get us into the early part of the year. We would encumber that at the end of the year, obviously, anything that's left to roll over into next year.

President Shetler: And then do you think it would be possible for you and I to maybe get on a conference call and maybe speak with the judge about our concerns here and figure out a good way that we can provide adequate defense and at the same time, manage these costs so that the Vanderburgh County taxpayers are not –

Steve Owens: I certainly have no objection to the meeting that you suggested last week or a conference call. I think what I told you last week is, it doesn't make a great deal of sense to me to have a meeting or a conference call without the judge's involvement. And so, subject to Judge Moore's availability, I don't think that would be a bad idea.

President Shetler: Alright. Yeah, the total amount of money that's been appropriated thus far is –

Steve Owens: Well, the total amount of money that was appropriated actually was \$500,000, and last year we transferred 50, the Council transferred 50, so the total appropriation has been 450, --

President Shetler: And so then today would make it 550.

Steve Owens: Today would make it 550, and obviously, one of the things that I don't typically see in the newspaper articles, is that the Council is getting 50 percent of that back, or the county is getting 50 percent of it back. So you've been getting reimbursement for this capital case. So to the extent that you've spent \$450,000, you're getting 225 of it back. And it's coming in, I mean, I can show you where the deposits are coming from.

President Shetler: Deals like that, companies would go bankrupt every day.

Steve Owens: Well, I understand you don't like it.

President Shetler: Fifty percent return.

Steve Owens: Trust me, I'm real certain that you don't like it. I didn't develop the statute, I didn't develop the –

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to call for the question because we do have a long agenda.

President Shetler: Yeah, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I was just going to say, still, we also added 27,000 on top of that earlier on, I believe, and we –

Steve Owens: You did not, well, you didn't appropriate that. We transferred that out of other line items that were already in our office.

Councilmember Goebel: Okay, and we appropriated 25 to the prosecution.

Steve Owens: I don't know what you appropriated for the prosecution.

Councilmember Goebel: And even though it's reimbursed 50 percent to us, which is a good thing, it's still coming out of the general tax fund in the end.

Steve Owens: No question about that.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't want to harp on this one and I know we've got a long agenda, but is there anything this Council can do to push our state legislators or as Ms. Koehler said last time, Ms. Koehler Lindsey said last time, get with the Association of Indiana Counties to, if the state is going to set up the criteria, correct, for death penalty cases, different factors have to be met before you can try someone for death penalty, is that correct?

Steve Owens: Different factors have to be met –

Councilmember Goebel: Different criteria must be met as far as the situation in each particular case that would allow for seeking the death penalty.

Steve Owens: There is certain criteria that alloww the Prosecutor to ask for the death penalty, but that's not really the issue.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm not talking about this case. I'm talking about cases in general from here forward.

Steve Owens: I'm talking about cases in general. The issue is that the Indiana Supreme Court and the legislature has set up a mechanism and established certain minimum experience requirements and minimum training requirements and minimum compensation requirements for defense counsel. There are no requirements for a Prosecutor. Mr. Hermann wouldn't be qualified to defend this case.

Councilmember Goebel: I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about the facts of the case itself to seek the death penalty and the state establishes that.

Steve Owens: The legislature established that.

Councilmember Goebel: Is there a way we can go back, this group and other groups, to the state to fund death penalty cases instead of throwing it on the backs of the local county?

Steve Owens: As we've discussed before, last year and the year before, I would think that I would be a proponent of saying if the state is going to require you to do certain things in capital cases, perhaps the best way to handle them is to have a statewide capital litigation unit under the auspices of the State Public Defender's Office. They handle all the PCR stuff in that instance anyhow. There are probably 5 or 6 pending capital cases in the state right now. The numbers have been dropping, they're getting more expensive and it would make a great deal of sense, I think, to have a statewide capital litigation unit that would take the burden off of the counties. I don't think any county in the state, in the present day and age, is able to afford defense of a capital case, but if you look in the paper or you saw the news yesterday, Roy Lee Ward's death sentence was just stayed, it's now in the federal system, he was tried twice because the first time it was reversed. Those sorts of things are going to continue to happen. There is, and I think you mentioned it, I've given you the numbers before, there's a five percent chance of a capital defendant actually being executed. By the time you get through all the appeals and all the federal levels, the odds of an execution actually occurring are very, very small. There are other options, but I don't make those decisions and we've talked about that. I don't disagree with anything you said about asking the state legislature or asking the Supreme Court to change the mechanism. I've thought that should have been done a long time ago. Unfortunately, right now, we're stuck with what we've got.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, the only point I'll make, I'd hate to see this body get stuck in this situation again in the future because we're barely scraping by now, financing all the services we need to finance, and this is extraordinary and we just don't have the money. That simple. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, we do have a question on the floor. Any other comments or questions? All in favor –

Councilmember Bassemier: No, we need a roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I feel that \$450,000 we've spent so far is more than enough for this person to get a fair defense. I feel like somebody or we should defend our Vanderburgh County taxpayers also, so I'm voting no on this.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Are we voting on 150,000 or 100,000?

President Shetler: It's 100,000, is the motion.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Okay. Given that they need to pay their bills and I do feel glad that we're going to do 100,000, I'll vote aye.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, and, Ed, I concur with you a hundred percent. I guess the situation we're in, we can't appear as if we're depriving this case –

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I know we're –

Councilmember Raben: – but I do agree with you, it hurts to do this, --

Councilmember Bassemier: I know we're mandated to do this, but we're going to have to do something. We need to either set an example or do something.

Councilmember Raben: I agree. I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: I concur, Ed, and it's a tough one, but I'm going to vote yes. I don't really want to be under contempt of court. So anyway, the motion passes and that would be 5-1. The motion carries.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-3948	Death Penalty		
1000-1420-394800		150,000	100,000
Total		150,000	100,000

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Bassemier opposed)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: Next is County Council. The request for Accrued Payments in the amount of \$50,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second. Do I have any questions, comments? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: So ordered.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1971	Accrued Payments		
1000-1480-197100		50,000	50,000
Total		50,000	50,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REPEALS

SHERIFF
JAIL
LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, next we have three repeals, one from the Sheriff, Court Security in the amount of \$5,000; Jail, Medical in the amount of \$20,000; and Local Roads & Streets, Materials in the amount of \$350,000. I will move that we accept the three repeals as listed.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Any questions, comments? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1060-2230 1000-1060-223000	Garage & Motor	400	400
1060-3310 1000-1060-331000	Education & Training	267	267
1060-3700 1000-1060-370000	Dues & Subscriptions	76	76
To: 1060-2210 1000-1060-221000	Fuel	743	743

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1210-1120-1210 1000-1210-121112	Election Assistant	2,450	2,450
To: 1210-1130 1000-1210-121113	Absentee Teams	2,450	2,450

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3000 1000-1300-300000	Insurance	2,000	2,000
To: 1300-3270 1000-1300-327000	Change of Venue	2,000	2,000

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-3130 1000-1360-313000	Travel/Mileage	975	975
1360-3520 1000-1360-352000	Maintenance & Repair	250	250
To: 1360-2270 1000-1360-226000	Food	1,225	1,225

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1361-1220-1361 1000-1430-143006	Confinement Ofcr.	2,501	2,501
To: 1361-1530 1000-1430-153000	Shift Differential	2,500	2,500
1361-1130-1361 1000-1430-143051	Admin. Assistant	1	1

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-3050 1000-1370-305000	Patient/Inmate Care	17,000	17,000
1370-2600 1000-1370-260000	Supplies	5,000	5,000

1370-3410 1000-1370-341000	Printing	1,000	1,000
To: 1370-3941 1000-1370-394100	Guardian Ad-Litem	17,000	17,000
1370-3250 1000-1370-325000	Law Books	6,000	6,000

LEGAL AID **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1460-3000 1000-1460-300000	Insurance	525	525
1460-3450 1000-1460-344000	Advertising	40	40
To: 1460-4220 1000-1460-422000	Office Machines	565	565

COUNTY COUNCIL **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1480-3461 1000-1480-346100	Court Technology	125,000	125,000
1480-3520 1000-1480-352000	Maintenance & Repair	200	200
1480-4220 1000-1480-422000	Office Machines	52	52
1480-3130 1000-1480-313000	Travel/Mileage	3,600	3,600
To: 1480-3860 1000-1480-386000	Contractual Computer	125,000	125,000
1480-2600 1000-1480-260000	Supplies	252	252
1480-3460 1000-1480-346000	Consultant	3,600	3,600

HIGHWAY **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2010-1053 1176-0000-117653	Secretary	533	533
To: 2010-1063 1176-0000-117663	Grease Man	369	369
2010-1042 1176-0000-117642	Laborer	164	164

HEALTH DEPARTMENT **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2130-3000 1159-0000-300000	Insurance	10,000	10,000
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To: 2130-3510 1159-0000-351000	Operating Expense	10,000	10,000
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LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 4290-3130 4903-0000-313000	Travel/Mileage	1,200	1,200
4290-3280 4903-0000-328000	Exam of Records/Audit	315	315
4290-3410 4903-0000-341000	Printing	751	751
4290-2600 4903-0000-260000	Supplies	269	269
To: 4290-4220 4903-0000-422000	Office Machines	2,535	2,535

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1361-1220-1361 1000-1430-143006	Confinement Ofcr.	500	500
To: 1361-1340-1361 1000-1430-143013	Confinement Ofcr.	500	500

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

From: 1370-3050 1000-1370-305000	Patient/Inmate Care	7,000	7,000
To: 1370-3903 1000-1370-390300	Petit Jurors	7,000	7,000

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CIRCUIT COURT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY OF PART-TIME PROBATION OFFICER FROM USER FEE FUND			
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President Shetler: Jim, were you going to take on the task on the Library?

Councilmember Raben: That's fine, we can go to that first on the agenda if we'd like. I would call the Library forward, please.

President Shetler: Let me, excuse me a minute, Marcia, just one second. Let me go ahead and take care of our two judges here real quickly. They've probably heard enough of these proceedings that they probably want to get on back to their offices and stuff. So I apologize, but I was going back to where we had it and I'll go out of order here. So first would be Judge Heldt, Circuit Court.

Carl Heldt: Good morning, Carl Heldt, Circuit Court. I have a couple of things I'd like to talk about. The first is our request to replace our part-time Probation Officer to assist the pre-sentence reports. We have two officers that do this type of thing and now we have one. We're asking to replace the one that left with a part time. This comes from the probation user fee funds, so there's no impact on the county budget.

President Shetler: Judge, and this is off the subject just a little bit and I don't want to delay this any longer, this Council meeting, but this point came to me a couple of years ago by a person that works in the courts system, and I think it was a very good point and I know, it might appeal a little bit more to Superior than it does to Circuit, but do we have any probation officers that have psychology degrees or would be psychologists in any way?

Carl Heldt: Not that I know of. We don't have any psychologists, do we? No.

President Shetler: Would that be something that would be, again, this may be a question better for Superior than it is for you, I'm not sure –

Carl Heldt: Well, actually, no, we have more – Circuit Court supervises most of the probation officers, now Judge Trockman supervises the other half.

President Shetler: Would that be a good thing to entertain, that we have someone on staff that has a psychology degree that is a psychologist perhaps of some sort, and I'm not sure of what levels?

Carl Heldt: Never thought about it. I mean, they are, obviously, trained. They're college graduates and they're all trained through the probation offices at the state level and certified probation officers. I don't know, Wayne, what do you think?

Wayne Trockman: A social worker, a probation officer type with a strong background in psychology or a psychologist?.

President Shetler: I'm talking more psychologist level because, I mean, my understanding is, is that 25 - 30 percent of, and this could be more toward small claims than it is towards real criminal, but a lot of times (inaudible) goes over where you'll have instances of stalking and other things that may come up, that many of those are people with bi-polar and other issues, mental health issues, that we're contending with, and we may not have the professionalism to treat them in the manner that would mitigate some of those issues or problems.

Carl Heldt: Talk to them about mental health court.

Wayne Trockman: Yes, we're moving in that area in a couple of different ways. Number one, you're right, this is a developing area where we've realized even with regard to those in the criminal justice system who have drug and alcohol issues, for instance, about 50 percent of those, research is showing recently, have co-occurring disorders, mental health issues, along with addictive disorders. Many times the mental health issue is the primary disorder and has to be dealt with first and so to have someone in the system who has got some expertise in that area would be great. We did just get our first grant and Judge Marcrum has been working very hard on this over the course of the last couple of years to study the creation of a mental health court and so that is in its infancy and hopefully would result in what you're talking about, not only a psychologist, but a support staff for that psychologist to deal with these issues. And so that's in its infancy and, in fact, Judge Heldt and I have met privately with Judge Marcrum and offered what little we can from our user fee accounts to help keep this initiative moving. She got either 30 or \$50,000 recently to study the creation of such a program.

President Shetler: I'd be interested in being involved in that somewhat. I know it's becoming a serious problem and maybe in the long run it's a way to cut some of our costs down by not having so many reoccurring...

Councilmember Raben: My concern would be, we're creating another Public Defender's office, but I don't know that the county ever wants to tread these waters. I mean, number one, I think just the malpractice insurance would break us. So I would like to hold this discussion for another day.

Wayne Trockman: The study is ongoing and so it would answer some of the questions that you raised, Jim. They're very important questions to know before you would ever –

Carl Heldt: I think we have found over the years, though, that there are a certain number of people in our system that we have a hard time dealing with because they've got mental problems. And so what you're talking about and what Judge Marcum is talking about, at least looking into, is something to, more –

President Shetler: And I'm just thinking about ways of cutting costs overall in the long run –

Carl Heldt: I wouldn't bet on that.

President Shetler: No, I hear you. Okay, Judge, do I have any questions then about ...motion would be in order then for approval.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: I've got a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Alright, motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Carl Heldt: I'd also like to discuss with you the, and we talked about this at the budget hearings, the five percent cut in my budget, in my non-salary budget that I thought I was submitting to you early on because everybody else was doing it and I found out everybody else wasn't doing it. And at our budget hearing I thought I, the impression I got from all of you, and from something I read in the newspaper after that, was that you'd be inclined to take that back up the level, give me that five percent back. And it didn't happen. I see in the budget, the final budget, it did not happen and I'd like to, I'd very much like for you to put that back in. It's only \$7,350, but it's sort of the principle of the thing with me. I feel like, Mr. Shetler, you had those meetings, those officeholder meetings and you're all going over the fiscal cliff and everybody was going to pitch in and do their part, and I find out that that didn't happen and I really don't think it was fair. And so I would hope that you would entertain putting that back in for me.

President Shetler: Actually, some did more, some did a little less, so I mean, I don't think that, not everyone did five percent, but there were some that actually did dig a little deeper.

Carl Heldt: And, is that a fact?

President Shetler: Yes, sir.

Carl Heldt: Okay, so I'm not the only one out there doing that. Did the Council do it?

(Inaudible)

President Shetler: Three percent. We take on within our budget line, the entire health insurance for the county, for example, or the general fund health insurance part of it. So that is a contractual thing that, you know, when you have 99 percent of your, that's lined up through a contract, there's not much we can do about that. And that went up 11 percent, so we really had to squeeze.

Carl Heldt: Perhaps I was misinformed. I got the impression that –

President Shetler: But you are correct, there are some who probably went up a little bit and there were some that went down a little bit, and there were some that went down a lot, and then there were some that held the line where you did pretty much.

Carl Heldt: I guess I just got the impression that everybody was in it together and apparently, that's not the case.

President Shetler: Well, we will check into that and make sure there's –

Councilmember Raben: Tom, I'd like to add this, Judge, while I don't really recall the budgets as they were submitted originally, what percentage any one office had, but where there was any cuts that weren't made, you know, we made how many pages of additional cuts, you know, I'm guessing probably 50 to 100 additional cuts throughout that budget through various departments and offices, so –

Carl Heldt: Did you cut them below a flat line or did you cut them – they asked for a five percent increase and you cut them back to three percent or flat line?

Councilmember Raben: Well, we didn't really, or at least I didn't actually break it down budget by budget that way, so I can't tell you what the actual percentage was. I look at it as that entire book as a whole. But if somebody didn't go out of their way to make the effort you did and put the three or five percent that was recommended, there were a lot of budgets that got cut.

Carl Heldt: Okay. Well, as I said last time I was here, I've always found that this board was very cooperative and I assume that if I run out of money, that I can come back or Judge Kiely runs out of money because that \$7,300, he can come back and ask for it, and I know you'll be cooperative. So that's all I have. Thank you.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Goebel: Just a comment on Judge Heldt's question here. I agree 100 percent with you that we should be working together and it should go across the board. Some departments have smaller amounts to work with, but we are all in this together and if we stay with that frame of mind, I think we can work in a much better, productive fashion as well. So thank you for your suggestion.

President Shetler: Councilman Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Judge, since this is your final few days, we'd just like to thank you for your service to Vanderburgh County over the years.

Carl Heldt: Well, thank you, it's been a pleasure. And it's been a pleasure holding the office and an honor, and it's been a pleasure working with you all. And I'm sincere about that. Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;">SUPERIOR COURT REQUEST TO HIRE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FROM FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS</p>
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President Shetler: Okay, Judge Trockman?

Wayne Trockman: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Council. When Ms. Newman and I were here last, we talked about three different items which were all approved, but then we were informed by Sandie that we'd only gotten two on the agenda and so – is that correct, Sandie? And so as a formality, we've added the third, this was the grant that we obtained for the expansion of the treatment court and there two new positions being created, paid for 100 percent by the grant, and only one of those two positions was on the agenda even though you approved both. And the one that was not was the administrative assistant position, is that correct, Ms. Newman?

Regene Newman: Yes.

Wayne Trockman: And so I need to ask that that position be formally approved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

President Shetler: Okay, we've got a motion for approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Motion carries. Thank you, Judge.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Wayne Trockman: Thank you. If I may say while I'm here, Councilman Raben, you asked that I look at when I was here last, at whether the county can, given this grant and this other funding stream, can reduce its commitment to the treatment court, and I told you I would look into that. We have reduced that already from, it was about 40 to about 20, and I think we can take care of the other 20. I told you I wanted to make sure that that other funding stream was in place and actually was working, and we got the report yesterday. And if I could just see one more month, I think that would give me the comfort level to tell you that we could take care of the rest of that.

Councilmember Raben: Well great, thank you. The judge just found 20,000 for us maybe.

Wayne Trockman: I'm positive it will be fine. We can do that the first of the year. What I did was, I promised a conference call to you and to President Shetler, and I will do that right after the first of the year.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, now the Library. I apologize, Marcia.

<p>EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY APPROPRIATION REQUEST</p>

Marcia Au: Thank you. And we have per Council's request, brought some pictures, some illustrations for you. Where would be best to set these up so that you can all see? It's difficult with the semi-circle. Here, is that good? Well, we did get some financial information to you, sent them to your home emails per Council office's request. We think we have a win-win-win project here. A win for the community, a win for the homeless, a win for the Library. We do have Tracy Gorman here who represents the Evansville Rescue Mission. Actually, he's the CEO/Director, and I've asked him to say a couple of positive words about what we propose to do.

Tracy Gorman: Thank you, Mr. President and Councilmembers. First of all, let me say how excited the Evansville Rescue Mission is for our new move that we're going to be making in a few weeks. We feel like, that this is going to be just a great opportunity for our community and certainly for the Rescue Mission. Really, in 96 years, this is probably our biggest move that we're ever attempted, so we're pretty excited about that. And certainly a part of our move is our concern for what happens to our property that we will be vacating. We fill like, that the corridor along Martin Luther King is really a front door to the community and, obviously, we want to see that property developed properly. And we just feel like that the proposal that the Library Board is going to make to you certainly, as Marcia said, is going to be a win-win-win for all involved. And I look forward to seeing this unfold and I believe that as it does, it's going to be great for our community. So I do ask for your support and thank you very much for the support that you've given the Rescue Mission all these years. We appreciate that.

Marcia Au: Okay, I do have to apologize in that Veazey Parrott Shoulders, Sarah Schuler, was working with us on the cost out and the construction costs and she has been out of town and didn't get me an updated sheet. But the financial numbers that she wasn't able to update on the sheet that looks like this that you were all emailed had to do actually with the building demolition. That would become part of the \$750,000 in the additional appropriation request, and that number has been reduced to \$88,200. So I did bring some visuals and what we have here, and what we talked about when we were here last week, was the opportunity to use both the old clinic space, which is now the Rescue Mission's administrative offices and the area which is now the men's residence. We talked about a revenue stream, I've had some preliminary conversations with the city regarding a need for additional parking downtown, and I would want to have continuing conversations with them in order to develop that.

President Shetler: Marcia, excuse me, could you take the microphone and kind of get it closer to you from there so that we can get it –

Marcia Au: Is that better? See if I can talk and point at the same time. So what we're doing, we're offering two proposals, they're approximately the same dollar amount, just a couple thousand dollars difference, for parking lot or green space, which would provide some rainwater runoff, not overloading city sewers. If we did a parking lot, we're talking about porous concrete and some green, you'll see some tree wells here. This is 42 parking spaces, Evens Time was able to give me a projection if it was able to give me a projection if it was in operation eight hours a day at 50 cents an hour, we could project somewhere between 25 and \$50,000, sort of tops for those two places. If we were going to use it as a gated lot there. You were also sent, this is just another view of the space, again, here is the administrative offices, here is the parking. Then you were actually emailed a layout for the administrative offices themselves. Again, we have – let me make sure I've got the right – green is clinic space, again, for our Library developing clinic, hopefully, we might work with County Council or other not for profit entities on clinic area. And then these are marked offices, but it really works with the programming and training space we have here. Libraries are now transitioning into creative spaces, and one of our missions is to provide creative opportunities for the community, and we hope that by doing that, and those of you who are in education and who have been in law enforcement will know that if we can catch kids and help them be creative up front, maybe we can keep them out of these horrible situations where we have created people who are not contributors to society, if you will. So the space back here, we would use as digital media space. We have robotics now in the Library, we're running out of space to contain that, they run classes and maybe I'll have Mr. Oathout out here to tell a little bit more about those kinds of spaces, for very young up through teenage and young adult. So, Larry, do you want to talk a little bit about programming opportunities here? And I'll switch places with you.

Larry Oathout: Some of you who are in education understand the STEM initiatives and our robotics program has melded very well with those. In fact, we have a robotics team that actually went out to Ivy Tech a couple of weekends ago and even though they do it kind of part time compared to the schools, they finished just a few points out of third place. And the kids are very much into that. We've also now added an animation component to that so library programming is very much participative now as opposed to just sitting there and learning things. It's getting up, it's doing things, so we envision using this space for that. The offices, one of the things that we've learned, I don't know if you're familiar with futurist Thomas Frey; he's one of the guys out there that's kind of looking ahead, and he says in the future, instead of one person having maybe four or five jobs during a lifetime, they may do two to three hundred projects over a lifetime. That's the way our society is changing. And those people are going to need resources and they're also going to need space, so we could use some of these offices to provide that space for people who are giving back to the community not in jobs that they do, but in projects they do. And in the long term as they have more space and more chance to do those projects, means more tax dollars, too. So that's another thing that we're looking into. And as Marcia said, the green space is also the clinic area, so there would be a lot going on in this building and this was the downstairs area. We also, despite the large size at the Library, are running out of storage space. We have been weeding out or having to get rid of some CD's, music CD's. As things go digital, those are going to become more valuable and we just don't have space for them. So we could move some of our books, some of our DVD's, some of our CD's into the storage space and then if people needed them, just have somebody go and get them.

Marcia Au: In fact, we're paying for rental storage right now, for a project that we were gifted when the Evansville Press, when they went out of business, they gave us their newspaper morgue, and that's 44 file cabinets full of clippings that over time, we've been digitizing. And if any of you used the website, our website, and the local history indexes, you've seen those articles being digitized. And currently, we are doing those in-house. So this would also be storage for those items and we would actually have a lab here and we wouldn't have to cart things back and forth as we're doing right now to make those available on-line. It would certainly help our process. This is the alternative to parking and Charlie Stocker who worked with Mike Ruder, who is our facilities manager, helped develop this very quickly, and I apologize for the little post-it notes, but this is actually the alley. We have Martin Luther King, Chestnut, and then this side is the Youth Care Center. And what Mr. Stocker and his staff have done is laid out an area with native plants and a rain garden to serve as a catch here, so that there wouldn't be any runoff from this space. There would be a, it would catch the water from the YCC area as well, and provide a beautiful and educational spot that we could work with Master Gardeners and the educational institutions to actually bring children in. It could be a type of community garden if we chose to develop it that way. Questions about design?

President Shetler: I had, personally, I mean, I don't have any questions really about the finances, the design, it's going to clean up the environment down there and I think be a real attraction, a very positive addition. I'm going to kind of piggyback a little bit on Councilman Raben's comments last week, and the question that I have then is, are we reaching a little bit beyond the scope of the Library's responsibilities here? I mean, that's just, I mean, are we getting involved in almost like a park type of property, renting out parking places, having meeting rooms, things that really were never intended for the library? Are we reaching beyond the scope of your basic mission?

Marcia Au: Well, I think, and our mission has changed. We've spent about 18 months working with community members, board members, staff members, and the vision for the Library is to inspire individuals and enrich the community. And this absolutely follows into that. Additionally, because it is an adjacent property, it is a great concern to us and to the board to have something there that is positive, attractive and can add to the ambiance for the Central Library and for that entire portion of the community. So I think it does fit our mission. Now parking, as I said, I used that last week, I believe Mr. Bassemier asked if there was a possibility to consider that and certainly we have considered that. We have chosen not to gate our main parking because we have adequate parking at the moment, so that's when I went back, called some of the people at the city to talk to them just very preliminarily about parking needs. If that hotel happens across the street and we're certainly hopeful that it will because right now, it is not a very pleasant sight to look at, then there is a possibility to additional parking I think would be, it's a possibility for additional revenue. So we could go back and do that at a later date. We could also work on grants and different opportunities to fund this. This would not have to come out entirely of the Library's budget.

President Shetler: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: And I appreciate you making that point, and again, I think we're stepping way out of what the boundaries should be within the Library. But let's go back a few – I mean, let's talk about some other important things before we even address this project, and first, I guess, what is the current debt service owed by the Library for all properties?

Marcia Au: Let me get back to my notes. These are not numbers I want to try to talk about off the top of my head and I did bring that. We have two sets of bonds at the moment. We refinanced the general obligation bonds, the total remaining out on those is \$6,250,000 to be paid, it would be paid off in January of 2021. They're now at three percent, and as I said, we refinanced those last year. The lease corp bonds are outstanding \$36,825,500. Those are at five and a quarter, they're eligible for refinance in 2015, about two and a half years out. We have refinanced twice with a net savings of \$865,840.

Councilmember Raben: So the total debt service today is about 43 million?

Marcia Au: I'm going to rely on your math since I didn't do that.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I think that's important because we're talking about another million dollars that they're wanting to spend, start to finish, with this project for land acquisitions to improvements.

Marcia Au: Well, if we think back, though, the money, the \$750,000 is coming from the COIT windfall money, it's not directly from property tax.

Councilmember Raben: I understand, but that can be used to pay down bonds, can be used to reduce your levy,—

Marcia Au: Well, not for at least the two and a half years.

Councilmember Raben: I understand, but we don't have to spend it, that's my point. And I'm sure it sounds very simplistic here or I'm way too practical, but for all the points you mentioned, I want to share a story. Last night I was at a meeting with, it was probably 200 local businessmen, people from all over this community, and Mayor Winnecke made opening remarks for this group. And by the way, he does a fantastic job every time you hear him, selling all the points on this community, but he spent about five or ten minutes talking about, you know, part of his sales pitch on the community was all the available space for businesses and organizations in regards to conventions, meetings, stuff like that, just in regards to what the city had to offer. And not just the city but speaking for, you know, he mentioned the museum space they have, the Amazonia, the meeting rooms and the space they have, just a whole litany of all the city properties and how the city needed help filling that space. So, you know, that doesn't even count what the county has to offer already. You know, again, there's 30,000 square feet on the other side of that brick wall sitting empty. You know, I keep mentioning this, the Centre, you know, they're constantly looking for reasons to fill space. You know, we've got the old jail, the old courthouse, the old coliseum, and the list goes on and on. And I know you're a different entity, but we're all in this together as Councilman Goebel said. So we need to think that way. And as far as, you know, the needs I guess my questions is, you know, what is the threat if we don't buy that property? Are we afraid that a second hotel may move in there, are we afraid a national chain restaurant or a law firm may build a new office building in that property? And then what happens when the adjoining properties, if we do this, and they vacate, do we have to keep buying to preserve this threat, whatever this threat may be and again, Marcia, I've had this argument with the county on properties that they want to continue to buy. And then back to the scope of things, when we're talking about need for classroom environment for robotics and stuff like that, I mean, isn't that what the EVSC is all about? Isn't that what Ivy Tech, the Signature School, you know, our local universities, you know, I think we're again, all this stuff sounds great, but we've gotten way out of what the functionality for the Library really ought to be and I would just ask that we pass on this.

Larry Oathout: I would say that the (inaudible) started out with books only and sort of moved past that to computers and now we are sort of the go-to computer people. And I just recently talked to a person in Bolingbrook, Illinois, which is a western suburb of Chicago. And they have broken ground on something similar to what we are proposing today for three and a half million dollars. And they are not the only ones. As we progress, the mission of what our citizens need also changes, so I don't think it's a static mission, Mr. Shetler. As we see needs that our public has, we adjust to that.

Marcia Au: And certainly, the Library is interested in investing in the community and we think for very little investment, less than \$250,000, we can take a building that is currently being inhabited and used, and open it up and make it more usable by the community. And although I would agree in general that we have some meeting spaces throughout the area, the Library is at capacity and we can't have enough space to allow people to come in and work on technology. We provide a lot of services for small businesses who don't have any place else to go and quite honestly, can't afford the rates that the Centre would charge or the Victory would charge, so we believe that this is an investment in the community and investment for the people here.

Councilmember Raben: See again, I think that's where we're stepping out of the scope of what we're supposed to do. I don't know that Evansville Vanderburgh County Public Library should be supplying conference space or business space for small business, large business –

(Tape changed)

– and there are, I guess, is there still a small business incubator here in town, that that's their mission. That's what they're doing, is providing space.

Marcia Au: And many of those small business, large businesses are using us already. They are using our meeting rooms, they're using our facilities, and we serve as resource people to them. So I think we do serve that population, and this would allow us to expand that service with very little additional cost.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: First I'd like to commend you on your leadership and the Evansville Public Library system for staying ahead of the game and the awards that you've received and the services you do provide for our local people. How long have you known that this property was going to become available?

Marcia Au: Actually, it was the spring. Let me back up. Last year, the last quarter of last year, the then mayor contacted me because the city had been approached about the property and said we're not sure, we just wanted you to know. We talked about it, the committee of the board and I, and said the city is looking at this, we're not going to go anywhere with it. That didn't transpire and it came back to us this spring as a possibility. So we played with whether or not we thought we could finance it and run it. And when it became apparent that we were going to be receiving a fairly substantial amount of money from the state that should have been, I mean, every unit in this county that received COIT was shortchanged by the State, I'm sorry to put it quite like that, --

Councilmember Goebel: You are correct.

Marcia Au: And, you know, we tightened belts because those funds weren't there, so now that we've done that, we're working streamlined, this money is windfall money and we would like to invest it. And that doesn't take our Rainy Day fund down to the bottom line. We will still have substantial funds, nearly, I think, a million and a half dollars remaining in that fund. And should we be able to look at it again when it comes time to refinance in those two and a half years into paying down some additional on those bonds.

Councilmember Raben: Can I inject one other thing? Marcia, I mean, I've looked at where we're going with this and again, this isn't just the Library, this is this county and the direction that we take on so many issues, but I do look back several years ago and I had made a request and again, I don't want to bring up old stuff, but I had made a request to the public library to take over the law library and all the costs associated with that. And at that time, I think the Library came back and said that really doesn't meet the scope of what we do. And we're talking about a public law library here within this building, but yet, it's okay to think about all the things we're talking about.

Marcia Au: No, sir, I think the courts chose not to move it.

Councilmember Raben: I might beg to differ, but it's been so long, but I guess if something like that doesn't fall within the realm of what responsibilities libraries should take, I just, I don't see where we're going with this and I'm probably going to lose this argument, I know, so thank you.

President Shetler: Okay, do I have any comments from Council? If not, I do from the audience. Oh, wait a minute, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Goebel: I just think on our part, it's a little bit quick as far as notice. I'm not saying it's the wrong thing to do nor the right thing at this point. I don't like to use the term windfall, because actually, those taxes, I know the monies you didn't expect and you budgeted accordingly. In our case, we had to use all that extra money just to make ends meet and I know we're a separate entity, but would it be a possibility to let us digest this a little bit longer because we just got it and the drawings you have today are relatively new to us, I mean about a week, and maybe get perhaps a little bit more feedback from other individuals as to the direction, I know which way you want to go.

Marcia Au: If I may, Steve or...we have time lines in the purchase agreement and that would be the only thing that I would be concerned about. Steve Barber is the Library's legal counsel, and Steve, can you speak to that?

Steve Barber: Yes, I think we have a closing date that's set in March and we have a lot of due diligence that has to take place in connection with the sale. We have surveys, we have inspections, we have questions on how we're going to tear down the building and we've got a lot of expense that we're going to have to commit to very soon. And from their perspective, from the Rescue Mission's standpoint, I think we have a real issue, too. They are the other side of this transaction. I think we're benefitting them as well. And it is something that has to move forward. The contract requires substantial expenses to go forward. We've kind of been putting it on hold to see, but we can't do it much longer.

President Shetler: Steve, if we put it off, I'm assuming until the January 9th meeting, that would give you roughly 60 days, would that be enough time to get the due diligence?

Steve Barber: Well, see, the problem is we have to enter into the contracts. Our purchase agreement requires us to do certain due diligence which requires us to contract with third parties and we are supposed to have done -

President Shetler: Environmental, and that kind of stuff?

Steve Barber: Right, and we are committed to do that promptly, and if we commit to it, we're going to commit to the expense and we're going to have a tremendous expense, you know, that we're going to have and we're going to have no answer whether we could proceed. And I'm sure Mr. Gorman would like us to get it done sooner than later because they have the same issues. They have certain things that they have to go through. They're going to have to seek certain approvals of other bodies to get this done, and it's going to be a tremendous expense for them as well. It is something that needs to be done sooner than later.

President Shetler: So January the 9th would be very difficult.

Steve Barber: It would be very, very difficult. That's why we rushed to get this stuff to you all, because it is a very important decision here.

President Shetler: It is. It's an important decision and a big decision.

Steve Barber: A big decision, but it really is a win for a lot of different people. I mean, if you look at what happens to this property if it just sits there for a couple years, I mean, it doesn't help Evansville. It doesn't help Evansville at all. It doesn't help the Rescue Mission move forward with their project. It doesn't help us because we have a use for the land. And we have all kinds of issues and this is something the board has went through over and over and over again. And I think they really feel that this is a very critical part to moving forward. I think if you look at our library, we are one of the best libraries in the country. We've been there. I think that's a selling point for our community. I think people who live here in this community, if you talk to them and ask them about things, they'll say one of the greatest assets we have is our library, our downtown library, and I think we ought to protect that.

President Shetler: Yeah, I think the question really, though, at hand is not how good the system is. I think everybody is in agreement. I think the question is, that this is a big question to put before us and a week, ten days, to be able to study it, isn't perhaps enough time to really look at something this big. And usually on a major project, you know, we will mull it over for two and three months. So that's where I think Councilman Goebel is coming from on the January – you didn't say January 9th, I did, – but that would give us another month to digest it.

Steve Barber: I have three contracts sitting on my desk right now, and I said I think we ought to go see what happens today before we commit to that kind of expenditure. I don't think we want to do that kind of expenditure. It's not going to help us.

Councilmember Goebel: I think everyone understands that. And usually this type of purchase or activity, in the past you've been able to do without coming before us and that probably makes it a lot easier, I'm sure, in your eyes. But now that it has been pushed upon us, it doesn't seem like all the plans are in place yet and maybe they will be, within another three weeks or so. Are there other boards you say you have to go before?

Steve Barber: Yes. The Rescue Mission has to go through two different boards, I think. One of the things is there's going to be a parking issue, you know, when we splinter the different lots. And I think it's also going to require Area Plan Commission approval of this.

Councilmember Goebel: Are you able to move forward with those meetings regardless?

Steve Barber: That's their obligation to do that. Get those approvals, but what's going to happen is that because we're splintering the different properties, they're going to have to get approval of other agencies, and that's their obligation and survey requirements and just the survey cost, the environmental cost, the inspection costs and all the other things we have, it's a big issue.

Councilmember Goebel: It is a big issue and that's why we're asking questions.

Steve Barber: And I appreciate that. I mean, but I do think that the urgency is the part, do you want us to spend a lot of money going forward here, unnecessarily.

Councilmember Goebel: No, we don't want that.

President Shetler: Okay, other questions, Councilmembers?

Councilmember Raben: Before we vote, one last question. Do we know what kind of impact this is going to have if this vote were to go through, on your annual operations? I mean, you're talking about additional staff, --

Marcia Au: No, we're talking about using the staff we already have at the Central building as outreach to this building for programming purposes. And we already have facilities, staff, who would oversee the site. We know that the utility costs currently with old HVAC units is about \$950 a month.

Councilmember Raben: So you would actually, staff in the Central Library would go over to handle whatever, so are we locking the doors on the Central Library?

Marcia Au: Oh no, no, no, no, no.

Councilmember Raben: So how could we do that unless we're way over staffed at Central Library?

Marcia Au: Well, we're not. This is, we do programming and we do outreach now. We go out into schools, we go out into the housing authority, we do a lot of library by outreach, if you will. And have done that for years and still staff our buildings as well.

Councilmember Raben: So we won't see next year in your budget any increase in the operation side?

Marcia Au: Not additional staff for this building, no. I mean, you never know what comes down the pike. I don't think I'm in a place that I can promise you that, but our track record is, is that we reduced staff over the last several years and have reorganized the way in which we operate and we will continue to do that. That's always been our promise.

Councilmember Bassemier: Tom, I'll make a motion to approve.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion for approval. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, I have a motion and a second. Now if there's no other questions, Commissioner Melcher has been patiently waiting to make a couple of remarks.

Steve Melcher: Yes, Commissioner Steve Melcher. Sitting in the back because I'm waiting on the Veterans. I got a note from Joe Kiefer saying that he wanted me to get up here and support this, to have you support this for the Library. That's what he's asking, so I had to do that. On the other hand, Marsha and I, we just got these emails less than – you had ten days, we probably just had this week. So I sent an email back to Marsha because she emailed Mr. Gorman which got back to her quick, about some questions that we still had about this project, we didn't hear about it until now. We've only had a few days on it. So Marsha and I probably at this time would not be in favor of it until we had some more time to look into it. But we also know that we're not part of this, you are. But as Commissioners and we know we've got property we're trying to protect, so –

Councilmember Goebel: We're all in it together, Steve.

Steve Melcher: I know and that's worth saying. Right now, if Marsha was here, and she couldn't be here today, she would probably agree with you two Councilmembers on what you're saying as of right now because we wanted to kind of hold off. I kind of – I asked Mr. Gorman but he wasn't at our meeting last night, and he said that he didn't have to be there, which is true. I thought he was going to be there, but when I seen the agenda, he wasn't. So that doesn't really mean anything, but we would like a little bit more time for us to find out a little bit about it, being the executive end of the county. So that's us two, and Kiefer is for it. Thank you.

President Shetler: I was trying to determine whether or not, and I don't know that necessarily, because the question keeps coming up about timing and that is, I was thinking that we have Personnel & Finance next Wednesday, and if that would be possible to advertise enough to get that. And we do have enough time to do, but I don't know if a week is going to get us anywhere in that respect. I mean, Councilman Goebel, I guess I'm deferring to you a little bit on that, and it may be –

Councilmember Goebel: Well, I know one of the suggestions is for robotic training and moving in that direction, what is offered by the EVSC and the other universities right now that you can enhance or improve upon, or is this duplication of the same program? And for the office spaces, I just don't understand exactly how you're going to use all that space. And will the parking be available for events at the Centre and at the Ford Center and things like that? Those are questions that I have and I really haven't gotten the answer, and that's why the emails that I received, the last couple of days, I said I probably would not vote today, but that doesn't mean I'm not open to it, but I'd like to get a little better feel, that's all.

President Shetler: Well, --

Councilmember Goebel: And I don't know if that can be done in a week or not.

Marcia Au: We could pull, I mean, we pulled some things together pretty quickly for you and we could certainly refine those and get back to you about how this would work in the total community picture. One of the beauties of the public library and

that's why this community funds it, is that we offer things without cost. And many other institutions, there is a cost, and if you're not eligible as one of the members of that institution, then you're not eligible for what they offer. That's really a broad rationale and I apologize, I can't be more specific than that, but I think you understand.

Councilmember Goebel: No, it's an excellent situation we have.

Marcia Au: So this is an opportunity to allow people in the community without having to have a membership or affiliation with another organization that may or may not require some additional funds to come in and start at a very early age to get the skills that they're going to need for the 21st century workforce, so if that answers that. The parking issue, I think is still one that we would need to look at and develop over time. I think the general consensus in this community or the general feeling is that there's not enough parking. I'm not sure that that's the case, which is why I wanted to look at that beyond just the need. But certainly, if we provided it, it would be open for any of those events in any of the other area buildings whether it was city, county, school corporation, whomever it might be.

Councilmember Swaim: Marcia, I've got some information from the Auditor regarding your Rainy Day fund, and it looked like it was going to go from something south of a million down to about \$250,000 with this purchase, and you said that there's a million and a half, so I was trying to reconcile that.

Marcia Au: Well, let me ask Lori Thomlin to come forward, she's our finance manager, and unfortunately, what you get from the state website is not an accurate picture of what's available. So, Lori, if you would explain the Rainy Day fund.

Lori Thomlin: Sure. We actually submitted to the Auditor's office before this last week's meeting the proper forms for this County Council as well as the DLGF. And if those were distributed as we intended them to be, you would see at the bottom of the DLGF form, which is the original form that we've always had to complete in order to request an additional appropriation above and beyond anything that was approved in our certified budgets. In the Rainy Day fund, you'll see our January 1st balance was \$1,518,000. We were directed by the DLGF and the State Board of Accounts, this was in the package you just received yesterday that I emailed, the \$592,800 approximately, give or take some change, that that had to go into the Rainy Day fund. So our balance right now as of today, is \$2,100,000, give or take a couple hundred.

Councilmember Swaim: I just got a correction. That was just the COIT money we were seeing.

Lori Thomlin: Yes, that's correct. So if you look at the original sheet, the \$592,000 was deposited in April to our Rainy Day fund, which gives us a balance of \$2,100,200.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: We've got a motion and a second, we probably need to move on this.

President Shetler: We do.

Councilmember Goebel: I have a question on this particular vote. If it doesn't make it today, can it be brought back up again for the January 9 meeting?

Jeff Ahlers: I don't know that there's anything that prevents that, I mean, I guess you just have to have a motion to reconsider it or it would be up to the Council or the President whether it was placed back on the agenda.

President Shetler: It would probably take somebody that was in the majority to reconsider.

Councilmember Bassemier: Does it have to be advertised again?

President Shetler: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I think at one time this body had established a, I don't know if you'd call it an ordinance or what, I mean, I'm trying to think if we've stepped away from that recently or not, but we had established guidelines that if an appropriation request failed, you couldn't come back for a year, but again, that was five or six, seven years ago and I don't know if we've gone against that or not.

Councilmember Goebel: I think if there would be a possibility of tabling it for a month and getting some of these answers, we might be better educated ourselves as far as making a responsible vote.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mike, the question I got from Mr. Barber, again, it would be dead, won't it, probably, if we wait another month? He's shaking his head yes.

Steve Barber: Our purchase agreement requires us to contract with the third parties immediately and like I said, the contracts are on our desks, the closing, we have a closing date that's set and we can't work within those parameters and get everything done. Mr. Gorman, I mean, they've got to move forward, too. They have separate obligations that they have to move forward on. They have to, like I said, go to BZA, they have to go to Area Plan, and they need our survey in order to do the split, so that they can take it to these agencies. So we have to move one piece here and they have to move a piece here and it just doesn't work under the present contract. We have a contractual obligation right now, and we have to do these different studies.

Councilmember Goebel: I understand that, Mr. Barber, but you have to understand our position as well, and it's really quick notice and maybe this is the very best thing to do, but I'd like to sleep on it and be able to feel more comfortable with it voting yes, and I'm wide open on it. But right now, I just don't feel real comfortable knowing what's going to happen with this proposal and if it's going to have much more cost, I think Mr. Raben brought up a valid point. If you're bringing in robotics and that, there might be some real heavy investment in something like that, that I don't think is factored in here. And that's why I don't know if we want to go through all that right now. But I think if we bought another month, that might help a lot.

Steve Barber: Our problem is, we have a contractual obligation and we don't have a month to give under the contract, is our problem.

President Shetler: Okay, I mean, I didn't know if you guys can chat back and forth real quick and see if you can get an extension on that, perhaps, and that would resolve your whole problem there, but, because it seems to me like there's some concern that a little time here might help. But we –

Marcia Au: Real quick meeting right now?

President Shetler: Pardon?

Marcia Au: A real quick meeting right now?

President Shetler: Okay, why don't we go on to a couple of other things and we'll put this on hold.

Councilmember Raben: You've got a motion and a second on the floor.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Can I ask a real quick question now? As far as just for clarification, is this a relatively new thing that by statute, this body now has to approve what they're doing with their money? Am I understanding that correctly?

President Shetler: That is correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Is this pretty much the first time that this body has had to deal with this situation?

Marcia Au: (Indicated yes)

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So we're all kind of educating ourselves with the process and just making sure because we want to do what's right with taxpayers' money. And no question, the EVPL does a fantastic job with what you have. I guess I'd have a little more comfort level with waiting if we could, as well. These are part-time positions and we all work other jobs and so it's a lot of stuff to look over in a short time. And we just want to make the best decision.

Steve Barber: Our statute was just passed July this year.

President Shetler: Okay, what we're going to do is –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Do you want me to withdraw the second or –

President Shetler: Well, we can do it that way or we can just hold it there and move it off to the side for the time being and then we will – you guys go ahead and do your discussions here and we'll go ahead with our agenda, a couple more points and then we'll come back you.

Marcia Au: Okay, and if I can respond to Mr. Goebel for just a minute about the programming cost. The equipment for this has all been underwritten by our friends in foundation, so there is no investment of the taxpayers' money in –

Councilmember Goebel: Is that in the packet here for us?

Marcia Au: Well, no, because that's already ongoing, but we could certainly get that to you, the regular programming fund.

Councilmember Goebel: But, you know, those are questions that a lay person would have. And thank you for giving an answer.

President Shetler: Okay, thank you, Marcia.

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<p style="text-align: center;">CLERK REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES OF JUVENILE CLERK AND BOOKKEEPING SUPERVISOR</p>
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Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I think we all have heard time after time the situation the Clerk is in, in regards to backlog and stuff. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: I have a motion and a second.

Susan Kirk: Can you wait just a second?

President Shetler: Well yeah, but –

Susan Kirk: Cause I've got a little change before you vote.

President Shetler: Yes, alright.

Susan Kirk: I'm really going to only ask to fill one position right now. It would be the Juvenile Clerk, okay?

President Shetler: Not the bookkeeping?

Susan Kirk: No. The bookkeeper, she is actually going to come and be my Chief Deputy, so that will be vacant at the end of the year. I'm going to transfer, because it's a very, very important position, her position is. I'm going to do some transfers, there's enough money in the office, Sandie and I talked about this to do some transfers and then let the new Clerk come back to you in January and fill the vacant spot that's left from moving people up a little bit. Is that okay? So just for one, if you'll let me have one today.

Councilmember Raben: I'll amend my motion –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'll amend my second.

President Shetler: We have an amendment. And both have agreed so anything else? Any other questions about the motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

Susan Kirk: Thank you very much.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0/Councilmember Goebel was out of the room)

REQUEST TO FILL THREE VACANCIES OF PART-TIME DEPUTY CORONERS

President Shetler: Okay, Coroner, to fill three vacancies of part-time deputy coroners. Anybody have any questions for the Coroner? Any changes?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make a motion to approve if there's no changes?

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Shetler: We've got a motion and a second. Do I have any questions about filling those three part-time vacancies? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0/Councilmember Goebel was out of the room)

COUNTY ASSESSOR REQUEST TO FILL REAL ESTATE DEPUTY VACANCY

President Shetler: Next is the Assessor request. I don't think I see the Assessor here. Commissioner's request, County Attorney stipend being moved to payroll line.

Councilmember Raben: This request for the Assessor, I'm comfortable with making a motion to approve because I think we all know that he's eliminated three or four or five positions, whatever that is. So I'm sure that it would be difficult, so I'll move approval.

President Shetler: We're back to E on the Assessor. We have a motion for approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries. We've just hired seven people.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0/Councilmember Goebel was out of the room)

<p>COMMISSIONERS REQUEST TO MOVE COUNTY ATTORNEY STIPEND TO PAYROLL LINE FOR 2013</p>
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President Shetler: Okay, Commissioners, request on the County Attorney stipend. We're down to F, Councilman Goebel.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, yes, Steve is still here.

Steve Melcher: Steve Melcher, Commissioner. I wasn't sure this was even on the agenda until I got here, but I believe that's something Marsha and Joe Harrison was working out. I can't say that for a fact.

Councilmember Raben: I'll tell you what I know about it and I've not had any dialogue with Marsha, but I guess, you know, we've been back and forth, the Commission, over the last several years, you know, as far as paying contractually or having their legal attorney as salaried. And I guess that's what we're doing, we're going back to salaried. And it's like a \$55,000 annual salary or something like that..yeah.

Steve Melcher: So you're going to go to a salary?

Councilmember Raben: Well, the request from the Commissioners was that we grant, that you be able to go to a salary.

Steve Melcher: We did that once before, if I remember right.

President Shetler: That's correct.

Steve Melcher: That was probably four years ago, so it was there for two years.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: But this isn't any additional, this is just moving from one line item to another?

Councilmember Raben: Well, --

President Shetler: Well, you'll have some associated expenses and I don't know if it's all commensurate with what the contractual is or not, but you'd have, you know, PERF affected by it, you'd have social security, you know, FICA, all that stuff, that would be affected.

Councilmember Raben: As an example, for this fiscal year 2012, the contractual line that they requested was \$161,000, Legal Services, so in 2011, it was 100,000. So I guess in going back to the salary, you know, you're probably, with benefits, probably going to be around 80,000 a year salary. You know, benefits and the 55,000, so I'm thinking your intent is there's probably a savings here.

Steve Melcher: Well, I'm sure that's what Marsha is thinking, so, I mean, this has kind of came up, but I didn't know we were there until I looked -- and I thought oh, maybe I should be here for this.

President Shetler: It's in here.

Councilmember Raben: And I'll move approval.

President Shetler: Okay, it's been moved and –

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: – seconded. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">VETERANS SERVICES REQUEST TO CHANGE PART-TIME SECRETARY/OFFICE ASSISTANT TO FULL-TIME</p>

President Shetler: Next, Steve, we should have just – you get more exercise. Veterans Services.

Steve Melcher: Oh, we're next. I forgot we where we were on the agenda.

President Shetler: And let me say, I may have muddled this up just a little bit myself. Away from these premises, away from this chamber totally, Steve asked me one time about a month or so ago about, I thought we had approved this as a full-time position and budgeted, and I was in error. I didn't have any resources in front of me or anything, but he asked me a question or indicated, and I thought that this had been approved as a full-time position through our budget process, but I was incorrect on that and that had not been approved through the budget process.

Steve Melcher: And because of our conversation, it was right after a GAGE board meeting, and I just asked him where we were, and he said, well, I believe it's funded and I said well, the last time I seen it, it was. And I said when Marsha came up in front of you months ago, it was going to be in August and it got held off, and I think we had a consensus after that when I came up that it was going to be full-time, because we did exactly what you said. We went and hired a veteran lady that's got two kids, I believe. She can't make it on what she's making so she's looking for another job. Now this training she's had and we're training, we're going to lose that and we'll have to start over again. So we would like this veteran to become full time. And so the very next day after you and I talked, I called and said, let's make sure we get it on the agenda because you said it was in our court now, to get it hired. And then that afternoon Paul called me and said he got the budget and it was zeroed out. And I said, now I'm totally confused. So I don't know what to say. I do know that the veterans need a woman here. For the first time at the AIC conference, this is so important in the state of Indiana, they had – I don't know his last name, --

Paul Dupont: Applegate.

Steve Melcher: They brought in him, and he had a training on this, when we go to these conferences, so Marsha sent me to it. This is one of the most important things in the state of Indiana right now is getting qualified veterans' service officers taking care of all these people coming back from Iraq and everything, and they're bragging

about how, other counties got up and bragged about everything that they're doing in their area. They started talking about the amount of money, that this is the cheapest thing that's even better than the convention bureau, because this is the cheapest thing that the county does through the VA, a lot of money comes back to our area, and back to our veterans. And they were bragging about people getting 20 million, and 14 million and that. Our statistics for 2011 here, Paul probably knows this better than me, we've got 13,000 veterans, 13,138, but we brought back 56 million dollars plus to our community. And you're talking about \$165,000 budget or whatever it is, it's the smallest budget you have, that's a lot of money coming in. That's better than the hotel tax and all that we get in. And we're talking about the lowest position in this office. So, to me, and January will be, and Angela, you don't know this, but January will be the three year anniversary of us trying to get a full office. If you remember when Mark Acker left, we had to wait like four months for his pay to get bought out, to move Jay up. I spoke before the Council at that time saying he's probably going to be leaving because he's deathly sick, but he was willing to hang in there until the following year, and I said that here. So what we did, too, to save the woman that was the secretary, because she had most of the experience, we moved her into the middle position, office manager, to give her a raise, basically, we finally did that and I appreciate everything you've done. So, and then, you gave us permission a few months later to go ahead and hire Paul as the secretary until Jay's pay ran out, because he had money coming. So then Paul went in there. But we've never been able to hire the secretary, to get her full-time, and we've come a long way in the Veteran's office. When I became a Commissioner, they were dialing up on the phone line. With Mark Rolley's help in the last couple of years, we've gotten some better computers, which didn't cost the Council nothing. I think they were computers that the courts were getting rid of. We actually got, you know, we (inaudible) on the cable to get Internet now, so we're at faster speeds, but even with the way they are now, we have to be closed an hour for lunch, and we're getting complaints as Commissioners about the office being closed. But they've got to have almost two people in there all the time because of confidentiality. So we're really requesting that you kind of stick to what I thought you were going to do. We really need this position and just to tease a little bit, I think you just hired seven new employees and, I don't know, we really need this position to be bumped up to get back into full-time.

President Shetler: We really didn't hire any new, we replaced a few so there was –

Steve Melcher: But this was in the budget, I believe, until the final day and then I went to Teri, and she kind of explained to me how it worked, that she just puts in there what's in your – and you don't read them off or anything, what's in your, what do you call it?

Joe Gries: Salary ordinance.

Steve Melcher: Salary ordinance. The city kind of did the same thing when I was with the city. We didn't list all of our, we just said see the budget, basically.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President? I value Steve's opinion. He's not only a Commissioner, he's also a veteran, so if he says we need it, I think we need it.

President Shetler: Okay, so you're making a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Well, hold on though, while that may be what everybody here wants to do, I mean, this takes a little bit of maneuvering because as the budget is approved today for 2013, it's a part-time position. This body, in January,

can transfer money from that part-time line to a full-time line item, but we can't do that until January the 9th. And I guess we've got to look this way to see if that meets the pay period, if all that happens, if January the 9th meets the cut-off for the first pay period and what have you.

Steve Melcher: Well, I wasn't prepared for that, but let me just think here. Basically, you've got the money there for the part-time and you're only talking about a week. The county gets paid out on the 31st, that's the larger check, right? So you've got a shorter check the first part of January.

President Shetler: Well, they've got a bookkeeping procedure that they've got to follow, so that's –

Steve Melcher: And that's what I'm trying to say. The money will be there, so if you approve it on the 9th, it would all fall in by the time...we just wanted to start her the first of January. We're not asking to start her in December.

Councilmember Raben: I just didn't want a vote to happen here today and then find out in January –

President Shetler: Right.

Councilmember Raben: – we didn't meet the state's guidelines.

President Shetler: They have to follow a process and –

Joe Gries: The state requires us, we have the budget in place as of January 1 and it is for a part-time position. The Council can amend that and transfer money into a full-time line item. And the Salary Ordinance could be amended, I guess, today, but that transfer could not occur until the meeting in January, you know, for 2013. So, and that's just the state's rules of when things can happen. So this person, while if they're in the current position of part-time, if the Council wanted to, then could retroactive pay, but also the Council would have to apply an additional appropriation at some time because the part-time money, if I'm correct, Sandie, is not enough for the person to be paid fully for the entire year. So an additional appropriation would also have to be done at some point also for PERF and FICA and possibly the insurance as well. So you're talking additional appropriations at some point which would then not be, if approved by the Council in January or February, we can't spend that money until we get our budget order which comes late February, sometimes in March. So those are the things that are kind of the obstacles of doing anything right now. I think the Salary Ordinance could be amended today, but that's a little kind of iffy, too.

President Shetler: Does that line item still exist in the budget book? We did not delete that line item?

Steve Melcher: It's still there. In the last budget –

Joe Gries: It's there, it's just zeroed out.

President Shetler: Alright, so we wouldn't have that problem.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible, microphone turned off)

Councilmember Bassemier: Should I just amend my motion?

President Shetler: Well, at this moment, I -

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

President Shetler: I kind of ignored it for a minute and –

Councilmember Raben: Here's the situation, --

President Shetler: What if you paid her that first week or two at 39 hours or whatever as a part-time, just as she is today, and then we switch it into, we have the meeting on January 9th, we're able to do the formalities without any – I think that will satisfy the due process that we need to go through for the state, and then, so in essence, the only thing she would lose are the benefits that she would receive for two weeks as a full-time because she would be part-time, as a full-time employee she would have been.

Steve Melcher: That works for me if it works for everybody here. And the veteran community really appreciates it because you know how many people we're fighting off in coming up here. And I've got to face one body tonight and a big body tomorrow night.

President Shetler: Okay, Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: I'll go back, you've gone through a nice history of the positions, and Paul, you're planning on staying around for a good while?

Paul Dupont: Yeah, I'm not going anywhere.

Councilmember Goebel: Good. That continuity is important. I think the biggest problem we've had on the County Council is this is funded entirely by Vanderburgh County, and we service veterans from anyway, from Kentucky, from the other counties, and the other counties don't really kick in. They have, maybe their office is open locally one day a week so it's pretty natural for the veterans and they deserve, and with the wars we've been in and the disabilities and the other care that we have to continue to provide, it's just going to get worse with time. I think that our local community or other counties should also be contributing, and I don't know if there's any way you can do that.

Steve Melcher: I don't know. I just know that we're the regional hub, we're going to be the regional hub, and they built this VA clinic out here to be more than a regional hub, it's bigger. We're getting them from all over.

Councilmember Goebel: But that's not funded locally.

Steve Melcher: No, but they send us people and that's how they track numbers and that, so it's – I think it's very important but you've also got to understand people that do come in to ours, still come in because they work here. Alright, I'm thinking it's probably vice versa. If somebody works in Warrick County, it's easy for them to go there and they might be doing it in Warrick County. So some of that offsets probably.

Councilmember Goebel: Do you know how long each of these offices are open in the other counties?

Steve Melcher: No, I don't.

Councilmember Goebel: And how strongly they're staffed?

Steve Melcher: They scatter all over the state. I think Indianapolis has got the biggest office. Some of them in these small counties where you've only got 800 veterans, it's part-time. I know when I was at this conference, I think it was Hancock County had 5,000 veterans and their person was full-time and they're getting them a staff member now. That's what they were saying, because he's stepping down and they're getting a new one. So it's all over the charts on what's happening. So I think that kind of offset – these are veterans and we are regional, and if we're wanting to be a regional hub, then we're the regional hub.

Councilmember Goebel: Well, the work is vital and its necessary and I just would like to see other counties help us.

President Shetler: So January 9th will satisfy the processing, January 9th satisfies you guys if we could get it done by then, and we can get this all taken care of, so –

Steve Melcher: And Paul will go back and tell her.

Paul Dupont: Do I need to resubmit something or just –

President Shetler: Yes.

Paul Dupont: Just resubmit this again for next month?

President Shetler: Yes.

Joe Gries: A transfer would have to be submitted transferring the money from the part-time line item.

Paul Dupont: So then I –

President Shetler: Why don't we, can you call Joe later and he could walk you through it?

Paul Dupont: Yeah.

President Shetler: Or someone in his office and they could walk you through that.

Joe Gries: And an additional appropriation would have to be also requested at some point next year.

President Shetler: Alright, again, my apologies.

Steve Melcher: No, no, it's my fault, too, because I said I'm sure it was, too, so it was my fault for trying to trap him. I said you've got about two minutes, so I was just trying to keep up on it, okay? And while I'm up here, let me, so I don't have to come back up again, Joe's other note said that we're in favor of the Jail taking over the EMA spot. We voted on it last night, so I know Marsha and I are all in favor of that. So I don't want to stay for that, I've got other things to do today, but we're in favor of doing that, it's going to save us money in the long run, it's kind of the Commissioners trying to get us all back in their own, owned property and quit giving other people rent.

President Shetler: Your comments are noted. Thank you, Commissioner.

Steve Melcher: Alright, one last thing, on inauguration day, there's three of you that are at-large. What we're going to do, it's going to be a salute to our veterans, we've got the Marine Corp Elite 1090 coming in with the Color Guard, we're going to try to get the ROTC people from Harrison & Central there, you're also going to get an email, all the officeholders and all the employees of Vanderburgh County, to ask if you were in service, and ask if you've got any family members in service, so this is strictly going to be swearing in for all of us and saluting all of our veterans that work for our county. So we're trying to make this a bigger thing. No main speaker.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Steve Melcher: Thank you. And thank you very much for helping today.

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President Shetler: We'll go back to the Library real quick. Counselor, do we have a – okay, Marcia? I forgot to acknowledge that our esteemed counselor there is also a Rex Mundi graduate.

Steve Barber: And so are you, right?

President Shetler: That is correct. That's right. It's rare that I get the opportunity to point out the Rex Mundi Monarch graduates here. So when I get the opportunity, I do that.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I knew that he was also on the Airport Board.

President Shetler: Yes?

Josh Claybourn: Josh Claybourn, president of the Library Board of Trustees, and I think, because of that position, they asked me to talk about that. Before I talk about our discussions with the mission, and I just want to touch upon Mr. Goebel's concern about timing for which we came before you, and I think Commissioner Melcher raised some of those as well. As you know, for years, for decades, the Library was a separate governmental entity and so we set our budgets, we set the tax levies, we've operated independently. This kind of project has operated like that in the past until a law that just passed this summer that said, when we're going to use these kind of Rainy Day funds, we come before you guys, so this has been an ongoing discussion for a year, you know, we've been doing due diligence for a year or longer in terms of thinking about it. Does this fit into our long-term plan? We've certainly talked with other people in the community, whether that's non-profit, certainly big users of the Library. I don't know to what extent we've talked with individual County Councilmen, certainly with people like Mayor Weinzapfel, Mayor Winnecke, both of which want this to go forward and are behind this. We mentioned it in passing when they've come and used the Library. So I just wanted to kind of explain that that's, you know, it's not a slight to the Council, it's just kind of how the Library is structured, how we've been operating. This isn't something, a fly by night plan that we've just overnight decided we want to do and are springing on you guys. It's not really from the County Council's funds and is another reason we haven't really kept you guys in, this is the Library's budget, so just for backdrop as to why all that's happened. I think this was alluded to by the Mission Center and by our counsel that it really does create a big hardship when we delay it because we've been working for so long on this project, and if we delay it another month, that's that much longer that this building could sit empty which is going to be additional insurance costs, it's going to

be a hardship to the Mission because they're not sure whether they can move forward in terms of having the money that they were planning to have from selling the building. That's going to be additional insurance costs that's on the Mission Center's back that I don't think they were necessarily planning for, and I don't want to speak for them too much, but that's kind of the basis for our discussion out there, so that's a big reason why we want to move forward and so I think it goes without question, we would like you to vote in favor of this today, now. We've looked at all this, we feel like this is a good project and to go back and reiterate what's been said earlier, this is not a library that spends willy-nilly. It has a great track record of using the tax dollars very efficiently and if you look at the quality you get and the staff it has and the population it serves, it is not only one of the most taxpayer friendly in the state, but in the country. So I think there's a good track record both from the board, which are appointed by elected officials, and then also the staff of the library. Having said all of that and that our first preference is, of course, that you vote today, we talked out there, you know, worst case scenario, we can delay this, but again, I'm speaking without having spoken to the other library board members, you know, we've entered into a contract where we're trying to get this done soon, so that's going to require talks with them and I'm sure the Mission Center would have to do the very same thing, so I think delays would throw quite a lot of kinks in things like I mentioned, some of the insurance hardships, not knowing if it's sold, etcetera. So, I guess that's a long way of saying we can probably make it work, but it's going to be hard, harder, and it's not our preference.

President Shetler: Okay.

Josh Claybourn: I don't know if you have any other questions.

President Shetler: Alright, we have a motion and a second on the floor, so we can either table that – Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Could this be tabled still or –

President Shetler: Well, we can if the motion maker and the seconder wish to withdraw, we may do that.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll go along with their wishes if they want to do it today. Is that what you said, you want it done today?

President Shetler: I heard yes, but maybe not.

Josh Claybourn: Well, if the vote is no –

President Shetler: You've got to read the tea leaves, you know how it is, Josh.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't want to discuss it again, but, you know, the city also with the COIT reimbursement has some extra funds available, and maybe, I don't know if they have designs or not, you said that prior Mayor Weinzapfel is in favor and current Mayor Winnecke is in favor, but once again, that's the first I've heard of that right now.

Josh Claybourn: Those were informal conversations, of course, on the concept (inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Councilmember Goebel: And the libraries are used by all people in Vanderburgh County and elsewhere, and I would think that parking, they could still use this for as

you mentioned, Marcia, the events going on downtown. I think that's pretty important, too, if we had this spot available. It's not free, though, I don't think, I don't know.

President Shetler: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm ready to vote on it.

President Shetler: Who made the motion originally?

Councilmember Bassemier: I did.

President Shetler: Okay, Ed. Okay, so you want to keep it on the table?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes. I have confidence we have enough votes.

President Shetler: Alright, and –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and I'll remind everybody before the vote, 43 million dollars in current debt services.

Councilmember Bassemier: Is there going to be a roll call vote?

President Shetler: Madam Clerk?

Councilmember Goebel: Do we have a second?

President Shetler: We did have a second from Pete.

Joe Gries: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make a quick comment, I feel that these people are the experts in the field and if they're convinced this property is needed, I'm going to vote yes.

Joe Gries: Councilmember Koehler Lindsey?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I'm going to hold Board President Claybourn to his comments on the good track record and then the fact that we know what the Library has done in this community, and we're going to hold you to that good track record of spending wisely our taxpayer dollars. What I'm hearing today is that we do need to go forward on this project. There are some apprehensions about spending a great big pot of money and I think Councilman Raben's points are well taken. But we'll hold your feet to the fire and we will trust that the Library is going to go forward with a good project, so I will vote aye.

Joe Gries: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Is one allowed to abstain?

President Shetler: Yes, that's an option.

Councilmember Goebel: Then I do.

Joe Gries: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Joe Gries: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Joe Gries: President Shetler?

President Shetler: I think Councilman Goebel and Councilman Raben have brought up some excellent points here about whether it's the responsibility and stuff, but I guess overall, trying to look at this thing as a whole unit and everybody working together, the county, the city, the Library, anybody else that's a taxing district working, that is a sore spot, within the heart of our community and I think it's going to make a vast improvement. I would like to just – so I am going to vote yes, but I'm going to caution that I really am concerned that not only the Library, but others, reaching beyond their mission of what their responsibilities are and stuff. And I'm not saying that this is the case, I think as I asked the question, a good argument was made. And I appreciated that and the points that you made on it, so, but I would just like to caution for the future that, your group particularly and other groups out there, don't look at trying to reach way out of their bounds and stuff of what their mission is. So there being, I think it was four members for, and one opposed, and one abstention, the motion carries.

Councilmember Goebel: My abstention is for time.

President Shetler: I understand, and it was a good point.

Councilmember Raben: And again, I don't think –

President Shetler: But you had me more convinced on another project more and more.

Councilmember Raben: In fact, we are going to need clarification, because this is new to us, too, and I'm still thinking if it's a new appropriation, I hope this can pass with a simple majority and not a five-two vote. So we will need our legal counsel to verify that because, as Josh stated, this is all new to us as well. So I don't know if four votes gets you what you wanted 100 percent or not. We will need to clarify that.

Marcia Au: Thank you, and I would ask, because in the past we have had a liaison to Council. And if the Library doesn't currently have one, we would appreciate having a person on Council be that liaison to us so that we can always sit down, you can always bring questions, we can keep you up to speed and we'll be happy to come back and present to you at any time.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: I would be happy to serve as liaison if needed.

Councilmember Raben: I want to ask one other thing, Marcia. I will watch for your budget next year because I have a hard time believing that, from an operational standpoint, that it's not going to require more staff somewhere in the Library and more professional services, more contractual services. I don't think this project, outside of the initial million dollars, is free. So I'm going to be watching very closely on that.

Marcia Au: I hope that you and I will have a chance to sit down and talk about that. I really would. I would appreciate it.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: Well, again, some of our votes, when you're talking about new money or new personnel, like standard Council business, most of the time it's a 4-3 vote. Sometimes, if it's new monies, outside of what's been appropriated or hiring new personnel as an example, outside of what's budgeted for, requires five votes. And I'd asked our legal counsel prior to the meeting, he doesn't think it's an issue, but this is so new to us having oversight of the Library, we will need to confirm that the action taken today does satisfy the state statute on whether or not it passed.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: I'm not saying it didn't, I was just suggesting caution and let's make sure that a simple majority does meet the guidelines for oversight of this request.

President Shetler: Well, sometimes it takes a super majority on some issues and we just need to get verification. But the vote has been cast and we have four, so Mr. Ahlers is going to research that, he'll get with Mr. Barber on that and make sure that, if not, I guess they may have to come back at another point in time.

Councilmember Raben: And just caution.

President Shetler: Okay, alright, thank you.

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VANDERBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
0061-3121-000	Professional Svcs.	125,000	125,000
0061-4100-000	Land/Buildings	625,000	625,000
Total		750,000	750,000

(Motion carried 4-1/Councilmember Raben opposed. Councilmember Goebel abstained from vote)

LEGAL AID REQUEST TO FILL ATTORNEY VACANCY

President Shetler: Legal Aid, request to fill a vacancy on an attorney position here.

Kevin Gibson: Good morning, Kevin Gibson. I hope everybody received my letter outlining my request. We have an attorney retiring February 15th of '13, and the Auditor's office ran the numbers for us and Sandie Deig double checked them and we will have enough in the line item to, with several thousand left over, to go ahead and hire a replacement right away. So the reason we're requesting permission now even though that opening won't be until February is because we'd like to go ahead and advertise the position, accept applications through the month, do interviews next month, and then have that person ready to go in mid-February.

President Shetler: Okay. So the person still would not come in until February 15th?

Kevin Gibson: Correct.

President Shetler: Any questions, comments? Motion would be in order?

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: So moved.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: And all in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries, thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0/Councilmember Swaim was out of the room)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO FILL VACANCY
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President Shetler: Okay, we'll skip on over, Ray, are you ready or do you want to wait for Gary?

Ray Nicholson: No.

President Shetler: Dr. Nicholson?

Ray Nicholson: Ray Nicholson, Health Officer, Vanderburgh County. Actually, this is something that you all passed at the November 7th meeting, you okayed the three positions and they've been approved and we're simply trying to bring up the salaries to the positions, the longevity and (inaudible).

President Shetler: Okay, did we approve basically two employees? Is that what we did? And –

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Joe Gries: The third position, I think there's some questions on funding and moving money into a cash card account, which I believe there's some question with the state on how that would work.

President Shetler: Is that that position, 213-1450?

Joe Gries: 1450, yes.

President Shetler: And so what we'd like to do is, I guess, do we need to approve this since its already been done or not? And then leave the other until January the 9th?

Joe Gries: The two, you can. The other one, --

President Shetler: So we'll do two of those now and then the other position, that 1450, wait on that until January the 9th meeting. Okay? So I would need a motion for approval on two of those three positions.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move that we approve, and I hope I'm calling these out right, 213.4-1120 and 213.4-1160.

President Shetler: That's correct.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we've got a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Okay, the motion carries. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0/Councilmember Swaim was out of the room)

TRAVEL REQUESTS

President Shetler: All these young guys get to leave the room and take a break and the old guys have got to sit here sweating. Health Department request and Burdette Park. I'm not seeing anybody here for Burdette Park. Travel requests from County Clerk, County Engineer, Health Department, County Commissioners.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Goebel: Second.

President Shetler: Do I have any questions about any of them? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Are there any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: Alright, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

RELOCATING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSE CENTER IN THE JAIL
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President Shetler: Next, Dave Rector, with concerns on the Jail and I guess Sheriff Williams at the same time.

Dave Rector: Good morning, Dave Rector, Building Authority, Sheriff Williams is also here to address this and Adam Groupe from the EMA. A few months ago, the

Commissioners had requested that we design the space, build out the space in the new jail for a new emergency response center and then bid that so we'd know exactly about what that was going to cost, to come before you. We did that, we opened our bids October 30th in our meeting. The bids came in around 500,000, 510,000 with some contingencies, some move costs. We're thinking the project is probably about 550,000, subject to whether we do or do not need a new generator. There's some thought that the generator there probably is large enough that we can add on to it, but if not, if we have to buy a new generator, it may push the project to 600,000, however, I just learned last night that the generator the county took from Roberts to use at the garage won't work, so that may be available for us to use. Anyway, I'm going to let Sheriff Williams and Adam talk about it further, but I think you're aware of the project and this was just our effort to get to this point, to bring it before you all to get your wishes on whether we should move forward or not.

President Shetler: Okay, let me cut to the chase just a little bit. What are we paying for rent right now?

Dave Rector: I think about, is it 30,000?

Adam Groupe: 38,000.

President Shetler: So a little bit over 3,000 a month, plus what did you say –

Adam Groupe: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone) we're also reimbursing the landlord for the real estate tax.

President Shetler: Really, is that some kind of an exemption of that when a government agency, wow, so and that would amount to about a thousand dollars a year?

Adam Groupe: Just under \$38,000 a year for rent.

President Shetler: I meant the property tax.

Adam Groupe: I don't have that number.

President Shetler: It's probably in that neighborhood. And this is going to cost – about 12 years ...

Dave Rector: If you look at it on straight payback, it's not the payback that you would generally think, but the Sheriff is going to address this –

President Shetler: I have for a long time discussed this and been an advocate. There is no doubt that it's, I mean, in my opinion, that it's the right thing to do, not only for dollars and sense, which doesn't seem to prove out as well as I thought it might, but it certainly would bring the emergency groups together.

Adam Groupe: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

President Shetler: Okay, Sheriff.

Eric Williams: I would be happy to answer questions, but I think at some point I have spoken to just about everybody about the project over the course of the last three years. Number one, it will bring the EMA into a building that's currently owned and operated by the county. It is a far more secure facility than what they're used to

dealing with right now. Obviously, the jail was designed to be difficult to get out of but it's also difficult to get into and we want it to be that way. The EMA currently sits on retail frontage space with a glass front window, not an ideal location to run an emergency crisis center when the need arises. This is unencumbered space currently in our facility. It will also allow the county now, county and city to have a place to do disaster recovery should something happen to this building, a place for city and county government to go back to work very quickly to begin to restore services to our community should a crisis occur. And it is probably not a matter of if, but it's when. It will also give us something that we don't have in our community right now, and that is a backup location for our dispatch center. Right now we currently rely on one facility in our community to provide all dispatching services for all public safety, and it would seem to me that it would make sense to have a place to fall back on during a crisis should something happen to that facility. And finally the last piece that I think is prudent and pertinent to talk about, is that it also handles our needs for a data recovery location. We've talked about that a long time about where do we house our data recovery for all of city and county government. This building being fairly separated –

(Tape changed)

this building and our building are separated. Ours is a very secure building. We've programmed space in there and it's not a lot of space, but it's space that we could put all of the data recovery systems in one place so should something happen to this building and the data systems there, they could be restored and brought back online out there, so folks like the Auditor and the Treasurer and the Recorder, whoever needed to do business, City Council, County Commission, the Mayor, would have a place to work with access to data while we're recovering services for our community. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

President Shetler: Would this, the amount of space being taken up by this, would this have any effect if there was a change of heart somewhere down the road, and we decided to move the sheriff, what do you call it...

Eric Williams: The command post?

President Shetler: Yes.

Eric Williams: Yes, this was the space that at one point in time was discussed about possibly doing something like that. It would impact that because this is the same space, so the ability to do that would be hampered. I mean, we are building out space, that space probably could be reallocated for a purpose like that down the road should EMA chose to move out or the county chose to move it somewhere else. But this is the same space.

President Shetler: So it would occupy that whole –

Eric Williams: The majority of it.

President Shetler: Alright, any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: No, did you happen to talk to the Library about taking on this as part of their scope as well?

Eric Williams: Well, actually, the Library has books up there that we use to serve the inmates, so there is a connection.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Motion and a second. Any questions? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Is there anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

Eric Williams: Thank you very much.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Raben: I was going to ask that we jump ahead and take the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Dave Rector: To make sure, to what level did you approve that?

President Shetler: Unanimous. Is that what you meant?

Dave Rector: No, how much? Not to exceed the 600?

President Shetler: 550.

Dave Rector: 550, and --

President Shetler: That's the way I heard it.

Dave Rector: Yeah, but keep in mind, I was talking about the generator, so --

President Shetler: Yes, but you'll come back.

Councilmember Goebel: Do you sell the other generator?

Dave Rector: I'll come back if that happens?

President Shetler: Yes, sir.

Dave Rector: Okay, not a problem.

Councilmember Goebel: Do you sell the existing generator if it doesn't work?

Dave Rector: Well, the existing generator was supposed to be in the auction for Roberts Stadium and then Mr. Duckworth identified a need for that generator at the county highway garage. He thought he was going to be able to use it there, so when he got it out there, he couldn't. So I've not investigated whether we can use that --

Councilmember Goebel: I'm talking about the generator at the jail right now.

Dave Rector: I think we have the capacity to add on to that. Adding all this on, it's kind of iffy, that's why I'm standing here vacillating, --

Councilmember Goebel: If you don't, can you sell that generator, maybe recoup –

Dave Rector: I think we'd keep everything that's on there and then put another unit into this.

Councilmember Goebel: Thank you.

President Shetler: This isn't, the money, eventually, you haven't determined where the money is coming from yet and it's not an appropriation, you're asking for approval to proceed with the plans to --

Dave Rector: No, we have finished the design, we have bid it out, and those are actual bids that came in that we opened on October 30th, so we are requesting the funding for the project to move forward.

Joe Gries: The Auditor's question is, where is the funding coming from?

Dave Rector: That's why we're standing before you.

Joe Gries: There has been no appropriation that's been filed, and the Council cannot approve an appropriation without that being advertised, so if this was just a discussion, I understand that. But it sounded to me like the Council wanted to approve money being spent which cannot be done, Mr. Ahlers, if I'm correct.

Councilmember Raben: That's correct. I thought the intent today was approving the concept for them to move forward.

President Shetler: That's the impression I --

Councilmember Raben: I thought you said -- you two went back and forth jokingly, there, I didn't realize.

Dave Rector: So you'd like an appropriation request?

President Shetler: Well, we have to, to do that. We don't have a choice on that, but I thought that this was granting approval to proceed on the concept.

Dave Rector: No. And the Commissioners had requested that some months ago.

Councilmember Raben: I've not seen any documentation on --

President Shetler: They will need to put together an appropriation --

Joe Gries: If the money were coming from the CCD fund or from the General fund, that would have to be determined, I assume, by the Commissioners, voted on by them, and then applied for with the Council through an appropriation request.

Dave Rector: I'll talk with them.

President Shetler: Alright, thanks.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Shetler: We're going to skip down to the amendments –

Councilmember Raben: Yes, please.

President Shetler: – to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, everyone has been given a copy, it's actually a four page document for the amendments to the salary ordinance. I would ask that everyone, third paragraph on two, strike that out, and that's under the County Clerk. That's the one request that she withdrew, so strike that from the record and then the rest of the document be entered in and made part of the minutes and I'll move approval.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a motion and a second.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I did forget to – and Mr. Goebel caught one thing I left out. Also, under Veterans, we need to strike the last sentence, This request must be presented to the Personnel Administration Committee for approval for any change.

President Shetler: Okay, so we have an amended motion and a second. Do I have any questions?

Councilmember Goebel: I didn't think we took any action at all on the Veterans today. Am I mistaken?

Joe Gries: Sandie, the salary ordinance can be amended, but the money has to be moved next year for the Veterans or should it happen the other way?

Sandie Deig: You have never approved the position unless the money is in place.

Joe Gries: So really, the money should be approved by the Council first –

President Shetler: I think Councilman Goebel is correct, let's strike that.

Councilmember Raben: So are you thinking –

Councilmember Goebel: It's already there, isn't it?

Councilmember Raben: See, we're basically reaffirming what's already in place with this.

Sandie Deig: No, you're not.

President Shetler: Because it's not. It's zeroed. We said go along with the part-time until the January 9th meeting and then we would fill it as the full time, transferring monies and stuff into that account.

Councilmember Raben: I understand, this –

President Shetler: So we tabled that issue itself, so we really should strike that –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll strike – I'd like to amend my motion, and again, so I make it very clear, page 2, the third paragraph for the County Clerk, which is for line 1010-1220 be removed from the minutes and then page three at the top,

Veterans Services, strike that amendment completely, and then all other items be entered and made part of the record.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: Second.

President Shetler: Okay, it's been amended and agreed to. Do I have any more questions or comments? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anyone opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p>RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUNDING BY THE EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING LEASE RENTAL REVENUE BONDS</p>
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President Shetler: Angela, can you hang on one second? We need your signature on the resolution.

Councilmember Koehler Lindsey: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

President Shetler: Okay, we have a resolution approving the refunding by the Evansville Vanderburgh County Building Authority of certain outstanding lease rental revenue bonds and it's going to take your signature on this. So everybody got a copy of this. Do I have a motion for approval?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Shetler: It's been moved.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: And a second. Do I have any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Any opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries. Alright, thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

PETITION TO APPEAL FOR AN INCREASE TO THE MAXIMUM LEVY

President Shetler: Alright, next is the petition to appeal for an increase to the maximum levy.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval. This is standard, we do this every year.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: Alright, it's been moved and seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Shetler: Anybody opposed?

(No opposing votes were cast)

President Shetler: The motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**RESOLUTION NO. CO.R-12-12-012
COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY**

President Shetler: Next is a resolution for county investment policy. I was thinking that we were holding that until next week for discussion but, yes, Rick?

Rick Davis: Rick Davis, Vanderburgh County Treasurer. If you want, I brought this to you guys in August originally. I've listened to two and a half hours of you guys doing your best to save money for property taxpayers in Vanderburgh County. What I gave you in August, what I brought to you in November and what's in front of you again today in December, is a way for Vanderburgh County taxpayers to earn money off of our investments and not to spend money. As you all know, I'm not going to be the County Treasurer in January, but I still feel it's my duty to give you as many arrows in your quiver in order to save money and earning money in our office saves property tax dollars. Every penny that I earn in investments in my office saves property tax dollars. And state law went into effect on July 1, allowing the county to go from a maximum of two years in investing, which is a very, very conservative amount of time, to up to five years, and that would require the approval of this body. I've given you several emails, this is my third appearance at the podium. As a taxpayer, I feel this is the best thing for our community and I would hope that you would vote on this today. If not, at least table it, let the next County Treasurer come before you, but I do feel this is the best solution especially when interest rates are so low right now. And I know there's a concern about the rates going up, but that concern is always there whether it's an eight day investment or a two year investment or a five year investment. That's part of the risk of investing, it's a natural risk of investing. And if we do this correctly, it will also, the times that they're up, and times that they'll go down, they balance out. And right now, we're not able to do that.

President Shetler: Councilman Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Your plan, though, is not to ink anything yet this year, is that correct?

Rick Davis: If you guys approve this with the request that I not invest longer than two years, I will honor that request, obviously. Yes.

Councilmember Goebel: I thought when we approved it, does it have to go through a committee other than the Treasurer?

President Shetler: The ordinance that we have drafted does, and I was thinking that when we discussed this at the last meeting, we talked that we might have an open discussion on it at the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting next week, and that then we would give final vote on it on January the 9th to give the new Treasurer some chance for input in it. My concern is that when, and I realize the fact that there is a huge difference of the amount of money we're receiving today because of our investments due to a deflation in the market, but I'm concerned that when it returns to an inflation on the market, that we're locked in at these deflated prices, that we're not going to be able to grab hold of some of those bigger interest rates as they're on the way up, and they're not going to get any lower than they are today. And I realize you gain a few ticks, and I'm not opposed to do some of the investment on a five year, and we'll gain a few ticks on the short run, but I'm really concerned about locking in very much of our money.

Councilmember Goebel: But when we approve the ability to do so, we have a committee in place –

President Shetler: That is correct. Yes, that's why –

Jeff Ahlers: Well, but the day to day decisions, some of those will still remain with the Treasurer. I mean, there will be an investment board that will meet periodically, the Treasurer comes before the Council annually, but just keep in mind that to a certain degree, the Treasurer is still going to be the one that's going to make the purchases and do those sort of things, so not that that makes a difference, I just want to make sure that you understand that the investment board, I don't think, pursuant to the policy, it's the intent that every single CD purchased will go before that board. Just so you understand it's not going to –

Councilmember Goebel: Correct, but up to 25 percent of the money we have to invest could actually be invested, but that would have to go through the committee, not just the Treasurer. Is that correct?

Jeff Ahlers: We've set out parameters in the investment policy. Within those parameters, the investing officer will be able to make purchases. The investment board can, when it meets, review whether or not we should change that policy, or so can Council at any time. So again, I guess it depends on specifically what you're saying. We've set forth, I think, fairly specifically in the policy, some limitations on what kind of purchases can be made.

Rick Davis: And if I may, I would give you the quotes we had in our most recent attempt to have a CD locally. One million dollars for six months: Legions Bank, pass; First Federal Savings, pass; Old National Bank, pass; Fifth Third Bank, .10. For one year, one million dollars: Fifth Third Bank, .10; the rest passed. One and a half years, one million dollars: Fifth Third Bank, .32. See what happens when you get the money out a little longer? Two years: Fifth Third Bank, .45. I had an email from a broker, not our broker, but we get calls all the time from other brokers wanting us to do business with them. We go with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. A three and a half year was .55; four year .69; five year 1.03. You go from .10 to 1.03 and that was the same day that these bids were requested. So to explain to the average

person at home why there is such a big difference, because of the new lending laws that went into place after the 2008 crash in the financial market, banks are sitting on a lot of money right now because they're not able to lend them out. Businesses are not asking for new equipment, they're not hiring people on to run that equipment, people are not borrowing for cars and home loans like they were before the crash because of the lending practices have increased. So when I call Old National Bank and ask them for a bid for a million dollars, they say we've got money up to the rafters, we don't need your money. Now when the economy improves, and businesses start adding on and buying new equipment, people start buying more cars and buying new homes or building new homes, there will be more of a demand for our money. But right now, there is no demand. And this will help the Council as well, when it comes to preparing the budgets during the summertime. You will know that in 2015 or 2016, there is six million dollars in CD's coming due that year. That will bring in four times as much as if we had just put them out for six months to two years. So this is giving you another weapon in your quiver to help save money for property taxpayers at home. I can't tell you how important this is for our community to move forward with this. I've tried since August. Other communities in the state have passed this with no restrictions at all. And I understand, we're conservative down here and we do everything we can to look out for property taxpayers at home, but there's no better time with the rates being as low as they are, to start this and once it's started, there are always going to be ebbs and flows in the market, rates are going to go up, rates are going to go down. But if you strategically invest over time, you will catch the ebbs and flow and come out ahead. And the Power Point that I gave you in August and the Excel spreadsheet shows you how doing this, a five year ladder, protects you and your investment dollars over those ebbs and flows.

President Shetler: I think the recommendation that we made at the last meeting, that we would wait until the January 9th meeting in order to entertain this, but --

Rick Davis: I believe you asked Mr. Ahlers to look into the law to see whether or not there could be a committee, if I'm not mistaken. I may be wrong, but I believe the question was to see if Mr. Ahlers could look into forming a committee to look over the investments. Am I wrong?

Jeff Ahlers: I placed in the policy that there is an investment board of which includes the Treasurer, the Auditor, the Council finance chairman, and a member of the County Commissioners, appointed by the County Commissioners, and they're an investment board. Now they're to meet and review things, but I mean, if the question is, we've still left some autonomy, obviously, to the Treasurer to make the actual purchases, so I don't know if that's the answer to your question. Again, and I think you and I talked about that, you know, it's not practical to have an investment board review the purchase of every single CD. We've set policies, this Council is free to change those policies at any time. And our policies are actually probably a little more specific than other counties, I would guess, from what I've seen and talking to them.

Councilmember Goebel: The committee would review before we made an investment, correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, no, not really. Because again, you're back to the issue of -- these CD rates, and I'm sure Mr. Davis will tell you, you might get a quote today and it's good today, that's it. The investment board can't meet all the time. It's going to be more of, I suppose, meeting to say, who should we hire as, if we're going to hire an investing officer to help us make these purchases, like Mr. Davis has used Smith Barney. Maybe the new Treasurer and the investment board wants to use someone

else. Maybe they want to use the same person, I don't know. You know, those types of decisions or to say, this month or whoever they want to meet, I can't tell the board what they're going to do, but I'm saying there's limitations to what they're going to be able to do. You can't manage it on a daily basis. So, I mean, the Treasurer is still going to have some responsibility for the day to day purchasing.

President Shetler: We will basically be establishing policy on how it's going to be governed, as much as anything else.

Rick Davis: Today's rates, for instance, from another competitor, for six months is .55, two years .80, three years .95, four years 1.15. So I know Mr. Goebel would prefer that the next Treasurer be the one to take advantage of this, but if I were allowed to at the end of this meeting, to go back and put one million dollars in, in four years, we would get a rate similar to that. And then in 2012, you would know, you're going to get this amount of money to come in that is not available to us right now as I stand in front of this podium. You're able to bring in greater revenues for 2015, '16 and '17 budgets, and you can't do that now.

President Shetler: Yeah, my only problem with it, and I don't want to keep debating this thing because we've talked about this too many times before, I understand, you're talking, basically, you're talking about a \$9,000 difference. And that's not that that's a shabby amount of money, I mean, it is significant percentage-wise, but really concerns me that all the economists are talking that we are right there on the cusp of a huge inflation thing that could pop at perhaps any moment. If that would –

Rick Davis: That's been there for four years –

President Shetler: Okay, and it's go to be getting closer. We've been talking about it for four years, so we've got to be getting closer to that point, and –

Rick Davis: As a matter of fact, those people are saying the rates are going to be flat for two more years.

President Shetler: Okay, so if it's – okay, so maybe we want to invest for two years. But if we invest for four years and in two years, then what happens in reality, -- you could use up that \$9,000 in six month's time.

Rick Davis: Then you're telling me I should only invest for one month at a time then?

President Shetler: No, I'm telling you –

Rick Davis: Because that danger is there every investment we make.

President Shetler: No, I'm telling you that I think we have to be guarded on how –

Rick Davis: That risk is always there. That's – investments are risks. You have to understand that.

President Shetler: I think I do understand it. I understand the risk involved there. I also understand that tying up too much of your money for a long period of time there and all of the sudden inflation does hit, then when we could have been getting \$40,000 or \$400,000 out of (inaudible) bonds, then all of the sudden we cut ourselves because we engaged in a long term bond and we end up in a situation where too much of ours in invested there and –

Rick Davis: And that's why the state legislature said you could only invest up to 25 percent. And I'm not even saying we would do 25 percent. Up to 25 percent to protect us from those instances occurring.

President Shetler: I'm in favor of giving the latitude there, that's not my problem, I just think that we need to make sure that we have certain safeguards in there, that we don't over extend the percentages there. And so –

Rick Davis: I'm standing in front of you now, not as a person who is going to be leaving office December 31st, but as a taxpayer who is going to get a bill in May. And I know this is the right thing for property taxpayers at home. And it's very disappointing that we, since August, dragged our feet on this.

President Shetler: How many –

Rick Davis: You're looking at eight to ten million dollars, total, for about twenty-five percent of our investment policy.

President Shetler: So talking about an additional \$72,000, not that, that's not small change, but that's what we're dealing with here.

Rick Davis: I haven't done the calculations right now, but \$100,000 would be more likely. And then, if you continue to do that over and over and over again, we're talking about a lot of money.

Councilmember Goebel: If this is approved, I don't know what your intent is as far as investment right now. I don't think anyone here wants to go 25 percent.

Rick Davis: No, but if the body would approve this with the stipulation I not invest and let the new Treasurer invest January 1, I'm fine with that as well, because it needs to be done. But if you do approve it today and allow me to invest, you can tell me, Rick, only invest one million for three years, for four years, and for five years.

President Shetler: But that's no different than waiting, and so, and I think that's what we kind of agreed on.

Rick Davis: There is a major difference, President Shetler, because the first three year investment would come due in 2015, and you would miss out on that income in 2015 for your budgets. We're at the very end of the year. If we wait till 2013, --

President Shetler: Well, I'm confused, you said if we gave you approval, but to wait until after January, then –

Rick Davis: I also said that you could also give me approval to invest one million for three years, one million for four years or one million for five, between now and the end of the year, and then that first one million dollars comes due to help you in your 2015 budget. If we wait one more month, the first budget that you could be helped is 2016. A hundred thousand dollars for 2015 –

President Shetler: In order to get \$100,000, you've got to invest ten million dollars.

Rick Davis: Well, I'm just saying for one million, --

President Shetler: For one million, you're looking at eight o –

Rick Davis: I haven't done the computations, but it's better than nothing.

President Shetler: I don't think eight to ten thousand dollars is going to interfere with our budgeting process on a million dollars. That's the point.

Councilmember Raben: I guess in fairness to Rick, his point is the million dollars that's tied up –

Rick Davis: Earning nothing.

Councilmember Raben: – falls into the next fiscal year.

Councilmember Goebel: I thought we were pretty set on approving this and if we want to have, if there's going to be an investment this year, with a limited amount, I think the commission gets together and make that decision as to how much or put a limit on it, but we're not going to make that decision ever. We just, in the end, approve it, is that correct?

Jeff Ahlers: You're not going to make that decision outside the parameters of the policy on a day to day basis. But Council would have the authority to come back at any time and amend the policy, which the amendment of the policy could change those restrictions going forward. You can't do much about what's already been done. Now I would also say there's a resolution and an ordinance, so the resolution obviously can just be passed by a majority vote. The ordinance would require a first reading and a second reading unless the ordinance is passed, we have, first pass a vote that the Council wants to waive a second reading, and make this a final reading. So depending upon how you vote and what you do, --

President Shetler: And that has to be unanimous.

Jeff Ahlers: Yes, whether you pass it today or not, may or may not cause it to go into effect now anyway, it would have to be heard again in January. On the other hand, if you hear it in January or at a special meeting in between, if you agree to make it unanimous, you could make it effective then. So it's your pleasure, whatever you want to do.

Councilmember Goebel: I don't know what all the legalities are. I think this is something we've all somewhat agreed that we could do as far as the mechanics of actually the investment, this December or next January, you know, I'm open on that.

Rick Davis: I'll leave it in your hands. If you want to help your 2015 budget, you could tell me, Rick, do one million for three years, another million for four, another million for five, we're talking about a three million dollar investment, and I will honor your request. Or you could say, we'll pass it, don't many any investments and let the new Treasurer handle it January 1, and I'm okay with that as well.

Councilmember Goebel: If we put the program in place, and then the commission meet with this Treasurer or the Treasurer-elect, and then make a decision if they're going to invest anything this year. It could be a benefit for us in 2015 to have whatever little amount of money that might be, and then again, it might not be worth considering right now.

Rick Davis: And keep in mind, if we did a three year investment and rates stayed flat for two years and then they started rebounding, you're getting that investment back within a year and it's already earned interest. And as soon as it's back, you can

reinvest it. And then again, if they stay flat for three or four years, you came out ahead, and that's why there's a greater interest rate for keeping them out longer right now because the demand isn't there right now; .10.

Councilmember Goebel: When is the explosion going to happen, I guess, is the question. I have no problem with passing the ordinance or the program right now, but I don't feel comfortable in allocating any funds today without having the commission meeting.

Rick Davis: And if that's the pleasure of the Council, I will honor it and I will know as a taxpayer that on January 1, the new Treasurer has this arrow in her quiver, and I will leave a happier officeholder, knowing that I left the office in the best position it was possible in order to earn revenues for the county taxpayers.

President Shetler: I think the new County Treasurer has kind of indicated that – the incoming County Treasurer has indicated she preferred to wait until January so that she'd have some input into it. But that's the impression I've gotten.

Councilmember Swaim: Mr. President, if Councilman Goebel wants to make that in the form of a motion, I'll second it.

Jeff Ahlers: What's the motion?

Councilmember Goebel: I don't have the paperwork in front of me any longer, I don't know what the motion is, actually.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, if you're wanting to move to pass something, we've got the resolution and we need to put the resolution number into the record and it needs to be passed, passing the investment policy. Then, after passing the resolution, we would need to pass the ordinance, and of course, as I said, the ordinance is governed by a little different standards so you would need to decide if this is the first reading and you would have the second and final reading at the next meeting, or whether there would be a motion for this to be the first and final reading of the ordinance.

President Shetler: Okay, so the first one is on the resolution.

Jeff Ahlers: And that's resolution number CO.R-12-12-012, County Investment Policy.

Councilmember Goebel: Do I have to read it?

Jeff Ahlers: You don't have to read it, --

Councilmember Goebel: I'll make a motion we approve County Investment Policy Resolution 12-12-012.

Councilmember Swaim: Second.

President Shetler: We have a motion and a second. Do I have any questions? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: And again, I guess we're talking about establishing the ordinance so for January 1, it's in place, right?

President Shetler: This is the resolution.

Jeff Ahlers: The resolution and the ordinance as written now go into effect upon passage. I think Treasurer Davis had indicated that if you want to make a motion and direct him not to invest anything during the remainder of his term, he has said that he would honor that, but that's not part of the documents I drafted. The ones that I drafted and I thought I was directed was, I mean, it would just be effective upon passage. But we can amend them, we can do whatever you want to do or –

Rick Davis: It's at the pleasure of the Council and –

Councilmember Raben: I mean, I guess my point with this is that I don't know that the investment committee is going to assemble yet this month. I mean, nobody has even talked about trying to put that together so not knowing how this is all going to play out, but I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Well, I'm going to vote yes, but I've got a question. I mean, does Councilman Goebel need to amend his motion with a non-investment clause there as we pass this?

Councilmember Goebel: That would be separate, wouldn't it?

President Shetler: You can do that in the ordinance, actually, because the resolution is not –

Councilmember Swaim: Okay, thank you. I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: I'll vote aye. Five members, five ayes and no nays, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE CO.12-12-008 INVESTMENT POLICY</p>

President Shetler: Okay, next is the ordinance and we could do first reading today and do the final as we normally would at the next meeting, second and third readings, or if there is a motion to suspend that rule which takes a unanimous vote, by the way, we can take all of the readings today.

Councilmember Swaim: I'll make a motion to do that, to expedite this process.

Jeff Ahlers: If you're, okay, we need to first make a motion, if you're wanting to make this effective upon passage today, we just need a motion made that this be the first and final reading and that no further reading would be necessary. And that motion needs to pass unanimously.

Councilmember Swaim: That would be my motion, Mr. President.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second.

President Shetler: Okay, we have a second from Councilman Bassemier. Okay, roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: No. There being four ayes and one nay, the motion fails.

Jeff Ahlers: So this will just be the first reading on the ordinance and we'll need a motion to pass a first reading on ordinance number CO.12-12-008 and then it will also need a second and final reading scheduled at the next regular meeting, which I guess is currently January 9th, is that correct?

Councilmember Goebel: Correct.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved, Mr. President.

Rick Davis: Thank you all, I appreciate it, it's been a pleasure working with all of you.

President Shetler: We need a second to that motion and then roll call please.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Shetler: This is for first reading of the ordinance.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Goebel?

Councilmember Goebel: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Swaim?

Councilmember Swaim: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Shetler?

President Shetler: Yes. There being five members for and none against, the motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Jeff Ahlers: On the first reading. You might want to clarify for the record, I don't know if you want to pass a motion, because of all the discussion and the various options that were given, whether you want Treasurer Davis to indicate his understanding and I believe, because the ordinance didn't pass, there would not be the ability to make purchases now between the end of the year, but just to make sure, to clear all this up on the record, either through a motion or for him to affirm his understanding that there will be no purchases, so that there's no misunderstanding.

Rick Davis: No purchases of three years or greater. I still have the ability as the County Treasurer to make investments until the last day of the year, and we get money every day, revenues every day. I will honor that commitment to the voters who elected me in 2008, and then I wish the new Treasurer well in 2013, and I hope the second reading passes, because I do feel it's critically important to the office and to the county in order to be able to invest up to five years. I appreciate you listening to my argument today and I wish you all well.

President Shetler: Rick, you've been an excellent public servant and we do greatly appreciate the cooperation you've given us and that you've extended to us on many occasions in reducing staff and costs and you've done an excellent job. And on behalf of the taxpayers and this Council and stuff, I just want to extend my great appreciation. We may disagree slightly on this matter, but we've had few disagreements over the course of our working together.

Rick Davis: Over four years, between going to the County Commissioners and County Council meetings, I think that was the first no vote I've ever had, of all the presentations and proposals I've made, so I think I'm pretty happy with that. We can agree to disagree.

Councilmember Goebel: You've been an excellent Treasurer. Thank you.

Councilmember Swaim: Thank you for your service, Rick.

Rick Davis: Appreciate it.

President Shetler: And, I guess, a point of clarification, then, you were talking about the investments and stuff, that would be the regular routine stuff that you normally do anyway.

Rick Davis: Yes, up to two years.

President Shetler: Right.

Jeff Ahlers: How much is there, out of curiosity, to invest between now and the end of the year? Is there much there or –

Rick Davis: Not very much, no. I won't be making very many. There will be a few. I'll try to make another one year and another two year in the amount of one million dollars each, and that will probably be it. And all the investments, by law, so we can't lose money, so all the investments make money. There is risk with any investment, but the public depository insurance fund in Indiana covers around \$300,000,000 in the event that a bank goes under, so despite that risk, we have FDIC insurance, public deposit insurance fund, etcetera. So I think we've gone through the worst. I'm definitely not Warren Buffett by any means, but 2008 through 2012, they can't get much rougher from an investment standpoint, when you're dealing with public funds, again, because of the fact that banks are sitting on so much money. There is no demand for our money and that's why we've had to request to go out further than two years.

President Shetler: Alright, thank you.

Rick Davis: Thank you. You guys have a happy holiday.

President Shetler: Thank you. Okay, any other business to come before the Council? Motion would be in order for adjournment.

Councilmember Swaim: So moved.

(There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.)

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